

Cook Inlet Marine Vessel Traffic Risk Assessment

FY2008 Request: \$250,000

Reference No: AMD 41541

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Planning

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Cook Inlet

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2012

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project provides funding to conduct a detailed vessel risk assessment for the Cook Inlet area of operation with regard to vessel traffic and the potential for major accidents or incidents, with the added potential of a major oil or hazardous substance release. This project supports DEC's End Result A by researching further protection for the environment.

Funding:	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$250,000						\$250,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

<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"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides funding to conduct a detailed vessel risk assessment for the Cook Inlet area of operation with regard to vessel traffic and the potential for major accidents or incidents, with the added potential of a major oil or hazardous substance release. Vessel traffic in Cook Inlet includes, but is not limited to, crude oil tankers, refined oil tankers/barges, cargo ships, cruise ships, occasional naval vessels, and commercial fishing vessels. The risk from vessel traffic is compounded by the extreme tidal currents in Cook Inlet, as well as the seasonal ice conditions which have caused accidents in the recent past (e.g., tanker vessel Sea Bulk Pride).