

**Equipment for Regional Wildlife Conservation Management** **FY2005 Request:** **\$200,000**  
**Reference No:** **38984**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Equipment  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Statewide **Contact:** Matt Robus  
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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Wildlife Conservation has field biologists in 23 locations statewide performing field research and management of wildlife species. They have a continuing need for reliable, efficient and safe equipment. Unreliable equipment jeopardizes the ability of staff to survey wildlife populations, manage hunts, and serve the public. Equipment that becomes unsafe puts field staff at risk of personal injury. Periodic equipment replacement is vital to staff performing science-based wildlife management activities. Examples of equipment to be purchased include: snow machines, all-terrain vehicles, skiffs and motors, aircraft engines, storage sheds, and network computer servers.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$105,000						\$105,000
Fish/Game	\$95,000						\$95,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

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

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

Similar appropriations for equipment of \$100.0 each from the Fish & Game Fund were authorized by the following: CH 139, SLA 2000, pg 48, ln 16; CH 61 FSSLA 2001, pg 18, ln 19; CH 1, SSSLA 2002, pg 38, ln 29; CH 82, SLA 2003, pg 26, ln 33

**Project Description/Justification:**

This appropriation will provide funding to purchase or replace large transportation or scientific equipment for field staff. Field research and management staff need access to large areas of land and water and must use motorized vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmachines, and boats. Technological equipment is also necessary to help staff communicate in the field and to enhance computer applications including GPS and web-based software development.

The following equipment has been purchased by recent capital appropriations for field equipment:

<b>Field Equipment</b>	<b>Area Office / Program</b>
All-Terrain Vehicles	Glennallen, Soldotna, Nome, Fairbanks, Galena, Tok
Snowmachines	McGrath, Cordova, Palmer, Galena, Nome,

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	Soldotna, Glennallen
Boats, trailers, and/or motors	Petersburg, Bethel, Kotzebue, Galena, Waterfowl program
Computer and web servers	Information Management program
Drug and gun storage safes	Various area offices
Aviation safety helmets and headset for field biological staff	Various area offices

The division annually reviews regional and area office requirements and replacement schedules.

Grants from federal Wildlife Restoration funding (administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Aid) will be obtained to provide a large portion of funding for this ongoing project. Wildlife Restoration funding requires a cost-share of 25% which will be provided by the Fish & Game Fund. Equipment purchases in support of projects that are not eligible for Wildlife Restoration funds will be supported by the Fish & Game Fund.