

Equipment Replacement for Wildlife Conservation Programs

FY2002 Request: \$100,000
Reference No: 33995

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Statewide
Election District: Statewide
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006

Project Type: Equipment
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Wildlife Conservation has deferred needed equipment replacement and maintenance for several years in order to more fully fund management and research programs necessary for responsible resource management. Division staff are now utilizing outdated and inadequate equipment. In some cases this outdated equipment is no longer safe or reliable under normal field use. Equipment to be purchased includes two boat/motor combinations (Petersburg and the statewide waterfowl management program), three snowmachines (Bethel, Barrow and McGrath), and one replacement 4X4 pickup truck for the Soldotna office.

Funding:

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
Fish/Game	\$100,000						\$100,000
Total:	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

A similar equipment CIP was authorized for \$100.0 under SLA98, CHP 139, pg 48, In16. The following equipment was purchased: new computers for the Information Management section; a pickup truck for the Ketchikan Area Office; snowmachines for Glenallen, Soldotna, and Galena; ATVs for the Glenallen and Tok offices; satellite radio receivers, and a boat and motor for the Bethel office.

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For the last several years Wildlife Conservation has deferred replacement of needed field equipment in order to more fully fund resource management programs. Some existing equipment can no longer be repaired and annual maintenance is not sufficient to keep the equipment safe and reliable. This CIP request will purchase the following equipment:

2 Boat/Outboard Motor combinations Petersburg Area Office Statewide Waterfowl Management Program	\$60,000
3 Snowmachines Barrow, Bethel, McGrath	\$15,000
1 4x4 Pickup Truck	\$25,000

The previous Petersburg Area Biologist used his personal boat and motor to accomplish necessary field work when the division-owned boat was no longer useable. When that biologist retired, there was no longer a boat available for use on division projects. The boat that has been used for the Statewide Waterfowl Management program is over ten years old and can no longer be repaired and/or maintained for safe, reliable use.

The snowmachines currently in use in our Barrow, Bethel, and McGrath offices are over ten years old and can no longer be relied on to provide the level of service needed to conduct winter management activities.

The current truck in use in our Soldotna office is approximately fifteen years old and no longer safe or reliable for use in field work.