

Field Equipment and Maintenance for Regional Wildlife Biologists

FY2007 Request: \$150,000
Reference No: 41451

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Equipment

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Wildlife Conservation has professional biologists and technicians in 23 locations statewide performing field research and management of wildlife species. They have a continuing need for reliable, efficient and safe transportation equipment. Unreliable equipment jeopardizes the ability of staff to survey wildlife populations, manage hunts, and serve the public. Equipment that becomes unsafe puts field staff at risk of personal injury. Periodic equipment replacement is vital to staff performing science-based wildlife management activities. Examples of equipment to be purchased include: snow machines, all-terrain vehicles, skiffs and motors, aircraft engines, and storage sheds.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$150,000						\$150,000
Total:	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Appropriations for equipment of \$100.0 each from the Fish & Game Fund were authorized by CH61 FSSLA 2001, pg 18, ln 19; CH 1, SSSLA 2002, pg 38, ln 29; CH 82, SLA 2003, pg26, ln 31; Appropriation for \$200.0 from Federal and Fish & Game Fund, CH 159, SLA 2004, pg 25, ln 10

Project Description/Justification:

This appropriation will provide funding to purchase large transportation and scientific equipment for field staff. Field research and management staff need access to large areas of land and water and must use motorized vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmachines, and boats. Technological equipment is also necessary to help staff communicate in the field and to enhance computer applications including GPS. Scientific equipment for analytical testing and specimen storage is needed by the Moose Research Center (located near Kenai) and by the Division's Wildlife Veterinarian.

The following equipment has been purchased by recent capital appropriations for field equipment:

Field Equipment	Area Office / Program
All-Terrain Vehicles	Glennallen, Soldotna, Nome, Fairbanks, Galena, Tok
Snowmachines	McGrath, Cordova, Palmer, Galena, Nome,

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	Soldotna, Glennallen
Boats, trailers, and/or motors	Petersburg, Bethel, Kotzebue, Galena, Waterfowl program
Drug and gun storage safes	Various area offices
Aviation safety helmets and headset for field biological staff	Various area offices

The division annually reviews regional and area office requirements and replacement schedules.