

Department of Fish and Game

FY2027 Budget Selected Topics

House Finance Subcommittee

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Federal Authority Overview

By Division (all \$ in thousands)

Benefits of Excess Federal Authority

- ➔ Provides flexibility to pursue competitive and non-competitive grants
- ➔ Competitive grants supports strategic projects
- ➔ Non-competitive and reoccurring grants support operational stability

Dingell-Johnson & Pittman-Robertson

- ➔ Apportionments are in federal fiscal years
- ➔ Excess authority is needed to expend higher fluctuations in apportionments and ensure funds are not reverted
- ➔ Reverted funds mean Alaska loses access to this funding

Division	FY2025 Budget	FY2025 Actuals	FY2025 Lapse
Commercial Fisheries	\$17,027.6	\$10,613.5	\$6,414.1
Wildlife Conservation	\$45,720.5	\$38,350.4	\$7,370.1
Sport Fish	\$20,634.3	\$14,552.1	\$6,082.2
Subsistence	\$2,430.4	\$1,608.2	\$822.2
Habitat	\$115.6	\$0.6	\$115.0
Statewide Support Services	\$4,237.9	\$3,745.7	\$492.2



Federal Dingell-Johnson (DJ) Program

Purpose and Eligible Projects

- ↔ Restore, conserve, manage, and enhance sport fish, and provide for public use and benefit from these resources
 - *Sport fish are limited to aquatic, gill breathing, vertebrate animals, bearing paired fins, and having material value for sport or recreation*
- ↔ Public education on water resources and aquatic life forms

Source of Funds

- ↔ Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, recreational powerboats, and gasoline used in recreational boating

How Funds are Distributed Among States

- ↔ Apportioned to states based on acreage and number of angler licenses sold
 - Alaska receives maximum apportionment of 5%
 - Funds must be obligated within two years
 - 75% federal DJ funds with 25% state match

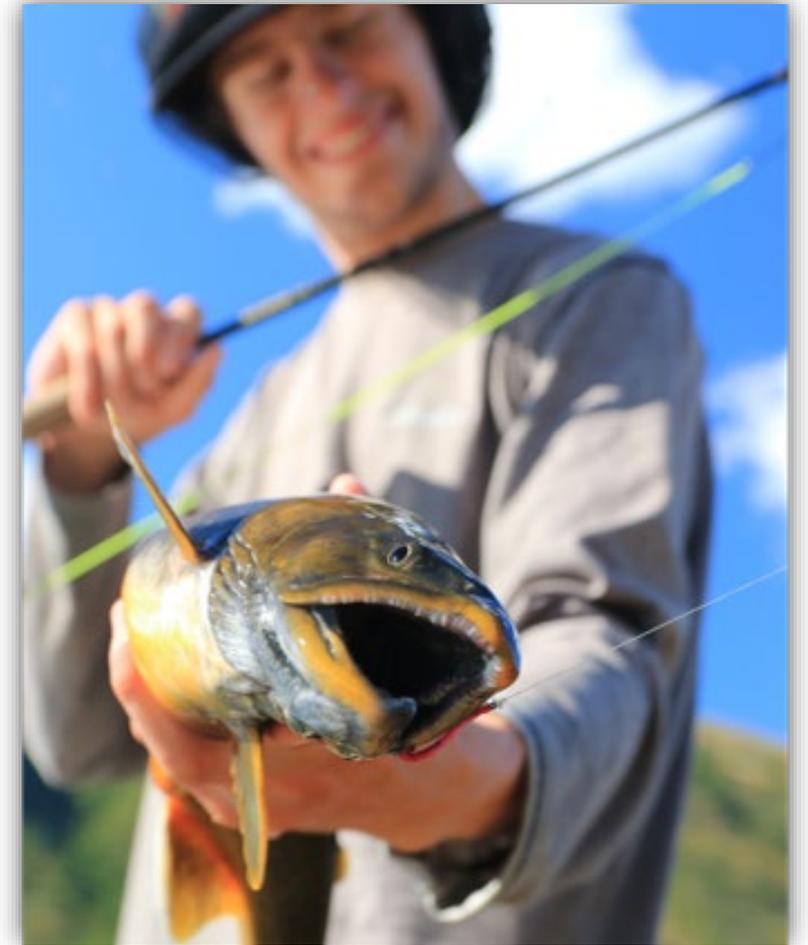
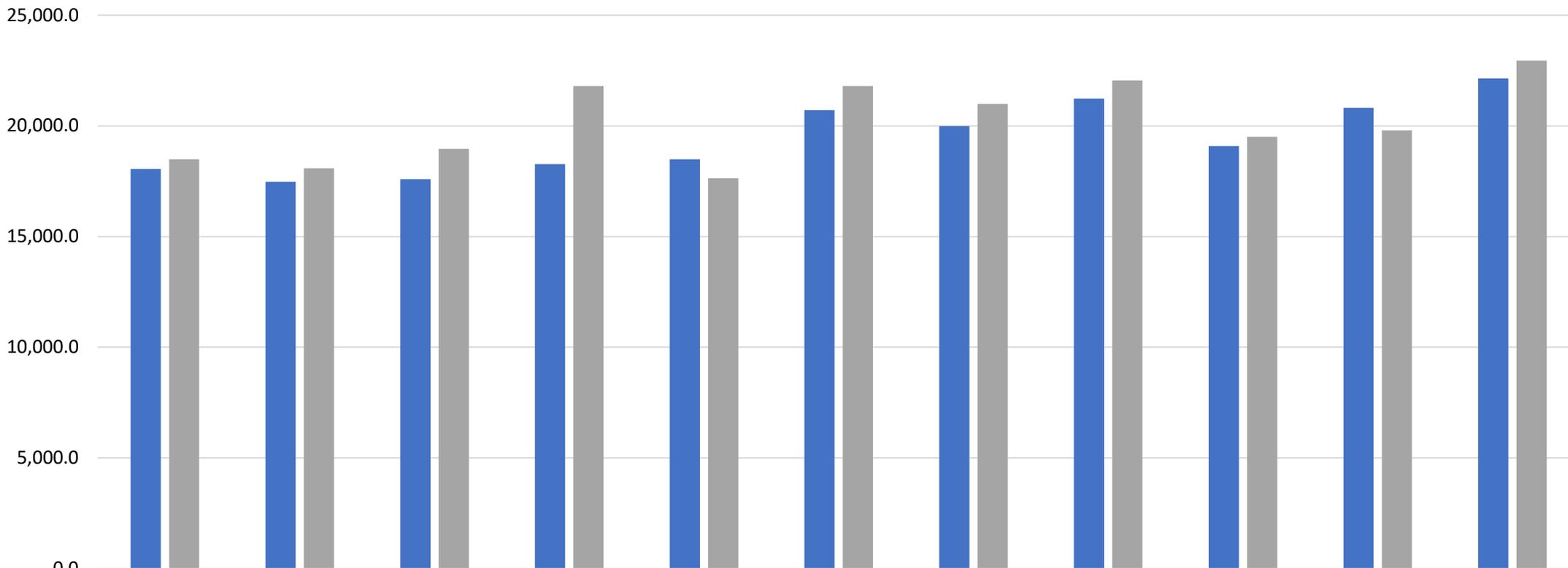


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Annual DJ Apportionments & Obligations

(all \$ in thousands)



	FFY2016 SFY2017	FFY2017 SFY2018	FFY2018 SFY2019	FFY2019 SFY2020	FFY2020 SFY2021	FFY2021 SFY2022	FFY2022 SFY2023	FFY2023 SFY2024	FFY2024 SFY2025	FFY2025 SFY2026	FFY2026* SFY2027*
■ Federal Apportionment (FFY)	18,053.9	17,472.1	17,595.9	18,269.8	18,486.3	20,713.0	19,983.1	21,234.2	19,091.4	20,819.1	22,142.6
■ Federal Obligations (SFY)	18,489.5	18,087.3	18,958.8	21,798.0	17,633.5	21,794.5	20,993.5	22,045.4	19,510.2	19,801.9	22,952.5

■ Federal Apportionment (FFY) ■ Federal Obligations (SFY)

*FFY2026/SFY2027 are estimated amounts

Federal Pittman-Robertson (PR) Program



Purpose and Eligible Projects

-  Restoration, conservation, management, and enhancement of wild birds and wild mammals and their habitats
-  Public use and access to wildlife resources
-  Hunter education and development of shooting ranges

Source of Funds

-  Excise taxes on sporting arms and ammunitions including pistols, handguns, revolvers, bows, archery, and arrow components

How Funds are Distributed Among States

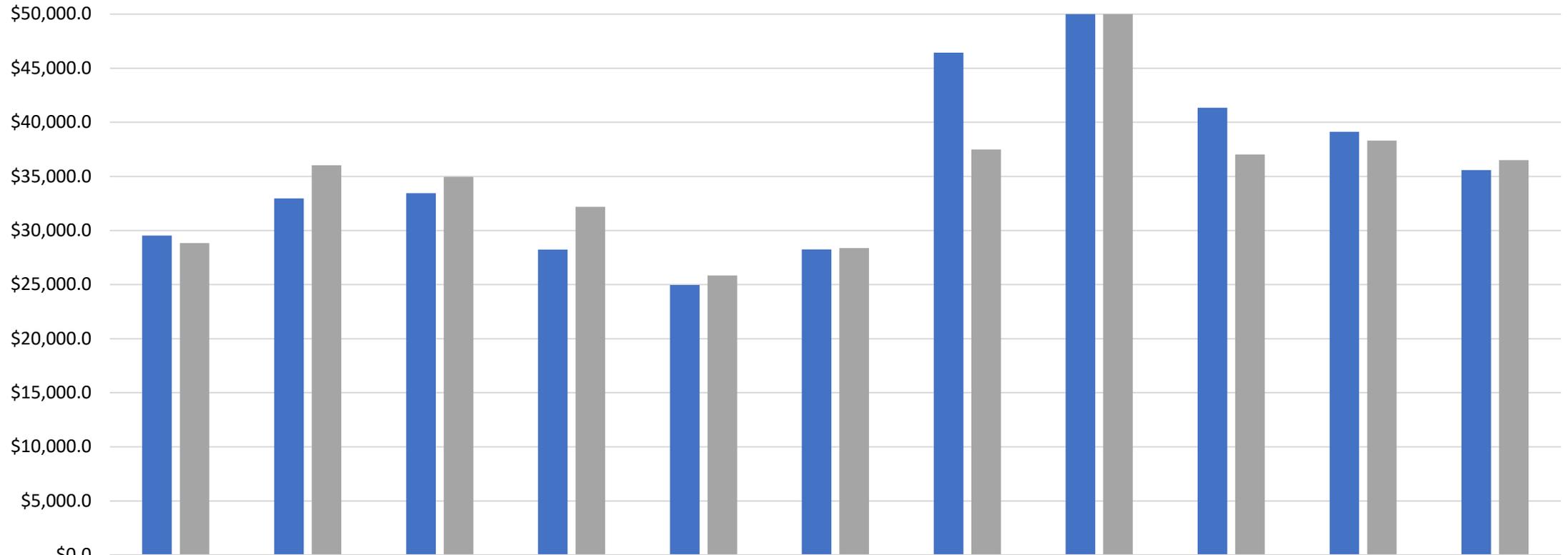
-  Apportioned to states based on size and number of hunting licenses sold
 - Alaska receives maximum apportionment of 5%
 - Funds must be obligated within two years
 - 75% federal PR funds with 25% state match (Fish & Game Fund)





Annual PR Apportionments & Obligations

(all \$ in thousands)



	FFY2016 SFY2017	FFY2017 SFY2018	FFY2018 SFY2019	FFY2019 SFY2020	FFY2020 SFY2021	FFY2021 SFY2022	FFY2022 SFY2023	FFY2023 SFY2024	FFY2024 SFY2025	FFY2025 SFY2026	FFY2026* SFY2027*
■ Federal Apportionment (FFY)	\$29,532.8	\$32,969.4	\$33,455.8	\$28,219.6	\$24,970.6	\$28,248.2	\$46,431.6	\$50,459.9	\$41,344.6	\$39,120.9	\$35,595.5
■ Federal Obligations (SFY)	\$28,846.7	\$36,027.3	\$34,958.1	\$32,200.0	\$25,846.0	\$28,384.2	\$37,490.5	\$57,932.3	\$37,027.7	\$38,309.1	\$36,500.0

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*FFY2026/SFY2027 are estimated amounts



Vehicle, Aircraft & Vessel Maintenance

Operating Budget Expenditures (all \$ in thousands)

Division of Wildlife Conservation**

Fiscal Year	Budgeted	Expenditures
FY2026	\$532.8	\$460.8*
FY2025	\$589.9	\$944.9
FY2024	\$533.4	\$876.2

Division of Commercial Fisheries

Fiscal Year	Budgeted	Expenditures
FY2026	\$225.0	\$323.8*
FY2025	-	\$182.9
FY2024	-	\$138.5

*FY2026 incomplete

**Expenditures include equipment replacements which are not budgeted for in the regular maintenance budgets





History of Sport Fish Hatcheries Components

FY2023 Budget Structure Changes (all \$ in thousands)

- One component split into two
- FED replaced with UGF

Sport Fisheries

- Sport Fisheries
- Sport Fish Hatcheries

FY2023 Gov Sport Fish Hatcheries

Total budget: \$5,980.1

Fund Sources \$5,657.8 FED,
\$40.4 UGF, \$228.5 FGF, \$53.4 CIP

Anchorage & Fairbanks Hatcheries

- Anchorage and Fairbanks Hatcheries

FY2023 Enacted Anchorage and Fairbanks Hatcheries

Total Budget: \$6,019.0

Fund Sources: \$1,117.4 FED,
\$4,848.2 UGF, \$53.4 CIP

Southeast Hatcheries

- Southeast Hatcheries

FY2023 Enacted Southeast Hatcheries

Total Budget: \$846.1

Fund Sources \$846.1 UGF

Federal Authority (FED), Unrestricted General Funds (UGF), Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

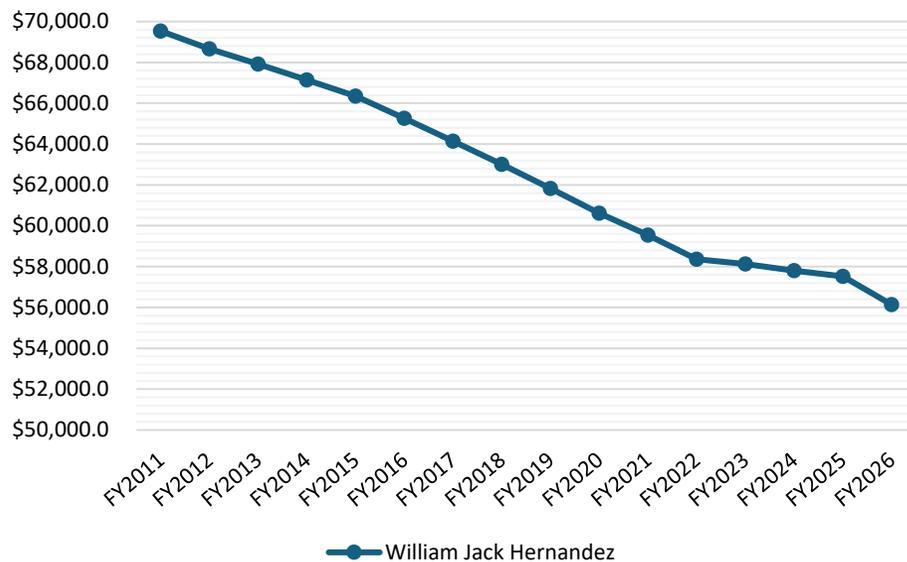


Construction Match Balance

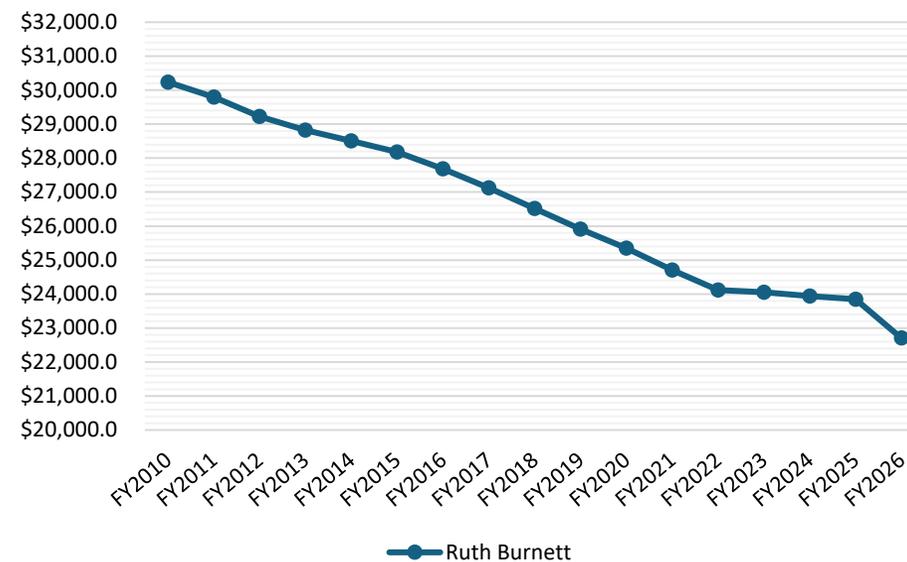
(all \$ in thousands)

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Beginning Balance	\$69,660.6	\$30,322.6
Amount Used	\$13,519.3	\$7,618.3
Remaining Balance	\$56,141.4	\$22,704.3

William Jack Hernandez



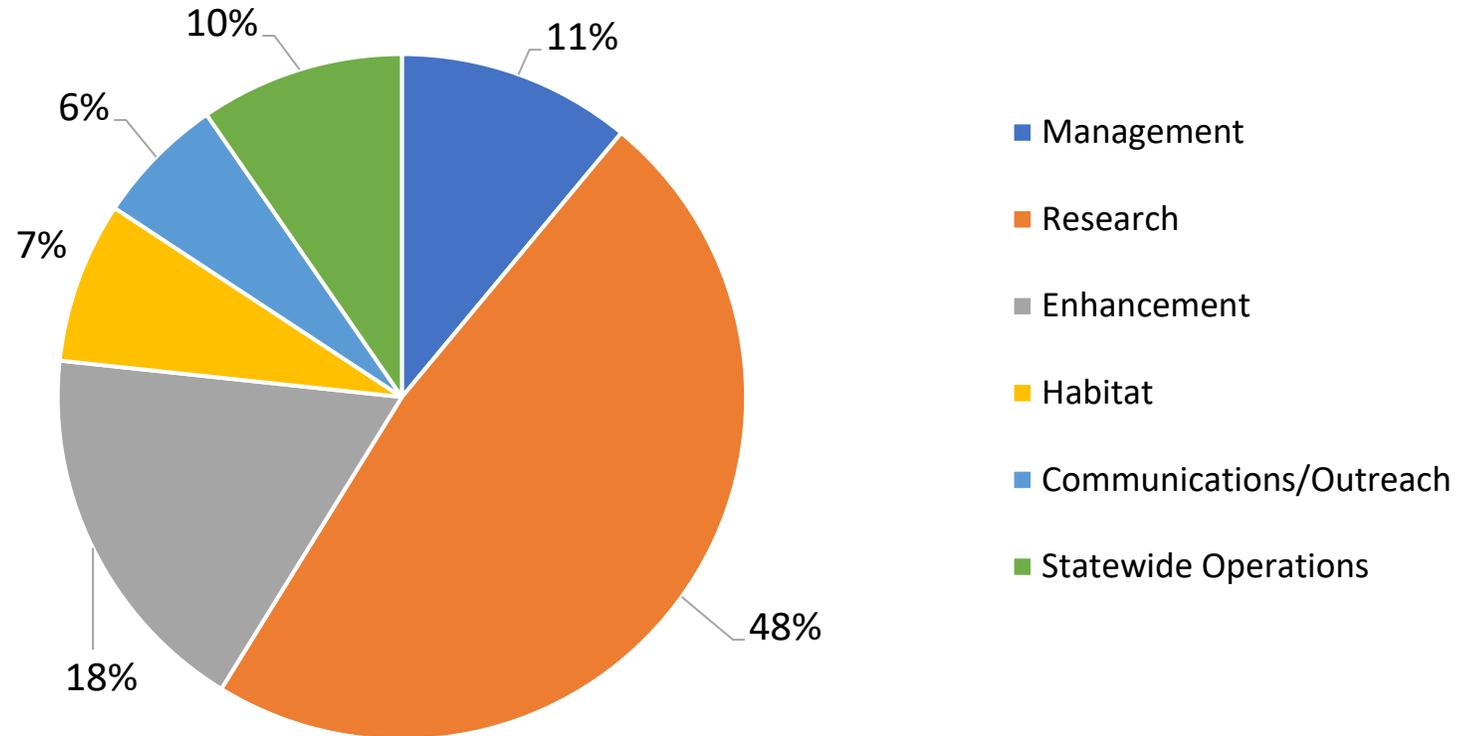
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Potential Impacts of Fund Source Change

DJ Funds Expended Across Core Services



- Dingell-Johnson (DJ) funds are fully obligated or planned for use
- UGF to FED fund swap results in a decrement
- Result: reduce or eliminate DJ hatchery maintenance capital projects and sport fish operations

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