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Agency: Department of Fish and Game

Project Title: Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Crystal Lake Hatchery Deferred Maintenance

State Funding Requested: \$650,000 House District: Southeast Region (1-5)

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

The requested funding will go towards replacing the roofs on both the administrative office and shop buildings at the hatchery as well as the hatchery building itself.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost: \$650,000
Funding Already Secured: (\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request: (\$650,000)
Project Deficit: \$0

Funding Details: no funding history

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Crystal Lake Hatchery is operated by SSRAA under contract to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division. The hatchery is located 17.5 miles south of Petersburg just off Mitkof Highway near the city of Petersburg's hydroelectric power plant. The hatchery takes its name from Crystal Lake, the source of water for the power plant. The lake supplies water to the power plant and the hatchery uses water from the tailrace.

The hatchery has served many purposes across the years: an important role in the development of chinook culture in Alaska; a source of broodstock for many current larger chinook programs in SE Alaska; an insurance policy against broodstock shortfalls in other programs; and provided numerous fish in the recreational fishery creel as well as the commercial fisherman's hold. Individually, the chinook remains far and away the most valuable salmon to both sport and commercial fishermen. Though she may sometimes shows her age, Crystal Lake remains a critical factor in the enhancement of chinook fisheries across all of SE Alaska.

Crystal Lake Hatchery is one of the oldest currently operating hatcheries in SE Alaska. Due to its age there are several items that need to be repaired or replaced entirely. The requested funding will go towards replacing the roofs on both the administrative office and shop buildings at the hatchery as well as the hatchery building itself.

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Project Timeline:

Expenditures will begin immediately.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

SSRAA

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes X No

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