

Marine Fisheries Patrol Improvements**FY2005 Request: \$1,080,300****Reference No: 35825**

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Public Protection
Location: Statewide

Project Type: Health and Safety**Contact:** Dan Spencer, Director, Administrative Services**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5488**Estimated Project Dates:** 10/01/2004 - 09/30/2005**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:	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$1,080,300	\$1,080,300	\$1,080,300	\$1,080,300	\$1,080,300	\$1,080,300	\$6,481,800
Total:	\$1,080,300	\$1,080,300	\$1,080,300	\$1,080,300	\$1,080,300	\$1,080,300	\$6,481,800

<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 82, SLA 2003, \$1,080,300

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:

This project will provide state authorization to spend funds anticipated to be received from a National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) grant in federal FY2004.

Recognizing enforcement needs in the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea, the Department of Public Safety cooperates with the NMFS in enhanced patrols available through the Coastal Stewardship Act. The NMFS recognizes that Alaska maintains the assets and personnel for efficient patrols and rather than create a redundant infrastructure, they prefer to augment the state's programs.

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.

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Even though Alaska's enforcement logistical capabilities are well beyond those available to the NMFS and other federal agencies, the Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement 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.

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 federal managers. This project demonstrates that the federal government is concerned for enforcement presence and has agreed to share in the high costs of marine offshore enforcement in support of Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement (ABWE) expanded resource patrols.

All grant funding is intended to augment the work currently performed by ABWE using existing personnel. Funding used for personal service costs will pay for the 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.

The following table shows the projected 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:	33,440
Contractual:	314,000
Supplies:	62,560
Equipment:	350,000
Total Costs:	\$ 1,080,300

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