



**Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council**  
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**Quarterly Project Reporting Form**

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**Project Number:** 25220508

**Project Title:** Standardized High-Resolution Wetlands and Hydrography Data across the EVOS Region

**Principal Investigator(s):** Sydney Thielke, USFWS  
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Brian Wright, USGS (retired)

**Reporting Periods and Due Dates:**

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

**Submission Date:** August 30, 2025

**Project Website:** Although this project does not have a website, the State of Alaska worked with the project team to produce [this storymap](#) to support stewardship and outreach of the datasets

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

☒ **Project progress is on schedule.**

Project is on schedule. A no-cost extension along with contract fund carryover request was submitted and approved by the EVOS Trustees on January 26, 2024. An additional contract fund carryover request was made and approved on Feb 7, 2024. Given the extension of funds, the project is on pace to meet the newly established schedule.

☐ **Project progress is delayed**

☐ **Budget reallocation request.**

☐ **Personnel changes.**



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## **1. Summary of Work Performed:**

This project is a continuation of 21210129. All work for the National Wetlands Inventory has now been through quality assurance and quality control review. It will be published in the November 2025 Wetlands Mapper update. The team is working closely with Axiom for data management. The National Hydrography Dataset (NHD)/3 Dimensional Hydrography Dataset (3DHP) and Lidar efforts are continuing on schedule.

### **Previous work Highlights:**

The National Hydrography Dataset for the Kodiak Island and Shelikof Strait Hydrologic Units is complete and available for download on the [USGS staged products download site](#) (2023-02-09T21:13:56.000Z 54.4 MB NHD\_H\_19020701\_HU8\_GDB.zip, 2023-02-09T21:13:57.000Z 41.2 MB NHD\_H\_19020702\_HU8\_GDB.zip). This data is also undergoing USGS review for future inclusion in the 3 Dimensional Hydrography Data Program (3DHP) dataset.

The contract for the NWI across the Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound regions was awarded on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to AK Biomap. A no-cost extension and approval of use of funds to expand the footprint of 3DHP data was approved by the Trustee Council on January 26, 2024. This approval will allow for even more data to be produced under this project proposal than originally anticipated.

The State of Alaska officially accepted the Copper River LiDAR data after it passed through final Quality Control and Quality Assurance review. A copy of the data was provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the NWI data producers. The PIs will work with Axiom Data Science in order to transfer the data into the data management repository.

### **New work this quarter:**

The Bering Glacier watershed NWI and 3DHP data are being prepared for final publication in November 2025.

The NWI across Western Cook Inlet, the Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound is complete and is being prepared for final publication in November 2025.

The Cook Inlet 3DHP and final expanded PWS LiDAR data are in progress.

All obligated funding has been spent. USFWS and State of Alaska in-kind contributions will continue through the life of this project to complete all contractual and data management requirements according to EVOSTC and agency policies.



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## **2. Abstract:**

This is an extension of the project 21210129, Standardized High-Resolution Wetlands and Hydrography Data across the EVOS Region, funded by the EVOSTC for FY2021 to produce wetland and hydrologic data for EVOS region watersheds. Continuous coverage of high-resolution NWI and 3DHP (formerly NHD) products do not exist for the EVOS region, yet these data are critically important for continued management and recovery of injured resources and services. This proposal requests will update wetlands mapping across 17 million acres (including the lower Copper River and Bering Glacier watersheds), update hydrography mapping on the Bering River watershed, and collect LiDAR data to enhance wetland mapping in the Copper River region. The final products will be integrated into statewide databases, compliant with national standards, and publicly available.

The NWI provides the location, characteristics and extent of wetlands, intertidal, and nearshore marine habitats. The NHD characterizes water drainage networks, including features such as rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, glaciers, and watersheds. The NWI and 3DHP are used, where available in Alaska, for habitat management, species assessments (including anadromous waters), and to make informed decisions about development activities. The data serve as baseline geospatial information needed to monitor aquatic and wetland dependent species, including those that move between freshwater and marine habitats such as salmon and migratory birds. This includes providing information about coastal wetlands and the contribution of freshwater inputs to estuarine and nearshore habitats. This proposal will provide geospatial data that can be used to assess intertidal systems, from the headwater inputs to marine interface, that support habitat for injured species and injured subsistence and recreation activities.

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## **3. Coordination and Collaboration:**

Coordination and collaboration between project partners centered around dataset deliveries and quality assurance reviews.

## **4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:**

NA

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## **5. Budget:**

A comprehensive review of quarterly expenses over the life of this project was completed in Q4 of FY23.



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The budget presented here is a combination of two projects in order to provide cumulative totals for the entire scope of the mapping project in a single spreadsheet. Please notice a column for FY21 has been added and the total represents six years, not five. Also, new for this quarter of reporting, three budget scenarios are provided for clarity. This includes the total project combined as well as separate screen shots of the individual Alaska DNR and USFWS budgets.

The Alaska DNR budget includes cost overruns for personnel that have been accounted for over previous quarterly reports. There has been no reallocation of line-item expenditures. The ADNR is working to reconcile the overrun for FY22 and FY23 personnel expenses throughout the life of the project and only total proposed expenditures are anticipated at the culmination of the project.

USFWS completed on a request to the EVOS office regarding expanding the coverage for new hydrography data using remaining contractual resources. The request did not include any reallocation of budget categories.

### Combined Budget

Budget Category:		FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	6-YR TOTAL PROPOSED	Quarterly Expenditures	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel			\$27,385	\$27,385	\$27,385	\$27,385	\$0	\$109,541	\$ 14,423	\$109,723
Travel		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -	\$0
Contractual		\$1,650,000	\$3,316,380	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,966,380	\$ -	\$4,966,198
Commodities		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs (report rate here)		\$0	\$2,818	\$2,818	\$2,818	\$2,818	\$0	\$11,271	\$905	\$11,271
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	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,650,000</b>	<b>\$3,346,583</b>	<b>\$30,203</b>	<b>\$30,203</b>	<b>\$30,203</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,087,192</b>		<b>\$5,087,192</b>

### Alaska DNR Budget

Budget Category:		Proposed FY 22	Proposed FY 23	Proposed FY 24	Proposed FY 25	Proposed FY 26	5- YR TOTAL PROPOSED	Quarterly Expenditures	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel		\$15,654	\$15,654	\$15,654	\$15,654	\$0	\$62,617	\$5,029	\$ 62,617
Travel		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -
Contractual		\$924,762	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$924,762	\$0	\$ 924,762
Commodities		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -
Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	Rate = 18%	\$2,818	\$2,818	\$2,818	\$2,818	\$0	\$11,271	\$905	\$ 11,271
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$943,234</b>	<b>\$18,472</b>	<b>\$18,472</b>	<b>\$18,472</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$998,650</b>		<b>\$998,650</b>

### USFWS Budget

Budget Category:		FY 21	FY22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	6- YR TOTAL PROPOSED	Quarterly Expenditures	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel			\$11,731	\$11,731	\$11,731	\$11,731	\$0	\$46,924	\$ 9,394	\$ 47,107
Travel		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -	\$0
Contractual		\$1,650,000	\$2,391,618	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,041,618	-	\$ 4,041,436
Commodities		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	Rate = 0%	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,650,000</b>	<b>\$2,403,349</b>	<b>\$11,731</b>	<b>\$11,731</b>	<b>\$11,731</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,088,542</b>		<b>\$4,088,542</b>



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