

Lower Kasilof River Drift Boat Takeout, Phase 1 of 2

FY2012 Request: \$2,000,000

Reference No: 51197

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Parks / Recreation

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Kasilof

House District: Rural Kenai (HD 34)

Impact House District: Kenai Areawide (HD 33-35)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will develop a public drift boat takeout on the lower Kasilof River in order to address increasing demand for such a facility on this popular drift only salmon fishing river. The total estimated cost for this project is \$3.6M. Phase I (\$2M) will include property investigation and purchasing which is estimated at approximately \$1.3M. Preliminary design, environmental clearance, site planning, public meetings, consultant coordination, and preliminary permitting is estimated at \$300K. The remaining \$400K will result in initial property development including clearing and utility installation. Phase II (\$1.6M) will be spent totally on constructing the boat launch and related facilities.

Funding:	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input 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	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None, Phase 1 of 2.

Project Description/Justification:

Currently, a state owned boat launch is managed by the Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation at the Kasilof River State Recreation Site (SRS), located at mile 109.4 on the Sterling highway. The Kasilof River SRS boat launch provides a put-in/takeout, but there is no public takeout available on the lower portion of this drift only river. Private launches have been somewhat unreliable and unsafe with a death occurring during a boat retrieval on private land during the summer of 2010. Due to the physical challenges along the river, the lack of public land, and significant public concern, this project needs a planning process that considers user needs, physical constraints and public feedback. Private land will need to be acquired with the feedback of neighborhood impacts, public access, siltation, erosion, ramp grade, parking, wind, tide and other factors. Once a location is identified that physically works, that is acceptable to the public, and that has a willing seller, the land purchase and development of engineered facilities can occur. Initial analysis has shown that there are several locations that meet the above conditions. The above budget includes money for planning, land acquisition, and facility development but does not include funding for ongoing operations and maintenance.

Why is this Project Needed Now?:

Use along this stretch of river continues to increase, thereby increasing the demand for a practical site for people to retrieve their boats. In addition, private boat launches located downstream of the highway bridge have been unreliable and unsafe, with a fatal accident occurring at one private retrieval site during the 2010 summer season.

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (text)
Personal Services	\$ 400,000	Parks employees personal svcs
Services	\$1,600,000	Purchase land and hire contractors.

State Match Required:

- NO
- YES

Project Opposition:

None.