

Facilities, Vessels and Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Upgrades

FY2014 Request: \$500,000
Reference No: 43322

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Renewal and Replacement
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Kevin Brooks
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-5999

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This annual project funds repair, maintenance and renovation of Department of Fish and Game (Department) facilities statewide as well as vessel and aircraft repair and maintenance. Facilities funding is managed by the Division of Administrative Services (DAS), vessel funding by the Division of Commercial Fisheries and aircraft funding by the divisions of Commercial Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation.

Funding:	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Project Description/Justification:

Facility Maintenance

The Department has employees in over 40 locations around the state and operates facilities in many of these locations. These facilities include offices, bunkhouses, warehouses, workshops, cabins, laboratories, aircraft hangers, and other structures that are vital to the mission of the Department. Most routine maintenance is funded through annual operating appropriations. This funding will provide for additional repair and upgrade projects.

In identifying and prioritizing projects, the Department first considers life, health and safety implications, and then longer term facility integrity issues. It is critical that the Department provide a safe and efficient environment for its employees and the public as the Department carries out its statutory responsibilities of managing the state's fish and wildlife resources. Projects are also developed so that facilities will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; meet current building, mechanical, electrical, and life safety codes; and comply with Department of Labor standards for employee housing. Finally, the Department actively pursues projects that will reduce operating costs through energy efficiency measures, and ensure the structural integrity of a facility will remain sound

for a minimum of 20-30 years.

A list of projects totaling approximately \$3.6 million is available upon request. The projects are representative of the types of projects needed and reflect known current facility needs. Projects may be added or deleted to meet changing priorities and conditions. With this funding, the Department will address the most critical projects in the upcoming construction season.

Commercial Fisheries Vessel Maintenance

This project will provide funding to maintain the Department's six research vessels, which are used to support fishery monitoring efforts and stock assessment programs. Typical maintenance work includes sandblasting and painting of hull and superstructure, overhauling engines and deck equipment, general yard work and inspection, repair or replacement of electronic equipment, and replacing fishing gear.

The Division of Commercial Fisheries' vessels support fishery monitoring efforts and are extensively involved in salmon, herring, groundfish, and shellfish stock assessment programs. The vessels are used by other divisions in the Department, and the Department of Public Safety to carry out their operational responsibilities.

Annual maintenance of the vessels is necessary to maintain their longevity and protect the state's investment. The projects funded will ensure that the vessels can continue to carry out their missions, as well as ensure the health and safety of the skippers and crew.

Aircraft Maintenance

Funds are needed to maintain the Department's 12 research aircraft, which are used to support the Division of Commercial Fisheries (four aircraft), and the Division of Wildlife Conservation (eight aircraft) research and monitoring and intensive management programs. Typical maintenance work includes overhauling engines and landing equipment and the repair or replacement of electronic equipment.

Annual maintenance of aircraft is necessary to maintain their longevity and protect the state's investment. The projects funded will ensure that the aircraft can continue to carry out their missions, as well as ensure the health and safety of pilots and crew.