

**2018 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL****OFFERED IN:** House Finance Department of Fish and Game Budget Subcommittee**TO:** HB 285 / HB 286**OFFERED BY:** Representative Dan Ortiz**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Fish and Game**APPROPRIATION:** Commercial Fisheries**ADD:** \$997.0 of UGF (1004) to the following allocations for the projects specified in the below tables.**ALLOCATION:** Southeast Region Fisheries Management

Region	Project	UGF (1004)
SE Region	Herring assessment/management	\$81.0
SE Region	Sablefish assessment	\$50.0
<b>SE Region Total UGF</b>		<b>\$131.0</b>

**ALLOCATION:** Central Region Fisheries Management

Region	Project	UGF (1004)
CEN	PWS Tanner crab survey	\$50.0
CEN	Togiak herring assessment	\$61.0
CEN	Alagnak Tower	\$50.0
<b>Central Region UGF Total</b>		<b>\$161.0</b>

**ALLOCATION:** Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Region Fisheries Management

Region	Project	UGF (1004)
AYK	Norton Sound King Crab Trawl Survey	\$80.0
AYK	Yukon Mainstem Sonar Operations Extension	\$85.0
AYK	Juvenile Chinook Northern Marine Survey	\$300.0
<b>AYK Region Total</b>		<b>\$465.0</b>

**ALLOCATION:**      Westward Region Fisheries Management

<b>Region</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>UGF (1004)</b>
WW	Kodiak weirs	\$100.0
WW	Chignik weir	\$100.0
WW	Kodiak aerial salmon surveys	\$40.0
<b>Westward Region Total</b>		<b>\$240.0</b>

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SE Region	Herring assessment/management	\$81.0
<b>AYK Region Total</b>		<b>\$81.0</b>

**ALLOCATION:** Central Region Fisheries Management

<b>Region</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>UGF</b>
CEN	Togiak herring assessment	\$61.0
CEN	Alagnak Tower	\$50.0
<b>Central Region UGF Total</b>		<b>\$111.0</b>

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