



FY24 CJS Bill Highlights and CDS Requests by Sen. Murkowski:

Strengthening Alaska Fisheries and Oceans Research

Alaska's oceans and fisheries are the heartbeat of communities across the state—and that's why Senator Murkowski worked hard to include provisions throughout the CJS appropriations bill that will strengthen our blue economy, support coastal communities, promote electronic monitoring development and installation, and enhance research abilities to create healthier fisheries. Senator Murkowski helped secure more than \$205 million for Fisheries Data Collections, Surveys, and Assessments, \$44 million for Regional Fishery Management Councils and Fisheries Commissions, and \$65 million for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery fund.

Senator Murkowski also secured the following CDS requests to strengthen Alaska's fisheries and oceans research abilities:

- **Statewide:** \$4 million to the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation to conduct research on Bristol Bay red king crab enhancement, including optimum rearing conditions, habitat, growth, and survival through rearing stages and post release.
- **Statewide:** \$2.01 million for the Marine Exchange of Alaska to create a user guide to keep ships safely sailing in the Arctic.
- **Statewide:** \$1.2 million for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to fund coastal marine surveys that support sustainable salmon management in the northern Bering Sea, southern Bering Sea, and western Gulf of Alaska.
- **Statewide:** \$2.5 million to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to better equip Alaska Department of Fish and Game research vessels with necessary technology and upgrades.
- **Statewide:** \$520,000 for the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association to train Fisheries Technicians to further develop their capabilities in salmon research, project implementation and administration.
- **North Slope Borough:** \$1.5 million to support the North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management in estimating the abundance of the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort stock of bowhead whales.
- **Statewide:** \$2.8 million for the University of Alaska System to research the impacts of environmental stressors on freshwater and marine aquatic life in Alaska.
- **Anchorage:** \$106,000 for the University of Alaska System to research alternative methods of energy consumption reduction in kelp and seaweed drying processes.
- **Annette Islands Reserve:** \$403,000 for the Metlakatla Indian Community for fish hatchery improvements.
- **Statewide:** \$4 million for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to research freshwater and marine juvenile salmon habitat.

- **Annette Islands Reserve:** \$1 million for the Metlakatla Indian Community to monitor, survey, and trap European green crab in Southeast Alaska.
- **Statewide:** \$1.07 million to the Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska to strengthen Alaskan Inuit engagement and ensure Indigenous Knowledge inclusion in the Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries Agreement.

Investing in Alaska's Public Safety and Health

Working with advocates in the state to address the issue of violence, Senator Murkowski worked to include funding for the Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Program at \$255 million. She worked with Tribal leaders to fund the Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction at \$15 million.

Senator Murkowski's funded FY24 CDS requests that invest in Alaska's public safety efforts include:

- **Anchorage:** \$227,000 for the Anchorage Police Department to provide a Special Weapons and Tactics command response vehicle for the Anchorage Police Department.
- **Fairbanks:** \$2.2 million for the Fairbanks Emergency Communication Center to upgrade the Alaska Land Mobile Radio system.
- **Juneau:** \$2 million for the City and Borough of Juneau to upgrade their first responder radio communications system.
- **Soldotna:** \$110,000 for the Soldotna Police Department to supply emergency care equipment.

Supporting Victim Services Efforts in Alaska

Senator Murkowski continues to focus on preventing domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska and providing critical services for victims. From including funding for the Sexual Assault Services Program at \$80 million, to advocating for increases to the Services for Rural Victims program—Senator Murkowski is working to provide significant support for victims in Alaska.

- **Statewide:** \$4 million for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to support victim services organizations.

Fighting Illegal Drug Use

Illegal drugs have devastated families and communities throughout Alaska. Senator Murkowski will continue to support drug prevention efforts and support for those impacted by this terrible scourge. Her efforts include supporting the Community Based Coalition Enhancement Grant Program, which will encourage community-led coalitions to raise awareness on the rise of fentanyl and prevent drug overdose deaths caused by the drug.

- **Statewide:** Senator Murkowski continues to support efforts like the Drug Free Communities Program and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program.

