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# Ted Stevens

United States Senator for Alaska

## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Agulowak River Salmon Habitat and Native Allotment Conservation

Project Location: Wood-Tikchik State Park, Aleknagik, Alaska

## Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

The Aleknagik Natives Limited and Bristol Bay Native Corporation, ANCSA corporations, the State, and the Conservation Fund have negotiated a conservation easement on 20,783 acres of corporation land within the 1.6 million acre Wood-Tikchik State Park, which includes both banks of the 4.5-mile Agulowak River. The corporations seek capital for various purposes including investing in their remaining lands, 90,000 acres in Aleknagik's case. There are ten Native allotments with a total of approximately 800 acres within the vicinity of the easement. They have a significant effect on the long term resource values and public access to important parts of the State Park.

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Related Appropriations Bill: Interior, Environment and Related Agencies

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$2,500,000

P.L. 101-624, Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990

Total funding to complete this project: \$4,000,000 federal

**Check all that apply:**

Number of years to fund this project: 2

- A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

- Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

Matching funds from local and private entities:

25%

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

FY 2004 - \$1,000,000 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies  
FY 2005 - \$1,000,000 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies  
FY 2005 - \$949,000 CJS  
FY 2006 - \$928,000 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies  
FY 2006 - 597,000 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

- Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

The State, local communities, lodge owners, other businesses and local people support the protection of these properties, which are within the Park. Other private lands in the area are steadily being developed. Poorly sited development would have tremendous impacts on existing lodge and guide businesses, fish, wildlife, subsistence, recreation, and other public uses.

The Agulowak provides spawning grounds for up to 200,000 sockeye salmon. An additional 1.2 million sockeye pass through the Agulowak in route to their spawning grounds higher in the watershed. Lesser numbers of chum, pink, chinook, and silver salmon pass through or spawn in the Agulowak. The value of the sockeye salmon harvest to commercial fisherman averages \$8-10 million annually but has been as high as \$42 million. The Agulowak is a major contributor to the average 65,000 salmon harvested annually in the Nushagak River Drainage for subsistence. The river supports large numbers of Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and grayling. The area is one of the most popular and productive sport fisheries in the State.

\$2,900,000 in National Coastal Wetlands grants, \$600,000 in Forest Legacy, \$650,000 in CELCP funds and approximately \$2,600,000 of private funds have already been secured for this easement and conservation of Native allotments in the area.

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## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Salmon Habitat and Native Allotment Conservation - Togiak Refuge

Project Location: Southwest Alaska: Togiak, Twin Hills, Goodnews, and Quinhagak, Alaska

## Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

If appropriated, the Fish and Wildlife Service would be able to acquire 13 native allotments with 1,300 acres with \$1,500,000 of Federal funding plus a 25% private match. Properties would be conserved through conservation easements or fee acquisition. Numerous Native allotments are for sale along the many salmon producing rivers of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge. Native landowners, increasingly driven by the collapse of the commercial salmon market, want to sell for a variety of reasons.

By working with willing sellers, conservation of a select number of these allotments will protect the habitat and recreational values of these rivers. Poorly sighted development will displace the increasingly economically important sport fishery and subsistence users. Protection of Native allotments is widely supported by Native organizations such as BBNC, BBNA, AVCP, local communities and landowners, lodges, commercial fishermen, hunters, anglers and other interests. (continued on next page)

Related Appropriations Bill: Interior, Environment and Related Agencies

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$1,500,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$6,000,000

Number of years to fund this project: 4

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

25% Private, \$500,000

List legislation that authorizes this project:

P.L. 88-578, Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 4601-4 to 4601-11)

## Check all that apply:

- A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

FY 2006 - \$300,000 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

The rivers of the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge are world-class anadromous fisheries. All five species of salmon are abundant. These salmon runs support important commercial, subsistence and sport fisheries. The rivers of the Togiak Refuge are major contributors to the salmon harvested annually in the Togiak and Kuskokwim Fishing Districts. Salmon harvest in the commercial fishery averages 41,000 chinook, 540,000 sockeye, 160,000 silvers, and 300,000 chums. The rivers support large numbers of Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and grayling. The area provides thousands of angler days of recreation. Moose, brown bears, beavers, otters, fox, wolverine and wolves are common in the area.

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## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Salmon Habitat and Native Allotment Conservation - Alagnak Wild River

Project Location: Southwest Alaska: Naknek, King Salmon, Igiugig, and Levelock, Alaska

**Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):**

If appropriated, the National Park Service would be able to acquire five native allotments with the assistance of a 25% private match. Approximately 500 acres in 5 properties will be conserved through conservation easements or fee acquisition. Numerous Native allotments are for sale along the Alagnak, a designated Wild and Scenic River within Katmai National Park. Native landowners, increasingly driven by the collapse of the commercial salmon market, want to sell for a variety of reasons. By working with willing sellers, conservation of a select number of these allotments will protect the habitat and recreational values of this increasingly popular river. Poorly sighted development will displace the increasingly economically important sport fishery and subsistence users. Protection of Native allotments is widely supported by Native organizations such as BBNC and BBNA, local communities and landowners, lodges, commercial fishermen, hunters, anglers and other interests.  
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Related Appropriations Bill: Interior, Environment and Related Agencies

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$750,000

P.L. 88-578, Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 4601-4 to 4601-11)

Total funding to complete this project: \$5,000,000

**Check all that apply:**

Number of years to fund this project: 4

A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

Matching funds from local and private entities:

25% Private, \$250,000

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

None

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

The Alagnak River is a world-class anadromous fish river and a major tributary of the enormous Kvichak River System, Alaska's largest salmon system. The Alagnak River is a designated wild and scenic river. All five species of salmon are abundant. Salmon escapement in the Alagnak based on aerial counts, averages 259,000 sockeye; chinook averages 4,200 but has been as high as 15,200; chum escapement is 41,000 and pink escapement is 147,000.

These salmon runs support important commercial, subsistence and sport fisheries. The Alagnak is a major contributor to the salmon harvested annually in the Kvichak River Drainage. The river supports large numbers of Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and grayling. The area provides approximately 3,000 angler days of recreation. Moose, brown bears, beavers, otters, fox, wolverine and wolves are common in the area.

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## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Salmon Habitat and Native Allotment Conservation - Lake Clark National Park

Project Location: Southwest Alaska: Nondalton, Port Alsworth, Iliamna, and Newhalen, Alaska

**Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):**

If appropriated, the National Park Service would be able to acquire five native allotments with the assistance of a 25% private match in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. Approximately 500 acres in 5 properties will be conserved through conservation easements and fee acquisitions. Numerous Native allotments are for sale along salmon producing rivers and lakes like the Newhalen, Copper, Lake Clark and others. The recent publicity and heightened interest in the Pebble Mine has increased the interest in local properties that are important to public access for hunting, fishing, subsistence and other outdoor recreation. Native landowners, increasingly driven by the collapse of the commercial salmon market, want to sell for a variety of reasons. By working with willing sellers, conservation of a select number of these allotments will protect the habitat and recreational values of these rivers. Poorly sighted development will displace the increasingly economically important sport fishery and subsistence users.

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Related Appropriations Bill: Interior, Environment and Related Agencies

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$750,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$5,000,000

Number of years to fund this project: 4

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

25% Private, \$250,000

List legislation that authorizes this project:

P.L. 88-578, Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 4601-4 to 4601-11)

**Check all that apply:**

- A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

None

Amount Included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

Protection of Native allotments is widely supported by Native organizations such as BBNC and BBNA, local communities, lodges, commercial fishermen, hunters, anglers and other interests.

The rivers of the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve are world-class anadromous fisheries. All five species of salmon are abundant. These salmon runs support important commercial, subsistence and sport fisheries. The rivers of the Lake Clark region are the major contributor to the enormous Kvichak River System, Alaska's largest salmon system and the extremely valuable harvest in the Kvichak Fishing District. Salmon harvest in the commercial mixed stock fishery averages 8,300,000 sockeye and 4,600 chinook. The rivers support large numbers of Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and grayling. The area provides thousands of angler days of recreation. Moose, brown bears, beavers, otters, fox, wolverine and wolves are common in the area.

The Lake Clark/Kvichak area is the major economic engine of the fish based economy of Southwest Alaska.

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## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Salmon Habitat and Native Allotment Conservation - Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife Refuges

Project Location: King Salmon, Egegik, Pilot Point, Ugashik, and Chignik, Alaska

**Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):**

If appropriated, the Fish and Wildlife Service would be able to acquire approximately 700 acres in 8 properties with \$750,000 of Federal funding plus a 25% private match. Properties will be conserved through conservation easements or fee acquisitions. Numerous Native allotments are for sale along the many salmon producing rivers and lakes of the Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife Refuge such as Becharof and Ugashik Lakes and Egegik and King Salmon Rivers. Native landowners, increasingly driven by the collapse of the commercial salmon market, want to sell for a variety of reasons. By working with willing sellers, conservation of a select number of these allotments will protect the habitat and recreational values of these rivers. Poorly sited development will displace the increasingly economically important sport fishery, sport hunting and subsistence users. Habitat for salmon production will also be impaired with potential impacts for a suite of traditional users. Protection of Native allotments is widely supported by local communities and landowners, lodges, commercial fishermen, hunters, anglers and other interests. (continued on next page)

Related Appropriations Bill: Interior, Environment and Related Agencies

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$750,000

P.L. 88-578, Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 4601-4 to 4601-11)

Total funding to complete this project: \$4,600,000

**Check all that apply:**

Number of years to fund this project: 4

A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

Matching funds from local and private entities:

25% Private, \$250,000

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

FY 2006 - \$400,000 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

The rivers of the Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife Refuges are world-class anadromous fisheries. All five species of salmon are abundant. These salmon runs support important commercial, subsistence and sport fisheries. The rivers of the Alaska Peninsula and Becharof Refuges are major contributors to the salmon harvested annually in the Egegik, Ugashik, Chignik and other fishing districts of the Alaska Peninsula. Salmon harvest in the commercial fishery averages 13,000,000 sockeye. The rivers support large numbers of Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, grayling and steelhead. The area provides thousands of angler days of recreation. Moose, brown bears, beavers, otters, fox, wolverine and wolves are common in the area.