



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

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Project Number: 25220602

Project Title: Kenai Peninsula Streambank Rehabilitation and Protection Project

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

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: February 27, 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**
- Budget reallocation request for this reporting period.**
- Personnel changes.**

1. Summary of Work Performed:

The government shut down lasted until November 12, 2025, which meant that ADF&G's USFWS partner need to review all of the proposal site visits and have a list of questions before we reviewed the proposals together. Also in November, there was supposed to be a Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership (KPFHP) meeting, however, due to the Holidays and conflicting schedules this meeting was moved to December.



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Besides attending the KPFHP meeting in December, USFWS and ADF&G meet to discuss the 2026 projects. Over half a day we sat down and discussed each site in detail and describing what each photo represents. After the half day meeting USFWS and ADF&G were able to meet two more times in December to start the rankings of the 2026 proposals. ADF&G and USFWS evaluated each proposal using a rating criterion to assess, score, and prioritize the projects. Each project was rated based upon:

Current Bank Conditions: Quality of Fish Habitat, Current Vegetation Conditions, Currently Using Best Management Practices, and Detrimental Structures Present.

Proposed Project Will: Protect Natural Vegetation, Protect Fish Habitat, Remove Harmful Structures, Provides Native Vegetation, Provides Fish Habitat, Educational Opportunity, Reasonable Project Solution, Project Success Potential, Reasonable Project Cost, Uses Multiple Techniques, and Benefits Adjacent Property.

Fit within the overall objectives: Remove structures that are detrimental to juvenile salmon, example bulkheads, gabions and rip rap; conserve and sustain healthy nearshore fish habitat and riparian vegetation; rehabilitate and enhance human impacted nearshore Pacific salmonid habitat and riparian vegetation; will provide Pacific salmonid habitat conservation and rehabilitation education in the form of specific instruction in bioengineering techniques and on-the-ground demonstrations, including landowners and professional engineers, contractors and landscapers. This will allow participants to undertake effective conservation and restoration projects using proven techniques.

Before finalizing the rankings in January, ADF&G and USFWS called two landowners to clarify their projects and called a new contractor to clarify what was written in the quote. Based on the follow up with the landowners, the contractor, and the rankings ADF&G and USFWS will be able to fund eight projects fully and one partially funded. Most of the landowners whose project will be funded were notified by the end of January.

Finally in January, ADF&G and USFWS met to discuss the Cost Share in the current three areas. The five us discussed training, contractor shortage, outreach, and challenges of getting landowners committed to the program. Another thing that popped up was getting native vegetation for these projects such as the Soil and Water Conservation Districts and others get their greenhouses up and running. The biggest thing that came out of this meeting is that we need to have more meetings like this to help each other across the board.

2. Abstract:



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The federal government shutdown lasted until November 12, 2025, delaying ADF&G and USFWS coordination. USFWS first needed to review all proposal site visits and prepare questions before both agencies could meet. A Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership (KPFHP) meeting originally planned for November was also postponed to December due to holiday and scheduling conflicts.

In December, ADF&G and USFWS met several times to review and rank 2026 project proposals. During an initial half-day meeting, staff discussed each site in detail and reviewed accompanying photos. Two additional December meetings focused on evaluating proposals using established criteria addressing current bank conditions, proposed project actions, and alignment with broader habitat objectives. Key considerations included fish habitat quality, vegetation conditions, presence of detrimental structures, proposed protection or restoration measures, project feasibility, cost, and educational value. Projects were also assessed on how well they support goals such as removing harmful structures affecting juvenile salmon, conserving riparian habitat, and promoting bioengineering education.

In January, both agencies also met to discuss Cost Share areas, training needs, contractor shortages, outreach challenges, and obtaining native vegetation for projects across all three areas. The main conclusion was the need for regular meetings so that we can help each other out.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

During this reporting period, staff collaborated with Kenai Peninsula Borough to figure out contractors who do streambank rehabilitation and protection projects for a bid. This collaboration not only helped find contractors but also gave some general background on how much these types of projects run and budget for increased costs. Also, staff also discuss ways to protect the rehabilitation site from trampling besides an elevated light penetrating walkway. Staff were able to reach out to the Anchorage Muni Parks and Rec to see what type of fencing they had used that seemed to hold well to the elements, kept people from trampling rehabilitation sites, and directed foot traffic to more acceptable river access.

Finally, in my role as a Steering Committee member for the Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership, I started to review the Strategic Action Plan and give comments and thoughts. This plan has not been updated in well over 10 years so there is a lot of outdated information or tasks that have already be completed. In the future I will meet with a small group comprised of Steering Committee members to start the major overhaul of this document.



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4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

N/A

5. 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	\$0	\$90,586	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,586	\$14,544.75	\$94,836.44
Travel	\$0	\$23,580	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,580	\$1,475.20	\$6,175.19
Contractual	\$0	\$242,850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$242,850	\$22,050.00	\$225,087.12
Commodities	\$0	\$6,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,100	\$302.11	\$2,493.08
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0
Indirect Costs (report rate here)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$0	\$363,116	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$363,116	\$38,372	\$328,592
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$0	\$32,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,680	\$0	N/A
PROJECT TOTAL	\$0	\$395,796	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$395,796	\$55,473	
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$0	\$209,840	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$209,840		

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 worksheets. **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.

COMMENTS: