



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

Project Number: 19190121

Project Title: ADNRP/DPOR Funny River and Morgan's Landing Projects

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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: 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).*

Completion expected December 2027.

☐ **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.*

The entire project has been delayed due to three primary reasons: travel restrictions associated with COVID-19, major staff turnover within DPOR, and delays in grant award with National Park Service. Travel restrictions associated with COVID-19 limited travel and data collection activities for the project. DPOR staff turnover resulted in stop-and-go inefficiencies and delays associated with training staff and getting them up to speed. The Land and Water Conservation (LWCF) grant award from the National Park Service (NPS) was delayed due to administrative reasons at the grant administration side. Those items affected the data collection and design portions of the project and have been resolved. Further delays have been encountered as DPOR has lost design staff and is under



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a hiring freeze at the Governor's level. The anticipated project design completion is still 2026 with construction completion in 2027.

Funny River

The Funny River portion of the project was further delayed due to high construction costs. It was advertised in March 2023, redesigned and readvertised in July 2023. Even with a redesign, all bids received exceeded available funding. Further scope reduction is impractical. The bids were officially cancelled and DPOR hopes to bid the work with Morgan's Landing as the scopes are similar. DPOR has also pursued additional grant opportunities to supplement construction costs at Funny River.

Morgan's Landing

The LWCF grant that was leveraged with this EVOS award to fund improvements at Morgan's Landing have required that federal construction permits be in hand prior to release of full funding for project completion. The design was advanced to a sufficient level to apply for permit approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers. That approval was obtained and DPOR submitted a final application for release of funds from NPS. As stated in Section 3 below, only expenditures incurred to advance the project to secure construction permits would count as pre-award match. Therefore, to avoid losing match funds, all work on the Morgan's Landing project was put on hold until DPOR received its federal award. Full funding has now been released and design can proceed. Further delays have been encountered as DPOR has lost design staff and is under a hiring freeze at the Governor's level. Projects currently in or ready for construction have had to be prioritized over those still in design.

☐ **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.*



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☐ **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.*

N/A

☐ **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.*

N/A

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.*

This project consists of capital improvements at two state park units: Funny River and Morgan's Landing, both of which are located within the Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA). 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 replace an aging ELP walkway and river access stairs to protect habitat along Funny River. New ELP walkway and river access points will also be installed at Morgan's Landing, providing habitat protection on the Kenai River. Matching funds will be used for capital improvements to the campground, trail, and parking facilities at Morgan's Landing.

Anticipated completion date is December 2027.

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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Funny River

No work was performed on Funny River. The design is complete and will be advertised with Morgan's Landing.

Morgan's Landing

The Notice of Award of full funding from LWCF was received by the Department in Q2 2025. As expected, no design progress was made on Morgan's Landing in Q2 2026 due to staff shortages and a required focus on active construction projects. Several actively queued projects have been finalized in Q2 and DPOR on schedule to advance the design for Morgan's Landing in Q3. New stakeholder meetings will be needed to verify site needs after the long pause in design.

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.*

Funny River and Morgan's Landing are both 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.

This grant also provided an opportunity to pursue match funding for the Morgan's Landing portion of the project to further address injured services to Recreation and Tourism at the site. EVOSTC funding of \$507,710 was used to leverage NPS federal-aid funds in an additional amount of \$505,000 to perform improvements to the campground, trail, and parking facilities.

Ultimately, NPS was hesitant to award the grant until all construction permits had been secured. An agreement with NPS was reached to advance the project to secure construction permits and the expenditures would count as pre-award match.

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*



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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.

Funny River

As stated above, this project schedule was impacted by COVID 19. The anticipated advertisement date for construction was delayed from 2021 to 2023. Upon advertisement in 2023 (twice), it became evident that there are insufficient funds to construct the Funny River improvements. The new project completion date is December 2027, when Morgan’s Landing is also anticipated to be complete.

Morgan’s Landing

As stated above, this project schedule was impacted by COVID 19 and by stipulations imposed by match funding partners. The proposed schedule was based on an anticipated funding structure established by July 2019. Fully funding was not actually received until Q2 2025. The anticipated advertisement period has therefore moved from December 2020 – January 2021 to approximately March-April 2027.

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 19	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	\$122,886
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,572
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,298
Commodities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28
Equipment / Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs (report rate here)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$128,784
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
PROJECT TOTAL	\$756,235	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$128,784
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$505,000