

AMD: Bering Sea Crab Research**FY2003 Request: \$1,000,000****Reference No: AMD 36870****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Planning**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Kodiak**Contact:** Doug Mecum**House District:** Kodiak (HD 6)**Contact Phone:** (607)465-4150**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2007**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

A federal grant of \$1000.0 is being provided by the National Marine Fisheries Service to conduct research on various crab species in the Bering Sea.

Funding:	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = 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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

There has been no prior funding for this project.

Project Description/Justification:

These funds are provided by a federal grant from NOAA for a research program involving the crab fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. This project will provide funding for the Westward Region program for research on the commercial king and Tanner crab stocks of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, as is necessary for informed fishery management decisions and policies. These funds would provide for stock assessment surveys, tagging studies, genetics investigations, support for necessary facilities, equipment and travel, and support staff necessary for fieldwork, analysis and report writing.

Information on stock status, stock trends and biological parameters pertaining to growth, productivity, fishery effects and stock structure are critical to the highly valuable commercial king and Tanner crab fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. The funds will support the ADF&G Genetics Lab in studies pertaining to the genetics of Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands king and Tanner crab in FY03, a pot survey for golden king crabs in the Aleutian Islands in FY04, a pot survey for St. Matthew blue king crab in FY05, attendant tagging studies with the surveys in FY04-FY05 and other data-gathering and reporting activities in FY03-FY05.