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Title State Assumption of 404 Wetlands Permitting Appropriation Administration & Support
Allocation Office of Project Management & Permitting
Sponsor Rules by Request of the Governor
Requester Governor OMB Component Number 2733

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY14 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY14 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	231.4		425.6	425.6	425.6	425.6	425.6	425.6
Travel	9.4		14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1
Services	111.0		122.0	122.0	122.0	122.0	122.0	122.0
Commodities	10.0		5.0					
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	361.8	0.0	566.7	561.7	561.7	561.7	561.7	561.7

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1007	I/A Rcpts (Other)	361.8		566.7	561.7	561.7	561.7	561.7
TOTAL		361.8	0.0	566.7	561.7	561.7	561.7	561.7

POSITIONS								
Full-time		2		4	4	4	4	4
Part-time								
Temporary								

CHANGE IN REVENUES							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY13) operating costs _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY14) costs _____ (separate capital appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended, or repealed? N/A Discuss details in analysis section.

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Initial version, not applicable

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #2

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Analysis

This bill provides the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in coordination with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the authority to take actions necessary to administer and enforce any dredge and fill permitting program allowed under 33 U.S.C. 1344 (sec. 404, Clean Water Act).

FY 14

Personal Services - DNR will receive interagency receipts from DEC to fund positions needed to assist DEC in its analysis of state assumption of the CWA Section 404 ("404 program"). The Office of Project Management and Permitting will require 2 new positions: one project coordinator to participate with DEC in the program development tasks, including the analysis of the division of duties between agencies under primacy and development of a mitigation program required of State programs; and one position for State program capacity development in wetlands jurisdictional determinations and permitting procedures. Capacity development will allow DNR to pursue development and administration of regional general permits for some classes of activities, resulting in more state control over 404 permitting during the interim period before the state obtains 404 primacy.

One Project Coordinator (Anchorage, XE, Range 23C) \$134,298

One Natural Resource Specialist III (Anchorage, GG, Range 18C) \$97,108

Travel - Travel costs will be incurred for attending DEC work group and stakeholder meetings, meetings with EPA Region 10 and US Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters staff, and for staff training opportunities.

Services - Contractual costs will be incurred for hiring consultants to assist the state in designing regional general permits and other capacity building. The intent of this capacity building will be to improve the efficiency of 404 permitting in Alaska even prior to the state obtaining 404 primacy.

Commodities - Position support costs, including furniture and computers (one-time costs for new positions); standard office supplies.

FY 15

Personal Services - DNR will receive interagency receipts from DEC to fund positions needed to assist DEC in state assumption of the CWA Section 404 ("404 program"). The Office of Project Management and Permitting will require two additional positions to assist in State program capacity development in permitting procedures. The Project Coordinator will continue to help in the program development tasks, including development of a mitigation program required of State programs.

Two positions established in FY2014

Two Natural Resource Specialist III (Anchorage, GG, Range 18C) \$97,108 each

Travel - Travel costs will be incurred for attending DEC work group and stakeholder meetings, meetings with EPA Region 10 and US Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters staff, and for staff training opportunities.

Services - Contractual costs will be incurred for hiring consultants to assist the state in designing regional general permits and other capacity building.

Commodities - Position support costs, including furniture and computers (one-time costs for new positions); standard office supplies.

Associated Regulations: DNR does not anticipate any regulation changes to our department's regulations at this time. However, as the evaluation of the 404 primacy program develops, we may identify changes to DNR regulations in future years.