

**State of Alaska
FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Fish and Game
Habitat and Restoration
Budget Request Unit Budget Summary**

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BRU Mission

The mission of the Division of Habitat and Restoration is to protect, maintain, enhance, and restore habitat for fish and wildlife consistent with sound conservation and sustained yield principles.

BRU Services Provided

See Key Issues

BRU Goals and Strategies

See Key Issues.

Key BRU Issues for FY2003 – 2004

Pursuant to Executive Order 107, the Habitat and Restoration Division is being reorganized with most Title 16 permitting functions transferring to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and other research-related functions transferring to other divisions within the Department of Fish & Game (DFG) as follows:

Functions Moving to DNR

- Title 16 fish passage and anadromous fish stream permitting
- Anadromous Waters Catalog (regulatory function)
- Project-related research and monitoring
- Consistency reviews, ACMP plan review, review of 6217 documents, coastal boundaries atlas
- Forest Resources and Practices Act permitting

Functions Moving to a new Habitat Component in the Division of Sport Fish

- Fish stream surveys and database
- Various research and restoration projects (e.g., stream bank restoration manuals and assistance, ATV study and mapping)
- Special Areas permitting
- Oil spill contingency plan reviews
- ACMP support to DFG Commissioner
- Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Functions Moving to Division of Wildlife Conservation

- Access Defense
- CARA/SWG
- North Slope Grizzly Project

Functions Moving to Division of Commercial Fisheries

- Log Transfer Facilities Dive Survey
- Mariculture Leases
- Invasive Species

A key issue facing both DNR and DFG will be to maintain an effective permitting function and continue the protection of important fish and wildlife habitats in conjunction with responsible development projects. The transfer of permitting functions into a single agency will increase the overall efficiency by streamlining the permitting process. Smoothly integrating the various duties and functions of the Habitat and Restoration division into the two separate departments will be a primary focus.

Major BRU Accomplishments in 2002

Conversion of the paper maps that constitute the Atlas for the Anadromous Waters Catalog (AWC) into Geographic Information System (GIS) format has been largely completed statewide. Species utilization, hydrography, regional boundaries, statistical area boundaries, and barrier layers have been completed through the draft stage for all six regions of the state. Outstanding tasks include creation of annotation layers and the final quality assurance checks prior to production and publication of maps. Several web-based functions were also added to better serve user groups and the public. GIS data layers, including the new draft data, are available for download through the department's AWC web site (http://www.habitat.adfg.state.ak.us/geninfo/anadcat/awc_gisdata.shtml). Additionally, an Internet Map Server (http://www.habitat.adfg.state.ak.us/geninfo/anadcat/awc_ims.shtml) has been established that allows for public viewing and querying of the data. To help respond to staff and public inquiries about the data, intranet queries have been established in order for department staff to view and query historical AWC edits and submittal documents.

In FY02 the division provided applicants with technical assistance on 3,078 projects statewide, to meet project objectives while avoiding or minimizing impacts to fish and wildlife resources within regulatory deadlines. Numerous habitat restoration projects were completed in cooperation with other agencies, municipalities, and private organizations and individuals throughout Southcentral Alaska with a continued focus on the Kenai River and the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. The division successfully resolved numerous construction issues with the oil industry in the Cook Inlet Basin and on the North Slope and continued its work at Red Dog, Fort Knox and Green's Creek.

See also the Sport Fish BRU Accomplishments.

Key Performance Measures for FY2004

Measure:

Performance measures for habitat functions in both DNR and DFG will undergo revision during FY04, and will be reflected in the FY05 budget.

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BRU Financial Summary by Component

All dollars in thousands

	FY2002 Actuals				FY2003 Authorized				FY2004 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<u>Formula Expenditures</u>												
None.												
<u>Non-Formula Expenditures</u>												
Habitat	1,902.8	221.6	2,503.6	4,628.0	2,068.4	387.1	3,046.1	5,501.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hab. Special Projects	116.6	485.3	880.7	1,482.6	99.4	802.3	2,411.3	3,313.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restoration	0.0	0.0	2,818.6	2,818.6	0.0	0.0	3,620.2	3,620.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Totals	2,019.4	706.9	6,202.9	8,929.2	2,167.8	1,189.4	9,077.6	12,434.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

Funding associated with the Habitat and Restoration BRU is being transferred or eliminated for FY04 as follows:

Transfer to DNR	\$3,525.0
Transfer to Sport Fish - Habitat Component	\$3,605.6
Transfer EVOS Component to Admin & Support BRU	\$3,620.2
Transfer to Other DFG Components	\$ 241.6
General Fund Reduction	\$ 167.8
Other Fund Reduction (CIP & I/A Receipts)	\$1,353.0

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Summary of BRU Budget Changes by Component

From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2003 Authorized	2,167.8	1,189.4	9,077.6	12,434.8
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Habitat	-1,900.6	-387.1	-3,046.1	-5,333.8
-Hab. Special Projects	-99.4	-802.3	-1,058.3	-1,960.0
-Restoration	0.0	0.0	-3,620.2	-3,620.2
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Habitat	-167.8	0.0	0.0	-167.8
-Hab. Special Projects	0.0	0.0	-1,353.0	-1,353.0
FY2004 Governor	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0