

Wildlife Restoration MULTI-YEAR GRANT INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT

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Alaska Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Restoration Grant

GRANT NUMBER: AKW-27
PROJECT NUMBER: 4.0
PROJECT TITLE: Cottonwood Creek Wetlands Protection, Enhancement, and Hunter Access Assessment, Phase I FY2018
PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020
PERFORMANCE YEAR: January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
REPORT DUE DATE: December 29, 2018
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COOPERATORS: N/A

Authorities: 2 CFR 200.328
2 CFR 200.301
50 CFR 80.90

I. PROGRESS ON PROJECT OBJECTIVES DURING LAST SEGMENT

Objective 1: Produce a document assessing management options for wetland habitats in the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge to maximize their value to water birds and to provide for public access.

Job/Activity 1a: Engage an engineering firm(s) with expertise in wetlands, soil stability, coastal and riverine erosion, and structural, civil and geotechnical engineering to produce an assessment of options (and costs) for slowing, stopping and/or reversing the loss of existing wetlands.

Job/Activity 1b: Engage an engineering firm(s) with expertise in wetlands, soil stability, coastal and riverine erosion, and structural, civil and geotechnical engineering to produce an assessment of options (and costs) for maintaining limited motorized vehicle access in the Cottonwood Creek wetlands.

Accomplishments Objective 1: During this reporting period, informal discussions have been conducted with several engineering firms to assess the scope of this project. Discussions with department procurement staff have assessed the best course of action for bid solicitations and contracting options.

Objective 2: Promote public participation in determining appropriate actions to manage wetland habitats in the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge.

Job/Activity 2a: Engage all interested partners, stakeholders and general public in determining best course of action to protect wetland habitats and provide for public use in the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge.

Accomplishments: No work has been conducted on this activity during this period. The public will be engaged in this process after the engineering assessment is completed.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON JOBS IDENTIFIED IN ANNUAL PLAN THIS PERIOD

N/A

III. SIGNIFICANT DEVIATIONS AND/OR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AID-FUNDED WORK NOT DESCRIBED ABOVE THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON THIS PROJECT DURING THIS SEGMENT PERIOD: The solicitation of bids from engineering firms for conducting this assessment has been delayed from our original schedule. An updated schedule follows:

Contract bids solicited – February 2019
Contract finalized – April 2019
Field data/assessments conducted – summer/fall 2019
Draft written assessment – March 2020
Final Assessment – June 2020
Public meetings and/or comment – August/September 2020
Select course of action – December 2020

IV. PUBLICATIONS: none

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT: none

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