

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**  
**FY20 - Summary of Significant Budget Issues**

**Governor's Budget Items Approved with Modifications**

Item #	Approp/Allocation	Description	Amount/Fund Source Requested	Amount/Fund Source Approved	Comment
1	Environmental Health/ Environmental Health	Delete Dairy Program	(\$179.6) UGF  1 PFT Position	<b>Net Zero</b>  (\$15.0) UGF \$15.0 Stat Desig (Other)	The Governor proposed deleting the dairy program, including one position and \$179.6 of UGF funding. This program provides lab testing and inspections for the dairy industry. The legislature chose to retain the program, but switched \$15.0 of its funding to statutory designated program receipts (Other), to be paid for by the industry. In addition, the legislature added intent language that the department develop a fee schedule to offset the cost of the program in future years.

**Governor's Budget Items Denied**

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2	Various Appropriations/ Allocations	Fund Changes from Ocean Ranger Fund to Commercial Passenger Vessel Compliance Fund	<b>Net Zero</b>  (\$420.8) Ocean Ranger (Other) \$420.8 Vessel Com (Other)	<p>The Governor proposed repealing the Ocean Ranger Program in HB 74/SB 70. This program provides onboard monitors for cruise ships, funded by a \$4 fee on passengers. Rather than delete the program in fiscal notes to the bills, the Governor removed the funding from his amended budget. The legislature included the funding in the budget, since Ocean Ranger fees would continue to be collected until those bills become law.</p> <p>The Governor's request included deleting the program (see item 4), as well as switching administrative expenses from the Ocean Ranger Fund to the Commercial Passenger Vessel Compliance Fund. The legislature did not accept the proposed fund changes.</p>

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**Governor's Vetoes**

Item #	Approp/Allocation	Description	Amount/Fund Source	Comment
3	Various Appropriations and Allocations	Executive Branch 50% Travel Reductions	<b>Total: (\$375.9)</b> (\$77.5) UGF (\$90.0) DGF (\$32.0) Other (\$176.4) Federal	<p>The Governor proposed travel reductions to multiple fund sources totaling \$375.9, of which \$77.5 was UGF. The legislature denied all travel reductions for non-UGF sources as well as for GF/Match (which counts as UGF). It accepted the non-match UGF portion of the travel reductions in all allocations except for Environmental Health. In total, the legislature deleted \$41.0 of UGF.</p> <p>The Governor vetoed funding to equal his original proposal. The executive branch is preparing a travel plan to reduce travel spending without preventing critical travel. The enacted reductions by appropriation are as follows:</p> <p><u>Administration:</u> (\$28.9) total, (\$7.9) UGF  <u>Environmental Health:</u> (\$226.9) total, (\$27.9) UGF  <u>Air Quality:</u> (\$36.4) total, (\$10.3) UGF  <u>Water:</u> (\$83.7) total, (\$30.9) UGF</p>
4	Water/ Water Quality, Infrastructure Support & Financing	Delete Ocean Ranger Program	(\$3,426.0) Ocean Ranger (Other)	<p>The Governor's proposed budget deleted the Ocean Ranger program (also see item 2). The legislature included funding for the program in its budget (HB 39), but it was vetoed by the Governor. The legislature again appropriated the funding in House Bill 2001, but it was vetoed again. In the absence of legislation repealing the Ocean Ranger Fee, the fee will continue to be collected and will accrue in the Commercial Vessel Compliance Fund as use of the fees are restricted by federal law.</p>