



29<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature

## House Finance Budget Subcommittee Department of Fish and Game FY 17 Operating Budget

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** House Finance Committee  
**From:** Representative Mark Neuman  
**Date:** February 26, 2016  
**Re:** ADF&G Subcommittee Report

#### ***Co-Chairman of House Finance***

Rep. Mark Neuman  
Capitol Room 505  
465-2679

#### ***Budget Subcommittee Members***

Rep. Bob Herron  
Capitol Room 406  
465-4942

Rep. Shelley Hughes  
Capitol Room 13  
465-3743

Rep. Dave Talerico  
Capitol Room 104  
465-4527

Rep. Benjamin Nageak  
Capitol Room 126  
465-2827

Rep. Jonathan  
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Capitol Room 426  
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Rep. Dan Ortiz  
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#### ***Committee Aide***

Rex Shattuck  
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### RECOMMENDATIONS:

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game submits a recommended Operating Budget for FY2017 to the House Finance Committee as follows:

#### **Fund Source:**

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$56,022.8
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$14,802.4
Other Funds	\$65,112.8
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$67,705.6</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$203,643.6</b>

**The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY16 Management Plan to the FY17 House Subcommittee recommendation is a reduction of \$9,072.6, a decrease of 13.9%.**

#### **Positions:**

Permanent Full-time	872
Permanent Part-time	684
<u>Temporary</u>	<u>53</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,609</b>

## **BUDGET ACTION:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game held 4 committee hearings with the Department and analyzed the Governor's FY2017 budget requests.

**The Subcommittee recommends accepting the Governor's FY2017 Budget with one revision and five additional actions; the Subcommittee also proposes Intent Language.**

### **Revision:**

#### **Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission**

Reduce Personal Svc, Travel, Services, and Commodities by (\$650.4) DGF

### **Other Subcommittee Actions**

#### **Commissioners Office:**

Reduce UGF by \$600.0 and replace with Inter-Agency Receipts

#### **Administrative Support:**

Reduce UGF by \$500.0 and replace with Inter-Agency Receipts

#### **Division of Habitat:**

Reduce UGF by \$200.0 and delete two PCN's

#### **Division of Subsistence:**

Reduce Travel by \$300.0 UGF.

#### **Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission**

Reduce Staffing by six positions

### **Add Intent Language**

#### **Statewide Support Services Commissioner's Office**

#### *Intent*

"It is the intent of the legislature that the department evaluate the use of unmanned aircraft for aerial survey work and report findings in regard to safety and cost-savings in comparison with the use of manned aircraft to the Finance Committee Co-Chairs by the next legislative session."

*Intent*

“It is the intent of the legislature that the department evaluate transitioning to mail-in, electronic, or telephonic harvest reports for subsistence areas in order to reduce costly door-to-door interviews for state subsistence research statewide, inclusive of rural and urban areas, and report its findings to the Finance Committee Co-Chairs the next legislative session.”

*Intent*

“It is the intent of the legislature that the department evaluate consolidation and reorganization of research and surveying staff between Commercial Fisheries, Sport Fisheries, and Wildlife Conservation in order to avoid duplicative efforts and find cost savings, and report its findings to the Finance Committee Co-Chairs for the next legislative session.”

**Wildlife Conservation**

*Intent*

“It is intent of the legislature that Alaska Department of Fish & Game work collaboratively with the Department of Natural Resources, local governments, and outdoor, sporting, tribal governments /organizations and trail non-profit organizations to identify qualifying matching projects to ensure that no Pittman-Robertson monies are returned to the federal government unspent.”

**The following are highlights of the FY17 budget action:**

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- The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY15 Management Plan to the FY17 House Subcommittee budget recommendation is a reduction of \$23,387.8, or a 29.4% decrease.
- The overall reduction in positions from FY15 Management Plan to FY17 House Subcommittee is 74.

**ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game adopts the attached reports:

**2016 Legislature – Operating Budget – House Structure**

2. Agency Totals
3. Allocation Summary (All Funds)
4. Allocation Summary (GF)

5. Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and H Subcomm
6. Transaction Comparison between Gov Amd and H Subcomm
7. Wordage Report – FY2017 Operating Budget

The Budget Action Worksheet is attached for informational purposes

Respectfully submitted,



**Representative Mark Neuman, Chair**  
**House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game**

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