



To: Representative Nellie Unangiq Jimmie, Chair      Date: February 20, 2026  
House Finance Subcommittee Fish and Game

From: Rick Green, Commissioner                              Subject: Follow up from February 17, 2026,  
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission                              Subcommittee hearing

The following information provides additional information on questions received at the committee hearing on February 17, 2026, along with corrections and greater clarification on budget needs.

1. Correction to Slide 11 – Budget Overview – Funding

The slide presented did not break out the \$60.0 in 1108 Statutory Designated Receipts. The following table is a correction.

	FY25 Actuals	FY26 Management Plan	FY27 Governor
Funding Source(s)	In Thousands of Dollars		
1201 CFEC Receipts (DGF)	\$ 3,824.8	\$ 4,226.0	\$ 3,963.4
1108 Statutory Designated	\$ -	\$ 60.0	\$ 60.0
Total	\$ 3,824.8	\$ 4,286.0	\$ 4,023.4
1201 CFEC Total Receipts	\$ 6,481.2	\$ 6,500.0	\$ 6,500.0
<b>Positions</b>			
Permanent Full Time	21	21	21
Temporary	0	0	3

2. Budget shortfall

Slide 12 provided a number of areas where the CFEC’s projects and functions will be limited if funding isn’t restored. Greater clarity on costs includes the following.

- a. Continuation on the progress of CFEC’s effort to modernize its information technology and database systems. \$500,000 in a three year increment. See below for greater detail.

- b. Restore 3000-Services to the sustainable level of \$508.2. An increase of \$211.0.
- c. Add funding for the three temporary positions reflected in the organizational chart to the personal services budget. That includes:

Position	Range/Step	Month of Service	Total Cost
Records Analyst	16C	12	\$81,064
Project Coordinator	20P	4	\$46,389
Transfer Officer	16A	4	\$59,030
Total			\$186,483

- d. Increase in personal services to accommodate changes made from the Department of Administration's IT reclassification project. Specific changes and budget impact include.

Current Position/PCN	Current Cost	Revised Position	Revised Cost
Systems Programmer 1 / 113005	\$176,006	Application Developer 1/2/3/4	18A-\$211,207
Network Specialist 2 / 113011	\$142,055	Network and Telecommunications Specialist 1/2/3	19- \$170,466
IT Data Processing Services Leader / 113014	\$198,219	IT Manager 1/2/3	25C-\$237,682
Analyst Programmer 4 / 113015	\$161,441	Application Developer 1/2/3/4	22D-\$193,729
Total	\$677,721		\$813,084
Difference in budget			\$135,363

The total requested increase to the budget includes:

Item	1000-Personal Service	3000-Services	Total
IT modernization 3-Year Inc	0	\$500.0	\$500.0
Restore services	0	\$211.0	\$211.0
P/T employees personal services	\$184.4	0	\$184.4
IT reclassification	\$135.4	0	\$135.4
Total	\$319.8	\$711.0	\$1,030.8

- 3. CFEC must continue to modernize its IT system. While just in its second year of a \$450.0 three year increment, CFEC has -
  - a. Applied critical security updates to the online permit renewal system to protect sensitive data.
  - b. Maintained uninterrupted licensing system operations throughout the 2025 fishing season.
  - c. Completed a cloud pilot project to evaluate options for replacing the current legacy system.
  - d. Replaced outdated desktops and laptops for all staff and installed new on-site servers to improve reliability and performance.
  - e. Increased automation of reports, database queries, backups, and annual processes to

- reduce manual work and improve consistency.
- f. Strengthened backup and disaster recovery procedures to better protect against data loss and system outages.
- g. Improved help desk processes and continued secure data sharing with partner agencies, researchers, industry, and the public.
- h. Filled a vacant programmer position to restore critical technical capacity and support ongoing operations and modernization efforts.

With an additional increment of \$500.0 for the next three years, CFEC is confident it can accomplish the following steps –

- i. Keep CFEC's current licensing system running reliably, reducing the risk of failures during active fishing seasons.
- ii. Reduce reliance on aging technology by stabilizing the existing system and beginning the move to newer, supportable platforms.
- iii. Expand the current pilot project into production, including automated permit renewals, AI-assisted analysis, and improved permit search and public lookup tools.
- iv. Begin a step-by-step transition to a modern, web-based system without disrupting current operations.

