

## 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2025

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory  
Committee

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

5

### 4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

10/03/2024

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

10/03/2026

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

AGENCY

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency

### Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

### 12. Specific

### Establishment Authority

US District Court MOA and  
Consent Decree

### 13. Effective Date

10/23/1992

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Board

Non Scientific Program Advisory

### 16a. Total

### Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

### 17a.

### Open

1

### 17b. Closed

0

### 17c. Partially Closed

0

### Other Activities

0

### 17d. Total

1

## Meetings and Dates

### Purpose

Review of the biennial report that  
summarizes program and project status.

### Start

10/08/2024 - 10/09/2024

### End

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee meets to review issues before the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council and offers recommendations for consideration at the next council meeting.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

There are 10 members, including a representative for each of the following interests:  
 aquaculture/mariculture, commercial fishing,  
 commercial tourism, environmental/conservation,  
 Native landownership, recreation, sport

hunting/fishing, subsistence, science/technology, and public at large.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee has typically met once or twice per year, depending on the issues before the Trustee Council and their desire to use the Committee for advice. The Trustee Council will meet less frequently in the future, resulting in fewer PAC meetings.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

While the Trustee Council does solicit public comments to inform their decisions, the use of the Committee as part of a comprehensive public participation program is an effective way for members representing various interests to deliberate on issues and provide informed input. The EVOS court settlement requires a public advisory group to advise the Trustee Council, which manages the restoration program.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

Meetings are open to the public. A closed administrative session was held to provide FACA and ethics training to committee members.

**21. Remarks**

Two meetings were held in FY 2024. This Committee continues to advise the EVOS Trustee Council, per the court-ordered consent decree and memorandum of agreement.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Grace Cochon Regional Environmental Protection Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bauer, Amanda	05/11/2022	08/21/2028	Vessel Captain, Stan Stephens Cruises	Representative Member
Borer, Lucas	08/21/2024	08/21/2028	Eyak Tribal Council member	Representative Member
Cunningham, Raven	01/17/2024	01/17/2028	Tribal Fish & Wildlife Director, Chugach Regional Resources Commission	Representative Member
Stekoll, Michael	05/11/2022	08/21/2028	Professor Emeritus, University of Alaska	Representative Member
Stephens, Tiffany	08/21/2024	08/21/2028	Researcher, Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks	Representative Member
Whissel, John	01/17/2024	01/17/2028	Director, Dept. of Environmental & Natural Resources, Native Village of Eyak	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 6**

### Narrative Description

The Court Order establishing the EVOS Trustee Council also requires a public advisory committee. This Committee advises the Trustee Council on their work plans, projects, and budget. The Committee meets up to twice a year to deliberate. Committee members also stay informed through document reviews and briefings.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council fully supports the role of this advisory committee.

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Cost Savings Comments

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

479

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee met twice in FY24, on January 22 and September 16, 2024, and they made a total of 4 substantive recommendations, which were recorded as motions in the meeting minutes. • Approve funding for Data Management Program services for revised Project 2222LTRM (Project 22120113). • Approve the budget reallocation request for standardized high-resolution wetlands and hydrography data across the EVOS region (Project 22220508). • Approve the Gulf Watch Alaska LTRM Program budget reallocation request (Project 2222LTRM). The Trustee Council acted on the 4 recommendations during their January 26 and September 18, 2024, meetings. The cumulative number of

committee recommendations was 475 in FY23.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

75%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Of the 4 committee recommendations in FY24, the Trustee Council fully implemented 2 of them (50%) at their January 26, 2024, meeting. • Approve funding for Data Management Program services for revised Project 2222LTRM (Project 22120113). • Approve the budget reallocation request for standardized high-resolution wetlands and hydrography data across the EVOS region (Project 22220508). • Approve Option A for the Killey River Purchase Project (KEN4015).

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

11%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Of the 4 committee recommendations in FY24, the Trustee Council partially implemented 1 of them (25%) at their January 26, 2024, meeting. • Approve the Gulf Watch Alaska LTRM Program budget reallocation request (Project 2222LTRM).

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The Trustee Council often provides input to the Committee through the Trustee Council's Executive Director and staff. Council members can also attend and/or present during committee meetings. The committee chair or the DFO typically report updates and recommendations to the Trustee Council during council meetings. Committee members are encouraged to attend council meetings, but attendance is optional.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Action Comments

None.

### Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 4

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 4

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval  
\$14,145,323

### Grant Review Comments

The Committee reviews and provides recommendations to the Trustee Council on proposals submitted and budget allocations. When the Trustee Council approves project funding, proposers are granted funds to carry out the work. That approved amount may differ from the committee-recommended amount. At the committee meeting on January 22, 2024, members reviewed 3 grant proposals and recommended the Trustee Council fully fund them for \$1,445,323. At the committee meeting on September 16, 2024, members reviewed 1 grant proposal and recommended the Trustee Council fund it for \$12.7 million.

### How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Access Comments

Access to the committee site and publications is available through the Trustee Council website and office.