

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Parks Habitat Restoration and Protection **FY2021 Request: \$3,155,550**
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) **Contact:** Raquel Solomon-Gross
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2025 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The department will restore and protect fish and wildlife 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. Also included are outreach efforts within the EVOS-impacted area to educate the public about habitat protection to encourage stewardship of the resource.

Funding:	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Total</u>
1018 EVOSS	\$3,155,550						\$3,155,550
Total:	\$3,155,550	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,155,550

<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"/> Ongoing
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 \$2,018,930

Project Description/Justification:

Development of each project site will follow the general activities below, and will typically run over a course of approximately three years.

Data Collection

Data collection work is needed to properly advance the projects through design, permitting, and construction. Data collection work includes topographic surveying, aerial imagery, historical/cultural survey, wetlands delineation, and hydrology data.

Project Design and Permitting

The project engineer, under direct guidance from the project manager, will develop plans to three distinct design milestones: 35%, 65%, 95%/100% As-Advertised. An internal review will be conducted at each of the milestones to ensure compliance with the project objectives and a sound design. The design will conform to division standards as well as applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

The plans will be developed enough at the 65% milestone to begin applying for the various

construction permits. The environmental impact analyst will take the lead in that effort with technical input from the project engineer. The 100% As-Advertised plans will be packaged with bid documents and advertised publicly for competitive sealed bids.

Interpretive panels will also be developed during this phase in coordination with the development of the project plans. The division’s interpretive professionals will design and fabricate Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC) objective-specific panels appropriate for their respective location. Each panel will be reviewed by the EVOSTC Executive Director at each of the panels’ review stage prior to finalizing.

Construction Procurement/Contracting

Construction procurement will be by competitive sealed bids in accordance with the State of Alaska Procurement Code (AS 36 and 2 AAC 12). The division will award the construction contract to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder.

Construction

The construction contract will be administered at the project site by a resident engineer (project engineer) on a full-time basis to ensure complete contract compliance by the contractor in accordance with AS 35.10.030. The resident engineer will document daily work progress, resolve field questions, approve completed work, address unforeseen conditions, issue change orders as needed, recommend progress payments, track the project budget, and all other duties necessary to ensure project compliance and success. This level of oversight is essential for preserving accountability and credibility in expending public funds.

Upon substantial completion of the construction, the resident engineer will schedule a final inspection at which time the entire project team will tour the project site and ensure that the finished product meets the project objectives.

Project Close Out

The project engineer will perform project close out activities after the construction work has been completed and accepted. Close out activities include administrative paperwork to close out the construction contract, and preparing as-built drawings. Once those tasks are completed, the project is officially complete. All records will be retained for three years after which they will be archived electronically and the hardcopies destroyed. Below is the anticipated development schedule for the projects:

Establish Funding Structure	July 2020
Data Collection/Surveys	July 2020 – December 2020
35% Design	January 2021 – March 2021
65% Design	April 2021 – June 2021
Permitting	June 2021 – August 2021
95%/100% Design	September 2021 – December 2021
Advertise Proj. for Construction	January 2022 – February 2022
Construction	March 2022 – May 2023
Project Close Out	June 2023 – July 2023

The outreach effort will focus on interpretive media that educates the public on EVOSTC accomplishments and objectives within the EVOS area or other parcels protected by the Council.

This project is highly supported by the community, and relevant groups include the Kenai River Special Management Area Citizens Advisory Board, Kachemak Bay State Park Citizens Advisory Board, City of Homer, Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park, Kachemak Bay Conservation Society, and Homer Cycling Club.

Diamond Creek SRS Facility Improvements	\$2,016,500
Izaak Walton KRSMA Riverbank Restoration	\$436,000
Slikok Creek KRSMA Habitat Protection	\$654,000
EVOS Areawide Outreach	\$49,050

Position Detail

- Full-time Engineer IV, Range 26, Anchorage
- Full-time Engineer I/II, Range 23, Anchorage, Permanent Full-Time
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- Full-time Natural Resource Manager II, Range 20, Anchorage, Permanent Full-Time
- Environmental Impact Analyst III, Range 19, Anchorage, Permanent Full-Time
- Engineering Assistant I/II, Range 17/19, Anchorage, Permanent Full-Time
- Engineering Assistant III, Range 21, Anchorage, Permanent Full-Time
- Engineering Assistant I/II/III, Range 17/19/21, Anchorage, Permanent Full-Time
- Engineering Assistant I/II, Range 17/19, Anchorage, Permanent Full-Time
- Engineering Assistant I/II, Range 17/19, Anchorage, Permanent Full-Time
- Natural Resource Specialist II, Range 16, Anchorage, Permanent Full-Time
- Publication Specialist II, Range 13, Anchorage, Permanent Full-Time
- Publication Specialist II, Range 13, Anchorage, Permanent Full-Time

Prior Funding History/Additional Information

This funding request is independent of previous EVOSTC-funded projects in FY2018 and FY2020. Those funds are being used to advance their respective scopes through preliminary design, environmental, design, permitting, construction phases.

Line Item Detail

Line Item	Amount
1000 Personal Services	\$633,300
2000 Travel	\$100,000
3000 Services	\$153,000
4000 Commodities	\$58,500
5000 Capital Outlay	\$2,210,750
7000 Grants	
Total Request	\$3,155,550