

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund

FY2021 Request: \$4,000,000

Reference No: 33647

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)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2025

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project allows the department to continue receiving federal grant funds for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. Projects are selected through a competitive process, with funding supporting stock assessment, harvest monitoring, and habitat projects. There is a 33% match requirement that is passed on to the project funding recipients. Projects support the sustainability of Alaska salmon, enhance the ability of the department to manage fisheries, and contribute to the economy and food security of the people of Alaska.

Funding:	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Total
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$24,000,000
Total:	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$24,000,000

<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"/> Ongoing
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 Ch3 SLA2019 P4 L7 SB 19 \$3,500,000
- Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P5 L17 SB 142 \$3,500,000
- Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P116 L23 SB 160 \$7,500,000
- Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P83 L13 SB 46 \$12,000,000
- Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P27 L9 SB 230 \$9,000,000
- Sec1 Ch15 SLA2009 P14 L30 SB 75 \$22,000,000
- Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P148 L12 SB 221 \$22,000,000

Project Description/Justification:

The Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund (AKSSF) is Alaska's program for administering these federal funds. The state will apply the funds over a five-year period. The overall objective is promoting sustainability of Alaska's salmon populations and maintaining salmon populations that are utilized for subsistence. The department operates the program according to congressional and federal guidance. The state provides grants and funding to state agencies and subrecipients through competitive calls for proposals for stock assessment, harvest monitoring, and habitat conservation and restoration projects. If this program were discontinued, the department would lose funding for numerous salmon

projects, resulting in significant impacts in Sport Fish, Commercial Fisheries, Habitat, and Subsistence.

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF) projects contribute to the core services of Stock Assessment Research and Management. Key approaches include estimating monitoring escapement of salmon populations. Collectively, PCSRF projects contribute to long-term sustainability of salmon populations and salmon habitats, thereby ensuring harvest opportunities are maintained.

What has been accomplished?

Habitat restoration and protection projects funded through the AKSSF span all regions of the state. Nineteen fish passage restoration projects were funded in the last ten years, primarily in the Mat-Su Valley and Kenai Peninsula.

- One project alone restored access to 274 hectares of lake habitat and 42.6 kilometers of stream habitat for spawning and rearing salmon. Several other projects eradicated northern pike from most of the Kenai Peninsula and funded extensive stream bank restoration around Fairbanks, the Mat-Su, and the Kenai Peninsula.
- Fifty-four projects in the same period focused on ensuring continued subsistence fishing opportunities.
- Harvest monitoring projects took place in Cold Bay, King Cove, Port Heiden, and Sand Point on the Alaska Peninsula, Port Graham and Nanwalek on the Kenai Peninsula, and King Salmon and Naknek in Bristol Bay.
- Escapement projects on subsistence runs have ensured sustainable returns on the Chena, Salcha, and Anvik rivers, the Bonanza River near Nome, the Kuskokwim River, the Chignik River, and the Pasagshak and Afognak rivers on the Kodiak Archipelago.
- Other projects have assessed returns to Klawock and the Copper and Kvichak rivers.

These and dozens of other projects have benefited Alaskans from all regions of the state.