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United States Senator for Alaska

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Fax - (202) 224-2354
 Mail - The Honorable Ted Stevens
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 522 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
 Washington, D.C. 20510

- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Alaska Fisheries Surveys

Project Location: Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

The President's budget request has reduced funding for fishery population surveys in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea by \$3.5 million. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council is dependent on the NOAA charter surveys when making its conservation and management recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce. Failure to collect this data on an annual or biennial basis will result in critical time gaps in the baseline fishery stock assessment data, increasing uncertainty for the Council in establishing its annual harvest quotas. The Magnuson-Stevens Act imposes an obligation on the Federal Government to promote the conservation and management of the fish resources to achieve the optimum yield and promote opportunities for fishermen and fishery-dependent coastal communities. This Federal obligation is not served if NOAA Fisheries does not have funding to conduct traditional, baseline fisheries surveys. The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission is requesting that Senator Stevens seek to restore these surveys by increasing the NOAA Fisheries budget by \$3.5 million.

Related Appropriations Bill: Commerce--Justice--State

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$3,500,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$3,500,000

Number of years to fund this project: annual obligation

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: n/a

Matching funds from local and private entities:

n/a--Federal Responsibility

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

These surveys have been traditionally funded as part of the NOAA Fisheries budget. They were excluded as part of the FY '08 appropriation and have not been included in the FY '09 President's budget request.

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: n/a

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

List legislation that authorizes this project:

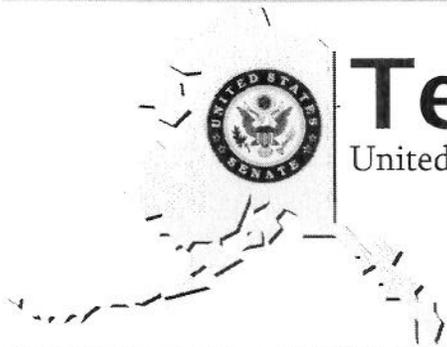
Magnuson-Stevens Act

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)

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Project Name: Aquatic Invasive Species Program

Project Location: Alaska and the West Coast (project is interjurisdictional)

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

The Aquatic Nuisance Species Program is a nationwide competitive grant program administered by the Office of Atmospheric Research for NOAA. The President has zeroed out the program in the President's budget request. The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission is requesting that the program receive \$5 million in FY '09. The Commission intends to submit a competitive grant for \$575,000 to fund planning and prevention of ballast water transfers of invasive species; hull fouling; the spread of the green crab infestation from WA/OR to Alaska; and Atlantic salmon escapements from Washington State net pens. Alaska will be actively involved in these programs as part of an interjurisdictional planning and prevention exercise. The Commerce Department has estimated an economic impact of roughly \$122 billion in costs to the Nation from invasive species. Zebra mussels and quagga mussels are beginning to appear in West Coast water supplies, and green crabs are a very real concern for the Pacific Northwest, Canada, and Alaska. Alaska's lack of a sophisticated ballast water regulatory framework puts the State at risk of infestation in the future.

Related Appropriations Bill: Commerce-Justice-State

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$5,000,000

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

Number of years to fund this project: competitive grant

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bonneville Power Administration, State of California

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

FY '02--05' "NISA Alaska" earmark of \$1.5 million.
 FY '06 Competitive grant program of \$10 million
 FY '07 Competitive grant program of \$5 million (thru the spending plan)
 FY '08 Competitive grant program of \$4.6 million

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: \$988,000

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

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

List legislation that authorizes this project:

National Invasive Species Act

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)
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Project Name: Anadromous Grants

Project Location: Coastal Alaska

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

The activities funded under this three decades' old program are necessary for the management of recreational and commercial ocean fisheries on mixed stocks originating from Alaska, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and California. The Alaska Department of Fish & Game receives one of the largest grants in this program each year. Specific activities include stock identification and assessment, sampling, data collection and dissemination in accordance with agreed data protocols. The ultimate use of this data is to determine harvest rate and forecast impacts of fisheries on various stocks. The program is a classic Federal-State partnership. The States provide a dollar-for-dollar match. The President has sought to zero out the program in FY '08 and FY '09. The Senate Appropriations bill in FY '08 did zero out the funding because it followed the President's budget request. Expressions of support are now necessary in order to maintain the program at existing funding levels.

Related Appropriations Bill: Commerce-Justice-State

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$1,952,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$1,952,000

Number of years to fund this project: Annual

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: Dollar-for-dollar

Matching funds from local and private entities:

n/a

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

This has been funded annually under the "Anadromous Grants" line item of the National Marine Fisheries Service budget. ADF&G received the following grants through the competitive process: FY '06--\$307,597; FY '05--\$310,855; FY '04--\$329,260; FY '03--\$336,439. Pacific States receives \$65,000 per year.

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 50% match

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

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Anadromous Fish Conservation Act

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)

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