Crew Member Fishing Participation Database Design/Development | **FY2008 Request: $150,000** | **Reference No: 45374**

AP/AL: Appropriation
Project Type: Information Systems
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Statewide
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Estimated Project Dates: 04/13/2008 - 06/30/2012

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project provides funds for development of an electronic system for collecting, maintaining, and reporting on the commercial fishing activities of crew members participating in Alaska's commercial fisheries.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Fish/Game	$150,000						$150,000
Total:	$150,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$150,000

☐ 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:

No prior funding.

Project Description/Justification:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will use the funds provided by this CIP to contract with a private information technology company to design and development an electronic, Internet-based, reporting system and electronic database. Once operational, ADF&G staff will support, maintain, and manage the system.

Prior to participating as a crew member in the commercial fisheries in the State of Alaska, an individual must purchase a crew member's license from ADF&G, unless the individual holds a limited entry permit from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). This permit also authorizes its holder to participate as a crew member in Alaska's commercial fisheries. However, no information is collected regarding the actual participation of crew members (whether holders of a CFEC permit or an ADF&G crew member license) in any commercial fisheries.

ADF&G has received requests from the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, coastal communities, an Alaska Regional Development Organization, representatives of commercial crew members, and academic researchers that the State of Alaska develop a system for collecting information about the participation of crew members in Alaska's commercial fisheries. The lack of this information makes it impossible to estimate the employment and economic impacts associated with the approximately 20,000 crew members participating in Alaska's commercial fisheries.