

State of Alaska FY2009 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Natural Resources Citizen's Advisory Commission on Federal Areas Component Budget Summary

Component: Citizen's Advisory Commission on Federal Areas

Contribution to Department's Mission

This is an independent Commission to assist the citizens with state and federal land management issues.

In their role the Commission may advise and comment on the departments draft regulations and policies and aid in avoiding public conflict of land management use.

Core Services

Provide a citizen's forum to facilitate improvement in governmental relations regarding federal land management issues.

Ensure that the impacts on the citizens of Alaska are minimized by monitoring and analyzing federal agency planning, regulations, management activities and policies.

Statutory required services are:

- a) The commission shall consider, research, and hold hearings on the consistency with federal law and congressional intent on management, operation, planning, development, and additions to federal management areas in the state.
- b) The commission shall consider, research, and hold hearings on the effect of federal regulations and federal management decisions on the people of the state.
- c) The commission may, after consideration of the public policy concerns, make a recommendation on the concerns identified to an agency of the state or to the agency of the United States that manages federal land in the state.
- d) The commission shall consider the views, research, and reports of advisory groups established by it under AS 41.37.230 as well as the views, research, and reports of individuals and other groups in the state.
- e) The commission shall establish internal procedures for the management of the responsibilities granted to it under this chapter.
- f) The commission shall report annually to the governor and the legislature within the first 10 days of a regular legislative session.
- g) The commission shall cooperate with each department or agency of the state or with a state board or commission in the fulfillment of its duties.
- h) All hearings of the commission are subject to AS 44.62.310. Hearings of the commission held under this section shall be noticed as provided in AS 44.62.190 21 and 44.62.200, and the hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions 22 of AS 44.62.210.

FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2009 Component Budget: \$241,700	Personnel:	
	Full time	2
	Part time	0
	Total	2

Key Component Challenges

This Citizen's Advisory Commission on Federal Areas (CACFA) was established after passage of HB87 in the 2007 Legislature. The challenge is to get it operational and staffed so it can become effective and accomplish its mission.

Of the 239 million acres which remain under federal management in Alaska, more than 150 million have conservation restriction. The CACFA will need to defend the rights of in-holders and other Alaskans who need a strong non-federal advocate to help them with issues regarding access to and through federal areas, and fair and consistent application of land use rules without regulations and fees that may be unreasonable and used to discourage folks from the land.

No other state holds as much federal land as Alaska, and no citizens have a greater stake in having their voices heard on issues related to federal lands than Alaskans. The reconstitution of this commission will be an important way for Alaskans to make their voices heard on federal decisions.

Under the terms of the reauthorizing law, the governor appoints six Alaskans to the commission, while the Speaker of the House and the Senate President may each appoint one legislator from their bodies, and two other Alaskans. Citizen appointees must represent the diversity of users and uses of federal land in Alaska. The 12 members of the commission were appointed in October 2007. Staffing and other logistics are planned for the fall and winter of FY2008 for the CACFA to become fully functional.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2009

Not applicable.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2007

Not applicable.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

SLA2007, CH40 was passed to reestablish this Commission.

AS 41.37.160-260

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**Citizen's Advisory Commission on Federal Areas
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	166.3	171.3
72000 Travel	0.0	34.0	34.0
73000 Services	0.0	32.4	32.4
74000 Commodities	0.0	4.0	4.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	9.5	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	0.0	246.2	241.7
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	246.2	241.7
Funding Totals	0.0	246.2	241.7

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2008 Management Plan	246.2	0.0	0.0	246.2
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY 09 Bargaining Unit Contract Terms: General Government Unit	5.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Implement Year Two of the Fiscal Note for Citizen Advisory Commission SLA07/CH40/HB87	-9.5	0.0	0.0	-9.5
FY2009 Governor	241.7	0.0	0.0	241.7

**Citizen's Advisory Commission on Federal Areas
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>		
	<u>Management</u>	<u>Governor</u>		
	<u>Plan</u>			
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	108,789
Part-time	0	0	COLA	4,513
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	60,518
			<i>Less 1.45% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(2,520)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	171,300

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Natural Resource Mgr II	0	1	0	0	1
Natural Resource Spec II	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	0	2	0	0	2