

Lower Kasilof Boat Launch

FY2009 Request: \$2,000,000
Reference No: 44823

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Development
Location: Kenai Areawide **Contact:** Charlie Swanton
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2011

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project funds the purchase of property and design/construction of a public access boat launch facility at 3.5 mile of the Kasilof River.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$750,000						\$750,000
Gen Fund	\$1,250,000	\$1,500,000					\$2,750,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

No prior funding. Because boating use would be split between both power and non-motorized craft, this project can only be partially funded using federal recreational power boating access funds, with the remainder consisting of general funds.

Project Description/Justification:

The Department agrees that public access to this popular fishery is imperative. Currently there is no power boat launch that allows public access to the lower river to enable anglers to fish primarily for king and coho salmon. The purchase of property and site improvements (boat launch facility) will provide public access at 3.5 mile of the Kasilof River. This \$3,500,000 (\$2,750,000 GF and \$750,000 Federal) project will be phased in over the next two years.

Phase 1 (Year 1)-Purchase the land from private landowner who has operated a drift-boat haul out at this site for many years. He has indicated his intention to discontinue that operation and his willingness to sell to the State of Alaska. Given the location and potential business opportunity this property presents, the Sport Fish Division anticipates the landowner could sell to a non-government entity which might result in decreased angler access and/or an increased cost to users. The Sport Fish Division anticipates an estimated sale price of \$2,000,000 (\$1,250,000 GF and \$750,000 Federal).

Phase 2 (Year 2)-The second phase will include the design and construction phase of the project, the estimated cost of which is \$1,500,000.