

Marine Fisheries Patrol Improvements**FY2004 Request: \$1,080,320****Reference No: 35825****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Category:** Public Protection**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Karen Morgan, Director, DAS**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5488**Estimated Project Dates:** 10/01/2003 - 09/30/2004**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Alaska State Legislature urged the Division to seek additional funds for its patrol efforts in Federal waters of the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea. This project is a result of lengthy negotiations with the National Marine Fisheries Service. Federally regulated marine fisheries occur on a year round basis in the coastal and offshore waters of the State of Alaska. Both the Federal and State Governments share an interest in ensuring these fisheries are protected.

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$1,080,320	\$1,080,320	\$1,080,320	\$1,080,320	\$1,080,320	\$1,080,320	\$6,481,920
Total:	\$1,080,320	\$1,080,320	\$1,080,320	\$1,080,320	\$1,080,320	\$1,080,320	\$6,481,920

<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	1
Ongoing Operating:	0	1
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	2

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Sec 1, Ch 1, SLA 2002, \$1,001,450

RPLs 12-2-0075 and 12-2-100 for a total of \$1,001,450 Federal Receipts were combined and approved as a single capital RPL by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee on October 23, 2001.

Project Description/Justification:**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of this project is to recognize enforcement needs in the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea and cooperate with National Marine Fisheries Service for enhanced patrols made available through the Coastal Stewardship Act. It is recognized that the state maintains the assets and personnel for efficient patrols. Rather than create a redundant infrastructure, the federal government prefers to augment the state's programs.

State authorization to receive and expend NMFS federal funds for Federal FY2002 was approved by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee under RPL 12-2-0100. Negotiations with NMFS resulted in approvals for the funding and are currently being expended by the Division in FY2003. On-going efforts to sustain the agreement and secure funding for successive fiscal years is desired. The funds are anticipated prior to the close of the federal fiscal year and would be authorized for expenditure for one year after the date of signing a joint enforcement agreement detailing the purpose of the funding.

PROJECT NEED STATEMENT

This cooperative project is consistent with long-term state enforcement. For decades, the State of Alaska has been delegated federal enforcement authority in federal waters. These fisheries are of common concern to both state and

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federal managers. This project demonstrates that the federal government is concerned for enforcement presence and has agreed to contribute in the high costs of marine offshore enforcement in support of FWP expanded resource patrols. The efficiency measures and line item distributions are tentative at this time. It is understood that all funding is intended to augment the work currently performed by FWP using existing personnel. One new position is requested. Funding used for personal service costs will pay for this position as well as additional premium pay (sea day pay and overtime, plus related benefits) due to the additional enforcement efforts that the division will provide.

This project will provide state authorization to spend an anticipated NMFS grant in federal FY2004. Congressional action will be required each year.

DOCUMENTATION OF ESTIMATED CAPITAL COSTS

Cost Breakdown for increased vessel sea days (135 days), aircraft flying hours (150 hours), one State Trooper position, increased seasonal man months (56 months), and investigative support (2 contract employees).

Personal Services:	\$	320,300
Travel:		33,460
Contractual:		314,000
Supplies:		62,560
Equipment:		350,000
Total Costs:	\$	1,080,320

ANALYSIS OF ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL COSTS

This project will not result in any additional operating costs that will require state general fund appropriations. These federal funds cannot be used to reduce current state enforcement efforts.

PROJECT EVALUATION STATEMENT

Fish and Wildlife law enforcement in Alaska's coastal and offshore environments is of broad common interest to both the state and federal governments. However, these large geographic expanses suffer an absence of federal logistical support for patrolling, monitoring, and investigating fish and wildlife related activities and impacts. This is a critical issue for federal enforcement priorities.

Even though Alaska's enforcement logistical capabilities are well beyond those available to the NOAA/OLE, the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection is unable to broaden or enhance its field presence without additional funding. In many cases, enhancing state funding will provide additional air and sea patrols during which state and federal concerns can be met concurrently. Such enhancement of existing state assets and infrastructure will be much more cost effective than developing similar assets in the federal government.