



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

Project Number: 17170116

Project Title: ADNR/DPOR Riverbed Habitat Restoration & Protection Project

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Reporting Period: Text

<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: 08/27/26

Project Website, if applicable: N/A

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).*

☐ **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.*

This grant award was divided among several subprojects. Three of those projects were completed on schedule. Two projects have experienced delays in project delivery.

As previously reported, the Anchor River SRA project was delayed due to a flood event in 2020. That construction has now been completed and the project has been closed out.

The Kenai River Flats scope has been supplemented by grant funds from The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF)'s Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). Release of those grant funds were delayed in 2021. Funding has now been received and a contract



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has been awarded for construction. The contract Project Completion date was set for May 25, 2026 but, due to a material supplier error, the contract was extended to June 30, 2026. The project is now substantially complete, waiting on punch list items and grass to grow for final stabilization.

☐ **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 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.*

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.*

The collective funding will be used to enhance and protect riverbank habitat, as well as to support recreational access and tourism at the project sites. Interpretive displays will also be installed at each site to facilitate redirecting human impact and promote public participation in the long-term success of the project objectives.

This project will construct over 1,200 feet of ELP walkway and provide river access stairs for habitat protection; restore nearly 1,500 feet of habitat along the Kenai, Kasilof, and Anchor Rivers; and provide approximately 2,000 plantings planted near the riverbank for revegetation of willow, birch, and spruce species at the sites.

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.*



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This project consists of capital improvements at six park units to restore and protect fish habitat adversely impacted by human activity. They include Kenai River Flats, Eagle Rock, Crooked Creek SRS, Kenai River Ranch, Pipeline Crossing, and Anchor River SRA. Four of the six proposed subprojects for this funding are complete. Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC) funding was also successfully used to leverage match funding for larger impact projects. See the Coordination and Collaboration section below.

The Kenai River Flats Riverbank Protection, Phase I construction project was awarded and begun in Q2 2025. Due to the material supplier sending the incorrect walkway grating, the anticipated completion date for this project was extended to June 30th. Construction for the project has now been completed. The stairs and grating were installed in June 2026, and the facility was open to public on June 30th, 2026 for dip netting. The project is substantially complete, waiting on punch list items and grass to grow for final stabilization.

As previously reported, the Eagle Rock Riverbank Protection project, the Crooked Creek State Recreation Site Riverbank Restoration project, the Kenai River Ranch Riverbank Restoration project, and the Anchor River State Recreation Area Riverbank Protection project have all been constructed.

The Pipeline Crossing Riverbank Restoration project was deferred, in coordination with the EVOSTC Executive Director, due to higher than anticipated contract bids for the Eagle Rock and Crooked Creek work. DPOR monitored for opportunities to reintroduce this work during the construction at Eagle Rock and Crooked Creek, but unfortunately, that opportunity did not present itself. DPOR is pursuing federal-aid grants and to use the remaining funds as match. Project design is complete and is considered 'shovel-ready.' Leftover funding from the Kenai River Ranch project will be repurposed to supplement this project to maximize its match potential for federal-aid funding.

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,*



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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.

Kenai River Flats, Eagle Rock, Kenai River Ranch, and Pipeline Crossing are all park units of the Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA). The projects funded by this grant are aligned with the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan and are supported by the following groups:

- Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board,
- Kenai River Sportfishing Association, and
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Restoration Center.

This grant also provided an opportunity to pursue match funding on several projects. EVOSTC funding of \$300,000 was used as a successful application for “match” for over \$3 million dollars in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) federal-aid funds from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) for the Kenai River Flats Riverbank Protection, Phase I project.

EVOSTC funding of \$426,600 was used to leverage National Park Service (NPS) federal-aid funds in an additional amount of \$400,000 for the Anchor River State Recreation Area Riverbank Protection project.

The Eagle Rock Riverbank Protection project will also restore, protect, and enhance a site previously acquired using EVOSTC funds.

Status of Scheduled Project Accomplishments. *Copy and paste the milestone and task chart that you submitted with your proposal (Section 6, “Status of Scheduled Project Accomplishments”) and update this chart with any timeline changes for milestones, tasks, and deliverables.*

*Specifically, use ~~strikethrough~~ to indicate any expected timelines that were not met or have changed, and use **highlights** to demonstrate any new expected timelines. Milestone, task, or deliverable timelines that were met in the past or are expected to remain the same as described in the proposal should remain on the chart as originally reflected, although you may use a “C” to indicate if a task has been completed. See Appendix B of the Reporting Procedures for an example. Submit an updated chart with each quarterly report and please explain any other letters or symbols used on the chart to demonstrate project progress Include a description of any updates made immediately below the chart.*

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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This project was submitted prior to the FY21 Invitation process and did not include a Status of Scheduled Project Accomplishments chart or a proposed schedule. It is DPOR's practice, however, to establish a schedule of three to four years for a project life cycle spanning from funding acquisition and initial data collection to project closeout and a Construction 1-year warranty period. If all projects had received funding in 2018, it would therefore be expected that final closeout would be complete in 2022.

Three of the six projects funded by this allocation were able to meet this schedule. One project experienced delays due to a flood event but has since been constructed. The fifth project, the Kenai River Flats Riverbank Protection project, was delayed due to funding partner requirements. DPOR was able to accomplish data collection and design by 2024 but final funding for construction was contingent upon approval of the final design by ADOT&PF. That approval was granted in January of 2025 and the project was advertised for construction shortly thereafter in March of 2025. Construction is now complete.

As described above, the Pipeline Crossing Riverbank Restoration project has been deferred to supplement higher than anticipated costs on the remaining projects within this allocation. It does not appear likely that this project can be completed with the funds remaining.

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.*

N/A



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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 17	Proposed FY 23	Proposed FY 24	Proposed FY 25	Proposed FY 26	5-YR TOTAL PROPOSED	QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$523,282
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,902
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,416,344
Commodities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,421
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Indirect Costs (report rate here)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
SUBTOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,982,948
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
PROJECT TOTAL	\$2,031,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,031,600	\$0	\$1,982,948
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$3,400,000