



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

**Detailed instructions for each section below are given in [Reporting Procedures](#).*

Project Number: 26220610

Project Title: Kenai Peninsula Stream Watch

Principal Investigator(s): Christopher Haberbusch (Stream Watch Coordinator at The Kenai Watershed Forum), Haley Buckbee (Junior Stream Watch Coordinator at the Kenai Watershed Forum)

Reporting Period:

<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: June 1, 2026

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

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

- ✓ **Project progress is on schedule.** *Please indicate by what date you expect the project to be completed (this can be an estimate and change in future reports).*

Jan 2027, Anticipated Completion Date

- **Project progress is delayed.** *Please explain the cause(s) of the delay(s) and the affected project components (i.e., field work, due diligence, construction etc.), anticipated length of delay, and impact(s) on the project objectives and plan to resolve them.*
- **Budget amendment request.** *If you would like to amend the project budget by more than 10% of the annual budget amount, please describe the request and provide justification. Reallocations of 10% or less of the previously approved annual budget amount do not require a budget amendment request. Requests over 25% of the annual*



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budget amount will require approval by the Trustee Council. Please see the EVOSTC Financial Policy for details.

- **No-cost extension request.** *Only relevant to Q4 report. Principal investigators may carry forward budgeted funds to the subsequent fiscal year of a multiple-year project if the requested adjustment does not alter the underlying scope or objectives of the project. Explain why the funds were not spent during the previous FY, the amount requested to carry over to the next FY, and how funds will be spent.*
- **Personnel changes.** *Provide an explanation for the change, a curriculum vitae or resume for the proposed changes to personnel and a description of the potential impact on the project.*



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Abstract. *Provide a summary (not to exceed 200 words) of work performed during the reporting period and on the project overall, including an estimated project completion date. This summary will be used to provide regular updates on the project to the Trustees.*

Stream Watch had a productive end to the winter season in preparation for the 2026 volunteer season. Word was spread about the program through presentations to a variety of groups including the Kenai River Special Management Area, local schools, and the Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership. Planning occurred for community events and volunteer opportunities that will occur in future reporting periods. Meetings were held with program partners from the U.S. Forest Service to discuss supply needs for the upcoming season, plan the in-person volunteer orientation and provide organizational updates before the summer. There was little deviation from project goals. Program coordinators also performed organizational and housekeeping tasks in preparation for the following reporting period and the arrival of volunteers.

Summary of Work Performed. *Provide a summary of work performed during the reporting period, including any results available to date, findings and/or project successes, and how the original project objectives are being met. Any deviation from the original project objectives should be discussed. Describe any known problems, unusual developments, or any other significant information.*

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, educational messaging was predominantly seen in the form of social media posts and KWF's monthly newsletter communications. Informational signage was not placed at program sites due to program site closures during the winter months. The Stream Watch Coordinator was able to attend several meetings including the Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership annual meeting, as well as monthly meetings for the Kenai River Special Management Area.

The Stream Watch Coordinator spent significant time working on an educational handout card to be used during the volunteer season this year. The card focuses on salmonid identification as well as proper handling and release techniques for those who should incidentally hook a chinook salmon on the Kenai River. Cards have been ordered and will be ready for distribution to volunteers and the public in the next reporting period. The Stream Watch Coordinator also spent



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time crafting new educational signage regarding salmonid identification and handling to be attached to monofilament collection tubes.

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

Stream Watch was able to begin planning for the upcoming 2026 season. Planning was performed for various events that will be held in the next reporting period or throughout the summer season. Planning occurred for the World Fish Migration Day: A Day at the River which was held on May 23rd. This is a joint event between Trout Unlimited and KWF to provide a community fishing gear swap along with environmental education booths to learn about local ecology.

Next, the Stream Watch Coordinator met with representatives from the US Fish and Wildlife Service Loons, Line and Lead program to establish an educational day centered around loons, their nesting habitat, and health concerns presented by humans. This event will be held on June 13th.

The Stream Watch Coordinator also conducted presentations in local classrooms at Kenai Middle School to recruit for the Junior Stream Watch program.

Lastly, both the Stream Watch Coordinator and the Junior Stream Watch Coordinator have been planning for the upcoming in person volunteer orientation in Cooper Landing. Orientation is to be held on June 6th at the Kenai Princess Lodge in collaboration with our partners at the US Forest Service.

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.

During this reporting quarter, a seasonal technician was interviewed and hired to assist with the Stream Watch and Jr. Stream Watch programs this summer. Several candidates were interviewed the week of March 30th through April 3rd. Haley Buckbee was hired as the seasonal Junior Stream Watch Coordinator and has since been on boarded and trained. In addition to this seasonal technician, interns were also confirmed for the summer season within the Stream Watch program and other KWF efforts. Sam Trussel, a returning intern, and Lauren Crane will be joining the team on the Kenai Peninsula on May 29th. It is the hope of staff that the additional support this season will allow for more staff time to be spent on the southern peninsula conducting marine debris removal and outreach.

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

Meetings were held with the Forest Service and Kenai National Wildlife Refuge to discuss in-person orientation. A timeline was created for the in-person event and a location was secured. A majority of the in-person orientation was planned during the reporting period. Staff will finalize and implement the orientation throughout the following reporting period. Information about the training was also provided to previous volunteers and members of the public to help recruit



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participants. Orientation has also been publicized via Stream Watch social media as well as posting flyers.

During meetings, USFS and KWF staff also discussed supply needs for the 2026 season. A list of supplies was created to give a better idea of expenses for the coming season. Beyond discussing supplies needed for the upcoming season, bear spray, informational handouts, and tablecloths were purchased for the upcoming season.

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 a previous reporting period, a grant for the National Forest Foundation was written and submitted to receive more funding for the Stream Watch program. Inside of the application, EVOSTC funding, in the form of personnel time and travel, was utilized as match to fulfill the Kenai Watershed Forum's funding requirements. During this reporting period, KWF was notified that we were not selected to receive funding. The Stream Watch Coordinator will be applying to the second round of this grant in the upcoming reporting period.

Deviation from Original Objectives:

No deviations from original objectives were seen during the reporting period. Stream Watch was able to perform on schedule and have an impact in the appropriate areas over the previous three months.

Problems/Unusual Developments:

No problems or unusual developments occurred during the reporting period.

Additional information:

There is little additional information over the course of the previous 3 months. Majority of time spent by staff was used to work on objectives listed above. The only piece of additional information that applies to the reporting period are small preparations for the upcoming summer season. This work involved organizing supply sheds, scheduling required maintenance on field vehicles, creating recruitment fliers for planned events, and editing informational volunteer documents. Although the majority of these tasks are not worth outlining in detail, they were essential to ensuring a seamless start to the volunteer season.



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Coordination and Collaboration. *Provide a description of any coordination and collaboration that occurred with any other groups during the reporting period, if applicable. These may include entities like the Alaska SeaLife Center, the Prince William Sound Science Center, Native corporations or Tribes, local or other government entities, or NGOs. If applicable, please explain how your project relates to or complements other projects (Council and non-Council funded). Please discuss whether there are any aspects of the project that have supported EVOSTC or other agency work or that have received EVOSTC or other agency feedback or direction, including the agency staff name(s). If the project required or included collaboration with other agencies, organizations, or scientists, such arrangements should be fully explained, and the names of agency or organization representatives involved in the project should be provided. If the project conflicts with another project, please note this and explain why.*

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:

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 Russian River Interagency 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.

Collaborations seen during the reporting period included scheduling of early season events, assessing volunteer paperwork needs, planning for in-person orientation, establishing a list of needed supplies for the 2026 season, and updating each other on programmatic changes over the winter season.

Contact:

Alexander McLain – Russian River Interagency Coordinator

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US Fish and Wildlife Service:



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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. Partners met to discuss content, timing, and facilitation for the single day events. Meetings were also held to review partner needs for the coming season, and assess staff available to both organizations for the upcoming season.

Contact:

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If your project was submitted prior to the FY21 Invitation process and did not include a Status of Scheduled Project Accomplishments chart, describe in writing any changes to the expected milestones, timing, tasks, and deliverables from what was included in your project proposal.

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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

C - indicates item was delayed

C - indicates when action item was completed



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Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations, and Comments. *This only applies to feedback shared during biennial reviews (i.e. from the EVOSTC PAC or Trustees). Describe how any EVOSTC review comments or recommendations were addressed during the reporting period.*

Recommendations regarding the project milestone chart were given by Austin Quinn, EVOSTC program officer. Recommendations have been incorporated and will be included in subsequent reports.



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Budget Summary Table. *This table includes an accounting of quarterly and cumulative spending through the funding period. Copy and paste this summary table from the project workbook as a jpeg or gif file into the written narrative (see Appendix C of the Reporting Procedures for an example).*

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	\$19,180.41	\$206,434.43
Travel	\$4,838.40	\$4,838.40	\$4,838.40	\$4,838.40	\$4,838.40	\$24,192.00	\$425.83	\$10,415.07
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	\$19.07	\$5,857.60
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	\$5,544.15	\$62,914.70
SUBTOTAL	\$100,315.10	\$93,639.69	\$93,639.69	\$86,964.27	\$80,288.86	\$454,847.60	\$25,169.46	\$285,621.80
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$9,028.36	\$8,427.57	\$8,427.57	\$7,826.78	\$7,226.00	\$40,936.28	\$2,265.25	\$25,705.96
PROJECT TOTAL	\$109,343.46	\$102,067.26	\$102,067.26	\$94,791.06	\$87,514.86	\$495,783.88	\$27,434.71	\$311,327.76
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

Project Number: 25220610
 Project Title: Kenai Peninsula Stream Watch
 PM(s): Bornemann (Kenai Watershed Forum)

SUMMARY TABLE