

Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Facilities Design and Construction

FY2002 Request: \$3,500,000
Reference No: 6388

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development

Project Type: Construction

Location: Homer

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

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Final phase of construction of research and education facilities for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Funding:	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$3,500,000						\$3,500,000
Total:	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This CIP project received \$1.385 million in FY00 for facility planning and design phases and \$2.5 million for construction in FY 01.

Project Description/Justification:

The National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) System is a national system of protected sites for long-term research and education. The Kachemak Bay NERR was formally designated by NOAA in February 1999. As a non-regulatory program, designation of the Kachemak Bay NERR neither affects existing land and water uses and activities nor the local, state, or federal land use authorities over such uses. The Kachemak Bay NERR is managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Habitat and Restoration Division, in coordination with NOAA, local governments, and other research and educational programs in the Kachemak Bay region.

CIP funding will be used towards the development of a joint facility approximately 30,000 square feet in size. The facility will be used by the Kachemak Bay NERR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service / Alaska Maritime Wildlife Refuge. The facility will be located in Homer and consist of offices, labs, educational facilities, conference rooms, auditoriums, and exhibit areas. The facility construction funds in this request will be used for construction, support staff, travel, and contractual costs necessary to oversee the facility planning, design and construction processes for our portion of the facility which is approximately 5,700 sq ft. The Fish and Game Kachemak Bay NERR portion of the facility will consist of offices, research lab, educational lab/classroom, exhibit area, library, conference rooms and storage.