

**EVOS Purchase of Interest in Land - Portage Lake,
Northern Afognak Island**

FY2018 Request: \$8,500,000
Reference No: 61666

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Renewal and Replacement

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Kodiak

House District: Kodiak/Cordova/Seldovia (HD 32)

Impact House District: Kodiak/Cordova/Seldovia (HD 32)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2017 - 06/30/2022 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council is proposing to fund the purchase of approximately 3,000 acres of surface estate on Afognak Island, including Portage Lake, Portage Creek, and the Portage Creek Estuary from the current landowner for appraised value. Funds would be drawn from the EVOS Trust Fund to accomplish this purchase.

Funding:	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Total:	\$8,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,500,000

State Match Required
 One-Time Project
 Phased - new
 Phased - underway
 On-Going
 0% = Minimum State Match % Required
 Amendment
 Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

No prior funding history.

Project Description/Justification:

Northern Afognak Island is ranked among the most productive fish and wildlife habitats in the Gulf of Alaska. The project would authorize the purchase of approximately 3,000 acres of surface estate on the northern coast of the island from a willing seller at fair market value. The Portage Lake parcel encompasses a large, elongated lake system and connecting riverine, and coastal, wetland and upland habitats. Much of this land is forested, and provides important habitat to numerous species of fish and wildlife that were injured by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. The purchase also would complete a contiguous protected wildlife corridor between Afognak State Park and the Red Peak Unit of the Kodiak Island National Wildlife Refuge. With the purchase, the public would have access for hunting, fishing and other recreational activities on what is currently privately owned land. If it is not purchased, the property will be subject to timber and other development, which has already impacted nearby lands, and which would significantly diminish the outstanding habitat values. The EVOS Trust Fund monies being made available for this purchase have strict guidelines governing their use, and this project ranks very highly for habitat protection purposes. Legislative approval to expend the Trust Fund monies is needed in order to complete the purchase.

Line Item	Amount
1000 – Personal Services	\$0.0
2000 – Travel	\$0.0
3000 – Services	\$0.0
4000 – Commodities	\$0.0
5000 – Capital Outlay	\$8,500,000
7000 – Grants	\$0.0
Total Project	\$8,500,000