

Birch Lake Weir Site Land Acquisition**FY2009 Request: \$200,000**
Reference No: 45220**AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Transitional**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Birch Lake**Contact:** Charlie Swanton**House District:** Richardson/Glenn Highways
(HD 12)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-6184**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2010**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This funding will allow for the appraisal and purchase of land for the Birch Lake weir.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$150,000						\$150,000
Fish/Game	\$50,000						\$50,000
Total:	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000

<input checked="" 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
25% = 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>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This project was partially funded in FY05, \$75,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The weir has been operated at Birch Lake since 1952. The land the weir is located on is now owned by the Mental Health Trust and the land management agreement to use the site expired in 2005. This weir maintains lake levels and enables the lake to be stocked with hatchery produced fish. This lake supports extensive angler effort throughout the year and is one of the primary stocked fisheries in the region.

A purchase agreement has been drafted and signed by ADF&G, ADNR, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. An appraisal and federal review appraisal have been completed and determined the necessity of additional funding. Purchase of this property is the most cost effective means for ADF&G to maintain operation of the weir and allow for the continuance of a high quality and heavily used fishery as well as maintaining the desired lake water level.