

Alaska Wildlife Trooper Marine Vessel Maintenance and Repair

FY2026 Request: \$2,775,000
Reference No: 66299

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Deferred Maintenance

Category: Public Protection

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2030

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project provides for repair and maintenance of the Department of Public Safety's 41 marine vessels. These assets are crucial tools used to achieve the department's mission to ensure public safety and enforce fish and wildlife laws.

Funding:	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$2,775,000						\$2,775,000
Total:	\$2,775,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,775,000

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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

These vessels are utilized to transport troopers for traditional law enforcement calls for service across marine and inland waters to hundreds of communities across the state. These funds are used to rebuild vessel engines and components when they reach the limits of safe and useful life.

Project Description/Justification:

Routine preventative and scheduled maintenance for vessels of all sizes is necessary and cost efficient. As the operational life of some of the vessels is extended, maintenance becomes critical to the safety of the vessels and the crew. This project will fund replacement of worn out or obsolete equipment, such as marine radios, global positioning systems, and engines. This is necessary to ensure vessels are seaworthy, safe, and dependable.

Alaska's fisheries are changing and the patrol emphasis for smaller vessels is taking on expanded roles, including increased patrols relating to federal marine enforcement and homeland security concerns. The increasing demand for operations also affects small vessel maintenance needs. All vessels are used for commercial fisheries, sport fishing and big game hunting enforcement, and search and rescue missions. Many larger vessels patrol the high seas all year, from southeast Alaska to the Kotzebue Sound, in all weather and sea conditions. To patrol these fisheries in safe and dependable vessels, the department must establish and follow a planned and scheduled maintenance program.

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Maintaining the fleet is an ongoing process requiring a forecast of needs based on prudent mariner practices, equipment manufacturer recommendations, and normal wear and tear.

The information below is based on projected maintenance needs over five years, beginning with a FY2025 \$2,775,000 capital appropriation. An additional \$2,775,000 is necessary to fully implement the five-year vessel maintenance plan.

Project	Total Cost
P/V Stimson March 2024 shipyard	\$1,100.0
P/V Stimson March 2028 shipyard	\$1,200.0
Cam'ai September 2025 shipyard	\$500.0
Cam'ai September 2029 shipyard	\$600.0
P/V Enforcer replacement March 2029 shipyard	\$900.0
Annual Maintenance for Medium and Small Class Vessels (\$250.0 per year)	\$1,250.0
Total:	\$5,550.0

Changing circumstances or equipment failure may result in reallocation of funds or reprioritization of projects within the vessel fleet as needed. Operating personal services may be charged to this capital appropriation to coordinate and accomplish the repairs and maintenance needed.