Statewide Deferred Maintenance, Repair, Upgrades, and Equipment | **FY2008 Request: $1,000,000**
Reference No: 43322

AP/AL: Appropriation
Project Type: Renewal and Replacement
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Kachemak Bay
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Estimated Project Dates: 06/30/2008 - 06/30/2012

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This request provides for repair, maintenance and renovation of department facilities statewide; vessel and aircraft repair and maintenance; and the purchase of field equipment.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Gen Fund	$1,000,000		$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$6,000,000
Total:	$1,000,000	$0	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$6,000,000

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

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2008, $1,000,000. Prior to FY08, the projects listed in the brief summary have been separate appropriations. The statewide facility deferred maintenance, vessel and aircraft repair and maintenance and field equipment for wildlife research are ongoing projects. Recent funding is as follows: $300,000 in FY2007 for statewide facilities maintenance; $150,000 in FY2007 for vessel repair and maintenance; and $150,000 in FY2007 for field repair and equipment.

Project Description/Justification:

Statewide Deferred Maintenance Facilities – $400,000

The Department of Fish and Game has employees in over 40 locations around the state and operates facilities in many of these locations. These facilities include offices, bunkhouses, warehouses, workshops, cabins, laboratories, airplane hangers, and other structures that are vital to the mission of the department. Most routine, ongoing maintenance is funded through annual operating appropriations. Deferred maintenance on facilities is a critical issue for the department with many of the requested projects involving life, health and safety issues.

In identifying and prioritizing projects, the department first considers life, health and safety implications. It is critical that the department provide a safe and efficient environment for its employees and the public as the department carries out its statutory responsibilities of managing the state's fish and wildlife resources. Projects are also developed so that facilities will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); meet building, mechanical, electrical, and life safety codes; and comply with Department of Labor standards for employee housing. Finally, the department actively pursues projects that will reduce operating costs through energy efficiency measures, and ensure the structural integrity of a facility will remain sound for a minimum of 20-30 years.

A list of projects totaling approximately $3.5 million is available upon request. The projects are representative of the types of projects needed and reflect current facility needs. Projects may be added or deleted to meet changing priorities and

conditions. With this request, the department will address only the most critical projects in the upcoming construction season.

Vessel Maintenance – $320,000

This project will provide funding to maintain the department's research vessels, which are used to support fishery monitoring efforts and stock assessment programs. Typical maintenance work includes sandblasting and painting of hull and superstructure, overhauling engines and deck equipment, general yard work and inspection, repair or replacement of electronic equipment, and replacing fishing gear.

The division's vessels support fishery monitoring efforts and are extensively involved in salmon, herring, groundfish, and shellfish stock assessment programs contained in the department's budget. The vessels are used by other divisions in the department, and the Department of Public Safety to carry out their operational responsibilities.

Annual maintenance of the vessels is necessary to maintain their longevity and protect the state's investment. The projects funded by this request will ensure that the vessels can continue to carry out their missions, as well as ensure the health and safety of the skippers and crew.

ADF&G Aircraft Maintenance – $160,000

Funds are needed to maintain the department's research aircraft, which are used to support commercial fisheries and wildlife research and monitoring and intensive management programs. Typical maintenance work includes overhauling engines and landing equipment and the repair or replacement of electronic equipment.

Annual maintenance of aircraft is necessary to maintain their longevity and protect the state's investment. The projects funded by this request will ensure that the aircraft can continue to carry out their missions, as well as ensure the health and safety of pilots and crew.

Field Equipment and Maintenance for Regional Wildlife Biologists – $120,000

The Division of Wildlife Conservation maintains a presence in 22 locations statewide. Field management and research staff must use motor vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, snow machines, and boats to access large areas of land and water. Technological equipment is necessary to help staff communicate in the field and to enhance computer applications including GPS and web-based software development. Equipment needs replacement on a scheduled basis to ensure safety and dependability for field staff as they execute their duties.

Equipment and maintenance items covered by this request include the following: outboard motors, snow machines, freezers, disc-mower, ATVs, ultrasound, warehouse maintenance, float-dock repair.