

Kodiak Aircraft Hangar Upgrade**FY2009 Request: \$225,000****Reference No: 45369****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Kodiak**Contact:** Tom Lawson**House District:** Kodiak (HD 36)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5999**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2014**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project funds the design and construction/expansion of the Division of Commercial Fisheries Westward Region existing hangar in Kodiak.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
Gen Fund	\$225,000						\$225,000
Total:	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$225,000

<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 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:

No prior funding.

Project Description/Justification:

The Division of Commercial Fisheries Westward Region has one full time pilot/mechanic and one seasonal pilot who operate four department-owned aircraft (Cessna 185, Cessna, 180, Piper PA-18, and a DeHavilland Beaver). The aircraft are stationed year-round in Kodiak and utilized by various research and management programs in the spring and winter in Kodiak, and during the summer in Chignik, the Alaska Peninsula, and the Aleutian Islands. The aircraft are used for pre-, in-, and post-season aerial estimates of relative stock abundance and timing of salmon and herring, supply transport of critical equipment and supplies/gear to remote field crews and camps, limnology and other lake assessments, as well as the remote sampling of herring and salmon. Private aircraft are either not available or the lack of private pilot experience makes utilizing a private carrier unsafe.

During the winter all aircraft are staged at the Kodiak airport for storage and maintenance. The department's current hangar was constructed in the late 1980s and can only house either the Cub (Piper PA-18) or the Cessna 180. Aircraft maintenance often must be performed outside, during the winter, or occasionally in the state troopers' hangar if they have a vacant slot open. At least three aircraft must be stored outside where they face typical Kodiak weather (snow and ice storms, wind storms, etc.). During the winter staff has to plow their way into our hangar to remove snow and ice from the aircraft wings so that the weight does not damage them. Additionally, this summer the FAA required that all brush and trees be removed from the airport safety zone. This has only aggravated/compounded the problem of blowing dust (volcanic ash, dirt, and snow) which adversely affect our aircraft stored outside. There are no facilities the department could purchase or rent for winter storage.

The current design option under consideration includes a metal building addition (100' X 45") for storage and to provide a maintenance area indoors for our aircraft.

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The replacement cost and insurance value of these aircraft is nearly a million dollars. Providing the proposed expansion to our existing hangar will reduce overall maintenance costs caused by corrosion and water/snow damage, while providing a proper work environment for our pilot/mechanic.