

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

FY2013 Request: \$7,500,000

Reference No: 33647

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Research / Studies / Planning

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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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 allow the department to receive federal grant funds for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. This has been an on-going program since FY2000 and provides funding for a wide range of fisheries research, management, and restoration work which will enhance the agency's ability to sustainably manage Alaska's salmon and contribute to the economy and general well being of the people of Alaska. Federal funding has been going down and will continue to do so. Starting in state FY2010, state match is required per the federal appropriation. The department passes the 33% match requirement on to project funding recipients.

Funding:	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$7,500,000						\$7,500,000
Total:	\$7,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,500,000

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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Ch. 135 SLA 2000 \$14 million; Ch. 61 SLA 2001 \$18 million; Ch. 1 SSSLA 2002 \$10.25 million and \$18.25 million; Ch. 82 SLA 2003 \$21.9 million; Ch. 159, SLA 2004 \$20.9 million; Ch. 3 SLA 2005 \$24.0 million; Ch. 82 SLA 2006 \$22.0 million; Ch. 30 SLA 2007 \$22.0 million, Ch. 29 SLA 2008 \$22 million, Ch. 15 SLA 2009 \$22 million; Ch. 43 SLA 2010 \$9 million, and Ch. 5 FSSLA 2011 \$7.5 million in federal authorization.

Project Description/Justification:

Alaska's program for administrating these funds is the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund.

The State-Federal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was revised in 2002, 2003 and 2005 to provide for distribution of congressionally designated projects and administration of the remaining funds. A new MOU was developed in 2008 when the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) program became competitive. The State intends to apply the salmon funds over a five-year period. The overall objective is to ensure that Alaska salmon and salmon fisheries are sustainable.

The department provides overall administration and accountability in accord with the intent of the federal legislation. Consistent with applicable laws and regulations, the State may award grants, direct funding to State agencies, or enter into contracts to implement the priority recommendations: 1) habitat protection and restoration for salmon and steelhead; 2) maintenance of salmon and steelhead populations necessary for subsistence fishing; and 3) recovery and conservation of salmon and steelhead listed as threatened or endangered (applicable only to Chinook salmon projects in Southeast Alaska relevant to Endangered Species Act Section 7 authorizations under the Pacific Salmon Treaty.).

PCSRF projects contribute to the Core Services of *Stock Assessment and Applied Research* and *Harvest Management*. Key approaches include estimating biological reference points for stocks (Strategy A1, Target #1), monitoring escapement of salmon populations (Strategy A1, Target #2), and estimating amounts necessary for subsistence (End Result A, Target #2). Collectively, PCSRF projects contribute to long term sustainability of salmon populations and salmon habitats, thereby ensuring harvest opportunities are maintained.