

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Fish and Game
Wildlife Conservation EVOS Restoration Projects
Component

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Component Mission

To restore, rehabilitate, monitor, and enhance EVOS impacted wildlife resources.

Component Services Provided

More than 300 harbor seals were estimated to have died in Prince William Sound as a result of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. This project will monitor the status of harbor seals in Prince William Sound and investigate the possible causes for ongoing decline. Data collected since 1995 will be analyzed and reports of findings will be compiled.

Surf scoters are among the least studied of North American waterfowl and little is known of their life history, ecology, and distribution. Scoter populations in Alaska are declining for unknown reasons. This study will begin to collect data on the status of surf scoters in Alaska in an attempt to determine the reasons for the decline.

Monitoring of Harlequin duck populations will also continue as it has been determined that this species has not recovered from the spill.

Component Goals and Strategies

The primary goals of this component are: (a) to engage actively in the public processes that determine the direction and program of work funded by the EVOS Trustee Council, and (b) to conduct state-of-the-art applied science projects aimed at restoring, replacing, rehabilitating, monitoring, and enhancing EVOS impacted wildlife resources.

The Division of Wildlife Conservation has two on-going projects related to the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill: 1) Monitoring, Habitat Use, and Trophic Interactions of Harbor Seals in PWS; and 2) Surf Scoter Life History and Ecology. The division will monitor the status of harbor seals in Prince William Sound and investigate the possible causes for the ongoing decline. The division will also monitor the status of surf and white-winged scoters in Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

Scoters are an important subsistence resource in Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet. Harvest levels declined substantially after the spill. The harbor seal population decline has been ongoing since the early 1980's. Trend counts in Prince William Sound are more than 40% lower than they were 15 years ago.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

- Developed field and analytical methods for satellite tagging of harbor seals;
- Developed a new technique for determining diet based on fatty acid composition of blubber;
- Developed a population model for harbor seals.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 37.14.400-450

**Wildlife Conservation EVOS Restoration Projects
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	192.5	217.4	217.8
72000 Travel	8.5	19.5	19.5
73000 Contractual	138.5	214.9	214.9
74000 Supplies	66.3	92.6	92.6
75000 Equipment	0.1	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	405.9	544.4	544.8
Funding Sources:			
1018 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement	405.9	544.4	544.8
Funding Totals	405.9	544.4	544.8

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement	51392	405.9	544.4	544.4	544.8	500.0
Restricted Total		405.9	544.4	544.4	544.8	500.0
Total Estimated Revenues		405.9	544.4	544.4	544.8	500.0

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

There are no significant changes in this component for FY2002.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	0.0	0.0	544.4	544.4
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Year 2 Salary Costs - Net Change from FY2001	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4
FY2002 Governor	0.0	0.0	544.8	544.8

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Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	0	0	Annual Salaries	130,770
Part-time	4	3	COLA	1,354
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	25,593
			Annual Benefits	60,099
			<i>Less 0.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(0)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	4	3	Total Personal Services	217,816

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
F&W Technician III	2	0	0	0	2
Wildlife Biologist I	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	3	0	0	0	3