

National Coastal Wetland Grant

FY2015 Request: \$1,000,000

Reference No: 39042

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Parks / Recreation

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Afognak

House District: Kodiak/Cordova (HD 35)

Impact House District: Kodiak/Cordova (HD 35)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will allow the purchase of 2,585 acres of coastal wetlands on the northern coast of Afognak Island. The Coastal Wetlands program focuses on coastal wetlands ecosystems including both wetlands and upland buffers. Wetlands provide essential fish and wildlife habitat, which in Alaska support many commercial and recreational human uses, particularly in and near communities, parks, and refuges. Wetlands provide substantial contributions to water quality, flood and storm water control, as well as providing habitat for fish and wildlife. This program provides federal funding to the state for the long-term protection of wetlands, which is matched with private sector donations.

Funding:	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$6,000,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$6,000,000

<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	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

- Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P124 L6 160 \$1,060,000
- Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P92 L32 46 \$1,000,000
- Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P31 L17 230 \$1,000,000
- Sec4 Ch30 SLA2007 P98 L6 53 \$1,000,000
- Sec1 Ch82 SLA2006 P77 L18 231 \$2,422,400
- Sec1 Ch3 SLA2004 P59 L16 46 \$1,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

What is the issue or problem to be solved?

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What is the scope of the project to be performed?

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council will provide \$4.18 million in non-federal cash match for the project. Other partners include the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Great Land Trust.

What results will be achieved or products produced?

This land acquisition project is part of a larger conservation effort to address the impacts of the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS). The 2,585 acres of coastal wetlands and near shore habitat on the northern coast of Afognak Island, which would be acquired lands, include anadromous waters, habitat for more than 102 species of birds including the federally threatened Steller’s eider and endangered short-tailed albatross, and terrestrial and aquatic mammals including the federally threatened northern sea otter and the federally endangered Steller sea lion.

Why is this project needed now – What is the impact of remaining status quo?

It is important to complete this project now in order to take advantage of the National Coastal Wetlands Grants award, which has a two-year project duration. EVOS funding provides valuable match for federal grant funds. In addition, landowners are interested in selling their lands in a reasonable timeframe.

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,000,000	
Project Total	\$1,000,000	