

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Parks Habitat Restoration and Protection

FY2020 Request: \$1,137,486
Reference No: 61668

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Renewal and Replacement

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2019 - 06/30/2024

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The department will restore and protect fish habitats at three park units that have been and continue to be adversely impacted by human activities, including recreational access. The three park units are within the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) area of impact and contain ecosystems that support numerous species affected by the spill.

Funding:	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Total:	\$1,137,486	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,137,486

<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 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
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P5 L30 SB23 \$20,187,930

Project Description/Justification:

Funding for one of the park units, Kenai River Flats within the Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA), was approved in the FY2018 budget (Reference No. 61668) but funds were not released by the EVOS Trustee Council pending outcome of a grant proposal. Funding was reauthorized by the trustee council under Resolution 17-03. Receipt authority in FY2020 is necessary to access those funds.

FY2020 funds associated with two other park units, Morgans Landing and Funny River, are independent of the FY2018 project funding. Those funds will be used to advance the project through preliminary design, environmental, design, permitting, and construction phases.

The department strives to strike a balance between resource protection and recreational access. This project will restore and protect fish habitat and improve managed access at three park units: Kenai River Flats KRSMA Unit, Morgan’s Landing KRSMA Unit, and Funny River KRSMA Unit. These three park units are within the EVOS area and contain fish habitats that support many species injured by the spill. Habitat restoration will use bio-engineered techniques conforming to industry standards. Protection will come in the form of elevated light-penetrating walkways and river access stairs to keep foot traffic off of sensitive riparian vegetation while still maintaining access.

This project is highly supported by the community and groups such as the KRSMA Advisory Board and the Kenai River Sportfishing Association.

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Kenai River Flats KRSMA Riverbank Protection	\$313,190
Morgan's Landing KRSMA Riverbank Restoration	\$553,404
Funny River KRSMA Riverbank Protection	\$270,892
Total	\$1,137,486

Line Item	Amount
1000 - Personal Services	\$275,000
2000 - Travel	\$20,000
3000 - Services	\$40,000
4000 - Commodities	\$6,246
5000 - Capital Outlay	\$796,240
7000 - Grants	
Total Request	\$1,137,486

Project will partially fund existing positions:

PCNs:

- (10-5153) Engineer/Architect IV, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5045) Engineer/Architect I/II, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5273) Engineer/Architect I/II, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5056) Natural Resource Manager II, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5128) Environmental Impact Analyst III, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5263) Engineering Assistant I/II, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5030) Engineering Assistant III, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5123) Engineering Assistant I/II/III, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5245) Engineering Assistant I/II, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5032) Engineering Assistant I/II, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5261) Natural Resource Specialist II, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5250) Publication Specialist II, Full-time, Anchorage
- (10-5266) Publication Specialist I, Full-time, Anchorage