

# **State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Environmental Conservation Office of the Commissioner Component Budget Summary**

## **Component: Office of the Commissioner**

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## **Component Mission**

Provide support and policy direction to the divisions in the department.

## **Component Services Provided**

- Develop partnerships and work cooperatively with the regulated community and other government and non-governmental stakeholders to protect human health and the environment.
- Lead department employees to accomplish department priorities and performance measures.
- Represent the department's authorities and responsibilities on the Governor's cabinet.
- Work with the legislature on the department's budget and legislative priorities.
- Represent the department's authorities and responsibilities on the Exxon Valdez Trustees Council, State Emergency Response Commission, and Alaska Coastal Policy Council.
- Adjudicate administrative appeals of department decisions.
- Approve department regulations for public notice and adopt final regulation changes for filing with the Lieutenant Governor.

## **Component Goals and Strategies**

1) USE THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT TO ACHIEVE STANDARDS FOR CLEAN AIR, LAND, WATER, FOOD SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

- Use Stakeholder working groups to review and recommend changes to department priorities and policies.

2) PROVIDE EASY PUBLIC ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

- Maintain a department web page and a department-wide Internet information assistance system.

## **Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004**

The Commissioner's Office clearly communicates to the public and affected stakeholders what services can be realistically expected from the department's human and fiscal resources.

## **Major Component Accomplishments in 2002**

The department was very successful in working with interested stakeholder work groups and the public on the following major state policy issues:

Cruise Ship Compliance Monitoring. Following the Royal Caribbean pollution court case, the department worked with the cruise ship industry and concerned stakeholders to begin a cruise ship waste sampling program. Wastewater samples taken as part of the stakeholder program showed that cruise ships were discharging the equivalent of raw sewage into Alaska's inside waters. As a result the Governor worked with the federal administration and Senator Murkowski to enact federal law to strengthen federal oversight of cruise ship discharges. In addition to strengthening the federal pollution control safety net it was essential that Alaska have an independent role in controlling pollution. State legislation was passed in a special session to give the department the tools to monitor and control cruise ship pollution.

With the Commissioner's adoption of regulations in FY 2003, there is now a comprehensive state and federal oversight program to monitor cruise ship and Alaska State ferry discharges, learn more about their effects on the environment and regulate those discharges in a way that places a minimal burden on the cruise industry and the Alaska Marine Highway System.

Improved Non Tank Spill Prevention and Preparedness. The grounding of the cargo ship Kuroshima and the associated oil spill in Dutch Harbor followed by a number of large oil spills by the Alaska Railroad demonstrated the need for improvement in spill prevention and preparedness for these modes of transportation. To develop an appropriate legal foundation to upgrade the spill prevention and response systems for these industries, the department chaired a 23-member task force with representatives from the maritime industry, the Alaska Railroad, petroleum producers, distributors and transporters, spill response cooperatives, and the US Coast Guard.

Based on the recommendations of the task force, legislation was passed that requires the Alaska Railroad and sea-going vessels of 400 or more gross tons to demonstrate the ability to pay for responding to oil spills. The law also established a response planning standard for industry to be able cleanup 15% of the vessel's maximum oil storage capacity within 48 hours of an oil spill. Regulations adopted by the Commissioner in FY 2003 will guide implementation of the non tank spill preparedness program.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 46.03.010; AS 46.08.040; AS 46.08.050

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**Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars in thousands*

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	340.9	353.4	383.9
72000 Travel	36.3	21.5	21.5
73000 Contractual	7.0	38.1	11.4
74000 Supplies	5.7	2.3	2.3
75000 Equipment	7.2	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>397.1</b>	<b>415.3</b>	<b>419.1</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	104.9	107.5	108.7
1004 General Fund Receipts	292.2	307.8	310.4
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>397.1</b>	<b>415.3</b>	<b>419.1</b>

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## Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

Requested changes represent salary adjustments, reductions, or a realignment of resources to promote efficiencies or capture savings and have no impact on the level of services provided.

## Summary of Component Budget Changes

## From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2003 Authorized</b>	<b>307.8</b>	<b>107.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>415.3</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
- \$75 per Month Health Insurance Increase for Non-covered Staff	2.6	0.9	0.0	3.5
- Annualize FY2003 COLA Increase for General Government, Confidential and Supervisory Bargaining Units	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3
<b>FY2004 Governor</b>	<b>310.4</b>	<b>108.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>419.1</b>

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Personal Services Information**

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	5	5	Annual Salaries	300,758
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	94,968
			<i>Less 2.99% Vacancy Factor</i>	(11,826)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>383,900</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

<b>Job Class Title</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Fairbanks</b>	<b>Juneau</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Commissioner	0	0	1	0	1
Dep Commissioner	0	0	1	0	1
Exec Secretary II	0	0	1	0	1
Paralegal II	0	0	1	0	1
Special Staff Assistant	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>