

**EVOS Purchase of Subsurface Interest on Afognak and Kodiak Islands**

**FY2019 Request: \$3,000,000**  
**Reference No: AMD 61975**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Afognak

**Project Type:** Renewal and Replacement  
**House District:** Kodiak/Cordova/Seldovia (HD 32)

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

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2018 - 06/30/2023 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC) is proposing to fund the purchase of approximately 88,000 acres of non-mineralized subsurface estate on Afognak, Kodiak and adjacent small islands that is underneath surface interests in lands that have been previously purchased for conservation purposes.

| <b>Funding:</b> | <u>FY2019</u> | <u>FY2020</u> | <u>FY2021</u> | <u>FY2022</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | <u>FY2024</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1018 EVOSS      | \$3,000,000   |               |               |               |               |               | \$3,000,000  |
| <b>Total:</b>   | \$3,000,000   | \$0           | \$0           | \$0           | \$0           | \$0           | \$3,000,000  |

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|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new         | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway  | <input type="checkbox"/> On-Going |
| 0% = Minimum State Match % Required           |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> 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            |
| <b>Totals:</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     |

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

The purchase of the subsurface interests would simplify and consolidate title of these properties in public ownership, and would contribute to the protection of their habitat values. The subsurface purchase would be from a willing private seller at fair market value based on an independent appraisal that must satisfy government appraisal standards.

The funds would be drawn from the EVOS Investment Trust Fund to accomplish this purchase, including for necessary due diligence and transactional expenses to complete the purchase. Legislative approval is needed to complete the purchase utilizing EVOS funds.

This project would achieve beneficial consolidation of interests in lands with recognized high habitat value on Afognak/Kodiak Islands in public ownership by authorizing purchase of subsurface interests underlying surface interests the State holds as a result of other EVOS and other federal conservation fund purchases. With the State holding title to both surface and subsurface interests the restoration purposes of the EVOS Trust would be furthered.

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| <b>Line Item</b>         | <b>Amount</b>      |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1000 - Personal Services |                    |
| 2000 - Travel            |                    |
| 3000 - Contractual       |                    |
| 4000 - Commodities       |                    |
| 5000 - Capital Outlay    | \$3,000,000        |
| 7000 - Grants            |                    |
| <b>Total Request</b>     | <b>\$3,000,000</b> |