

Intensive Game Management Research and Implementation **FY2015 Request: \$4,000,000**
Reference No: 58645

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) **Contact:** Doug Vincent-Lang
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2019 **Contact Phone:** (907)267-2339

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This request will allow the department to continue to implement intensive management programs and their associated monitoring program using a combination of federal funds and general funds to conduct needed baseline research and monitoring as mandated by policy. General funds are requested to perform the actual predation control to prohibit any federal influence.

Funding:	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
G/F Match	\$666,700						\$666,700
Gen Fund	\$1,333,300						\$1,333,300
Total:	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000

<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 Ch5 SLA2011 P83 L7 SB46 \$2,225,000
 Sec4 Ch30 SLA2007 P93 L8 SB53 \$2,000,000
 Sec1 Ch82 SLA2006 P70 L29 SB231 \$1,600,000

The Division of Wildlife Conservation (division) is currently implementing multi-year intensive management programs aimed at increasing caribou or moose numbers in Game Management Units (GMU) 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 24 and 25 and considering programs in GMUs 1 and 3.

Project Description/Justification:

Intensive management involves pre and post population studies and inventory determinations as well as the implementation of actual predator control. General funds are most appropriate for predator control activities whereas federal/state matched funds are most appropriate for the biological work. The division also intends to conduct a subsistence migratory bird survey under this capital improvement project (CIP).

Federal funding for this work will come through federal Pittman-Robertson (PR) Wildlife Restoration funding. The division continues to foresee increasing apportioned amounts of PR funding to Alaska. Gun and ammunition sales have continued to increase since the presidential election of 2012. Recent history would suggest a drop in gun sales after the election, however due to national discussions

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regarding guns and gun control, gun and ammunition sales continue to climb and as a result revenue to the PR fund continues to climb. The result is even greater amount of excise tax revenue for Wildlife Restoration and Hunter Education and funds made available for wildlife management by all states. This CIP will allow the department to spend these funds while not increasing the base operating budget.