

# **State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget**

Department of Public Safety  
Dalton Highway Protection  
BRU/Component

## **Component: Dalton Highway Protection**

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### **Component Mission**

The mission of the Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection is to protect the state's fish and wildlife resources.

### **Component Services Provided**

- Provide one FWP trooper stationed in Coldfoot.
- Provide housing, vehicle, aircraft and other support in the Dalton Highway region.
- Enforce fish and game laws to provide sustained yield of these resources to the public.
- Enforce general criminal and traffic laws along the Dalton Highway.
- Carry out critical search and rescue missions.

### **Component Goals and Strategies**

- To protect the state's fish and game resources through enforcement of laws and regulations governing the use of natural resources within the state and its adjacent waters to ensure that Alaskans can fish and hunt in perpetuity by protecting the state's fish and game resources from criminal activity. As it pertains to this BRU, specifically, in the region bordering the Dalton Highway.
- Decrease the risk of harmful impact to fish and game resources, decrease violator opportunity and increase public awareness of resource value through contacting 800 resource users and flying 200 aircraft patrol hours.

### **Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002**

With the opening of the Dalton Highway to the public in FY1995, the legislature provided some of the funding needed to assign a FWP trooper position to this area. An existing FWP trooper position was transferred to Coldfoot for this purpose.

This FWP trooper is the only law enforcement officer assigned to cover this region. This necessitates a lessor priority on fish and game resources, since the position must handle crimes against people and property in addition to traffic.

Because this one position BRU/component is separate from the appropriation for the rest of the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection, some budgetary underfunding is created. Personal services, telephone charges, and travel are underfunded in this appropriation, and therefore, must be covered by this Division's main appropriation which is to be expended for the same purposes, i.e. enforcement of fish and games statutes and regulations as well as criminal law.

The funds appropriated for this BRU are insufficient to fully fund the position's salary year-round. The existing employee's salary with benefits in FY2002 is projected to be \$112.6. This required the Division to budget Personal Services Underfunding at 18.8% well over the 3% maximum allowable for this sole position. The Other Line Item costs continue to be addressed in the Enforcement & ISU component within the Fish & Wildlife Protection BRU due to the desire to keep this position filled. This position is critical to this Division's Dalton Highway protection efforts and cannot be vacated for an extended period due to insufficient funding.

### **Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000**

The Coldfoot Post trooper was busy this year with caribou hunters hunting within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. The number of hunters that travel to the corridor are directly proportional to the location of the caribou migration patterns as they cross the highway. During this past season caribou crossed the highway in

significant numbers from July through October to bring numerous hunters to the area. This in turn increased the numbers of resource user contacts and the number of hunting violations uncovered.

During this season as in past seasons, the most common violations included illegal use of firearms in the five mile corridor and fail to salvage all of the edible meat.

Along with the day to day fish and wildlife patrols, the Coldfoot Post trooper conducted several search and rescues for lost hunters and hikers, investigated motor vehicle and commercial truck accidents, investigated domestic violence assaults, sexual assaults and other criminal acts.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

- 1) Aeronautics (AS 02)
- 2) Criminal (AS 11)
- 3) Environment (AS 46)
- 4) Fish & Game (AS 16)
- 5) Fish & Game (5 AAC)
- 6) Guide/Outfitting (12 AAC)
- 7) Guide/Outfitting (AS 08)
- 8) Health & Safety (AS 18)
- 9) Limited Entry (20 AAC)
- 10) State Government (AS 44)

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Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars in thousands*

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	89.6	91.4	91.4
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>91.4</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	89.6	91.1	91.4
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	0.0	0.3	0.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>91.4</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>						
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002**

The current level of service will be maintained without significant changes.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes**

**From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor**

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2001 Authorized</b>	91.4	0.0	0.0	91.4
<b>FY2002 Governor</b>	91.4	0.0	0.0	91.4

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**Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	1	1	Annual Salaries	76,500
Part-time	0	0	COLA	1,975
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	8,711
			Annual Benefits	25,404
			<i>Less 18.82% Vacancy Factor</i>	(21,190)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>91,400</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
State Trooper	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>