

Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Facilities Design and Construction

FY2001 Request: \$2,500,000
Reference No: 6388

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development

Project Type: Construction

Location: Homer

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2005

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Construction of research and education facilities for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Funding:	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$2,500,000						\$2,500,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000

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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This CIP project received \$1.385 million in FY00 for facility planning and design phases.

Project Description/Justification:

The National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) System is a national system of protected sites for long-term research and education. The Kachemak Bay NERR was formally designated by NOAA in February 1999. As a non-regulatory program, designation of the Kachemak Bay NERR neither affects existing land and water uses and activities nor the local, state, or federal land use authorities over such uses. The Kachemak Bay NERR is managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Habitat and Restoration Division, in coordination with NOAA, local governments, and other research and educational programs in the Kachemak Bay region.

Administrative, research, and education facilities are needed to support this research and education program. The NERR currently has no administrative, research, and education facilities. In FY00, the Legislature authorized ADF&G to receive up to \$1.3 million in federal funds to begin facility planning and construction. These funds will be used to obtain an interim NERR office, garage and storage space, to begin facility design of the NERR Headquarters Facility in Homer (a partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge - AMNWR), and to improve remote research facilities at the Kasitsna Bay Lab. Congress recently appropriated an additional \$2.5 million for Federal Fiscal Year 2000 to continue efforts to meet these facility needs. In state FY01, the majority of these funds will be used to complete the architectural design and begin construction of the NERR Headquarters Facility. This facility will include administrative staff offices and programmatic space for research and education programs, including labs, library, multipurpose, conference rooms, and interpretive space.

Contingent on congressional appropriations, the Kachemak Bay NERR is expected to receive operation and facility construction funding in subsequent years to complete the Headquarters Facility in Homer and remote research facilities at the Kasitsna Bay Lab.