

**Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge Lands Conservation**

**FY2008 Request: \$1,253,500**  
**Reference No: 42112**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Planning  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Juneau (Mendenhall Valley) **Contact:** Kelly Hepler  
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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2010

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Provide funds to the Sport Fisheries RDU to obtain fee title and associated accretion rights from adjacent landowners along the boundary of the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge, thereby protecting the refuge from expanded private inholdings. ADF&G will work in cooperation with the DNR and Southeast Alaska Land Trust, thereby protecting accreted lands from future quiet title claims.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$916,700						\$916,700
Stat Desig	\$336,800						\$336,800
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,253,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,253,500</b>

<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 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:**

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

This project addresses:

Strategy A 3: Conserve, manage and enhance habitat to sustain fish and wildlife resources while optimizing social and economic benefit.

Strategy A 4: Manage Alaska's special areas in accordance with legislative guidelines.

**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.

