

**Wood Tikchik Land and Easement Acquisition****FY2007 Request: \$976,500****Reference No: AMD 42020****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Planning**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Kodiak**Contact:** Nico Bus**House District:** Kodiak (HD 36)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2406**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2007**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will acquire 7,000 +/- acres surface estate conservation easement and 110 acres fee title from willing sellers. The funding for this project is from a congressionally directed award through the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program pursuant to P.L. 108-447 (H.R. 4818, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005). The funding comes through the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. This program is working in conjunction with projects that have already been approved through the Forest Legacy and Coastal Wetlands programs.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$976,500						\$976,500
<b>Total:</b>	\$976,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$976,500

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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:**

This is a new project request.

These acquisitions are located within Wood-Tikchik State Park and include parcels owned by Hilda S. Curtis, and the Aleknagik Natives Limited.

**Project Description/Justification:**

The largest state park in the nation, at 1.6 million acres, Wood-Tikchik State Park was created in 1978 for the purpose of protecting the area's fish and wildlife breeding and support systems and preserving continued subsistence and recreational activities. The management philosophy is one of non-development and maintenance of the area's wilderness character. Within the boundary of the park also lies land holdings in private or native corporation ownership. Acquisition by fee and easement of these properties when they become available is consistent with the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Plan.

Providing for the enhancement of recreational opportunities for Alaskans through the partnership and administration of federal and state grant programs is an end result in our missions and measures. Furthermore the 2004 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan shows that 83.31% of all survey respondents agree that park areas should be controlled to protect the environment, 75.47% state that existing parks should be expanded to include adjacent land that is important to recreation and 68.92% stated that the state should acquire private land when it blocks or restricts access to existing parks and facilities.

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Property interests acquired will vest in the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation and will be managed as part of Wood-Tikchik State Park. Existing State Park Ranger staff will manage the additional acreage. No future additional general funds or staffing needs are anticipated.

The \$976,500 federal dollars will be matched by \$976,500 directly from a non-profit organization (The Conservation Fund). No additional state funding is required to accomplish the acquisitions.

### **Why is this Project Needed Now:**

The funding was congressionally directed in the federal FY05 budget and is available now. The grant period expires 09/30/06. Delay or disapproval of this request during state FY07 could result in the loss of this critical funding.

### **Specific Spending Detail:**

#### Line Item Expenditures:

Personal Services \$27.3 - grants management, administration, easement and title work.

Capital Outlay \$949.2 - Land/easement acquisitions.

### **Project Support:**

The American Land Conservancy, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Kodiak Brown Bear Trust, general public, sport fishers, hunters, and recreationists.