

Equipment for Wildlife Conservation Programs Statewide **FY2004 Request:** **\$100,000**
Reference No: **35794**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Equipment
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Matt Robus
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2008

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Wildlife Conservation deferred equipment replacement and maintenance for several years in order to more fully fund management and research programs necessary for responsible resource management. Division staff in 23 locations have a constant need to replace outdated and broken equipment for field research and management. In some cases this outdated equipment is no longer safe or reliable under normal field use and conditions. Needed equipment includes: snow machines, printer/plotter, all-terrain vehicles, outboard motors & boats, and aircraft engines.

| Funding: | <u>FY2004</u> | <u>FY2005</u> | <u>FY2006</u> | <u>FY2007</u> | <u>FY2008</u> | <u>FY2009</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Fish/Game | \$100,000 | | | | | | \$100,000 |
| Total: | \$100,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$100,000 |

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| <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 |
| Totals: | 0 | 0 |

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Similar appropriations for equipment of \$100.0 each from the Fish & Game Fund were authorized by CH 139, SLA 2000, pg 48, ln 16; CH61 FSSLA 2001, pg 18, ln 19; CH 1, SSSLA 2002, pg 38, ln 29

Project Description/Justification:

This appropriation seeks to provide funds for large equipment purchases that have no other funding mechanism for replacement. Field research and management staff need access to large areas of land and water and must use motor vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmachines, and boats. Technological equipment is also necessary to help staff communicate in the field and to enhance computer applications including GPS and web-based software development.

The following equipment has been purchased by the two recent appropriations: new computers for the Information Management section; a pickup truck for the Ketchikan Area Office; snowmachines for Glenallen, Soldotna, and Galena; ATVs for the Glenallen and Tok offices; satellite radio receivers, a boat and motor for the Bethel office; a boat and motor for the waterfowl program; a boat and motors for the Petersburg area office; aviation safety helmets and headsets for field biologist staff, and a SQL computer server for web development.

The Division expects to review current regional needs and replacement schedules when this appropriation is authorized.