

Coastal Wetlands Federal Grant**FY2008 Request: \$917,100**
Reference No: 39042**AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Afognak
House District: Kodiak
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2009**Project Type:** Planning
Contact: Nico Bus
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There is one project for FY08, the Afognak Coastal Habitat Protection Project: Portage Drainage B. The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation will acquire 960 acres of wetlands in the Portage Lake and Portage River Drainage on Northern Afognak Island.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$917,100	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,917,100
Total:	\$917,100	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,917,100

☐ State Match Required
 ☐ One-Time Project
 ☐ Phased - new
 ☐ Phased - underway
☒ On-Going
 0% = Minimum State Match % Required
☐ Amendment
☐ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is a new funding request for this specific area and is a multi-phase project that coordinates with the Forest Legacy Program.

Project Description/Justification:

The State of Alaska with its partners proposes to acquire 960 acres of high value habitat. The purchase will ensure long-term public access to the Long Lagoon wetland complex for hunting, fishing, subsistence, and recreational activities. The project involves a number of private sector partners committed to bringing financial resources to the state as required matching funds for this grant. Partners include Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the American Land Conservancy.

The project area is highly valuable as spawning and rearing habitat for a variety of salmon. Brown bear, deer and elk are common in this area and marine mammals routinely benefit from the feeding, pupping, and calving habitat provided by the adjacent Perenosa Bay. The project will help meet specific management goals of the Kodiak Regional Comprehensive Salmon Plan, Kodiak Archipelago Bear Conservation and Management Plan and the Kodiak Area Plan.

Successful completion of this project will ensure long-term opportunities for guided sport hunting and fishing as well as recreational access for residents and tourists alike in this unique area of the state.

FY08 Coastal Wetlands				
Partners	Location	Federal Funding Requested	Match Provided by Partners	Total cost of project
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and American Land Conservancy	Afognak	\$917,125	\$416,875	\$1,334,000

Why is this Project Needed Now:

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The project involves multiple partners. It is part of a regional effort on Afognak Island to protect strategic habitats, predominately wetlands along the many large anadromous fish systems. Partner contributions are high with a 25% increase over the required project match.

Specific Spending Detail: No State funds are requested. Non-state funds will facilitate the acquisition of 960 acres on Northern Afognak Island.

Line Item Expenditures:

Personal Services \$10.0

Travel \$2.5

Services \$25.0 Hazmat, title certification services, and other DNR due diligence requirements.

Commodities \$0.0

Capital Outlay \$879.6 Fee simple acquisition of 960 acres

Project Support: The American Land Conservancy, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Kodiak Brown Bear Trust, general public, sport fishers, hunters, and recreationists.

Project Opposition: None noted.

State Match Required: A non-federal match is required of the State. The required match will be provided by the project partners.