

**Lower Kenai River Park Facility and Access Improvements - Phase 1 of 2**      **FY2015 Request: \$1,000,000**  
**Reference No: 57971**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation      **Project Type:** Renewal and Replacement  
**Category:** Development  
**Location:** Kenai Areawide      **House District:** Kenai Areawide (HD 28-30)  
**Impact House District:** Kenai Areawide (HD 28-30)      **Contact:** Jean Davis  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019      **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This is phase one of a two-phased project to construct a new boat launch facility and restrooms on the Kenai River. Phase one will focus on the Eagle Rock boat launch and includes: site design and planning; construction of new restrooms; construction of a new boat launch; and preliminary improvements to parking areas.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000					\$2,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

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

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

No Prior Funding History

**Project Description/Justification:**

The Division of Parks Management and Access is in the process of acquiring a premiere boat launch facility through the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Restoration Program. Land acquisition is in its final stages and completion is expected to take place in early 2014. Work is required to modify the site immediately after acquisition to bring the facility up to state parks standards and provide an organized, safe, clean, and accessible facility for park users accessing the Kenai River.

**What is the issue or problem to be solved?**

The facility currently has no organized circulation/parking patterns; is lacking boat mooring structures or amenities; potable water is not available; and the existing boat ramp is in a state of disrepair. Restroom facilities along the lower Kenai River are inadequate.

**What is the scope of work to be performed?**

The project scope entails modifications of the Eagle Rock Boat Launch and area including site design work, dock and launch rehabilitation, parking areas, and new restrooms. The scope also includes construction of restroom facilities at the Kenai Keys and lower Kenai River Areas.

Phase two of the project will include construction of a new parking area, signage and landscaping, development of a volunteer host site, installation of electronic fee station and construction of restroom facilities in the Kenai Keys and Lower Kenai River areas. Operating funds will be needed for outhouse pumping, garbage service, utilities, supplies, volunteer stipends and personal services for a seasonal park technician.

**What results will be achieved and/or products produced?**

The intended result is a fully functional boat launch with adequate restrooms and improved parking to accommodate the needs of park and river users.

**How does this project contribute to the division and/or department mission?**

This project will support the division's mission to provide outdoor recreation opportunities and help conserve natural resources by actively managing facility use.

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

The Eagle Rock Boat Launch and facility will have substandard and inadequate launch site, docking site, potholed gravel parking area and inadequate restrooms.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Personal Services	\$ 250,000	Project Administration
Travel	\$ 15,000	Project Travel
Services	\$ 10,000	Equipment Rental/Surveys
Capital Outlay	\$ 725,000	Contracts
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	

**Personal Services Detail:**

The number and classification of existing staff working will be determined based on results of further project planning.