

**Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Purchase Corr Parcel Surface Estate**

**FY2020 Request: \$3,950,000**  
**Reference No: 62523**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Renewal and Replacement  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Kenai Peninsula Borough **House District:** Kenai/Soldotna (HD 30)  
 (Kenai/Soldotna)  
**Impact House District:** Kenai/Soldotna (HD 30) **Contact:** Fabienne Peter-Contesse  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2019 - 06/30/2024 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council proposes to fund purchase of the surface estate for a 67.08 acre parcel, containing nearly 4,000 feet of Kenai River frontage. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Office of Project Management and Permitting, in its coordinating function for the EVOS Habitat Protection Program, requests legislative approval to access funds from the EVOS Investment Trust Fund for the property purchase. This high-priority acquisition would ensure long-term protection of threatened habitat for salmon and other spill-affected fish species, and provide managed access for sport and commercial fishing, passive use recreation, and tourism.

| <b>Funding:</b> | <b>FY2020</b> | <b>FY2021</b> | <b>FY2022</b> | <b>FY2023</b> | <b>FY2024</b> | <b>FY2025</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1018 EVOSS      | \$3,950,000   |               |               |               |               |               | \$3,950,000  |
| <b>Total:</b>   | \$3,950,000   | \$0           | \$0           | \$0           | \$0           | \$0           | \$3,950,000  |

|   |  |                                       |   |                                   |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| <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            |
| <b>Totals:</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     |

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

The EVOS Trustee Council has focused on acquiring Kenai River properties to facilitate public use and protection riverine, riparian, and wetland habitat since 1994. A portion of the original Corr homestead, the Corr Parcel, is located on the west bank of the lower Kenai River (River Mile 18) in the Kenai River Special Management Area, downstream from the Soldotna Bridge and Slikok Creek Day Use Picnic Area. The property is 67.08 acres, containing 3,770 feet of Kenai River frontage. The parcel has road and river access and is considered to be under threat for non-compatible development.

The State of Alaska owns the subsurface rights. Purchase of the surface estate would consolidate the title of the property, which would be held by DNR. This requested funding from the EVOS Investment Trust Fund would support due diligence activities such as property value appraisal conducted by an authorized third-party, final purchase price with closing costs, and initial enhancements prior to the property being transferred to DNR, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for management. DNR would not make any commitment for property improvements or active management. The U.S. Bureau

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of Land Management would manage the conservation easement for the property following acquisition. Public ownership of this parcel would conserve habitat for spill-affected species, including salmon and enhance sport and commercial fishing, passive use recreation, and tourism.

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