

State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Fish and Game Advisory Committees Component Budget Summary

Component: Advisory Committees

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Component Mission

The Board Support Section ensures that the advisory committees and the general public are provided an opportunity to participate in the state's regulatory process.

Component Services Provided

The section ensures that the advisory committees and the general public are given an opportunity to participate in the state's regulatory process. Eighty-one advisory committees across the state provide local residents the opportunity to participate in the formation of fish and wildlife regulations. Staff in six Boards Section offices (Kotzebue, Bethel, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Juneau) provide technical and logistical support for the committees. Travel and per diem expenses for committee members to attend committee meetings and for one representative to attend Board of Fisheries and Board of Game meetings are included in this component.

Component Goals and Strategies

GOAL: Increase public awareness of and involvement in the state's fisheries and game regulatory system, and use the website to disseminate information.

STRATEGY: Encourage and maintain an active membership in state advisory committees; maintain an updated advisory committee membership manual. Provide annual briefings to Board of Fisheries and Board of Game on advisory committee activity.

GOAL: Provide timely distribution of information to advisory committees.

STRATEGY: Update database software used for maintaining mailing lists for accuracy in mail-outs; post information on the section's website for prompt access by advisory committees; reformat the advisory committee portion of the website.

GOAL: Inform advisory committees of the effect of the dual regulatory systems.

STRATEGY: Educate staff and advisory committee members on the jurisdiction of state regulatory systems in relation to state subsistence management and federal subsistence management.

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

Public participation and active membership in the advisory committee system is key to its usefulness to the communities, the department, and the Boards of Fisheries and Game.

A key issue for the advisory committees continues to be federal management of subsistence uses on federal lands and waters. Dual management, including two-regulatory systems, can be confusing and burdensome to the advisory committees. Ongoing education about the state's jurisdiction and responsibilities in state subsistence management is important for continued effectiveness of advisory committees. Interaction and communication between the state and federal advisory committee systems will also increase the effectiveness of the state's advisory committees.

Currently, participation from all advisory committees at board meetings is incomplete due to limited funding. This limits both boards from receiving the full community input that the advisory committees were statutorily designed to provide.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

Information was posted on the section's website within four working days of becoming available for access by advisory committee members and the general public.

A "Joint Board Task Force" was formed with the charge of conducting a review of the state's advisory committee system to identify what is working well and what needs to be changed within the existing system. A group of current and retired

advisory committee members, along with non-committee members, was formed to begin drafting a report to the joint boards. This report will be made available during the 2002/2003 board meeting cycle.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 16.05.220-258
AS 16.05.260
AS 44.62
AAC Title 5
Public Law 96-487

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	280.2	324.1	189.6
72000 Travel	90.0	192.4	117.4
73000 Contractual	32.0	38.8	28.8
74000 Supplies	17.2	2.0	2.0
75000 Equipment	0.5	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	419.9	557.3	337.8
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	180.0	105.0
1004 General Fund Receipts	371.5	377.3	232.8
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	48.4	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	419.9	557.3	337.8

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

The Advisory Committee component will reduce its general funds by 144.5. This reduction will be accomplished by a reduction in staff, specifically by reducing seasonal regional coordinator positions that provide direct support to the state's advisory committees. Support for a shared clerical position in Kotzebue will also be eliminated.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2003 Authorized	377.3	180.0	0.0	557.3
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer of Fed Rcpts to Administrative Services to fund excess indirect receipts ADN 11-3-0187	0.0	-150.0	0.0	-150.0
-Transfer of Fed Rcpts from Boards of Fisheries and Game	0.0	75.0	0.0	75.0
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Decrement General Fund and Two Permanent Seasonal Positions	-144.5	0.0	0.0	-144.5
FY2004 Governor	232.8	105.0	0.0	337.8

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Personal Services Information

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	0	0	Annual Salaries	132,927
Part-time	5	3	Premium Pay	10,500
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	49,633
			<i>Less 1.79% Vacancy Factor</i>	(3,460)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	5	3	Total Personal Services	189,600

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
F&G Regional Reg Pgm Asst	0	0	0	3	3
Totals	0	0	0	3	3