

# **Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) FY2023 Mid-Year Report & FY2024 Gov Amend**

House Finance Subcommittee  
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Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang



# FY2023 Mid-Year Status Report

## Commercial Fisheries



### Southeast Region Fisheries Management

### Total Amount

**Description:** Delete Funding for Southeast Region Fisheries Management Publication Specialist II Position.      \$   -144.2      UGF

**LFD Comment:** Funding associated with a Publications Specialist II position was identified for deletion. This is a filled position that supports all types of Commercial Fisheries publications, and the agency reports that it will continue to fund the position with existing resources.

**LFD Question:** Was the agency able to identify an alternative fund source in order to maintain support for this position? If so, were other agency services impacted by the shift in the use of that funding?

**ADF&G Comments:** The division was able to find additional funding for the position to remain in Southeast Region through December 2022. In December, the position was notified of being laid off and the incumbent exercised bumping rights for a position in Central Region. The position was transferred to the Central Region in January 2023.

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## Commercial Fisheries



### Statewide Fisheries Management

**Description:** Reduce Commercial Crew License Receipt Authority to Avoid Over-Appropriation in FY22 Supplemental.

### Total Amount

\$ 1,807.1	UGF
\$ -1,807.1	DGF

**LFD Comment:** The Commercial Crew License receipt account is projected to have an approximate balance of \$2.5 million by the end of FY22, whereas the agency's base operating budget includes \$3.9 million of authority to spend these funds. This fund source was leveraged in FY22 to supplant a shortfall in CFEC receipts, as well as to cover a \$783.5 UGF reduction. The current level of reliance on the funds would have resulted in a shortfall by FY24, though this fund source change will reduce immediate pressures on the Commercial Crew License receipt account.

**LFD Question:** Can the agency please provide an update on the Commercial Crew License receipt account balance, and whether the UGF fund swap was sufficient to establish a more sustainable account balance for future agency use? A rough estimate is sufficient at this point.

**ADF&G Comments:** Please see the attached document Crew Member License Analysis for FY23. Updated January 10, 2023.

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## Commercial Fisheries



### Crew Member License Analysis as of 01/10/2023

Estimated Revenue Scenario  
25% Sustainable Fund Balance

	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Actuals	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Projections	FY24 Projections	FY25 Projections	FY26 Projections	
<b>COMMERCIAL FISHERIES</b>											NOTES
BoY Balance	2,959.9	2,886.7	2,998.2	3,187.7	3,391.1	3,969.8	5,111.8	3,314.5	1,517.3	(280.0)	
Revenue	3,245.5	3,212.4	3,271.1	3,642.5	2,712.6	2,855.9	2,818.0	2,818.0	2,818.0	2,818.0	Revenue based on FY23 being similar to FY22
Fishermen's Fund	778.9	745.8	755.0	812.9	628.4	654.7	648.1	648.1	648.1	648.1	
Operating Expenditures	2,526.6	2,355.0	2,326.6	2,626.2	1,505.5	1,059.2	3,967.1	3,967.1	3,967.1	3,967.1	Equals FY23 total authorized GFPR
Total Expenditures	3,305.6	3,100.9	3,081.6	3,439.1	2,133.9	1,713.9	4,615.2	4,615.2	4,615.2	4,615.2	
EoY Balance	2,899.9	2,998.2	3,187.7	3,391.1	3,969.8	5,111.8	3,314.5	1,517.3	(280.0)	(2,077.2)	
Prior 3 Years - Average Revenue	3,245.5	3,245.5	3,228.9	3,243.0	3,375.3	3,208.7	3,070.3	2,795.5	2,830.6	2,818.0	
Sustainable Fund Balance	811.4	811.4	807.2	810.7	843.8	802.2	767.6	698.9	707.7	704.5	

Projections above show fund balance increased as the division preserved more. The balance won't last *if* the assumptions hold true (revenue continues like in FY22 & expend to authority, which the division usually does not).

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## Anchorage and Fairbanks Hatcheries



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### Total Amount

**Description:** Rename Sport Fish Hatcheries Allocation to Anchorage/Fairbanks Hatcheries.

\$ 0.0

**LFD Comment:** In the Governor's budget structure, the Sport Fish Hatcheries allocation resided under the Sport Fisheries appropriation. The legislature renamed the Sport Fish Hatcheries to the Anchorage and Fairbanks Hatcheries and moved it to a new appropriation with that name.

**LFD Question:** Has this budget structure name change had any impact on agency operations?

**ADF&G Comments:** Yes. We have had to create all new structures in IRIS, provide separate narratives for each and unknown impact to the Performance Measures in ABS.



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**Description:** Fund Source Realignment.

**LFD Comment:** Operating costs for the Ruth Burnett Sport Fish Hatchery in Fairbanks and the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery in Anchorage were previously funded through user fees: 75% of which was federal receipts from the Federal Aid to Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson / Wallop-Breaux) program, and 25% was provided as match through sport fishing license sales and in-kind contribution from the construction of the facilities. In-kind match from these construction costs can only be used to match federal funds provided for the operation of the hatcheries. These fund sources are replaced with General Fund and General Fund Match.

**LFD Question:** Has this fund change had any impact on agency operations?

**ADF&G Comments:** Addition of the UGF and GFM has allowed us to realign projects that were in the Sport Fisheries component into the new component that are supplemental to the hatchery operations. Primarily the "Egg Take" projects which are vital to hatchery production at each facility. However, loss of the Federal authority has reduced our ability to utilize our Dingell-Johnson and associated match from facility construction costs. In addition, any reductions to the UGF and/or GFM from Legislative due to reduced state revenues jeopardizes our ability to keep facilities running at full capacity which are already strained due to inflated fuel/utility costs.

### Total Amount

\$ -4,578.7	Fed
\$ 40.4	UGF
\$ 4,767.4	UGF
\$ -229.1	DGF

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## Southeast Hatcheries



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### Total Amount

**Description:** Establish New Appropriation and Allocation for Southeast Hatcheries.

\$ 0.0

**LFD Comment:** The legislature created a new appropriation and allocation for Southeast Hatcheries.

**LFD Question:** Has this budget structure name change had any impact on agency operations?

**ADF&G Comments:** Yes. We have had to create all new structures in IRIS, provide separate narratives for each and unknown impact to the Performance Measures in ABS.

# FY2024 GOV Amend



## Sport Fisheries

Restore Authority to Sport Fish Projects Post Pandemic.

## Total Amount

\$ 500.0 Other

## Administrative Services

Fund Source Alignment Related to Change in Accounting Method for Agency Indirect Cost Allocation Plan.

\$ -135.9 DGF

\$ -96.8 Other

\$ 232.7 Other

One-time Increase of Statutory Designated Program Receipt Authority.

\$ 900.0 Other

Department Facilities Maintenance Unit True-Up.

\$ 111.6 Other



# Questions?



## THANK YOU!

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