

**Fish and Wildlife Statewide Law Enforcement Equipment Replacement**      **FY2002 Request: \$250,000**  
**Reference No: 6127**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation      **Project Type:** Equipment  
**Category:** Public Protection  
**Location:** Statewide      **Contact:** Kenneth E. Bischoff  
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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2007

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Replacement of FWP Statewide Law Enforcement Equipment required for the day-to-day enforcement activity of this division. For example, to purchase and replace equipment such as skiffs, outboard motors, snowmachines, All-Terrain-Vehicles, and other equipment required in enforcement patrols and search and rescue operations.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2002</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gen Fund	\$250,000	\$1,007,790	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$3,957,790
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$1,007,790</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$3,957,790</b>

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

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

Sec 1, Ch 135, SLA 2000, \$205.3  
 Sec 83(a), Ch 2, SLA 1999, \$368.0  
 Sec 5, Ch 139, SLA 1998, \$251.0  
 Sec 131, Ch 139, SLA 1998, \$49.0  
 Sec 82, Ch 100, SLA 1997, \$150.0  
 Sec 10, Ch 4, SLA 1994, \$125.0

**Project Description/Justification:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

To purchase and replace equipment such as skiffs, outboard motors, snowmachines, All-Terrain Vehicles, and other equipment required for the day-to-day enforcement activity of this division.

**PROJECT NEED STATEMENT**

This project is needed to provide "tools of the trade" equipment required in enforcement patrols and search and rescue operations. Such equipment continually needs replacement because of constant use. Fish & Wildlife Protection personnel need dependable equipment as they routinely work alone, possibly hundreds of miles from any form of assistance. They must rely solely on the equipment at hand. Using worn out equipment can jeopardize the safety and lives of the field enforcement personnel. Worn out equipment requires more time spent on equipment maintenance by troopers who should be out monitoring commercial fisheries openings and closings, patrolling salmon streams or hunting areas. Without operational equipment, patrols decline, performance measures drop, and violations rise, leading to a decline in game and fish populations. To accomplish its mission of protecting the fish and wildlife resources of Alaska,

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the division must be able to provide safe and dependable equipment.

**DOCUMENTATION OF ESTIMATED CAPITAL COSTS**

The cost of the equipment needs projected in FY02 as listed below are based upon current market prices:

<u>Equipment:</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost Per Item</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Outboards *	9	6,000	54,000
Riverboats *	2	10,000	20,000
Boats, Safeboat type	1	75,000	75,000
Snowmachine	4	6,200	24,800
ATV, 4x4	4	6,100	24,400
Lightbar systems	6	1,500	9,000
Trailers *	4	2,500	10,000
Computers *	5	2,700	13,500
Video Cameras	4	850	3,400
Copy Machines	1	4,900	4,900
Gyro-stabilized binoculars	10	1,100	11,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 250,000</b>

\* Equipment's cost per item has been averaged.

The funding request for FY03 through FY07 is to be able to continue to provide the yearly needs as stated in FY02.

**ANALYSIS OF ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL COSTS**

There would be no additional operating costs, as this project provides for replacement of existing worn out and surplus equipment.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

1. No new or replacement equipment: Some equipment can be repaired until it reaches a point where it is no longer repairable due to lack of parts and/or operating budget funds. Some equipment simply cannot be repaired due to the degree of damage or extent of breakdown. At that point, the equipment has to be surplus and the troopers can no longer conduct their patrols safely and effectively.
2. Rent necessary equipment: Rental equipment can be used where available; however, the present FWP operating budget does not contain funds to support rentals, nor are many items readily available when needed or in suitable condition for patrol use due to the extended hours of use and adverse weather conditions.

**PROJECT EVALUATION STATEMENT**

This is an annual Capital Improvement Project (CIP) which establishes funding for procurement of equipment needed to effectively perform resource enforcement and search and rescue activities. Without annual equipment replacement, the goal of avoiding major life and safety problems or crisis may not be met. In effective law enforcement, it is crucial to have operational equipment, which is readily available for the trooper's use. If not, the life of the trooper or citizens or the resource he has sworn to protect may be in jeopardy. No alternate funding exists for this project. Deferral of funding would realize an almost immediate impact to program efforts if replacement equipment were not available.