

Nearshore Fisheries Research and Assessment

FY2002 Request: \$1,798,100

Reference No: 34003

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Planning

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Southeast Alaska

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

These funds will enable the Department of Fish and Game to conduct stock assessments and biological research needed to develop fishery management plans that provide for sustainable fisheries on previously unexploited or lightly-exploited stocks. Funds cover reconnaissance surveys on relatively unexploited nearshore resources such as geoduck clams, black rockfish, sea cucumbers, and sea urchins. Funding also investigates key productivity parameters needed to sustain on-going fisheries such as shrimp, Dungeness crab, scallop, and other nearshore resources.

Funding:	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$1,798,100						\$1,798,100
Total:	\$1,798,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,798,100

<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 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:

Funding for Nearshore Marine Fisheries research was provided in FY00. The funding totaled \$1.2 million dollars.

Project Description/Justification:

In Federal Fiscal Year 2001 and 2002, the U.S. Congress appropriated \$1,125,000 to the National Marine Fisheries Service that is earmarked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) for the development of nearshore commercial fisheries that foster economic development of coastal communities. The primary purpose of these funds is to assist ADF&G to conduct needed stock assessment and research as prerequisites to developing fishery management plans for building sustainable fisheries on previously unexploited or lightly exploited marine resources. A secondary objective is to conduct critical biological research on fisheries in danger of collapse due to poor information. Species targeted for fishery development include sea urchins, sea cucumbers, geoduck clams, and black rockfishes. Existing nearshore fisheries needing critical research include Dungeness crabs, shrimps, and Pacific cod. Specific projects will be developed by spring 2001.