

**State of Alaska  
FY2005 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Public Safety  
Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement  
Component Budget Summary**

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**Component: Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

The mission of the Division of Alaska State Troopers is to preserve public peace, protect life, property, and resources.

**Core Services**

The Department of Public Safety reorganized several units to streamline the organization, maximize resources, consolidate functions, and improve management. The Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement (ABWE) resulted from merging the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection (FWP) under the Division of Alaska State Troopers to consolidate many of the duplicated administrative functions between the two similar divisions. The changes resulted in combined fiscal, clerical, administrative, and command staff. The bureau's purpose continues to be to protect state fish and game resources by a combination of uniform trooper patrols, covert investigations, and educational and public awareness programs.

ABWE provides a trooper presence in remote areas of Alaska where little or no other law enforcement exists. While patrolling a confusing array of sport, commercial, personal use, or subsistence fisheries and commercial sport or subsistence hunting seasons, ABWE troopers are fully commissioned Alaska state troopers who independently recognize and act upon many other public safety emergencies and concerns.

The ABWE performs wildlife enforcement patrols and investigations throughout Alaska. The bureau:

- Performs primary police service in remote communities.
- Performs wildlife law enforcement patrols and investigations throughout Alaska's 586,000 square miles of landmass, 36,000 miles of coastline, and 336,000 square miles of expanded federal jurisdiction in the Bering Sea.
- Provides boating safety enforcement.
- Participates in search and rescue missions statewide.
- Investigates and apprehends criminal offenders.
- Maintains thirty-eight ABWE posts strategically located throughout Alaska to assure optimum trooper presence and coverage. The ABWE detachment has six distinct geographical areas, known as regions. Southeastern Region covers Southeast Alaska with the headquarters located in Juneau and posts in Petersburg, Klawock, Haines, Hoonah, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Wrangell. Mat-Su Region covers Southcentral Alaska with the headquarters located in Palmer and posts in Glenallen, Big Lake, and Talkeetna. Southwestern Region headquarters are located in Kodiak with posts in Dutch Harbor and Coldbay. The Western Region headquarters is in Anchorage with posts in Anchorage, Bethel, King Salmon, Iliamna, Dillingham, Aniak, McGrath, and St. Mary's. The Kenai-Prince William Sound Region headquarters are located in Soldotna with posts in Glennallen, Girdwood, Homer, Seward, Valdez, and Cordova. The Northern Region headquarters are located in Fairbanks with posts in Galena, Coldfoot, Delta Junction, Tok, Cantwell, Nome, and Kotzebue.

**FY2005 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results**

<b>FY2005 Component Budget: \$11,462,100</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	98
	Part time	19
	<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>

**Key Component Challenges**

ABWE continues to operate at a minimally acceptable enforcement level. Many areas of the state are not patrolled or

are only occasionally patrolled.

Alaska's coastline of 36,000 miles represents 40 percent of the nation's coastline and almost 89 percent of the Pacific states' coastline. ABWE's patrol area is unrivaled by the remaining states, and is the equivalent in distance from the Carolinas to California and Texas to the Great Lakes. Each ABWE field trooper has to cover, on average, over 11,151 square miles of land mass, coastline, and waterway.

In FY1991, 380,872 resident and nonresident sporting licenses were sold in Alaska compared to 491,789 in FY2002, including a 63% increase in nonresident sport fishing license sales, and this trend is expected to continue into the future. Many commercial fisheries, big game hunting areas, and sport fisheries receive little or no resource enforcement.

The challenge to ABWE is to provide at least adequate enforcement of fish and wildlife laws with existing resources in the face of this increasing use.

## **Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2005**

No significant change in current level of services is anticipated.

## **Major Component Accomplishments in 2003**

The Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement, formerly the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection, conducted targeted enforcement programs in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon fishery, Bering Sea commercial crab fishery, and Southeast black bear hunt. The total number of sport fish contacts increased over FY2002 by 3,954 for a total of 40,187 anglers contacted and sport fish violations detected increased from 2,584 to 2,905. Game patrols and investigations similarly resulted in increased contacts over the previous fiscal year from 16,646 to 18,043.

ABWE troopers operating the *P/V Stimson* conducted local education and attended community events in an effort to promote communication between the agency and the public. Boating safety presentations were given in Adak, Atka, Nikolski, Akutan, St. Paul, Unalaska, King Cove, Sand Point, and Mekoryuk.

ABWE joined with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries personnel in an enforcement program for the southeast spring bear hunting season. This program focused on field contacts of guided and commercially transported black bear hunters. Secondary goals were enforcement of spring brown bear hunting activity, enforcement of sport caught steelhead fishery, and field contact of hunters not using commercial services in the field. The program produced 2,151 contacts, and yielded several significant cases.

The personal use fishery on the Kenai Peninsula is an Alaska resident-only fishery. In 2002 there were approximately 18,000 permits issued for this dip net fishery. ABWE troopers conducted numerous personal use permit investigations focused primarily on residency issues. More than 30 citations were issued as a result.

Southeast Region vessels and aircraft were instrumental in detecting and investigating 14 illegal cases of commercial fishing in closed waters and closed periods involving salmon, king crab, Dungeness crab, herring, and halibut fisheries.

In Dutch Harbor, ABWE conducted several joint operations with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) resulting in a variety of charges related to commercial fishing violations, including seizure of more than \$280,000 worth of crab from a vessel observed to be fishing in Russian waters. In addition, ABWE troopers made 17 warrant arrests as a result of boarding vessels in Dutch Harbor.

In May, 2003, ABWE troopers conducted patrols of Ninilchik, Clam Gulch, and the West Side during the minus tides to ensure compliance with clamming regulations. Over 1,500 people were contacted during the patrols, numerous warnings were given, and 21 citations were issued for these violations.

In Soldotna and Southeast Alaska, troopers conducted several "artificial wildlife" programs using a fake spruce hen and fake deer. The fake spruce hen effort resulted in significant local press attention after the short program resulted in 14

citations being issued for shooting on or across a roadway, and other miscellaneous driving violations. The fake deer program resulted in four persons being charged with hunting violations.

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

DPS - Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)  
State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)  
Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)  
Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)  
Controlled Substances (AS 11.71.010 - AS 11.71.900)

Judicial Services (AS 22.20.100 - AS 22.20.140)  
Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 and AS 33.30.081)  
Search & Rescue (AS 18.60.120 - AS 18.60.175)

Village Public Safety Officer Definition (AS 01.10.060(c)(7)(C))  
VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)  
VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)  
Concealed Handgun Permits (AS 18.65.700)  
Security Guard Licensing (AS 18.65.400 - AS 18.65.410)  
Sex Offender Registration (AS 12.63.010 - AS 12.63.100)  
Central Registry of Sex Offenders (AS 18.65.087)  
Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)  
Document and disseminate information regarding homicides (AS 44.41.040)  
Document and investigate missing persons (AS 18.65.610)  
Investigate fires resulting from crimes (AS 18.70.030)  
Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation (AS 18.65.086)

Aeronautics (AS 02)  
Criminal (AS 11)  
Environment (AS 46)  
Fish & Game (AS 16)  
Fish & Game (5 AAC)  
Guide/Outfitting (12 AAC)  
Guide/Outfitting (AS 08)  
Health & Safety (AS 18)  
Limited Entry (20 AAC)  
State Government (AS 44)

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**Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	8,834.9
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	489.8
73000 Contractual	0.0	0.0	1,844.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	283.5
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	9.9
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>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11,462.1</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	0.0	10,778.6
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	0.0	65.6
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	0.0	0.0	137.9
1134 Fish and Game Criminal Fines and Penalties	0.0	0.0	480.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11,462.1</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	0.0	65.6
Fish and Game Fund	51045	0.0	0.0	480.0
Capital Improvement Project Receipts	51200	0.0	0.0	137.9
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>683.5</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>683.5</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2004 Authorized to FY2005 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2004 Authorized</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Transfer FWP Enforcement/ISU positions & funding to new ABWE	10,764.8	0.0	683.5	11,448.3
-Transfer operational costs from FWP Director's Office to ABWE	13.8	0.0	0.0	13.8
<b>FY2005 Governor</b>	<b>10,778.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>683.5</b>	<b>11,462.1</b>

**Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement  
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2005</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	0	98	Annual Salaries	5,885,673
Part-time	0	19	Premium Pay	617,194
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	2,960,250
			<i>Less 6.64% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(628,217)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>8,834,900</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

<b>Job Class Title</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Fairbanks</b>	<b>Juneau</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Administrative Assistant	1	0	0	0	1
Administrative Clerk II	1	0	0	3	4
Administrative Clerk III	1	1	1	3	6
Captain PS	1	0	0	0	1
F&W Aide	2	2	2	22	28
Lieutenant PS	1	1	1	3	6
Micro/Network Tech I	1	0	0	0	1
Radio Dispatcher II	0	0	0	1	1
Sergeant PS	0	2	1	8	11
State Trooper	3	3	3	49	58
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>117</b>