



Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
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Quarterly Project Reporting Form

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<https://evostc.state.ak.us/policies-procedures/reporting-procedures/>***

Project Number: 25220612

Project Title: Eyak Lake Weir Restoration

Principal Investigator(s): Kate Morse, CRWP; Steve Namitz, USFS; Jeff Stutzke, DOT

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: December 1, 2025

Project Website:

<https://copperriver.org/programs/fish-habitat-restoration/restoration/eyak-lake/eyak-lake-weir/>
and
<https://copperriver.org/eyak-lake-weir-project-page/> Password: available upon request

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

Project progress is on schedule (Project on schedule to previously reported adjusted timeline)

Project progress is delayed

Budget reallocation request.



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1. Summary of Work Performed:

Between August and October 2025, the Copper River Watershed Project (CRWP) and its partners made real progress in moving the Eyak Lake Weir Replacement Project closer to construction. The most significant milestone this quarter was finalizing and signing the construction contract with Granite Construction LLC in mid-August. This was a major step forward, especially after the earlier delays in 2025, including the federal funding freeze that temporarily stalled contracting and permitting work across several federal programs.

Before the contract was signed, CRWP staff and leadership met several times with Granite and the design team at DOWL to work through contract terms, construction sequencing, bid items, dewatering and fish-passage strategies, scheduling, permitting roles, and federal compliance. Once the contract was executed, the three organizations began holding biweekly meetings to coordinate permitting, construction planning, mobilization, and responses to engineering questions and RFIs.

CRWP also worked closely with EVOSTC staff to update administrative and reporting elements, correct calculation errors from previous reports, and answer questions related to the No-Cost Extension request. These conversations confirmed that the updated schedule still aligns with the original project goals and scope, and helped ensure that project reporting and tracking remained accurate and up to date.

During the federal government shutdown in October, CRWP and The Eyak Corporation received the first payment request from Granite and began processing it through Federal Highway Administration funding. Even though the shutdown limited communication with several federal partners and slowed some coordination, CRWP continued working through internal administrative and financial steps to keep the project moving.

Despite the year's delays and challenges, CRWP kept partners and funders informed about the project being under contract, the updated timeline, and the need for adjustments to the schedule. Staff, including the Watershed Restoration Specialist and Hydrologist, continued planning for active construction, permitting needs, and on-site inspection and monitoring roles for 2026.



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Overall, the work completed during this quarter strengthened the project's construction readiness, advanced permitting and administrative tasks, and helped maintain momentum despite the cumulative impacts from earlier in the year.

2. ABSTRACT

Progress during this reporting period focused on moving the project from design into pre-construction planning. The most important milestone was signing the construction contract with Granite Construction LLC in mid-August, which allowed the team to begin detailed coordination on timelines, sequencing, and permitting. Much of the work this quarter was driven by collaboration among CRWP, Granite, and DOWL through regular meetings, planning for dewatering and fish-passage management, and responding to engineering and permitting questions. CRWP also stayed in close communication with funding partners and permitting agencies to maintain alignment and support inspection and federal compliance requirements. Even with lingering delays from the earlier federal funding freeze and the October government shutdown, the project maintained momentum and continued preparing for implementation in 2026.

3. COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION

Strong collaboration continued to be a major part of the project this quarter. CRWP stayed in close communication with Granite and DOWL through biweekly meetings that helped us stay aligned on permitting, scheduling, and construction planning. These check-ins allowed the project team to continue moving forward on engineering questions, federal compliance, dewatering planning, and coordination for construction oversight.



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CRWP also worked with our federal partners and funding agencies to share schedule updates and keep the project on track. The temporary government shutdown in October made it difficult to reach some of our agency partners, and it slowed several permitting conversations and review processes. Even with those challenges, CRWP continued to complete internal administrative work and maintain progress so that we could continue to move the larger project forward.

We also continued our work with The Eyak Corporation and the City of Cordova, particularly around ownership transition and the processes needed to support the project from design into construction. This included ongoing work on the Memorandum of Agreement for long-term ownership and operations, and several meetings with the City to confirm next steps and finalize how communication and decision-making will look moving into 2026.

In addition to partner coordination, CRWP focused on community outreach and transparency in this quarter. We scheduled two project presentations for November 2025: a briefing to the Cordova City Council on November 19, and a public presentation at the Prince William Sound Science Center on November 20. Project and staff time supported the development of these presentations, coordination with partner presenters, and outreach efforts. CRWP also shared project information and meeting announcements through our email lists and social media channels to ensure the public has opportunities to learn about the project and ask questions.

Across all partners, collaboration remained strong and helped the project maintain momentum during a challenging year. The work that happened during this quarter continued to build shared expectations, communication, and readiness for construction in 2026.



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Table of Eyak Lake Partners:

Table 1. Eyak Lake Weir Restoration Project Partners			
Brittany Blain/ADFG	Ben Wagner/DNR	Robert Mattson/DOT	Christy Mog/USFS
Jay Baumer/ADFG	Cliff Larson/DNR	Ryan Anderson/DOT	Kim Clark/USFS
Jeremy Botz/ADFG	Kim Bustillos/DNR	Mitch Paine/FEMA	Robes Parrish/USFS
Stormy Haught/ADFG	Tom Barrett/DNR	Erika Ammann/NOAA	Steve Namitz/USFS
Kevin Keith/ADFG	AJ Wait/DNR	Johnse Ostman/NOAA	Tim Marshall/USFS
Megan Marie/ADFG	Joni Sweetman/DNR	Angela Butler/NVE	Angela Coleman/USFS
Michael Mazzacavallo/ADFG	Daniel Adamczak/DOT	Matt Piche/NVE	Marguerite Tibbles/USFWS
Doug Bonham/ Field Data Technologies	David Fischer/DOT	Aaron Prussian/Trout Unlimited	Anna Senecal/USFWS
Kevin Johnson/City of Cordova	Douglas Kolwaite/DOT	Pete Rand/PWSSC	Nate Clifton/USFWS
Sam Greenwood/City of Cordova	Jeff Stutzke/DOT	Rob Campbell/PWSSC	Franklin Dekker/USFWS
Alexis Cooper/CRWP	Judy Chapman/DOT	Brennan Cain/TEC	Heather Hanson/USFWS
Kate Morse/CRWP	Luke Boles/DOT	Tiffany Beedle/TEC	Jacob Adams/USFWS
Kirsti Jurica/CRWP	Matt Billings/DOT	Madeline Lee/CRRC	Jeremy Karchut/USFWS
Ashley Taylor/CRWP	Robert Mattson/DOT	John Maygard/CTC	Jess Straub/USFWS
Amy Scudder/CRWP	Sarah Katherine/CTC	Adrian Smith/CTC	Devan Fitzpatrick/USFWS



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4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

CRWP continues to integrate EVOSTC guidance into our implementation planning, federal compliance, and communications with partners. This quarter, we shared updates on the project schedule and timeline adjustments that resulted from federal delays earlier in the year, and we ensured that our planning remained aligned with funding requirements, permitting, and construction readiness. We also continued to maintain clear internal documentation and tracking systems, including password-protected shared project files and internal reporting tools that support transparency and accountability. These systems have allowed CRWP and our partners to stay coordinated, respond to changes, and keep the project moving forward.

5. Budget:

2025 Q3 SUMMARY

Budget Category:		Actual FY 22	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Proposed FY 25	Proposed FY 26	5-YR TOTAL PROPOSED	QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel		\$15,091	\$27,058	\$63,207	\$454,474	\$63,550	\$623,380	\$20,369.52	\$164,456.21
Travel		\$61	\$192	\$1,367	\$11,153	\$2,003	\$14,776	\$478.40	\$2,675.39
Contractual		\$98,140	\$266,343	\$224,168	\$3,765,356	\$0	\$4,354,008	\$19,022.67	\$628,938.10
Commodities		\$687	\$5,339	\$6,371	\$70,677	\$0	\$83,074	\$908.58	\$14,378.82
Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Indirect Costs (30%)		\$14,106	\$9,892	\$25,022	\$111,980	\$0	\$161,000	\$12,233.53	\$78,107.17
	SUBTOTAL	\$128,084	\$308,825	\$320,136	\$4,413,639	\$65,553	\$5,236,237	\$53,013	\$888,555.69
General Administration (9% of subtotal)		\$11,528	\$27,794	\$28,812	\$397,228	\$5,900	\$471,261	\$4,771	\$ 79,970.01
	PROJECT TOTAL	\$139,612	\$336,619	\$348,948	\$4,810,867	\$71,453	\$5,707,498	\$57,784	\$11,472,779
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)		\$21,180	\$16,380	\$11,580	\$0	\$0	\$49,140		



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