

State of Alaska
FY2007 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Fish and Game
Hunter Education Public Shooting Ranges
RDU/Component Budget Summary

RDU/Component: Hunter Education Public Shooting Ranges

(There is only one component in this RDU. To reduce duplicate information, we did not print a separate RDU section.)

Contribution to Department's Mission

Promote hunter education, shooting opportunities, and firearm safety.

Core Services

The division provides the public with a three venues for hunter education classes, firearm safety, and shooting opportunities.

Rabbit Creek Shooting Park, Anchorage – This outdoor facility adjacent to Potter Marsh is open five-days per week except for December. This facility has been operated by the Department since 1974. The facility provides hunters, recreational shooters, and competitive league shooting enthusiasts with ranges for the following:

- Rifle
- Handgun
- 22 Rimfire
- Archery
- Shotgun (non-toxic) clay target shooting – 5-stand.

Organized events held at Rabbit Creek

- Hunter Education classes. A classroom building is available for youth and adult hunter education. Students and instructors use the adjacent range area for demonstrations and testing.
- “Sighting-In” days for hunters. During this event, participating hunters have their hunting firearms checked out for any operational problems, then proceed to have their hunting loads chronographed to determine actual velocity. Hunters then have their hunting firearm’s actual velocity entered into a sophisticated ballistics computer program that provides them a printout of their firearm’s trajectory at normal hunting distances.
- Youth Shooting Leagues. Supported in cooperation with the Hunter Heritage Foundation, shooting skills are taught and encouraged to youth.

Fairbanks Hunter Education Indoor Shooting Range – This indoor facility located at 1501 College Road is open five-days per week, primarily during the late summer to early spring. The facility was constructed by the Department primarily using Fish & Game Funds. The department also received federal grant funds from the Department of Interior. The facility was opened in 2000. The priority use for the facility is for hunter education and training. The facility provides hunters, recreational shooters, and competitive league shooting enthusiasts with the following:

- 50-foot Live-Fire Range with 10 Shooting Lanes
- Modern Bullet-Trap system (for .22 rifles and handguns up to .45 caliber)
- Two media-equipped Classrooms with capacity for 36 students
- Electronic Range/Shooting Simulation System
- Hunter Education and Bow Hunter Education classes
- Hunter Information and Training Clinics (Muzzleloading, Bear Baiting, etc.)
- Instructor and Range Safety Officer certification
- Youth Shooting Sports and Clinics

- Marksmanship Qualification (Handgun, Bullseye Pistol, and Light Rifle)
- League Shooting (.22 Pistol and Center-fire Pistol)

Juneau Hunter Education Indoor Shooting Range – This indoor facility at 5670 Montana Creek Road in Juneau, is open five-days per week, primarily during the late summer to early spring. The facility was constructed by the Department primarily using Fish & Game Funds. The department also received federal grant funds from the Department of Interior and funding support from the City & Borough of Juneau. The facility was opened in 2004. The priority use for the facility is for hunter education and training. The facility provides hunters, recreational shooters, and competitive league shooting enthusiasts with ranges for the following:

- 50-foot Live-Fire Range with 7 Shooting Lanes
- Modern Bullet-Trap system (for .22 rifles and handguns up to .45 caliber)
- Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education classes
- Firearms Instruction for all skill levels
- Instructor and Range Safety Officer certification
- Youth Shooting Sports and Clinics
- Marksmanship Qualification (Handgun, Bullseye Pistol, and Light Rifle)
- League Shooting (.22 Pistol and Center-fire Pistol)

FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2007 Component Budget: \$806,100

Personnel:

Full time	2
Part time	6
Total	8

Key Component Challenges

The three shooting facilities are very popular with the public as they provide a venue to promote firearm safety and teach hunting techniques to youth and adults. The facilities are built to safely permit live-fire shooting by patrons. Alaskans are actively involved in shooting activities for recreational hunting, subsistence hunting, and shooting sports purposes. Persons use division facilities to sharpen their skill and test their firearms in preparation for hunting expeditions. This service is critical for their personal safety as well as to improve their odds to successfully strike their target.

Patrons of the ranges are charged a user fee, but the collections provide only 30-35% of the operating costs for the range facilities. The fees are deposited into the Fish & Game Fund as permitted by AS 16.05.050 (a)(16) and CH 4, FSSLA 05, PG 73 LN 3. The Fish & Game Fund is primarily fees from hunting licenses and big game tags. These sources comprise 90% of the revenue into the fund. The division is trying to use the funds provided by the hunting community to manage wildlife species statewide. The general subsidy from the Fish & Game Fund for the operation of the shooting facilities results in less game management services. For FY07, this subsidy will continue.

Interagency receipts (I/A) spending authority of \$150.0 was added during the FY06 budget process. I/A receipts are limited to only state agencies and none are anticipated in FY07. The department is actively working with organizations and schools in the Fairbanks area to promote use of the facilities.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

No changes in results delivered.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

Services under this RDU were part of the Wildlife Conservation RDU during FY05. For continuity, the accomplishments are shown for the new Shooting Facilities RDU established in FY06.

Rabbit Creek Shooting Park (RCSP)

- RCSP hosts the following:
 - All Anchorage based hunter education classes organized through ADFG
 - Bowhunter certification courses (International Bowhunter Education Program - IBEP)
 - Muzzleloader certification clinics
 - Bear baiting clinics
 - Reloading clinics
 - Field courses for hunter education programs from Anchorage schools
- Rabbit Creek Youth Sporting Clays League. 10 weeks starting in September and 10 weeks starting in March.
- Jakes Day in cooperation with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) annually every June (ATV's, archery, shotgun, rifle, archery).
- Youth league coaches training in cooperation with the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) February 18-23, 2005.
- Range Safety Officer (RSO) training held October 13-14, 2004.
- Sighting-in Days Clinic, annually on the first weekend of August (gunsmith, chronographing, Ballistics information, help getting hunters sighted in for their hunt).
- Waterfowl clinic, August 28, 2004 (held annually for distance exercises, shot size experimenting, shooting tips etc.).
- Women in the Outdoors Clinic in cooperation with the NWTF, June 8-9, 2005. Held annually and includes ATV's, fly fishing, shotgun, rifle, archery.
- RCSP works in cooperation with the following agencies and groups and serves as their home range:
 - BLM field bear training courses
 - Chugach State Park ranger training
 - UAA Police training
 - Dept. of Public Safety Qualifications
 - USGS field bear safety training certifications
 - U.S. Coast Guard training
 - Elmendorf AFB 3rd equipment Maintenance Squadron
 - Various NRA training courses and instructors
 - Boy Scouts of America activities
 - NOAA training
 - Learn to Return program
 - Alaska retrievers club
 - ADF&G enforcement and bear firearms training
 - USFWS agent training
 - Alaska USA security guard training.

Fairbanks Hunter Education Shooting Facility

- Fairbanks hosts the following courses organized through ADFG:
 - Hunter Education (monthly)
 - Bow Hunter Education (monthly)
 - Muzzleloader Education (several times a year)
 - Bear Safety Classes for government agencies, organizations, and the public (monthly in season)
- Range Safety Officer Courses (several times a year)
- NRA Firearms Instructor Courses several times a year (Rifle, Pistol Shotgun, Home Firearm Safety, Metallic-Cartridge Reloading)
- NRA Ladies Basic Pistol Classes (several times a year)
- NRA Basic Rifle Classes (several times a year)
- NRA Personal Protection Classes (several times a year)
- NRA Personal Protection in the Home Classes (several times a year)
- Becoming and Outdoors Woman events (annually or semi-annually)
- Bullseye Pistol Leagues (matches held twice per week during main season)
- Bullseye 101 Classes (several times a year)
- Fairbanks works in cooperation with the following agencies, groups, and schools:
 - Federal Court Security Officer Training and Qualification (annually or semi-annually)
 - UAF Police Department Training and Qualification (annually or semi-annually)
 - ROTC Pistol Marksmanship Course
 - US Army Firearms Safety and Firearm Orientation Event
 - High Schools
 - West Valley
 - North Pole
 - Lathrop
 - Delta
 - Tok
 - Colony
 - Palmer
 - Middle Schools
 - Randy Smith Middle School Rifle Club
 - Far North Christian School
 - Monroe Catholic

Juneau Hunter Education Indoor Shooting Facility

- Juneau hosted the courses organized through ADFG:
 - Basic Hunter Education
 - Bow Hunter Education
- BB Gun Safety Class for local Cub Scouts

Note: The Juneau Range opened December 2004 and is developing programs and events with the community.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 16.05 - Fish & Game Code
AS 16.55 - Shooting and Firearm Safety
5 AAC - Fish & Game

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Hunter Education Public Shooting Ranges Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	342.2	411.1
72000 Travel	0.0	2.0	2.0
73000 Services	0.0	333.0	283.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	110.0	110.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	0.0	787.2	806.1
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	1.1	20.0
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	150.0	150.0
1024 Fish and Game Fund	0.0	636.1	636.1
Funding Totals	0.0	787.2	806.1

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
Unrestricted Fish & Game Fund-Dedicated	68535	0.0	636.1	636.1
Unrestricted Total		0.0	636.1	636.1
Restricted Revenues				
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	150.0	150.0
Restricted Total		0.0	150.0	150.0
Total Estimated Revenues		0.0	786.1	786.1

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2006 Management Plan	1.1	0.0	786.1	787.2
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY 07 Wage Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	6.0	0.0	0.0	6.0
-FY 07 Health Insurance Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
-FY 07 Retirement Systems Cost Increase	10.4	0.0	0.0	10.4
Proposed budget increases:				
-Risk Management Self-Insurance Funding Increase	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.5
FY2007 Governor	20.0	0.0	786.1	806.1

**Hunter Education Public Shooting Ranges
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2006</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	1	2	Annual Salaries	251,383
Part-time	4	6	COLA	6,951
Nonpermanent	2	2	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	159,990
			<i>Less 1.73% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(7,224)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	7	10	Total Personal Services	411,100

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
College Intern I	2	0	0	0	2
F&W Technician II	1	2	0	0	3
F&W Technician III	1	0	0	0	1
Fish & Game Program Tech	0	0	1	0	1
Project Asst	1	1	1	0	3
Totals	5	3	2	0	10