



32<sup>nd</sup> Alaska State Legislature  
House Finance Budget Subcommittee  
Department of Natural Resources  
FY23 Operating Budget

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources submits the following recommended operating budget for FY2023 to the House Finance Committee:

**Fund Source:** (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$71,034.2
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$42,205.7
Other Funds	\$38,396.9
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$17,825.9</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$169,462.7</b>

**Positions:**

Permanent Full-time	671
Permanent Part-time	251
<u>Temporary</u>	<u>64</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>986</b>

**BUDGET ACTION:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources held nine meetings with the Department to analyze the Governor's Budget. The Subcommittee accepted all the Budget Action Items proposed. The committee received two member amendments; both were adopted.

**#1 Oil & Gas**

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Department of Natural Resources
<b>APPROPRIATION:</b>	Oil & Gas
<b>ALLOCATION:</b>	Oil & Gas
<b>ADD:</b>	\$755.6 GF/Prgm (fund code 1005)
<b>DELETE:</b>	\$755.6 UGF (fund code 1004)

**EXPLANATION:** The Division of Oil and Gas has seen GF program receipt revenue far exceeds its GF program receipt authority. This change would increase the division's FY23 GF receipt authority by an additional \$755.6

to align with previous fiscal years' differential. This amendment results in a net-zero impact on the allocation's budget.

## **#2 Geological and Geophysical Surveys**

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Natural Resources  
**APPROPRIATION:** Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources  
**ALLOCATION:** Geological & Geophysical Surveys  
**ADD:** \$750.0 UGF (fund code 1004)

### **EXPLANATION:**

These funds will allow the Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) to accelerate their efforts to conduct large geophysical, geochemical, and geological data collections over mineral-rich portions of the state as detailed in their report to the legislature entitled "Mapping Alaska's Mineral-Rich State Lands."

### **ATTACHED REPORTS:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources adopts the attached reports:

- Wordage Report
- Operating Budget Transaction Compare between 23GovAmd and House Sub
- Operating Budget Transaction Compare between 23Adj Base and House Sub
- Multi-year Agency Totals

Respectfully Submitted,



Chair Kelly Merrick  
House Finance Budget Subcommittee for Department of Natural Resources