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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Alaska SeaLife Center -- Pinniped Research & Marine Mammal Rescue

Project Location: Seward, AK

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

This request combines what used to be two separate lines in CJS/NMFS accounts for Steller sea lion research and marine mammal rescue. We are combining them since the rescue program was not Federally funded in FY 2007 or 2008. In the Pinniped Research Program, ASLC conducts multi-year interdisciplinary research in partnership with NMFS, ADF&G, and Alaska Native organizations to understand causes of the declines and attributes supporting recovery of Steller sea lions and harbor seals. Issues being examined include nutrition, killer whale predation, reproduction, juvenile mortality, feeding patterns, diet, and exposure to toxins, involving controlled studies with captive animals, field studies of free-ranging animals and analysis of biosamples from subsistence harvested animals. The mammal rescue program is part of the National Stranding Network and the only full-time stranding facility in Alaska. The program has handled over 200 distressed or deceased marine mammals in the last 5 years, including whales, porpoises, sea lions, seals, and sea otters.

Related Appropriations Bill: CJS Approps

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$7,000,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$7,000,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

List legislation that authorizes this project:

The Marine Mammal Protection Act
Endangered 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)
- 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:

Pinniped Research -- CJS Approps FY 2008 (\$5.278 M); FY 2006 (\$5.2 M); FY 2005 (\$7 M); FY 2004 (\$7 M).
Marine Mammal Rescue -- \$1 million/yr FY 2003-2005 CJS Approps

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: Unknown

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget:

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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Alaska SeaLife Center - Resurrection Bay Salmon Enhancement

Project Location: Seward, AK

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Sport and commercial harvest opportunities for salmon in Resurrection Bay are increasingly dependent on hatchery stocking. The ASLC proposed program aims to improve the fishery by a) conducting research to increase hatchery salmon smolt survival to result in increased adult returns (2009 egg goal projected to result in 250,000 chinook smolt); b) expanding scope of current Bear Lake sockeye salmon investigations to improve natural spawning and increase wild stock returns; and c) engaging in coho salmon wild stock enumeration and habitat investigations in the Resurrection Bay watershed to provide information and tools to better manage wild stock salmon for long term sustainability. Due to gap in 2008 funding, current chinook, sockeye and coho programs will be discontinued without new funding.

Related Appropriations Bill: CJS Approps

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

Total funding to complete this project: \$1,500,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

The Center provides in kind contribution of telecommunications equipment.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Pacific Salmon Recovery 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)

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

\$1.5 million/yr -- FY 2006, 2005, 2004 CJS Approps

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

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