

**Pacific Salmon Treaty Chinook Fishery Mitigation**

**FY2012 Request: \$7,500,000**

**Reference No: 48948**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Economic Assistance

**Category:** Natural Resources

**Location:** Statewide

**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The federal budget for State FY12 (Federal FY11) is likely to include up to \$7.5 million to mitigate economic consequences of harvest reductions in the Southeast Alaska sport and commercial Chinook salmon fisheries imposed by the Pacific Salmon Treaty. This project contributes to the department's mission by mitigating some of the hardships imposed on the Southeast Alaska salmon industry, in order to achieve international conservation and allocation objectives contained in the treaty.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$7,500,000						\$7,500,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,500,000</b>

<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
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

\$7.5 million in SLA 10, Ch. 43

**Project Description/Justification:**

This funding is a second component of federal funds for the State of Alaska to help mitigate impacts of a 15% reduction in Chinook harvest levels in Southeast Alaska under the revised 2008 Pacific Salmon Treaty Agreement. Utilizing recommendations from affected stakeholders, the \$7.5 million of federal funding received in FY11 is currently being allocated for salmon stock enhancement projects; grants for infrastructure improvements; direct payments to commercial trollers; and consumer research. Funding received in FY12 will again be allocated to project areas developed in consultation with affected stakeholders.

The department is administering the Chinook mitigation program for the state, but is only retaining funds for overall programmatic administrative costs and for funding of salmon enhancement projects. Other program component funding will continue to be distributed through processes of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and/or other appropriate entities.