

**Shooting Range Deferred Maintenance**

**FY2016 Request: \$500,000**

**Reference No: AMD 45482**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance

**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:** 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2020

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Division of Wildlife Conservation operates three shooting range facilities; one outdoor range and two indoor ranges. The indoor ranges are 12-14 years old. Repairs to floors and roofs as well as painting is anticipated in the next few years. The outdoor range at Rabbit Creek needs shooting lane coverings and electrical upgrades. Parking facilities often need repair due to climatic conditions.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$375,000						\$375,000
Fish/Game	\$125,000						\$125,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

<input checked="" 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
25% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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:**

The department will create grant agreements with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the Hunter Education subprogram of Wildlife Restoration. The following program guidelines authorize this project initiative: construct, operate, or maintain firearm and archery ranges for public use.

**Project Description/Justification:**

The department has been apportioned a significant increase in federal funding from the Pittman-Robertson (PR) program. There are two subprograms, Wildlife Restoration and Hunter Education. The Hunter Education subprogram derives its receipts from federal excise taxes on the manufacture of handguns and archery equipment. 50 percent of the national gross receipts are set aside for this program. Alaska receives funding through a formula based on state population. This entitles Alaska to one percent of the yearly gross receipts. This amount of funding can be used for a comprehensive hunter education program and/or the development and management of shooting ranges. A 3:1 match is required from non-federal sources to access funds and the division must obligate and expend additional funding as it becomes available.

The appropriation is anticipated to provide a source of funding for the significant repairs needed to facilities over the next several years. The department proposes an approach to designate significant short-term investments in the program and infrastructure of shooting ranges to use the significant

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increase in available PR funding dedicated to Hunter Education. The multi-year appropriation will enable the department to distribute funding for targeted repairs with assured funding.