



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

Project Number: 15150123

Project Title: Kenai Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project

Principal Investigator:

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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: September 1, 2025

Project Website: N/A

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

☐ **Project progress is on schedule.**

☒ **Project progress is delayed**

A request was made May 15, 2025, for a no-cost extension for Kenai Peninsula Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (15-01, 16-02 and 18-01) through EVOS FY2026. The extension was requested due to a construction delay related to prolonged negotiations for utility relocations and more stringent BABA requirements; EVOS granted this extension. There has not been any work on the Sterling Highway MP 157-169 project in the last year.

According to DOT (April 8, 2025):

We are still struggling to get the Sterling MP 157-169 Phase 1 project to certification and advertisement. We are currently in the process to add HEA's relocation design into our construction contract, which is not something that we typically do. That said, we still hope to certify the project and get Federal approval to advertise this fiscal year (before Sept 30). There is the chance that it will slip into next year.



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And an update from DOT (August 21, 2025):

We are still on track to advertise for construction this year, assuming we can get signed utility agreements.

At this point, it is likely that the culvert replacement will take place in 2026.

☐ **Budget reallocation request.**

N/A

☐ **Personnel changes.**

N/A

1. Summary of Work Performed:

Project A, North Fork Anchor River and Nikolaevsk Road:

This project was completed in the fall of 2021, at a cost of \$2,061,671.31.

Project B, Two Moose Creek:

This project is part of the multi-year Sterling Highway upgrade, MP 157-169. Design and right of way acquisition is complete, but DOT is still in the process of adding HEA's relocation design into the construction contract. Construction of the new culvert will likely be completed in summer of 2026. The EVOS funded portion of this project is anticipated to come in at budget.

Project C, North Fork Anchor River at the Sterling Highway:

This project is also part of the Sterling MP 157-169 upgrade and will also replace the undersized and perched culverts at MP 157 with a bridge, where the North Fork Anchor River crosses the Sterling Highway. Construction of the new culvert has been delayed from 2023 to 2024; a final decision will depend on the sequencing of the overall project agreed upon by the AKDOT and the selected contractor. No EVOS funds will be used on this project.

Project D, Crooked Creek and Sterling Highway:

Project was completed in 2019 and came in under budget at a total cost of \$4,361,786. The remaining funds were redirected to Project A in case of cost overruns.



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Additional Project, Coal Creek at the Sterling Highway:

Coal Creek was completed in the summer of 2019 and was included with Project D for budgeting purposes.

2. Abstract:

Projects A and D have been completed. Construction of projects B and C is anticipated to take place in 2025; a final decision will depend on the sequencing of the overall project agreed upon by the AKDOT and the selected contractor.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

Continued coordination with AKDOT.

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

N/A

5. Budget:

	Total in Grant	FY18 Exp.	FY19 Expenditures	FY20 Exp.	FY21 Expenditures	FY22 Exp.	FY23 Exp.	FY24 Exp.	FY25 Projected Expenditures	Projected Balance End of Grant
Contractual Costs:	8,000,000	0	4,361,786	0	2,061,671	0	0	0	1,000,000	576,543
Project A: North Fork Anchor River at Nikolaevsk Road	2,000,000	0	0	0	2,061,671	0	0	0	0	(61,671)
Project B: Two Moose Creek	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	0
Project C: North Fork Anchor River at Sterling Highway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project D: Crooked Creek at Sterling Highway	5,000,000	0	4,361,786	0	0	0	0	0	0	638,214
Additional Project: Coal Creek at Sterling Highway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8,000,000	0	4,361,786	0	2,061,671	0	0	0	1,000,000	576,543

Note: this budget table only shows direct costs and does not include any of the indirect money (GA). This table does include \$500,000 in project funds that was awarded (EVOS Resolution 18-01), but apparently never released.

Above shows the overall budget (not including GA) for the whole grant. An updated RSA with DOT was completed for project B Two Moose Creek. The appropriation has been extended. We project that the remaining expenditures (\$1,000,000) will occur in 2026. Currently, we are projecting a remaining balance of \$576,543 which will be used to help with project B or returned at the end of the grant life. (Note that \$500,000 of this amount was awarded by EVOS Resolution 18-01, but apparently never released. It is currently unclear what the fate of that \$500,000 will be.)