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Subject: Final Report –2012-2016 Debris Removal Program – F12AC00365

DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAM
Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Award F12AC00365

MILESTONES and DELIVERABLES:

Check	List Milestones and Deliverables as Listed in the Approved Project Narrative
✓	(1) Identify specific projects that would best meet needs of Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership and identify timeline for implementation. Twenty-two specific projects were identified and ranked according to removal priority by Kenai Peninsula Borough staff and numerous partners.
✓	(2) Prepare contracts for debris removal. Contracts were prepared according to Kenai Peninsula Borough protocol.
✓	(3) Contract with lowest, best qualified bidder. Requests for Quotes were distributed and contracts were awarded to the lowest, best qualified bidders.
✓	(4) Oversee debris removal and document project success. An abandoned bridge over Bishop Creek, culvert debris in the North Fork of the Anchor River, and a Chevy Suburban in the Anchor River were successfully removed with efforts and/or funds from this grant award.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough and numerous partners identified twenty-two known debris sites and ranked them according to removal priority. In the first annual reporting period of June 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, progress was made on two of the priority debris sites in connection with the Kenai Peninsula Borough- Debris Removal Program.

The highest priority project on the list when this grant was awarded was targeted for removal. The project involved the removal of an abandoned bridge blocking a portion of the river channel and floodplain of Bishop Creek. As the project details were being worked out, the Stream Watch program and Trout Unlimited volunteered their labor and equipment to remove the bridge without expenditure of grant funds. Therefore, grant funds were target toward a new project for 2014.



Contact was made with property owners on another high priority project at mile 12.7 of the North Fork of the Anchor River. The owner granted the Borough permission to remove culvert debris that had become lodged into the bed of the river and had also been deposited on the banks. Bids were solicited to remove the culvert debris and the lowest bidder was awarded the contract for \$3,575.00. The project was completed in the summer of 2014 and all debris was removed and deposited in an authorized facility.



Also during the July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 reporting period, a debris removal project was awarded to remove a partially overturned Chevrolet Suburban from Kenai Peninsula parcel #169-032-12 located near Cuffel Ditton Road along the Anchor River for \$750.00. The contract was postponed due to the ground thawing before the contractor could access the area. The contractor waited for the ground to freeze, and removed the vehicle in November 2014. With the ground frozen, it reduced the amount of disturbance to the river bank and surrounding areas.



Through this grant, the Kenai Peninsula Borough and its partners have successfully removed substantial debris from three priority sites on anadromous rivers across the Kenai Peninsula. Efforts to remove debris from the remainder of the priority sites have had mixed results. Some projects have been completed through partnerships without expenditures from this grant award. Other projects have been pursued but not completed due to unwilling landowners, ownership or access issues, or high costs of removal compared to benefits of removal.

There remains \$8523.00 in this grant award. We are requesting the closure of this grant award and deobligation of the remaining funds. Attached are the financial statements showing the money that has been drawn to date.

Sincerely,



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