

Boards of Fisheries and Game Sound Systems Replacement**FY2013 Request: \$100,000**
Reference No: 54422**AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Equipment / Commodities**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact:** Kevin Brooks**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2017**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5999**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Alaska Board of Fisheries and Game meetings are recorded to ensure an accurate record of proceedings. The audio recordings for these meeting are frequently utilized by members of the public, state and federal agencies, and court systems. All recordings and meeting documents are submitted as official state archives. The Board of Fisheries typically meets five times a year plus holds teleconferences to address petitions, for approximately 40 days annually. The Board of Game typically meets three times a year plus holds teleconferences, for approximately 20 days annually.

Funding:	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Total
Gen Fund	\$100,000						\$100,000
Total:	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is the first year for the project.

Project Description/Justification:

This project funds the acquisition of two sound systems. These systems help facilitate public meetings for the states fish and wildlife regulatory system which is a core component to the department's mission.

Boards Support currently has two sound systems that are shipped around the state to each board meeting. They are over ten years old and are complex to setup, operate, and often cause delays at board meetings due to technical difficulties. Purchasing modernized sound systems will reduce staff time in set up and troubleshooting problems, and will ensure all board meetings will be recorded with exceptional quality and dependability.

Board Support has researched sound system options by identifying specific component needs and contacting various sources for the most dependable, high quality, and cost effective brands.

Two projected replacement sound systems include the following required components:

- Audio control

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- Microphones with speakers
- Cables/wireless transceiver and receivers
- Powered speakers of appropriate size for meeting venues (amplifier with appropriate watt levels)

Outsourcing recording services as an alternative to purchasing new sound systems has been researched for viability. The logistical issue of sending vendors to remote locations and the financial impact this would have on the operating budget does not make this option the most effective.

If not approved, Boards Support will continue to use the current system and will absorb all costs utilizing operating dollars, making the necessary repairs and updates as needed. This could result in decreased service to the Advisory Committee system which impacts the public involvement in the regulatory process.