

**Nearshore Marine Research Studies**

**FY2003 Request: \$998,000**  
**Reference No: 36856**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Statewide  
**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2007  
**Project Type:** Planning  
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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Funds from the National Marine Fisheries Service will be used to develop nearshore commercial fisheries that foster economic development of coastal communities.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$998,000						\$998,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$998,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$998,000</b>

<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 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	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

FY00 - \$1.2 million and FY02 - \$1.8

**Project Description/Justification:**

In Federal Fiscal Year 2002 and 2003, the U.S. Congress appropriated funds to the National Marine Fisheries Service that are earmarked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) for development of nearshore commercial fisheries that foster economic development of coastal communities. The primary purpose of these funds is to assist ADF&G in conducting stock assessment and research as prerequisites to developing fishery management plans for sustainable fisheries on previously unexploited or lightly exploited marine resources. A secondary objective is to conduct critical research on fisheries at risk due to insufficient information on abundance, productivity and life history. Species targeted for fishery development include sea urchins, sea cucumbers, geoduck clams and black rockfish. Existing nearshore fisheries needing critical research include lingcod, pollock, shrimp, intertidal clams, golden king crabs and Dungeness crabs.