

**State of Alaska
FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Public Safety
Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement
Component Budget Summary**

Component: Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement

Contribution to Department's Mission

The mission of the Division of Alaska State Troopers is to preserve public peace, protect life, property, and resources.

Core Services

The purpose of the Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement (ABWE) continues to be to protect state fish and game resources by a combination of uniformed trooper patrols, covert investigations, and educational and public awareness programs. In addition, ABWE is the Division of Alaska State Troopers' bureau with primary responsibility to provide boating safety education and enforcement statewide.

ABWE provides a trooper presence in remote areas of Alaska where little or no other law enforcement exists. While patrolling a complex array of sport, commercial, personal use, or subsistence fisheries and commercial, sport, or subsistence hunting seasons, ABWE troopers are fully commissioned Alaska State Troopers who independently recognize and act upon many other public safety emergencies, enforcement and concerns.

ABWE performs wildlife enforcement patrols and investigations throughout Alaska. The bureau:

- Performs primary police service in remote communities.
- Performs wildlife law enforcement patrols and investigations throughout Alaska's 586,000 square miles of landmass, 36,000 miles of coastline, and 336,000 square miles of expanded federal jurisdiction in the Bering Sea.
- Provides boating safety education and enforcement.
- Participates in search and rescue missions statewide.
- Investigates and apprehends criminal offenders.
- Maintains thirty-seven ABWE posts strategically located throughout Alaska to assure optimum trooper presence and coverage. The bureau has five distinct geographical areas, known as regions. Southeastern Region covers Southeast Alaska with the headquarters located in Juneau and posts in Petersburg, Klawock, Haines, Hoonah, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Wrangell. Mat-Su Region covers Southcentral Alaska with the headquarters located in Palmer and posts in Anchorage, Glennallen, Big Lake, and Talkeetna. Southwestern Region headquarters are located in Kodiak with posts in King Salmon, Iliamna, Dillingham, Dutch Harbor, and Cold Bay. The Kenai-Prince William Sound Region headquarters are located in Soldotna with posts in Girdwood, Homer, Seward, Valdez, and Cordova. The Northern Region headquarters are located in Fairbanks with posts in Galena, Coldfoot, Delta Junction, Tok, Cantwell, Nome, Bethel, Aniak, McGrath, and St. Marys.

FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2006 Component Budget: \$11,132,900	Personnel:	
	Full time	100
	Part time	18
	Total	118

Key Component Challenges

Alaska's coastline of 36,000 miles represents 40 percent of the nation's coastline and almost 89 percent of the Pacific states' coastline. ABWE's patrol area is unrivaled by the remaining states, and is the equivalent in distance from the Carolinas to California and Texas to the Great Lakes. Each ABWE field trooper has to cover, on average, over 11,151 square miles of land mass, coastline, and waterway.

ABWE continues to operate at a minimally acceptable enforcement level. Many areas of the state are not patrolled or are only occasionally patrolled. Only with the support of the Department of Public Safety marine enforcement section and its fleet of 17 vessels ranging from 25' to 156', and the department's aircraft section with its compliment of patrol aircraft, can the ABWE core mission be effectively administered. During 2004, ABWE troopers were at sea a total of 889 days on the various vessels, and spent 3,872 hours patrolling this vast landmass with aircraft. But, having the skilled personnel and providing the proper training to conduct these unique patrols is increasingly more challenging.

In FY1991, 380,872 resident and nonresident sporting licenses were sold in Alaska compared to 491,789 in FY2002, including a 63 percent increase in nonresident sport fishing license sales. This trend is expected to continue into the future. Many commercial fisheries, big game hunting areas, and sport fisheries receive little or no resource enforcement.

The challenge to ABWE is to provide at least adequate enforcement of fish and wildlife laws with existing resources in the face of this increasing use.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

The creation of the new Public Safety Tech classification has allowed the development of a dockside monitoring and compliance-checking program for commercial fisheries. The dockside monitoring is part of a Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) between the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Division of Alaska State Troopers (AST). NMFS funds the Public Safety Tech II positions strategically placed throughout Alaska to assist in monitoring and gathering data from commercial fishers landing their federal catch in Alaska ports. Violations of both federal and state regulations are documented and follow-up enforcement action taken by either NMFS agents or an Alaska State Trooper. The overall intent of this program is to create an incentive environment for regulation compliance as well as allow the field troopers and NMFS agents to concentrate on other enforcement activities, until an enforcement issues is discovered or develops.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement conducted targeted enforcement programs in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon fishery, Bering Sea and Bristol Bay commercial crab fisheries, Yukon River commercial king salmon fishery, and the Southeast sac roe herring fishery. A variety of big game programs were implemented to monitor the harvesting of moose, sheep, brown and black bear, in the regions of Southeast, Interior, Alaska Peninsula, and the Brooks Range. The total number of resource user contacts per trooper increased by 5 percent over FY2003. The total number of wildlife violations detected increased from 9,358 in FY2003 to 11,095 in FY2004. The number of AST patrol related contacts increased from 6,388 in FY2003 to 10,432 in FY2004, resulting in a 64 percent increase in the detection of patrol related violations.

ABWE troopers implemented a specialized Sex Offender Registration and Arrest Warrant service enforcement program. This resulted in the address verification of 170 registered sex offenders, 27 violations for failing to register as a sex offender, 319 attempts to serve arrest warrants, and 90 arrest warrants served.

ABWE continued the Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). During 2004, the JEA allowed ABWE to employ six public safety technicians to conduct dockside commercial vessel checks for federal and state compliance with commercial fishing regulations. Expansion of this program in the near future in response to the newly developing Federal Groundfish Rationalization Program is expected.

ABWE troopers conducting commercial fisheries enforcement in Southeast Alaska charged operators of the F/V Hunter with 58 counts of various violations to include fishing closed period, fishing without a permit, false data on ticket, etc. This resulted in fines of \$145,000 with \$75,000 suspended.

ABWE troopers flying patrol in the McGrath area discovered kill sites where multiple wolves had been taken outside a permit area. The resulting investigation lead to the identification of a guide suspect who had been issued a permit under the aerial wolf control program. The guide's airplane, a modified Supercub, was ultimately seized. Numerous charges are pending and the airplane is pending forfeiture.

Southeast Region vessels and aircraft were instrumental in detecting and investigating 20 illegal cases of commercial fishing in closed waters and closed periods involving salmon, king crab, Dungeness crab, herring, and halibut fisheries.

ABWE troopers in Kodiak were conducting a vessel patrol in very marginal weather when a trooper observed a small inflatable skiff depart into the bay. The skiff encountered conditions that caused it to capsize. The ABWE vessel was diverted to the scene where two individuals, neither of whom were wearing a personal floatation device, were recovered. The vigilance and observation of the trooper certainly saved the lives of both individuals.

ABWE troopers in the Kenai-Prince William Sound region were conducting a vessel patrol when they encountered a small vessel whose operator had been overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning. The troopers were able to revive the operator and he was transported to advanced medical care.

ABWE troopers increased the number of hours devoted to boating safety education from 25 hours in FY2003 to 70 hours in FY2004. The number of hours dedicated to boating safety enforcement increased from 951 hours in FY2003 to 1,183 hours in FY2004. This resulted in 3,820 boating safety contacts and the detection of 505 boating safety violations.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

DPS - Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)
Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)
Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)
Controlled Substances (AS 11.71.010 - AS 11.71.900)
Judicial Services (AS 22.20.100 - AS 22.20.140)
Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 and AS 33.30.081)
Search & Rescue (AS 18.60.120 - AS 18.60.175)
Village Public Safety Officer Definition (AS 01.10.060(c)(7)(C))
VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)
VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)
Concealed Handgun Permits (AS 18.65.700)
Security Guard Licensing (AS 18.65.400 - AS 18.65.410)
Sex Offender Registration (AS 12.63.010 - AS 12.63.100)
Central Registry of Sex Offenders (AS 18.65.087)
Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)
Document and disseminate information regarding homicides (AS 44.41.040)
Document and investigate missing persons (AS 18.65.610)
Investigate fires resulting from crimes (AS 18.70.030)
Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation (AS 18.65.086)
DUI Forfeiture Requirements (AS 28.35.036-.037)
DPS DNA collection and registration requirements (AS 44.41.035)
Duty of Law Enforcement to Provide VCCB information (AS 18.67.175)
Rights of Crime Victims to be notified orally and in writing by Law Enforcement (AS 12.61.010)
Aeronautics (AS 02)
Criminal (AS 11)
Environment (AS 46)
Fish & Game (AS 16)
Fish & Game (5 AAC)
Guide/Outfitting (12 AAC)
Guide/Outfitting (AS 08)
Health & Safety (AS 18)
Limited Entry (20 AAC)
State Government (AS 44)
Training (13 AAC 85)
Training (AS 44.41.020(a))

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**Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	8,563.0	9,131.1
72000 Travel	0.0	126.5	126.5
73000 Services	0.0	1,797.0	1,643.2
74000 Commodities	0.0	169.0	222.2
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	9.9	9.9
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	0.0	10,665.4	11,132.9
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	9,981.9	9,946.4
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	65.6	67.5
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	0.0	137.9	639.0
1134 Fish and Game Criminal Fines and Penalties	0.0	480.0	480.0
Funding Totals	0.0	10,665.4	11,132.9

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	65.6	67.5
Fish and Game Fund	51045	0.0	480.0	480.0
Capital Improvement Project Receipts	51200	0.0	137.9	639.0
Restricted Total		0.0	683.5	1,186.5
Total Estimated Revenues		0.0	683.5	1,186.5

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2005 Management Plan	9,981.9	0.0	683.5	10,665.4
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer PS Tech from Marine Enforcement - JEA Federal Position	0.0	0.0	5.5	5.5
-Transfer GF lease costs to Detachments	-145.7	0.0	0.0	-145.7
-FY 05 Bargaining Unit Contract Terms: GGU	13.5	0.0	3.8	17.3
-FY06 Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	51.6	0.0	8.9	60.5
Proposed budget increases:				
-Increased Efforts funded by the NMSF Joint Enforcement Agreement	0.0	0.0	484.8	484.8
-Increased Fuel Costs	45.1	0.0	0.0	45.1
FY2006 Governor	9,946.4	0.0	1,186.5	11,132.9

**Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2005</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2006</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	98	100	Annual Salaries	6,003,276
Part-time	18	18	COLA	20,637
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	793,783
			Annual Benefits	3,182,214
			<i>Less 5.67% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(566,610)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	116	118	Total Personal Services	9,433,300

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Assistant	1	0	0	0	1
Administrative Clerk II	0	0	0	3	3
Administrative Clerk III	1	1	1	3	6
Captain PS	1	0	0	0	1
Lieutenant PS	1	1	1	3	6
Mail Svcs Courier	1	0	0	0	1
Public Safety Technician I	1	1	1	15	18
Public Safety Technician II	1	1	1	9	12
Radio Dispatcher II	0	0	0	1	1
Sergeant PS	0	1	1	8	10
State Trooper	3	4	3	49	59
Totals	10	9	8	91	118