

**Lower Kasilof River Drift Boat Takeout - Phase 2 of 2**

**FY2013 Request: \$1,600,000**

**Reference No: 51197**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Parks / Recreation

**Category:** Natural Resources

**Location:** Kenai Areawide

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

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

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017

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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 \$3,600,000. Phase I was funded last year to identify and purchase a drift boat property and the beginning stages of design. This request would fund the remaining design, contracting, and construction of the facility.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gen Fund	\$1,600,000						\$1,600,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>

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

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

SLA11/CH5 \$2,000,000 Identify and purchase drift boat take-out property on the Kasilof River.

**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 intense public concerns, this project needs a planning process that considers user needs, physical constraints and public support or opposition. Private land is being acquired with consideration of neighborhood impacts, 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 physical facilities will occur. Initial analysis has shown that there are several locations that meet the above conditions. Prior funding includes money for planning, land acquisition, and facility development but does not include funding for ongoing operations and maintenance. This funding request will be utilized to complete the design, contract the work, and perform construction administration to develop the property.

**Why is this Project Needed Now?:**

Use along this stretch of river continues to increase due to the popularity of the sport fishery, 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.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION (text)</u>
Personal Services	\$ 400.0	Parks employees personal services to finalize design and manage contracts: Engineer II PCN 10-5273 Engineer Assistant III PCN 10-5030
Capital Outlay	\$1,200.0	Construction

**State Match Required:**

- NO  
 YES

**Project Support:**

During the last round of public meetings concerning a drift boat retrieval site at the Lower Kasilof River boat takeout there was overwhelming support for Alaska State Parks to secure funding and build a new take-out development.