

Delete: Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge Lands Conservation

FY2008 Request: \$0
Reference No: AMD42112

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Planning

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Juneau (Mendenhall Valley)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2010

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

\$1,253,500 is currently in the FY08 capital budget request for Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge Lands. Federal funding was not approved for this project and this amendment eliminates the funding request.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Fed Rcpts							\$0
Stat Desig							\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required | <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new | <input checked="" 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

\$80.0 in GF funded through an FY07 CIP (Ref Num 42112) will also be used as match for this project.

Project Description/Justification:

The project will acquire accreted wetlands along the perimeter of the boundary of the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge. There are approximately 137 private parcels adjacent to the Refuge boundary that have accretion rights. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will work in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Southeast Alaska Land Trust (SEAL Trust) to obtain title to lands subject to accretion from adjacent landowners, thereby protecting accreted lands from future quiet title claims. The accreted lands together offer a mix of values: some specific locations are more valuable for public access; some for fish and wildlife habitat; and some others for aesthetic values.

Acquisition and protection of these lands will also serve the ecological function of the entire Mendenhall Wetlands system and prevent future diminishment of the State Game Refuge. The project should start this year because accretion continues unabated, because there is extensive due diligence work involved, and because we expect a National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant to require immediate action.

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