

State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Fish and Game Sport Fisheries Special Projects Component Budget Summary

Component: Sport Fisheries Special Projects

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Component Mission

To develop partnerships between state and federal management agencies, local governments and sport fishing organizations to address fisheries issues of mutual concern while maintaining sport fishing access and opportunity.

Component Services Provided

The Division of Sport Fish works with local governments, schools, and private outdoor sports organizations to obtain funding and conduct projects designed to benefit sport fisheries. This component also provides the ability for the state to address unexpected, often short-term, fisheries issues that develop during the course of a fishing season.

With the implementation of dual State/Federal Subsistence fisheries management, this component will fund the collection of information and provide technical review of issues and solutions to problems that may affect sport fishing opportunity.

Component Goals and Strategies

The goals of the Special Projects component are to develop partnerships between state and federal management agencies, local governments, and sport fishing organizations to address fisheries issues of mutual concern; ensure sufficient water is available in rivers and streams to sustain sport fishery resources; improve fishery management and stock assessment for chinook salmon stocks covered by the U.S./Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty; and provide authority to receive and expend funds from various sources for sport fisheries research, management, and enhancement, as well as information dissemination.

With the implementation of dual State/Federal Subsistence fisheries management, we hope to use available funding to minimize the risk of decreased opportunity for sport fishing due to the Federal Subsistence Monitoring process and increase opportunities to work with rural residents on fisheries related projects.

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

Implementation of a dual State/Federal Subsistence fisheries management system is requiring the division to monitor sport fisheries throughout the state in order to determine if and when the opportunity to participate in sport fishing is at risk due to the federal subsistence process.

Salmon stocks have been declining all along the west coast. Funding has been provided to the division through a Pacific Salmon Treaty Letter of Agreement to collect information throughout the Southeast Region and Canada for purposes of rebuilding chinook stocks. Funding has also been made available through the Southeast Sustainable Salmon Fund to initiate an ecosystem wide sentinel monitoring program for coastwide stocks and their habitat.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

Support was provided for continued operation of the Auke Creek weir, which is a cooperative effort between the Division of Sport Fish, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the University of Alaska Southeast.

We continued three king salmon research projects in Southeast Alaska with funding from the Pacific Salmon Treaty Letter of Agreement. Projects included collection of biological data from chinook harvested in sport fisheries throughout the region as well as stock assessment projects on the Chilkat and Chickamin rivers. Six additional coho and king salmon stock assessment projects were conducted with funding from the Southeast Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund. Projects included escapement and coded wire tagging projects and habitat usage projects on the Alsek, Nakwasina, Chickamin, Taku, Unuk, and Warm Chuck rivers.

A number of training opportunities were provided for division staff in the following general fields: habitat monitoring and sampling; GIS technology; leadership development; stock assessment technology and modeling; decision analysis methods; and data analysis techniques.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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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	1,121.3	1,931.0	2,918.7
72000 Travel	78.1	131.9	114.2
73000 Contractual	590.9	1,560.8	3,559.2
74000 Supplies	437.8	835.5	430.8
75000 Equipment	198.9	78.6	52.4
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	2,427.0	4,537.8	7,075.3
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	1,534.6	2,278.0	3,670.6
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	697.6	1,000.0	1,459.0
1018 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement	0.0	0.0	50.0
1024 Fish and Game Fund	151.3	613.4	670.0
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	0.0	482.7	1,061.1
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	43.5	163.7	164.6
Funding Totals	2,427.0	4,537.8	7,075.3

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

Funding from the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program, implemented in FY03, will be available to the division, enabling expansion of our efforts to provide educational benefit to the general recreational fish and wildlife user throughout the state.

Increased funding from the Southeast Sustainable Salmon fund will allow the division to initiate salmon assessment projects in the areas of Haines and Petersburg, as well as enhance our instream flow protection capabilities throughout Southeast Alaska.

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	0.0	2,278.0	2,259.8	4,537.8
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Annualize FY2003 COLA Increase for General Government and Supervisory Bargaining Units	0.0	20.9	15.3	36.2
Proposed budget increases:				
-Increment to Federal, Interagency, CIP, Fish & Game Funds and EVOS Receipt Authority	0.0	1,371.7	1,129.6	2,501.3
FY2004 Governor	0.0	3,670.6	3,404.7	7,075.3

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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	5	17	Annual Salaries	1,938,909
Part-time	46	69	Premium Pay	180,616
Nonpermanent	5	2	Annual Benefits	849,556
			<i>Less 1.70% Vacancy Factor</i>	(50,381)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	56	88	Total Personal Services	2,918,700

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Criminal Justice Planner	1	0	0	0	1
F&W Technician II	1	4	3	31	39
F&W Technician III	0	2	2	16	20
Fish & Game Program Tech	0	0	0	2	2
Fish Culturist I	0	0	0	1	1
Fish Culturist III	0	0	0	1	1
Fishery Biologist I	2	1	4	3	10
Fishery Biologist II	2	3	3	2	10
Fishery Biologist III	1	1	0	0	2
Graduate Intern I	0	0	1	0	1
Maint Spec Bfc Foreman	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	8	11	13	56	88