



**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:** March 1, 2026

**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 (October 1, 2025):

The project is scheduled to advertise for construction in late 2025 or early 2026 depending on the completion of utility relocation agreements. Funds will be “used” once the project goes to advertises for construction bids, in late 2025 or early 2026.

And an update from DOT (February 27, 2026):

We are still struggling to get this project out, but we are getting closer. Again, two utility agreements are the holdup, but we are getting closer to finalize them. Optimistically we can obligate funding and advertise in May 2026 but likely it will be a month or so later.



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

**Budget reallocation request.**

N/A

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**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 working on utility agreements. 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. The timing of the construction of the new culvert 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.

#### **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.

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### **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.

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**3. Coordination and Collaboration:**

Continued coordination with AKDOT.

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

N/A

**5. Budget:**

Updated budget table (current as of 12/1/2025):

	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
<b>Contractual Costs:</b>	<b>7,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,361,786</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,061,671</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,076,543</b>	<b>0</b>
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	1,076,543	(76,543)
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,361,786</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,061,671</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,076,543</b>	<b>0</b>

The updated budget table shows the overall budget (not including GA) for the whole grant. This budget table was included in our previous quarterly report, but has several changes compared to reports prior to December 1, 2025. The additional \$500,000 that was included in previous budget tables is no longer available; the Grant Total, therefore, was reduced to \$7,500,000. An updated RSA with DOT was completed for project B Two Moose Creek; the updated RSA increased the expenditures from \$1,000,000 to \$1,076,543, which will use all the remaining funds in this grant. We project that the remaining expenditures will occur in 2026.