

State of Alaska FY2007 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Fish and Game EVOS Trustee Council Component Budget Summary

Component: EVOS Trustee Council

Contribution to Department's Mission

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council's (EVOSTC) contribution to ADF&G's mission is to assist in efficiently restoring the environment injured by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill to a healthy, productive, world-renowned ecosystem, while taking into account the importance of quality of life and the need for viable opportunities to establish and sustain a reasonable standard of living. EVOSTC also contributes critical scientific information to the Department and provides funding for support services.

Core Services

The EVOSTC program provides for an annual scientific research program that promotes the long-term recovery of the spill-affected region by understanding the natural and human-caused changes to the marine ecosystems. The Council set aside more than \$90 million of the original settlement that is managed as an endowment to provide ongoing funding (approximately \$5 million annually) for this program and for continuing restoration projects and lingering oil studies.

The EVOSTC manages an on-going research and monitoring program whose goals are to detect annual and long-term changes in the marine ecosystem and to understand the causes for these changes; inform the public, resource managers, policy makers and the private sector about what is happening in the northern Gulf of Alaska; assist in solving problems arising from human activities which will help regulators improve resource management and to predict the status and trends of natural marine resources in the spill-affected area.

The EVOSTC program continues its emphasis on direct restoration of injured resources, contributes to research that leads to long-term improvements in resource management, maintains the active monitoring of the recovery status of species and resources injured by the oil spill and the research into factors that may limit the recovery of these injured species and resources, provides for a long-term habitat protection program through its Small Parcels Acquisition Program and maintains its responsibility as a founding member and core contributor to the Alaska Resource Library and Information Service (ARLIS).

The EVOSTC sponsors an annual marine science symposium which provides for scientists, researchers, educational entities and the private sector to share in the latest scientific and technological innovations in fisheries, oceanography, ocean observing and benthic habitats as well as the latest studies in ocean flora and fauna. In addition, this information is available to the public and to governmental policy decision makers.

The EVOSTC manages and administers the six-agency (three State of Alaska and three federal government) Trustee Council Restoration program as mandated by the Settlement Agreement. This includes annual work plans, the science plan, the annual Invitation for Proposals, annual budgets, data management, project management, investments policies, annual audits, annual reports, public meetings and public involvement, management of the scientific and technological programs, management of the Small Parcels Acquisition Program and coordination with agency liaisons.

FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2007 Component Budget: \$4,338,400	Personnel:	
	Full time	10
	Part time	0
	Total	10

Key Component Challenges

In addition to continuing the focus on the original restoration program and transitioning into more long-term monitoring and research that is designed to ensure the future health and conservation of those resources that were injured by the oil spill, the Council established new priorities for the immediate future.

The Council will assess and evaluate the work that is still needed to better understand the effects of lingering oil and to reach closure on the status of injured species and services. Over the next 12 months, the Council's priorities and restorative activities will place focus on the critical work that is required to reach closure in areas of restoration related to lingering oil and injured species. Once the outcome of these prioritized studies is accomplished, the Council will be better prepared to fully meet the goals outlined in the 1994 Restoration Plan inclusive of the long-term requirements of the Gulf Ecosystem Monitoring Program (GEM).

For more than fifteen years, restoration activities have been undertaken in Prince William Sound to identify and understand damages related to the oil spill. The 1994 Restoration Plan directs restoration activities and their results to be synthesized and distributed yearly to give scientists and the public a look at the condition of injured resources and services and what has been learned during that year. At their February 2005 meeting, the Trustee Council agreed to evaluate the work that remains to be done to reach closure in the lingering oil and injured-resources facets of restoration achievable under the 1994 Restoration Plan. (This Plan is available for download at www.evostc.state.ak.us/pdf/restoration/restorationplan.pdf.)

The recovery status of the list of injured resources and services listed in the 1994 Restoration Plan was updated several times in the past as new information became available. This list is scheduled to be updated in 2006. Additionally, the Council has committed to a long-term monitoring program in the spill zone. The Council will consider updating the GEM Program Science Plan after the synthesis projects from the 2006 Work Plan are completed and the status of the injured resources and services list has been updated.

To accomplish these objectives, the Council adopted an Interim Guidance Document to assist in achieving the short-term activities listed below while adhering to the EVOSTC annual work plan process and schedule. The Interim Guidance Document focuses on areas of study to assist the Council in their decision-making process. It will remain throughout the development of the FY07 Work Plan. Planned actions will be to:

1. determine the fate and impact of lingering oil in the spill area;
2. determine the status of injured resources and services and issue an updated list; and
3. determine the status and future of the habitat acquisition program.

The result of this effort will be to allow the Council the opportunity to update the list of Injured Resources and Services and help the Council determine what other restoration and remediation activity may be needed to meet the requirements of the 1994 Restoration Plan and settlement agreement.

All of the above will be used to assist the Council in developing the '07 Invitation and Work Plan.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

It is anticipated, as a result of the information gathered from the '06 Work Plan, that the Council will have the synthesis information needed to make crucial decisions relating to an update of the Injured Species and Resources List, remediation efforts that may be effective for reducing the impact of oil that remains in the subsurface areas in the spill region and to address needs that may still remain as established in the 1994 Restoration Plan.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

Sponsored the Annual Marine Science Symposium in January: over 500 people attended this event which was held at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage. A total of 72 scientific presentations were made during this three-day conference and 65 scientific posters were presented. We expect a similar response for the 2006 Symposium.

Held a series of meetings throughout the year with the Public Advisory Committee. These meetings focused upon the annual work plan and the annual invitation, review of the Interim Guidance Document and its objectives, a major public meeting with the Trustee Council in Cordova and an annual field trip to the spill affected areas in Prince William Sound. New members to the Public Advisory Committee were appointed by the Council and confirmed by the Secretary of Interior.

Developed the '06 Invitation and Work Plan which were vetted through the Scientific and Technological Advisory Committee. The '06 Work Plan focused on the need for synthesis studies to meet the goals and objectives established by the Council in the Interim Guidance Document. In addition to the 32 multi-year projects previously funded by the Council (\$2.2 mm for 2006), the Council also approved \$614,100 for two major synthesis studies: Michel \$49,100 in 2005 and Integral \$565,000 for 2006. The results of these studies will be used in the development of future work and science plans by the Council. The total dollars approved for project funding by the Council in 2005 was \$5.5 mm. More Information concerning the distribution of funds and scope of work for Council funded activities can be accessed through the online EVOSTC Work Plan at the following hyperlink <http://www.gem.state.ak.us/fy06workplan/FY06workplan.cfm>.

A Research Analyst was hired to manage EVOS projects and worked through the list of overdue project reports, bringing many of these reports to conclusion so they could be published and accessible to the public.

The Data Management staff and Research Analyst upgraded and updated the EVOS web page to make the information more accessible and easily readable by the general public.

Four new State Trustees were appointed in 2005. A major training session for the new Trustees was conducted and all the documentation needed for their job as a Trustee was distributed.

The Small Parcels Acquisition Program and policies were revised. The adopted program allows for a specific amount of revenue from the Habitat Protection Fund to be made available on an annual basis to cover approved acquisitions by the Council and to set into policy the procedures for nominating and approving parcels.

The Annual Report was published in April 2005.

Assistance in the relocation of the ARLIS Library from its previous location into the new University of Alaska Library complex was provided including funding of security cameras for this new location. The project is in its final stages.

The Council changed its investment allocation policies, as recommended by the Financial Advisor, to take better advantage of investment opportunities provided for by the Permanent Fund Corporation Board.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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**EVOS Trustee Council
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	1,040.4	1,015.9	1,076.5
72000 Travel	99.2	215.6	215.6
73000 Services	1,854.4	2,853.0	2,853.0
74000 Commodities	110.7	118.3	118.3
75000 Capital Outlay	2.8	75.0	75.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	3,107.5	4,277.8	4,338.4
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	813.4	999.2	1,007.8
1018 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement	2,294.1	3,253.6	3,305.6
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	0.0	25.0	25.0
Funding Totals	3,107.5	4,277.8	4,338.4

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
Unrestricted EVOS Fund Funding Source	68530	2,294.1	3,253.6	3,305.6
Unrestricted Total		2,294.1	3,253.6	3,305.6
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	813.4	999.2	1,007.8
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	0.0	25.0	25.0
Restricted Total		813.4	1,024.2	1,032.8
Total Estimated Revenues		3,107.5	4,277.8	4,338.4

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2006 Management Plan	0.0	999.2	3,278.6	4,277.8
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY 07 Wage Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	0.0	2.7	16.6	19.3
-FY 07 Health Insurance Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	0.0	0.3	1.5	1.8
-FY 07 Retirement Systems Cost Increase	0.0	4.9	29.7	34.6
Proposed budget increases:				
-Risk Management Self-Insurance Funding Increase	0.0	0.7	4.2	4.9
FY2007 Governor	0.0	1,007.8	3,330.6	4,338.4

**EVOS Trustee Council
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2006</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	10	10	Annual Salaries	711,386
Part-time	0	0	COLA	19,523
Nonpermanent	1	1	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	370,871
			<i>Less 2.29% Vacancy Factor</i>	(25,280)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	11	11	Total Personal Services	1,076,500

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Assistant	1	0	0	0	1
Administrative Manager	1	0	0	0	1
Administrative Officer	1	0	0	0	1
Analyst/Programmer III	1	0	0	0	1
Data Systems Manager	1	0	0	0	1
Exec Dir Trustee Council	1	0	0	0	1
Exempt College Intern	1	0	0	0	1
Librarian III	1	0	0	0	1
Research Analyst III	1	0	0	0	1
Science Coordinator	1	0	0	0	1
Science Director	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	11	0	0	0	11