



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

**Detailed instructions for each section below are given in Section II. Quarterly Project Reports in the Reporting Policy on the website, <https://evostc.state.ak.us/policies-procedures/reporting-procedures/>*

Project Number: 25220610

Project Title: Kenai Peninsula Stream Watch

Principal Investigator(s): Christopher Haberbusch (Stream Watch Coordinator at The Kenai Watershed Forum)

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 2nd, 2026

Project Website: <https://www.kenaiwatershed.org/stream-watch/>

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

- Project progress is on schedule.**
- Project progress is delayed**
- Budget reallocation request.**
- Personnel changes.**



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1. Summary of Work Performed:

Objectives/Project Success:

Listed below are objectives that were met or partially met during the reporting period, including a short description of the methods used to accomplish said objective.

Objective C – Protect riparian habitat and create a culture of stewardship among members of the public by providing consistent educational messaging to river users at project sites, in social and print media, and through on-site signage:

Throughout the reporting period, Stream Watch continued to provide updates to members through KWF’s monthly newsletter.

Monofilament collection tubes were removed from project sites during the reporting period. Necessary maintenance and repairs were complete in order to prepare for the 2026 season. Monofilament collection tubes provide information on line recycling and the harm fishing line can have on wildlife populations. Ensuring that these tools are maintained in good working order allows for further line collection and education of the public during the upcoming season.

Objective F – Engage with diverse communities on the Kenai Peninsula through special events to be as inclusive as possible in the program:

Staff began to plan events for the upcoming 2026 season. The Stream Watch coordinator met with program partners for the annual Fall Steering Committee meeting and attended the Russian River Interagency Group meeting. Meeting with program partners ensures successful planning and coordination for the upcoming field season. The Stream Watch coordinator has been meeting with educators at Soldotna High School, Kenai Central High School, and Kenai Middle School in an effort to generate increased youth engagement in the upcoming season. The Stream Watch Coordinator attended a local working group hosted by Homer Soil and Water Conservation District to engage with a greater diversity of land managers, non-profits, and individuals to engage through Stream Watch. The coordinator also scheduled a meeting with Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm (KMTA) to occur in the subsequent reporting period to plan stewardship days for the upcoming season.

Stream Watch staff also helped to host the Kenai Watershed Forum Holiday Open House. This annual event invites all KWF volunteers, partners, members, and the general public to celebrate partnerships and their support for the organization. During the event, KWF supplies food, drinks, and a bonfire to participants while providing a space to connect with the community. The KWF Holiday Open House was held on December 4th and had a large attendance. Staff was able to connect with participants about work they performed throughout the year, and what they were looking forward to for next season.



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Objective G – Continue original efforts to expand Stream Watch to the southern Kenai Peninsula by hiring a seasonal southern coordinator position in order to expand partnerships, increase critical outreach, build institutional capacity, provide high quality engagement for volunteers, and reduce personnel turnover.

Steps were taken towards hiring another seasonal technician to help with the expansion of the Stream Watch program. The Stream Watch Coordinator reviewed and edited the job description and posted the position to the KWF website, Conservation Job Board, and Texas A&M Job Board. Staff also discussed an appropriate timeline to facilitate hiring for the position and interviews will begin in the upcoming reporting period.

Objective K – Support current program activities by contributing additional staff time and funding for supplies and volunteer training:

During the previous reporting period, Steam Watch staff performed an inventory of supplies available to the program after the conclusion of the 2025 volunteer season. The inventory coupled with a 2026 work plan created by staff allowed for an accurate assessment of needed supplies for future activities. The work plan also helped to outline goals of the program moving forward, areas that volunteers may require more training, and an estimated budget needed for the program.

The Stream Watch Coordinator met with Bryana White from Credit Union 1, who selected KWF to donate staff time for 2026. Stream Watch will be hosting an additional in person orientation with CU1 staff on May 17th.

Objective L - Leverage EVOSTC funding to obtain additional investments in program expansion and to further develop Stream Watch to maximize the beneficial impacts to natural resources and services:

During the reporting period, Stream Watch worked on grant applications for the National Forest Foundation and EPA Environmental Education program in attempts to fund a seasonal intern, travel, supplies required by the program, and program expansion. Inside of both applications, EVOSTC funding personnel was leveraged to meet the cost share requirements. The NFF application was submitted and Stream Watch is waiting to be notified of selection for funding. The EPA grant application is due in the upcoming reporting period and will be submitted at a later date. If received, the National Forest Foundation and EPA-EE grants will help to grow volunteer coordination, increase recruitment, provide more funds for supplies, and will help to fund new Stream Watch supply caches.



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Deviation from Original Objectives:

Due to federal shut downs during the previous reporting period the Fall Steering Committee meeting was held during this reporting period. No other delays or deviations occurred.

Problems/Unusual Developments:

There were no problems or unusual developments during the reporting period.

Additional information:

The main pieces of additional information are pairings with the KWF education program and additional training focused around volunteer safety. In November, the Stream Watch Coordinator joined KWF's Education Specialist for a classroom visit at Nikiski Elementary. KWF staff met with students to educate them on how rivers change over time. The Stream Watch Coordinator was able to present some information shared by the program but mainly attended to support the Education Specialist with the set-up and tear-down of education materials.

KWF staff also received a refresher on their CPR and First Aid training. The Stream Watch Coordinator was able to renew certification to improve volunteer safety. During emergency situations, KWF staff are now equipped with the proper information to assist volunteers or members of the public as needed.

2. Abstract:

November, December, and January marked the beginning of the winter season for the Stream Watch program. Inventory on stewardship and educational supplies was conducted to assess purchasing needs before the 2026 summer season. Staff also produced a 2026 work plan to set goals and procedures for the future of Stream Watch. KWF staff hosted their annual Holiday Open House to thank supporters and began to plan events for the summer season like a collaboration with educators, program partners, and KMTA. The hiring process for a seasonal Junior Stream Watch Technician began in the form of editing the previous job description and posting the position to job boards and the KWF website. Work was performed on two grant applications, utilizing EVOSTC funding as match. There were little problems/unusual developments during the last three months aside from hosting the Fall Steering Committee due to government shutdowns at the start of the previous reporting period.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

Listed below are project partners that the Stream Watch program paired with during the reporting period, their involvement with the program, and the proper contact listed.

United States Forest Service:



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The United States Forest Service (USFS) is the Kenai Watershed Forum's main partner for the facilitation of the Stream Watch program. The Forest Service helps run the program jointly with The Kenai Watershed Forum during the busy summer season, by managing the project area inside the Russian River Confluence area (including the Russian River Campground and the Russian River Ferry). USFS's Stream Watch Volunteer Coordinator helps to schedule and oversee regular volunteer activities for upper Kenai River locations and will also assist in facilitation of stewardship day performed in these areas. This project partner helps to schedule volunteers at the Russian River Confluence area, assists with the maintenance and removal of habitat fencing along the Russian River, and records data collected from volunteers inside the confluence area.

Little collaboration was seen during the reporting period aside from a letter of support provided to the Stream watch coordinator to use as leverage for grant applications being submitted in future reporting periods.

Contact:

Alexander McLain – Russian River Interagency Coordinator

Email: alexander.mclain@usda.gov

Work Cell Number: 907.288.7710

US Fish and Wildlife Service:

US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) helps to support Stream Watch through allowing volunteer access to program sites, providing guidance on program facilitation, and pairing for single-day stewardship events. During the reporting period, Stream Watch mainly worked with the USFWS to begin planning for a single day stewardship event in partnership with their Loons, Line, and Lead program. Partners met to discuss content, timing, and facilitation for the single day event.

Contact:

Matt Conner – Visitor Services Manager

Email: Matt_Conner@fws.gov

Office Number: 907.260.2834

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

No recommendations or comments were submitted during the previous reporting period of the project or during the biennial review of EVOSTC projects. If recommendations or comments are submitted after this reporting period, they will be properly addressed in the next reporting cycle.



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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	\$71,430.00	\$66,225.00	\$66,225.00	\$61,020.00	\$55,815.00	\$320,715.00	\$11,134.34	\$187,254.02
Travel	\$4,838.40	\$4,838.40	\$4,838.40	\$4,838.40	\$4,838.40	\$24,192.00	\$0.00	\$9,989.24
Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Commodities	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$9,750.00	\$0.00	\$5,838.53
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Indirect Costs (28.25%)	\$22,096.70	\$20,626.29	\$20,626.29	\$19,155.87	\$17,685.46	\$100,190.60	\$3,145.45	\$57,370.60
SUBTOTAL	\$100,315.10	\$93,639.69	\$93,639.69	\$86,964.27	\$80,288.86	\$454,847.60	\$14,279.79	\$260,452.39
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$9,028.36	\$8,427.57	\$8,427.57	\$7,826.78	\$7,226.00	\$40,936.28	\$1,285.18	\$23,440.72
PROJECT TOTAL	\$109,343.46	\$102,067.26	\$102,067.26	\$94,791.06	\$87,514.86	\$495,783.89	\$15,564.97	\$283,893.11
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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:

FY22-26

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PM(s): Bornemann (Kenai Watershed Forum)

SUMMARY TABLE

Milestone/Task	FY22				FY23				FY24				FY25				FY26			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Milestone: Establish operations at southern peninsula sites				C				C				C				C				
Annual Operating Plan Completed	C				C				C				C							
Hire & train Southern Peninsula coordinator	C				C				C				C							C
Purchase supplies for sites	X	C			C				C				C				X	C		
Recruit & train 2022 southern peninsula volunteers	X	C																		
Complete first season of project operations including corresponding objectives			C	C																
Milestone: Successful season of operations at southern peninsula sites								C				C				C				
Annual Operating Plan Completed	C			X	C			X	C			X	C			X	C			
Recruit & train new volunteers and refresh returning volunteers					C	C	C		C	C	C		C	C	C				X	
Install, maintain and remove habitat fencing						C	C			C	C			C	C					
Conduct NOAA marine debris cleanups						C	C			C	C			C	C					
Conduct peer-to-peer education and hold special events						C	C	C		C	C	C		C	C	C			C	
Reporting:																				
Produce financial report for FY			X	C			X	C			X	C			X	C				
Meet with Steering Committee				C	C		C		C		C		C		C					
Write and submit annual report to EVOSTC				X	C		X	C			X	C			X	C				
Final report/Project results																				

X - indicates when action was to occur in original proposal

X - indicates item was delayed

C - indicates when action item was completed