

**Department of Natural Resources  
FY22 - Mid-Year Status Report**

Item #	Approp/ Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	Comment	LFD Questions	Agency Comments
1	Administration & Support Services / Office of Project Management & Permitting	Reduce Funding for the Federal Plan Review Program	(\$100.0) Gen Fund (UGF)	The FY21 budget added \$595.0 UGF to fund the review of federal plans, including major revisions to allow oil and gas exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This \$100.0 decrement will reduce travel and service expenditures in the program.	What portion of the remaining \$495.0 is being used to pay for activities that were previously funded by the Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources capital project? Please detail which divisions or offices are receiving this funding.	The only activity that was previously funded by the ASTAR capital project that is being funded now by this increment is the ANWR Coastal Plain work, which we estimate to be around \$25.0. The rest of this increment is used to provide funding to DNR's OPMP, Division of Mining, Land & Water, Commissioner's Office, Department of Law's Civil Natural Resources, and Department of Environmental Conservation's Commissioner's Office. This funding is consistently used for federal plans review and coordination, which ensures the State has the resources necessary to engage with federal partners in the future. In response to comment related to this item, the purpose of this increment is to fund the review of federal land use plans; proposed rulemaking, regulations, and policies; and other federal actions that may affect State interests, and State of Alaska coordination with federal agencies, including through implementation of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA).
2	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Mining, Land & Water	GA 217 4/1 Advancing State's Rights in Navigability and Revised Statute 2477 (FY22-24)	\$695.0 Gen Fund (UGF) 3 PFT Positions IncT	This three-year increment is broadly intended for engagement and litigation with the federal government over state ownership of submerged lands and navigable waters. It adds three permanent full time positions: two Natural Resource Specialist III positions, and one Historian II. The latter will demonstrate historical transportation routes to contribute to the state's case in litigation under Revised Statute 2477. The department anticipates using \$365.0 of the temporary increment for third-party scientific and legal contractors.	How many of the 3 positions have been filled? Please provide hire (or anticipated) hire dates. Please provide information on the scope and monetary amounts for any third-party contracts.	Two of the three positions are filled: Natural Resource Specialist 3 (10-1899) filled 9/8/21 and Historian 2 (10-1900) filled 10/4/21. The third position, Natural Resource Specialist 3 (10-1902) is in the recruitment process with an anticipated fill date by 1/31/2022. Third party contractual obligation in the amount of \$60.6, performing RS 2477 Alaska Submerged Lands classification work.

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3	Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Geological & Geophysical Surveys	Increase Authority for Core Samples Storage in Geologic Materials Center Due to Increased Revenue from Greater Usage	\$375.0 GF/Prgm (DGF) 1 PPT Position	Hilcorp Energy will store its core samples at the Geologic Material Center (GMC) located in Anchorage. Since the GMC charges fees for storage, revenue is expected to increase. This increment accounts for costs related to increased usage of the facility and adds one seasonal Geologist I position.	When will the seasonal geologist position be filled?	We anticipate receiving the revenue from Hilcorp in the 3rd quarter of FY2022. We have sent the first invoice to Hilcorp. Once the funds are received, recruiting can take place immediately as early as the 4th quarter of FY2022.
4	Parks & Outdoor Recreation / Parks Management & Access	Increase Funding For Law Enforcement Due to Increased Training and Overtime Pay Costs	n/a	The legislature denied the Governor's \$250.0 request for Park Rangers. Higher turnover has increased training costs, and Park Rangers work overtime to assist State Troopers, which is unbudgeted. The bulk of existing funding has supported current costs, rising core costs, and emergency deferred park maintenance needs, resulting in deferred equipment and maintenance costs. Per the department, unfunded items associated with this denied funding include: instructor training and certification, armorer training and certification, web gear, bulletproof vests (which expire), and annual in-service training.	Please detail how expenditures have been impacted by the denied increment.	DPOR had three Park Rangers, two of them were seasonal, who left to go to different agencies due to lack of permanent full-time positions, overtime, and equal pay to other comparable Law Enforcement positions in the state. This loss will cost the department \$150.0 to \$200.0 to recruit and train staff. DPOR continues to lack proper training and certification for Law Enforcement Staff due to the reasons listed, creating a continued liability to the state.

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5	Agriculture / Agricultural Development	SB27, Ch. X, SLA 2021 Industrial Hemp Program	\$736.4 GF/Prgm (DGF) 5 PFT Positions	<p>SB27 creates a permanent industrial hemp program within the Department of Natural Resources, which will regulate the growth, manufacturing and sales of industrial hemp and industrial hemp product. AS 03.05.10 requires the program to be self-funded by fees, and the department anticipates \$750.0 additional GF/Prgm revenues resulting from this bill.</p> <p>There are currently two positions associated with the pilot program; this legislation brings the count to seven positions as the program transitions into permanent status. The five new positions include one Natural Resource Manager I, three Agricultural Inspectors, and one Administrative Assistant I.</p>	<p>How much additional GF/Prgm revenue from the program has been seen in FY22-to-date? How many of the 5 new positions have been filled? Please provide hire (or anticipated) hire dates.</p>	<p>From July 1 to December 31, 2021, \$30.7 of additional revenue has been generated from registrations and endorsements. Registration renewals are due at the first of the calendar year and a large increase in revenue is expected in the first quarter from these renewals. As stated to the legislature personnel will not be hired until funding has been generated. Effective January 1st the SOA program is operating under it's USDA approved plan. Due to this and the revenue increases in the coming months, the Division is expected to hire for the vacant positions.</p>