

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council General Restoration, Habitat Enhancement, Habitat Protection, and Facilities Projects Quarterly Project Reporting Form

*Detailed instructions for each section below are given in Section II. Quarterly Project Reports in the Reporting Policy on the website, https://evostc.state.ak.us/policies-procedures/

Project Number: 25230602

Project Title: Kenai Peninsula Streambank Rehabilitation and Protection Project

Principal Investigator(s): Jessica Johnson, ADF&G

Reporting Periods and Due Dates:

Reporting Period	Due Date		
February, March, April	June 1		
May, June, July	September 1		
August, September, October	December 1		
November, December, January	March 1		

Submission Date: September 4, 2025

Project Website: N/A

Please check all the boxes that apply to the current reporting period.

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 \square Budget reallocation request for this reporting period.

☐ Personnel changes.

1. Summary of Work Performed:

During this reporting timeframe staff and USFWS staff were in full project implementation mode. The five projects that had the bioengineering were completed in May before the water came up to the ordinary highwater mark. Projects that had just elevated light penetrating (ELPs) walkways or stairs or a combo of both ELPs and bioengineering were completed later in June or July. There is one project that is still being completed at the time of this report due to confusion on the landowner's part and needing to meet with contractors and staff on site. The landowner

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was only available for a site visit during mid to late July therefore staff met with them as we completing final site inspections.

The 2025 Kenai Streambank Rehabilitation Workshop took place May 7th and 8th 2025. There was a total of 16 people who attended the classroom portion of the workshop, while a total of 16 people attended the hands-on portion. During the hands-on portion the participants installed 75-ft of a triple brush layers and 3-ft by 75-ft of vegetative mat. The participants included a combination of Homer Soil and Water Conservation District, recreational vehicle parks, contractors, state agencies, and private landowners. Project staff and partners discussed what fish habitat is and why it is important, different techniques used to protect, maintain, and rehabilitate fish habitat, and gave examples of past projects.

The bid was awarded for InDesign work and printing of ADF&G's Streambank Revegetation and Projection, A Guide for Alaska at the end of May or the beginning of June. A kickoff meeting with the bid winner took place in June with the ADF&G staff reviewing the first layout during this reporting period. Anticipated completion date for this product will be the end of September or beginning of October, barring any unforeseen issues.

By the end of July all but one of the projects had their final site inspection completed. The seven completed projects followed their scope of works with a couple having some alterations. The ones with the alterations will not cause any harm to fish habitat in fact they will improve fish habitat at their locations. Once the paperwork for final site inspections were completed the landowners could be reimbursed for their project.

Turnover within the Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District (KSWCD) resulted in staff meeting with them to walk through the reimbursement process for landowners. Several meetings were needed to ensure that KSWCD knew how reimburse the landowners. By the end of July the first reimbursement was completed.

Finally, staff have been getting the word about the Kenai Peninsula Streambank Rehabilitation and Protection. This involved sending out a press release to people on the Kenai Peninsula and posting on Facebook.

2. Abstract:

During this reporting period, seven out of the eight projects were completed. A couple of the projects deviated from the agreed upon scope of work, however the deviation was to the benefit of salmon habitat. The one remaining project required a late season meeting with the landowner, contractors, and staff on site during late July. This project should be wrapping up in the next couple of weeks. The 2025 Streambank Rehabilitation Workshop took place on May on May 7th

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and 8th. The hands-on portion of the project took place on a funded landowner's property. In total 16 people showed up for both days of the workshop to learn about fish habitat, rehabilitation and protection techniques, and to complete a hands-on project. Finally the streambank guide design work and printing were awarded and is in the design process. Anticipated completion date is late September or early October.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

In May ADF&G met with the Kenai Watershed Forum to do a site visit at the Rotary Club Park to discuss possible rehabilitation efforts and where they should focus the work. However, turnover within the Kenai Watershed Forum ADF&G staff is not sure if any work was completed.

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

None

5. Budget:

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INSTRUCTIONS: This summary page provides a five-year overview (FY 22-26) of proposed funding and actual cumulative spending which includes the non-trustee agency and trustee agency workshseets. This Summary Page should automatically populate as the formulas reference the cells in the non-trustee agency and trustee agency worksheets. Please make sure the totals given are correct. The column titled 'Actual Cumulative' will be updated each fiscal year and included in the annual report (include information on the total amount actually spent for all completed years of the project). On the Project Annual Report Form, if any line item exceeds a 10% deviation from the originally-proposed amount; provide detail regarding the reason for the deviation.

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