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## OPEN LETTER

### COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CIAP)

Update - September 22, 2009

On April 19, 2009, Senate Bill 75 was passed by the Alaska Legislature and subsequently signed into law on May 21, 2009. Section 39 of this new state statute appropriates the state portion of Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) funds as follows:

- \$24,384,733 to the Department of Natural Resources for state initiated projects
- \$1,451,472 to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for the Western Alaska Salmon Coalition's Chum and Sockeye Genetic Identification Program
- \$15,482,370 to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (Commerce) for an open solicitation from the public
- \$10,547,365 to Commerce for use by named municipalities and Coastal Resource Service Areas (CRSAs)

Although SB 75 named three lead agencies as recipients of CIAP funds, the Federal Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Mineral Management Service, the federal funding agency, can award CIAP funds to only one state designated agency. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Coastal and Ocean Management (DCOM), is the state designated agency.

On August 14, 2009, the DNR asked the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee (LB&A) to provide DNR with the necessary authority to accept all of the state's CIAP funds in order to act as the state pass through agency as required by federal rules, and pass through the funds in accordance with SB75. This solution allows the state to move the program forward without further delay. As part of the request to the LB&A, the DNR also asked that the costs to administer the CIAP be taken from the overall allocation of funds to Alaska as allowed by the federal funding agency. The LB&A approved both of the DNR's requests.

As a result of the LB&A approval to the DNR request, the legislative allocations above have been reduced proportionately to cover the cost of administering CIAP as follows:

- \$23,179,802 to DNR for state initiated projects
- \$1,379,750 to ADF&G for the Western Alaska Salmon Coalition's Chum and Sockeye Genetic Identification Program
- \$13,777,558 to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (Commerce) for an open solicitation from the public

- \$9,385,961 to Commerce for use by named municipalities and coastal resource service areas (CRSAs)

The adjusted CIAP project funds available to named municipalities and coastal resource service areas are as follows:

Ceñaliulriit CRSA	\$2,583,292
City and Borough of Juneau	\$1,636,085
Aleutians West CRSA	\$1,033,317
Bering Straits CRSA	\$947,207
City and Borough of Sitka	\$774,988
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	\$774,988
Aleutians East Borough	\$602,768
Bristol Bay CRSA	\$430,549
City and Borough of Yakutat	\$258,329
Haines Borough	\$172,219
Municipality of Skagway	\$86,110
City and Borough of Wrangell	\$86,110

The Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA), will manage the Department's allocation for CIAP named recipient grant awards to municipalities, Coastal Resource Service Areas, and grants awarded through the public solicitation for CIAP capital projects. The public solicitation, or Request for Proposals, will be announced in the near future.

DCRA's lead for the CIAP program is Sally Cox. Sally can be reached at 907-269-4588 or at [sally.cox@alaska.gov](mailto:sally.cox@alaska.gov). Updates and announcements can be found at our new website for this program at <http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/dca/planning/aciap/ACIAP.htm>.

The Division of Community and Regional Affairs looks forward to working with you on the development of your Coastal Impact Assistance Program projects funded under this grant program.

Sincerely,



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