

Campbell Creek Estuary Conservation Project**FY2012 Request: \$500,000****Reference No: 51341****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Research / Studies / Planning**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Anchorage (Campbell/Independence Park)**House District:** Campbell/Independence Park (HD 29)**Impact House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32)**Contact:** Doug Vincent-Lang**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016 **Contact Phone:** (907)267-2339**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Department has applied to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under the Section 6 competitive grant program for funding in support of the Campbell Creek Estuary Conservation project. The project, adjacent to ADFG's Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, has the support of the Municipality of Anchorage and it will conserve 60 acres of coastal habitat for the critical habitat designation of Cook Inlet beluga whales.

Funding:	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input 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:

The Department of Natural Resources has a related FY2011 project of \$1M federal funds to protect wetlands and adjacent habitat at the mouth of Campbell Creek, an anadromous stream in the heart of Anchorage. ADF&G expects to receive notification of funding award in the spring of 2011.

Project Description/Justification:

The 60 acres will be purchased from willing sellers, transferred to the Municipality of Anchorage or other appropriate long term property manager, and the Great Land Trust will retain a conservation easement to insure the property will be protected in perpetuity. The amount needed for the overall purchase is \$6.9 million and this project funds a portion of the total purchase. Other sources of committed funding include the following:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetlands Program

Port of Anchorage mitigation funds

Ducks Unlimited

Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Rasmussen Foundation

State of Alaska, Coastal Impact Assistance Program

Great Land Trust is designated in the department's grant application as the project broker. The department will establish an agreement with Great Land Trust to administer the federal funds. The Section 6 grant program requires a 25% match and Great Land Trust will be responsible for documenting to ADF&G the non-federal match funding.

Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 provides a mechanism for cooperation between NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service and States in the conservation of threatened, endangered, and candidate species.