

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) FY2024 Budget Overview

Senate Finance Subcommittee

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Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang





Constitutional & Statutory Mandates

The Constitution of the State of Alaska

Article 8 – Natural Resources; § 4. Sustained Yield.

Fish, forests, wildlife, grasslands, and all other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses.

The Alaska Statutes

Title 16. Fish and Game; Sec. 16.05.020. Functions of commissioner.

(2) manage, protect, maintain, improve, and extend the fish, game and aquatic plant resources of the state in the interest of the economy and general well-being of the state.

Mission Statement

To protect, maintain, and improve the fish, game, and aquatic plant resources of the state, and manage their uses and development in the best interest of the economy and the well-being of the people of the state, consistent with the sustained yield principle.

Core Services



Management

Provide hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities, protect state's rights to manage its fish and wildlife resources, conserve and improve habitat and access.

Stock Assessment & Research

Ensure sustainability and harvestable surplus, improve assessment and research capabilities, invest in new technologies, anticipate changing conditions.

Customer Service & Public Involvement

Make improvements to information and education services, the Boards and other regulatory processes, licensing and permitting.



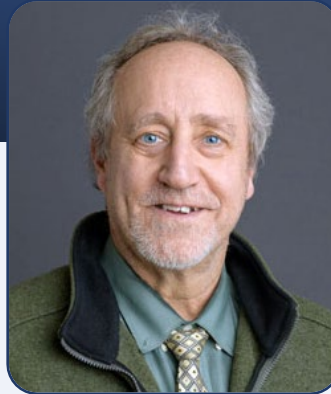
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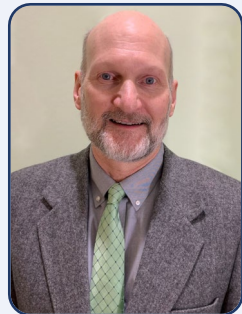
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Habitat
Section

Subsistence
Research
Section

Budget Organizational Chart



Sport Fish

- Sport Fisheries

Wildlife Conservation

- Wildlife Conservation
- Hunter Education Public Shooting Ranges

Statewide Support Services

- Commissioner's Office
- Administrative Services
- Boards of Fisheries and Game
- Advisory Committees
- *EVOS Trustee Council*
- State Facilities Maintenance

Anchorage & Fairbanks Hatcheries

Southeast Hatcheries

Habitat

Subsistence Research & Monitoring

Commercial Fisheries

- SE Region Fisheries Mgmt.
- Central Region Fisheries Mgmt.
- AYK Region Fisheries Mgmt.
- Westward Region Fisheries Mgmt.
- Statewide Region Fisheries Mgmt.
- *Commercial Fish Entry Commission*

FY2024 Budget Overview

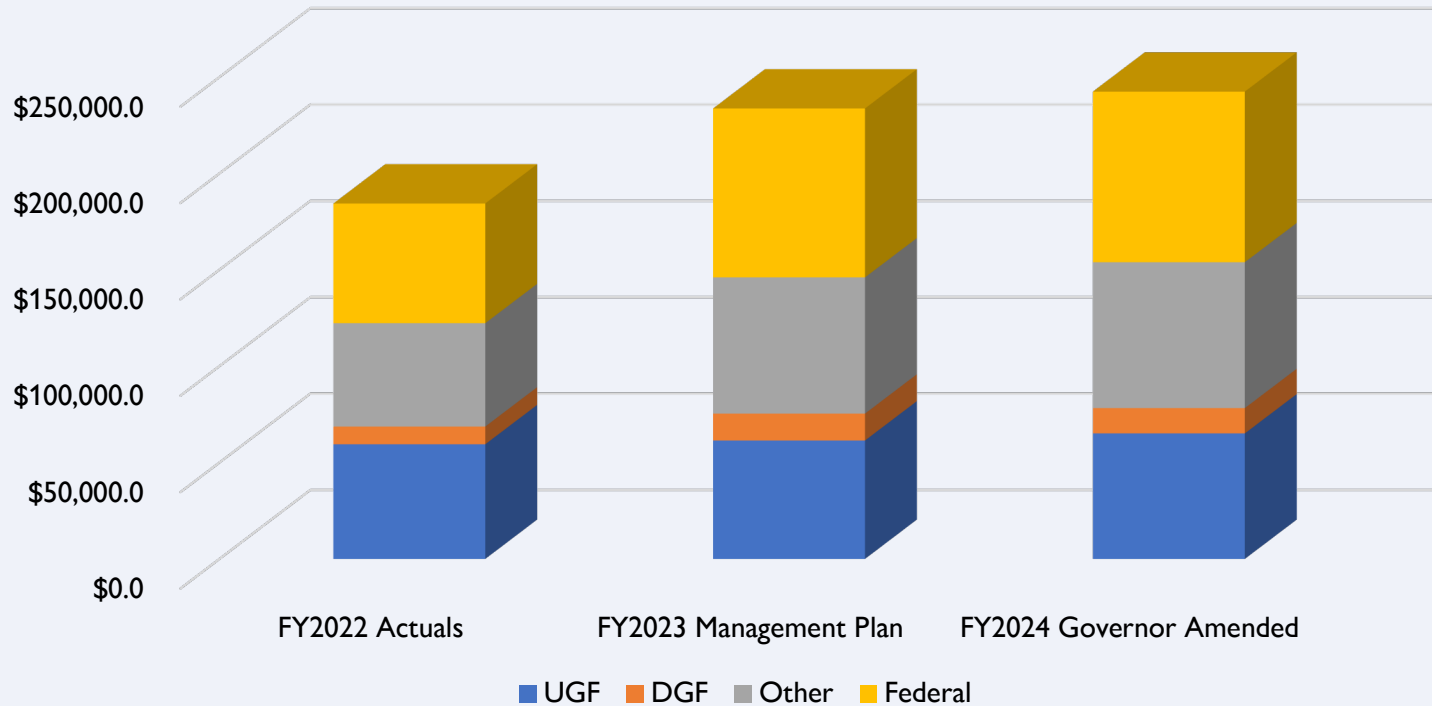


The Department will continue to provide an excellent return on investment as we have in the past under the Governor's proposed budget

- ▲ ADF&G turns a \$240 million dollar (of which \$65 million is GF) into a return of over \$12.5 billion annually
- ▲ We do not anticipate any reduction in services as a result of the proposed budget
- ▲ The proposed budget includes new funding for fisheries, wildlife, and resource projects
- ▲ Consolidating the various budget components in the Division of Commercial Fisheries into a single unit to improve efficiency



FY2024 Operating Budget Comparison (all \$ in thousands)



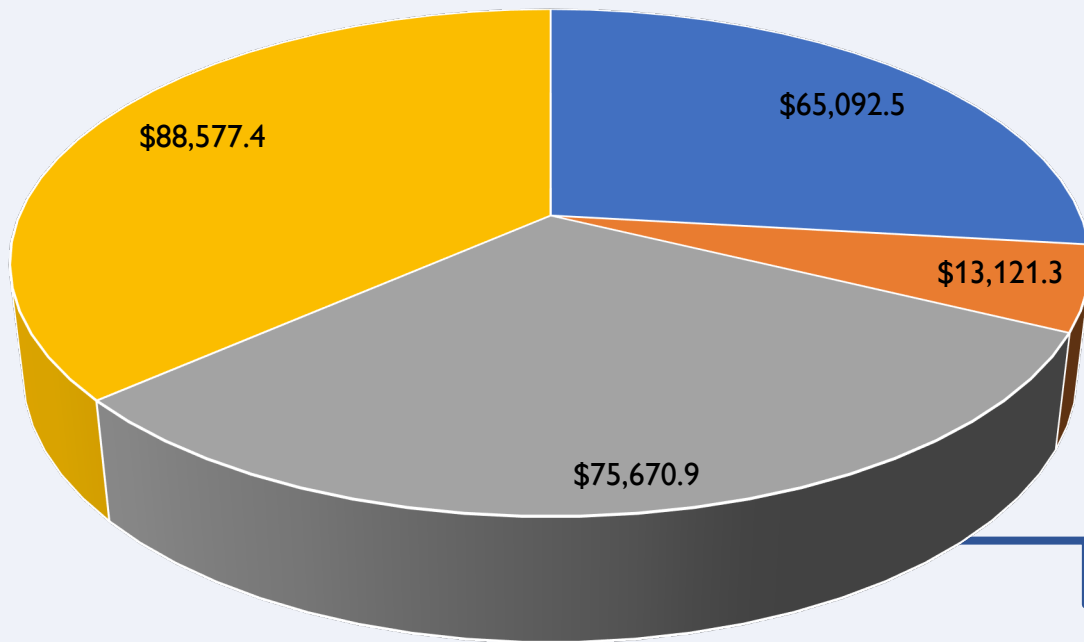
	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor Amended	Change FY2023 MgtPln to FY2024 GovAmend
UGF	\$59,464.4	\$61,425.5	\$65,092.5	3,667.0
DGF	\$9,195.1	\$13,927.9	\$13,121.3	(806.6)
Other	\$53,596.5	\$70,661.8	\$75,670.9	5,009.1
Federal	\$62,122.7	\$87,699.7	\$88,577.4	877.7
Total	\$184,378.7	\$233,714.9	\$242,462.1	8,747.2



FY2024 Fund Group Breakdown by Fund Category (all \$ in thousands)

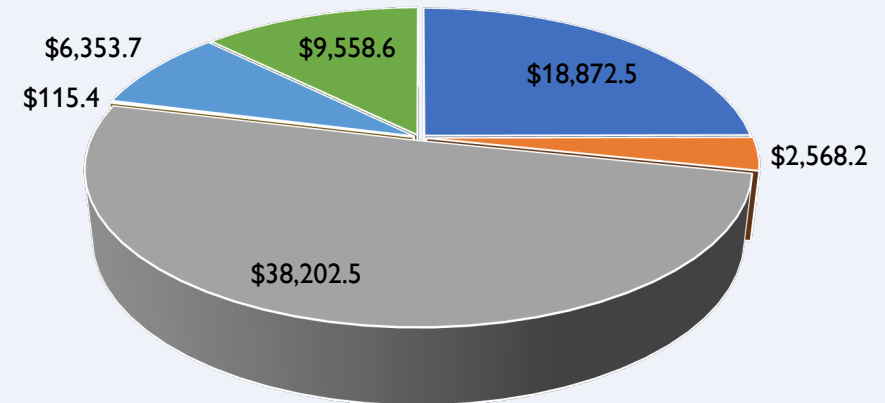


FY2024 Governor Amended Budget



■ UGF ■ DGF ■ Other ■ Federal

Other Funding Sources



■ 1007 Interagency Receipts ■ 1018 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement
■ 1024 Fish and Game Fund ■ 1055 Interagency/Oil & Hazardous Waste
■ 1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts ■ 1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts

FY2024 Fund Source Breakdown

by Fund Category (all \$ in thousands)



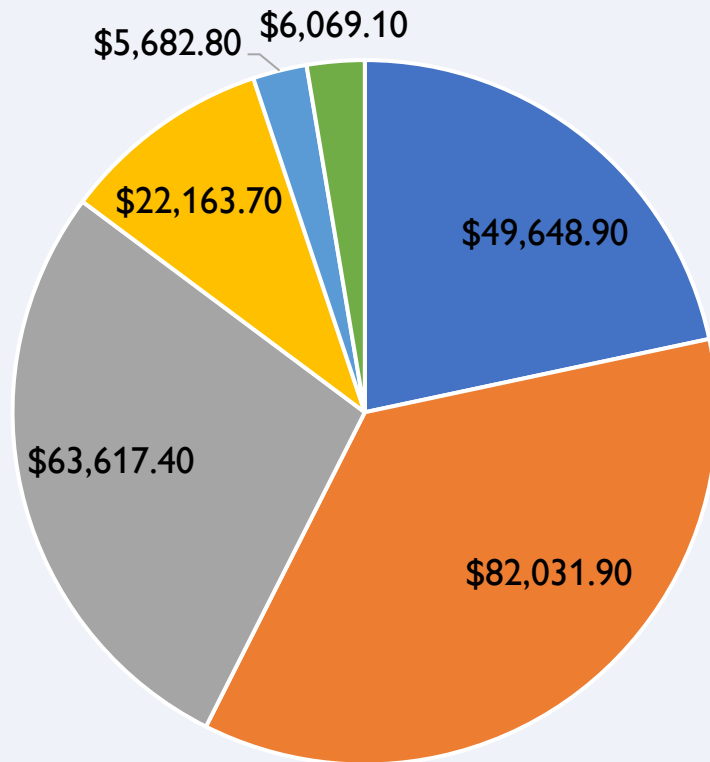
UGF	1003 General Fund Match \$	1,152.9
	1004 General Fund Receipts \$	63,939.6
DGF	1005 General Fund/Program Receipts \$	4,013.3
	1109 Tesh Fisheries Receipts \$	2,529.1
	1201 CFEC Receipts \$	6,578.9
Other	1007 Interagency Receipts \$	18,872.5
	1018 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement \$	2,568.2
	1024 Fish and Game Fund \$	38,202.5
	1055 Interagency/Oil & Hazardous Waste \$	115.4
	1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts \$	6,353.7
	1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts \$	9,558.6
Fed	1002 Federal Receipts \$	88,577.4

FY2024 Division Breakdown

(all \$ in thousands)



FY2024 Gov. Amend



- ➔ Division of Sport Fish (DSF)
- ➔ Division of Commercial Fisheries (DCF)
- ➔ Division of Wildlife Conservation (DWC)
- ➔ Division of Statewide Support Services (DSS)
- ➔ Habitat Section (HAB)
- ➔ Subsistence Section (SUB)

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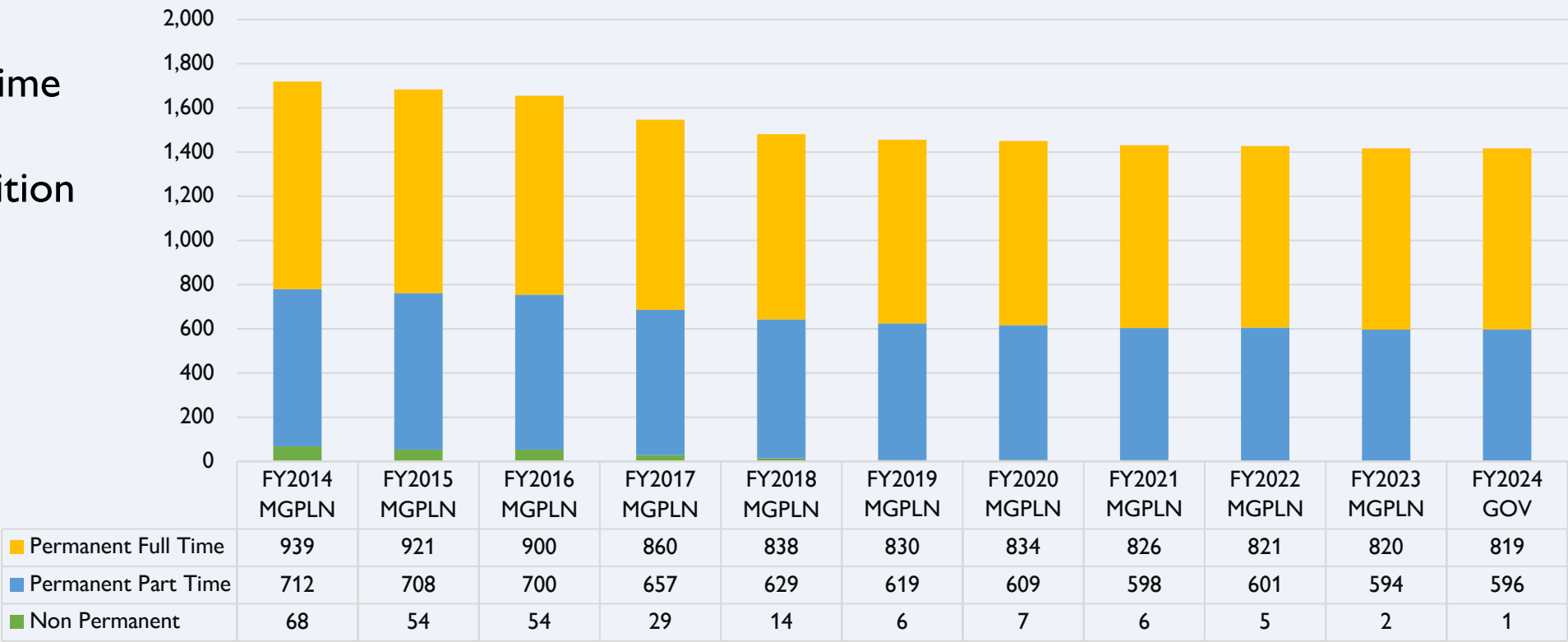


Budgeted Positions & History

FY2024 Governor Budget

- 819 permanent full-time positions
- 596 permanent part-time positions
- 1 non-permanent position

ADFG Position History



FY2024 Operating Budget Change Highlights

Division of Commercial Fisheries (all \$ in thousands)



Central Region Fisheries Management

Maintain UGF Support for Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute Watershed Projects

Total Amount

\$ 800.0 UGF 1004 Gen Fund

AYK Region Fisheries Management

Restore Assessment and Management Projects that were Eliminated in Prior Year Budget Reductions

\$ 285.0 UGF 1004 Gen Fund

Westward Region Fisheries Management

Alleviate Shortfall in Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Test Fishery Receipts

\$ 1,000.0 UGF 1004 Gen Fund
\$ -1,000.0 DGF 1109 Test Fish

Statewide Fisheries Management

Consolidate Division of Commercial Fisheries Regional Components

\$ 0.0

FY2024 Operating Budget Change Highlights

Division of Sport Fish (all \$ in thousands)



Sport Fisheries

Restore Authority to Sport Fish Projects Post Pandemic

Total Amount

\$ 500.0 Other 1024 Fish/Game

Anchorage and Fairbanks Hatcheries

Delete Capital Improvement Project Authority

\$ -53.4 Other 1061 CIP Rcpts

FY2024 Operating Budget Change Highlights

Division of Wildlife Conservation (all \$ in thousands)



Wildlife Conservation

Maintain Prior Years Level of Fish and Game Fund Authority for Wildlife Conservation

Support and Outreach of Non-Pittman-Robertson Projects

State Match for Increased Pittman-Robertson Funding

Capital Improvement Project Authority to Accommodate Additional Projects

Total Amount

\$ 5,000.0 Other 1024 Fish/Game

\$ 1,302.0 UGF 1004 Gen Fund

\$ 2,080.1 Other 1024 Fish/Game

\$ 90.0 Other 1061 CIP Rcpts

Hunter Education Public Shooting Ranges

Additional Pittman-Robertson for Shooting Ranges

\$ 63.5 Fed 1002 Fed Rcpts

FY2024 Operating Budget Change Highlights

Division of Statewide Support Services (all \$ in thousands)



Commissioner's Office

Replace Federal Receipt Authority with Interagency Receipt Authority

Total Amount

\$ -107.0	Fed	1002 Fed Rcpts
\$ 107.0	Other	1007 I/A Rcpts

Administrative Services

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

\$ -135.9	DGF	1005 GF/Prgm
\$ -96.8	Other	1061 CIP Rcpts
\$ 232.7	Other	1108 Stat Desig

One-time Increase of Statutory Designated Program Receipt Authority

\$ 900.0	Other	1108 Stat Desig
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Department Facilities Maintenance Unit True-Up

\$ 111.6	Other	1007 I/A Rcpts
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Boards of Fisheries and Game

Joint Board Meeting of the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game

\$ 75.0	UGF	1004 Gen Fund
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FY2024 Operating Budget Change Highlights

Habitat & Subsistence Sections (all \$ in thousands)



Habitat

Travel for Permitting Site Visits

Total Amount

\$ 50.0 UGF 1004 Gen Fund

State Subsistence Research

Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council Update Project –
Subsistence Harvest Surveys Contract

Total Amount

\$ 150.0 Other 1007 I/A Rcpts

Issues/Concerns



- **Federal intrusion into state management authority**
- **Reduced marine survivals of salmon and crab resulting in restricted or closed fisheries**
- **Intercept and Bycatch**
- **Poor winter survival affecting big game populations**
- **Food Security**
- **Urban wildlife management issues**
- **Impacts from Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act**
- **Non-Finfish mariculture**
- **Invasive species**
- **Recruitment and retention issues**



Questions?



THANK YOU!

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