



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

Project Number: 15150123

Project Title: Kenai Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project

Principal Investigator(s):

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Reporting Period: May 1 to July 31, 2026

Submission Date: September 8, 2026

Project Website, if applicable: N/A

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

~~**Project progress is on schedule.**~~

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Project progress is delayed.

A request was made May 15, 2025, for a no-cost extension for Kenai Peninsula Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (15-01, 16-02 and 18-01) through EVOS FY2026. The extension was requested due to a construction delay related to prolonged negotiations for utility relocations and more stringent BABA requirements; EVOS granted this extension. There has not been any work on the Sterling Highway MP 157-169 project in the last year.

According to DOT (September 8, 2026):

- We are continuing to get closer to completing and signing utility agreements, which has been the main cause of delays. We anticipate agreements will be completed and signed by mid-November.
- We anticipate construction will begin in Spring 2027.

Although there had been a chance of work being done this summer, at this point, we will hope that the culvert replacement will take place in 2027.

☐ **Budget amendment request.**

☐ **No-cost extension request.**

☐ **Personnel changes.**



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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.*

Summary of Work Performed.

Project A, North Fork Anchor River and Nikolaevsk Road:

This project was completed in the fall of 2021, at a cost of \$2,061,671.

Project B, Two Moose Creek:

This project is part of the multi-year Sterling Highway upgrade, MP 157-169. Design and right of way acquisition is complete, but DOT is still working on utility agreements. Construction of the new culvert will likely be completed in summer of 2027. The EVOS funded portion of this project is anticipated to come in at budget.

Project C, North Fork Anchor River at the Sterling Highway:

This project is also part of the Sterling MP 157-169 upgrade and will also replace the undersized and perched culverts at MP 157 with a bridge, where the North Fork Anchor River crosses the Sterling Highway. The timing of the construction of the new culvert will depend on the sequencing of the overall project agreed upon by the AKDOT and the selected contractor. No EVOS funds will be used on this project.

Project D, Crooked Creek and Sterling Highway:

Project was completed in 2019 and came in under budget at a total cost of \$4,361,786. The remaining funds were redirected to Project A in case of cost overruns.

Additional Project, Coal Creek at the Sterling Highway:

Coal Creek was completed in the summer of 2019 and was included with Project D for budgeting purposes.

Abstract.

Projects A and D have been completed. Construction of projects B and C is anticipated to take place in 2027; a final decision will depend on the sequencing of the overall project agreed upon by the AKDOT and the selected contractor.

Coordination and Collaboration.

Continued coordination with AKDOT.

Status of Scheduled Project Accomplishments.

There is no milestone and task chart for this proposal: it was submitted in 2014. See “Summary of Work Performed” section for information on accomplishments and scheduled accomplishments.



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Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations, and Comments.

N/A



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Budget Summary Table.

Updated budget table (current as of 9/1/2026):

		Total in Grant	FY18 Exp.	FY19 Expenditures	FY20 Exp.	FY21 Expenditures	FY22 Exp.	FY23 Exp.	FY24 Exp.	FY25 Projected Expenditures	Projected Balance End of Grant
Contractual Costs:		7,500,000	0	4,361,786	0	2,061,671	0	0	0	1,076,543	0
Project A: North Fork Anchor River at Nikolaevsk Road		2,000,000	0	0	0	2,061,671	0	0	0	0	(61,671)
Project B: Two Moose Creek		1,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,076,543	(76,543)
Project C: North Fork Anchor River at Sterling Highway		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project D: Crooked Creek at Sterling Highway		4,500,000	0	4,361,786	0	0	0	0	0	0	138,214
Additional Project: Coal Creek at Sterling Highway		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		7,500,000	0	4,361,786	0	2,061,671	0	0	0	1,076,543	0

The updated budget table shows the overall budget (not including GA) for the whole grant. This budget table was included in our previous quarterly report, but has several changes compared to reports prior to December 1, 2025. The additional \$500,000 that was included in previous budget tables is no longer available; the Grant Total, therefore, was reduced to \$7,500,000. An updated RSA with DOT was completed for project B Two Moose Creek; the updated RSA increased the expenditures from \$1,000,000 to \$1,076,543, which will use all the remaining funds in this grant. We project that the remaining expenditures will occur in 2027.