

# Department of Environmental Conservation

Senate Finance Committee

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# **DEC's Mission**

# Protect human health and the environment.









#### **Existing Budget Conditions**

- Federal Sequestration and declining federal funds
  - Ex: Drinking Water program lost \$267.2 federal revenue in FY2014, more than 3% of all funds
- Budget cuts in recent years
- Declining balance in the Prevention Account
- Not all fees reflect the actual cost of the work
  - Ex: Fees for permitted Direct Market Fishing Vessels < 65 feet are set in statute and cover approximately 12% of the cost to conduct vessel inspections
- DEC has implemented cost saving measures in FY2015:
  - Retaining vacancies
  - Avoiding non-essential travel
  - Additional review of pending contractual solicitations
- Department-wide vacancy rate is currently about 12%, but varies across the five divisions





### **Budget Reduction Criteria**



- Services that are mandated by statute
- Services that are necessary to implement DEC's mission and core responsibilities
- Services that can't be performed by local government, federal government, or others
- Services that will be difficult to restore
- Services that are a foundation for economic growth and prosperity
- Services that enjoy strong public support
- Services that leverage other resources



# FY2016 Endorsed Budget Request

Operating Request: \$85,864.7

•Unrestricted GF \$20,454.6

•Designated GF \$27,392.4

•Other State Funds \$14,388.9

•Federal Receipts \$23,628.8

•Positions 537

DEC has the second smallest UGF budget of all State agencies, behind DMVA

Capital Request: \$ 64,014.9

•Unrestricted GF \$18,738.6

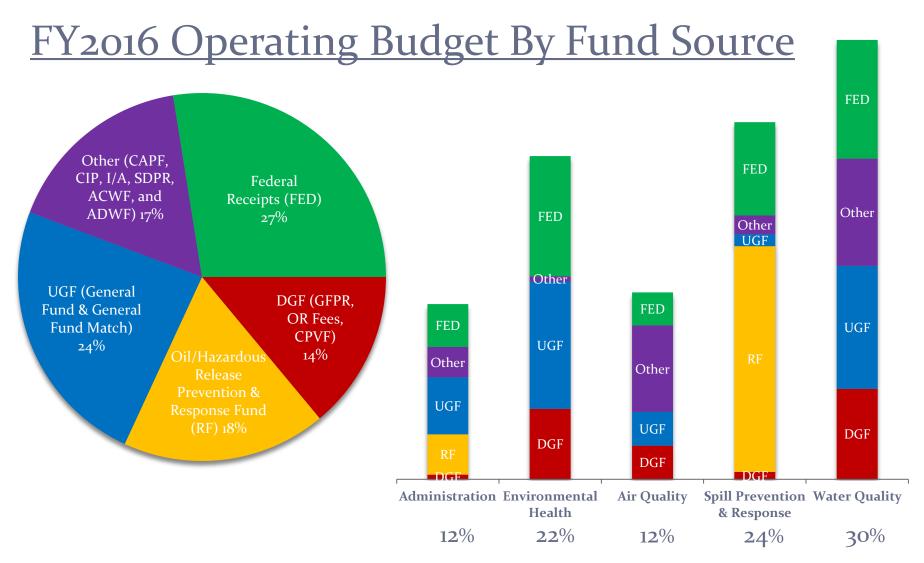
•Other State Funds \$3,026.3

•Federal Receipts \$42,250.0

lowest capital request since FY2006









# FY2016 Budget Changes

	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Adjusted Base	FY2016 Work in Progress	FY2016 Endorsed Governors	FY2015 Management Plan to FY2016 Work in Progress		FY2016 Work in Progress to FY2016 Governors		FY2016 Adjusted Base to FY2016 Governors	
UGF	\$22,472.10	\$22,603.30	\$22,233.30	\$20,454.60	(\$238.80)	-1.1%	(\$1,778.70)	-8.0%	(\$2,148.70)	-9.5%
DGF	\$27,213.70	\$27,578.30	\$27,291.30	\$27,392.40	\$77.60	0.3%	\$101.10	0.4%	(\$185.90)	-0.7%
Other	\$12,612.70	\$12,725.80	\$13,909.80	\$14,388.90	\$1,297.10	10.3%	\$479.10	3.4%	\$1,663.10	13.1%
Federal	\$25,262.40	\$25,574.00	\$24,280.00	\$23,628.80	(\$982.40)	-3.9%	(\$651.20)	-2.7%	(\$1,945.20)	-7.6%
Total	\$87,560.90	\$88,481.40	\$87,714.40	\$85,864.70	\$153.50	0.2%	(\$1,849.70)	-2.1%	(\$2,616.70)	-3.0%
PCNs	561	561	558	537	-3	-0.5%	-21	-3.8%	-24	-4.3%



- Administration
  - CO Efficiencies due to Reorganization of Administrative Functions
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  - AS Replace Federal Receipts with Existing Clean Water Administrative Fees
  - AS Rebalance Funding of Core Service Lease Costs

**-\$114.1; -1 PCN** (-\$43.1 UGF/ -\$71.0 I/A)

-\$25.0 UGF

**\$0.0** (\$84.0 Other / - \$84.0 Fed)

**\$0.0** (\$400.0 CAPF/\$110.0 CPVEC/-\$510.0 FED)



- **Environmental Health** 
  - FSS Reduce Inspections of Retail Food, Public Accommodations, & Non-Food Facilities -\$869.3 UGF; -8 PCNs
  - EHL– Delete two Microbiologists Positions
  - EHL Maintain Fish Tissue Monitoring Program
  - DW Reduced Capacity in Drinking Water Program
  - SWM Efficiencies due to Implementation of New Regulations

-\$170.0 UGF; -2 PCNs

\$0.0

(\$250.0 OR/-\$250.0 UGF)

-\$507.3 UGF; -4 PCNs

-\$85.6 UGF; -1 PCN



- Air Quality
  - AQ Expand Air Permitting Program to Meet
    Industry Needs \$123.0 DGF; 1 PCN
- Spill Prevention & Response
  - SPAR Reorganization and Consolidation of SPAR Programs

-\$520.0; -4 PCNs



- Water
  - WQ Efficiencies due to Reorganization of Administrative Functions

-\$95.0 UGF; -1 PCN

 WQ- Offset Ocean Ranger Fees for Fish Tissue Monitoring Program

-\$250.0 OR

- WQ Delete Environmental Program Manager -\$103.4 UGF; -1 PCN
- FC Replace Federal Receipts with Existing Clean Water Administrative Fees

**\$0.0** (\$700.0 Other/ -\$700.0 Fed)

\$0.0

• FC – Maintain Operator Certification Program

(\$101.1 DGF/-\$101.1 Fed)



# **Questions?**

