

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)

Subsistence Research & Monitoring
FY2025 Budget Overview

Senate Finance Subcommittee
March 26, 2024

Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang





Subsistence Research & Monitoring

Subsistence Research Mission

Scientifically gather, quantify, evaluate, and report information about customary and traditional uses of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources

Core Services

- Compile and analyze existing data; conduct research to gather information on the role of hunting and fishing by Alaskans for customary and traditional uses.
- Disseminate current subsistence use information to the public; appropriate agencies and organizations; and fisheries and wildlife management divisions.
- Make recommendations to the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game regarding adoption, amendment, and repeal of regulations affecting subsistence hunting and fishing.
- Assist the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, and the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game to evaluate customary and traditional uses of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources and amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence uses (ANS) of those resources.
- Collaborate with fisheries and wildlife managers in preparing management plans to ensure information on customary and traditional uses of fish and wildlife are incorporated and the plans recognize and incorporate the needs of subsistence users.

Subsistence Research & Monitoring



Major Responsibilities

- Collection of data on subsistence uses of wild resources
- Participation in board processes

Structure

- 2 management regions: Southern and Northern
- Division Operations Manager and Statewide Research Manager oversee activities



FY2025 Expenditures/Allocations

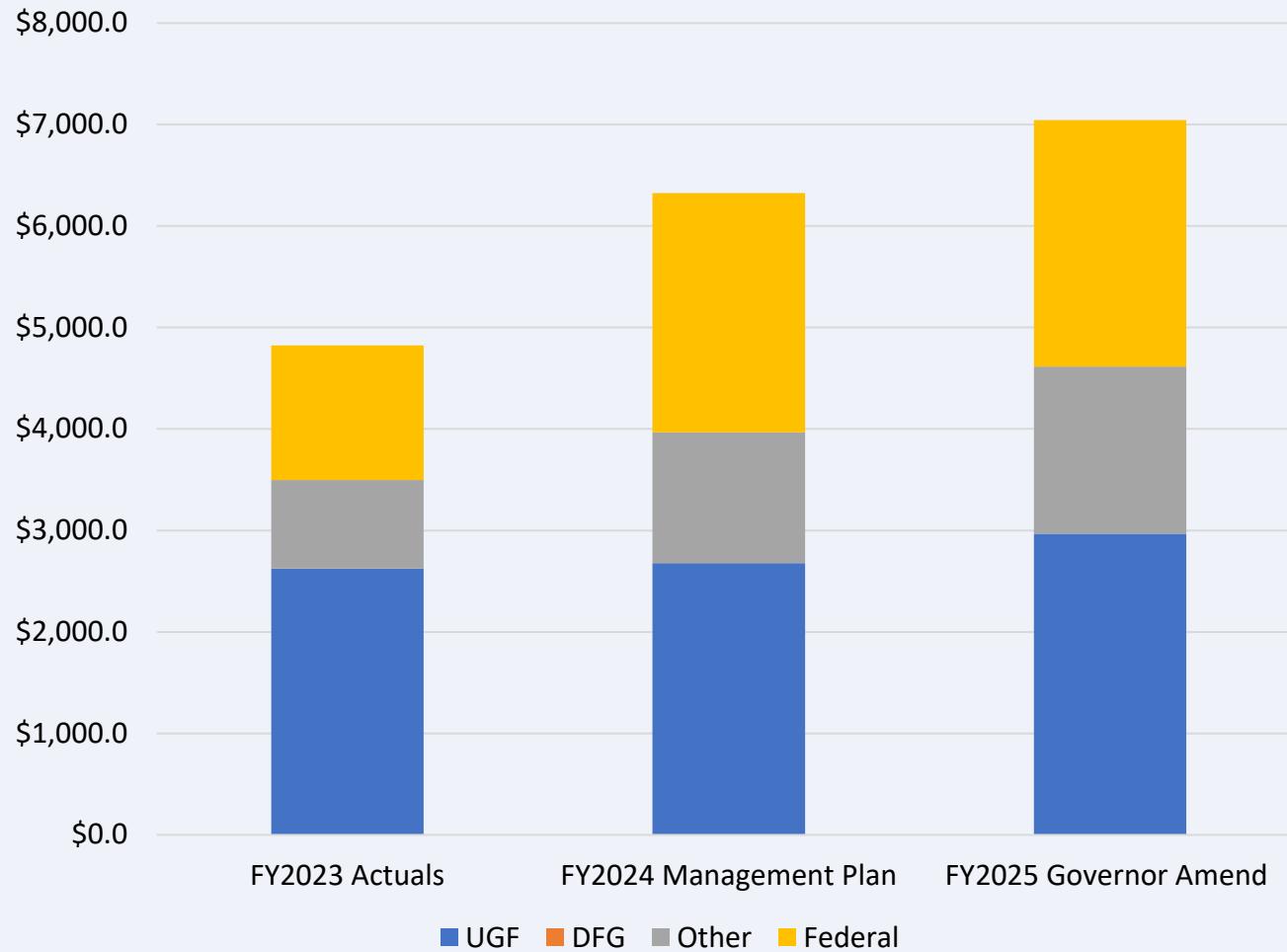
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	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Amend	FY2024 to FY2025 Difference
Personal Services	\$3,781.6	\$4,659.0	\$5,158.8	\$499.8
Travel	\$300.9	\$592.9	\$602.9	\$10.0
Services	\$657.6	\$921.0	\$1,103.1	\$182.1
Commodities	\$78.0	\$145.7	\$175.7	\$30.0
Capital Outlay	\$6.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	-
Total	\$4,824.1	\$6,323.6	\$7,045.5	\$721.9

FY2025 Operating Budget Comparison

(all \$ in thousands)



	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Amend	FY2024 to FY2025 Difference
UGF	\$2,626.2	\$2,676.4	\$2,967.0	\$290.6
DFG	-\$	-\$	-\$	-\$
Other	\$869.9	\$1,290.4	\$1,648.1	\$357.7
Federal	\$1,328.0	\$2,356.8	\$2,430.4	\$73.6
Total	\$4,824.1	\$6,323.6	\$7,045.5	\$721.9

FY2025 Fund Source Breakdown

(all \$ in thousands)

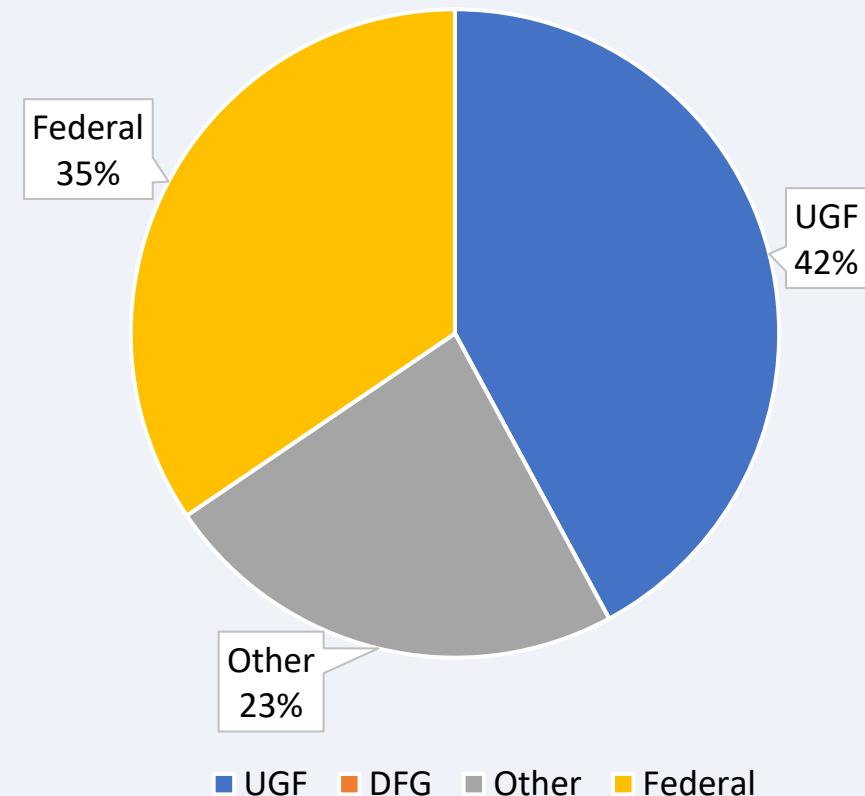


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General Fund	\$2,626.2	\$2,676.4	\$2,967.0	\$290.6
Interagency Receipts	\$630.6	\$863.8	\$897.2	\$33.4
CIP Receipts	\$131.0	\$131.1	\$446.8	\$315.7
SDPR	\$108.3	\$295.5	\$304.1	\$8.6
Totals	\$4,824.1	\$6,323.6	\$7,045.5	\$721.9

❖ Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

❖ Statutory Designated Program Receipts (SDPR)

FY2025 Governor Amend

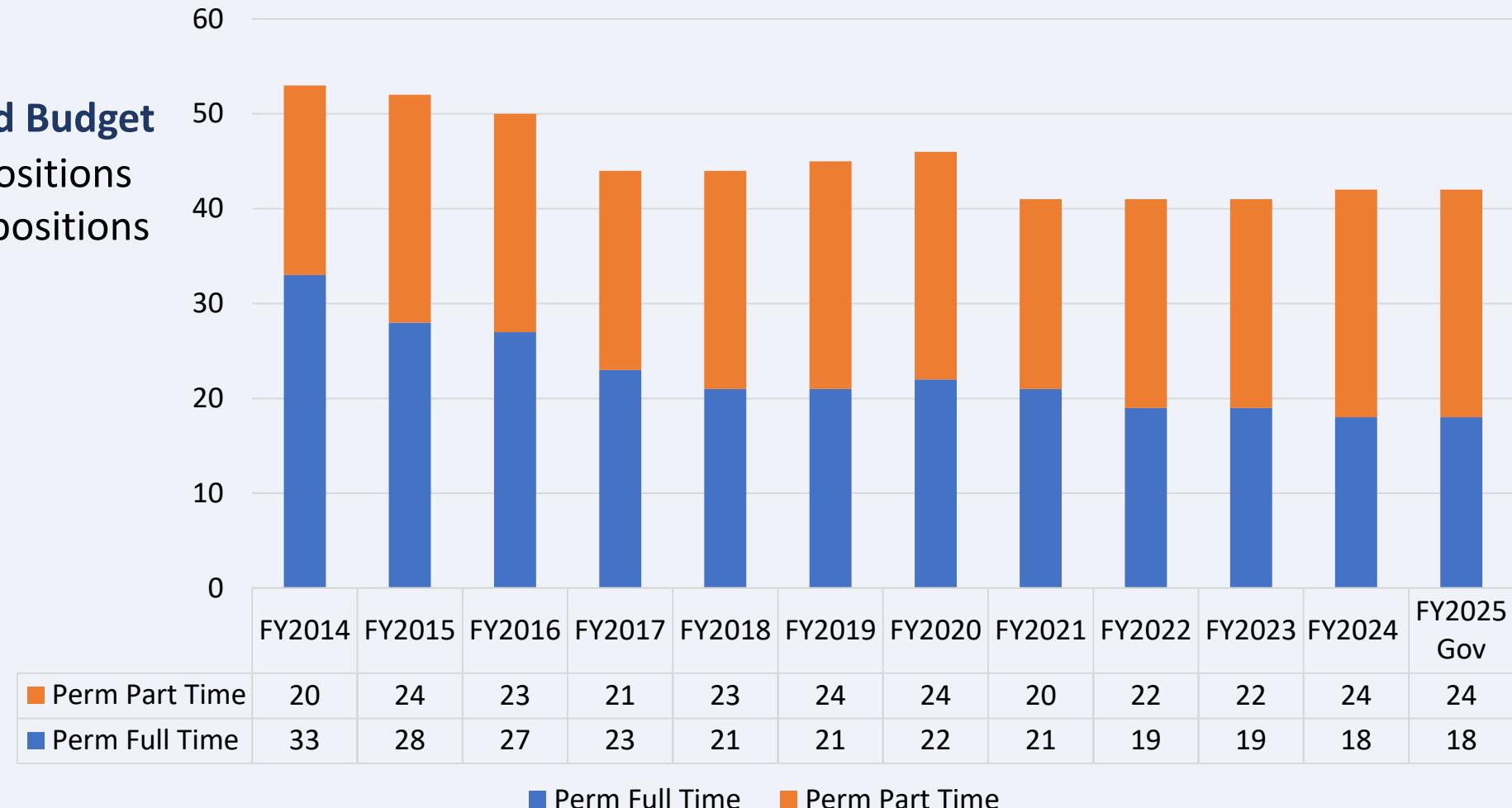




Budgeted Positions & History

FY2025 Governor's Amended Budget

- 18 permanent full-time positions
- 24 permanent part-time positions



FY2025 Operating Budget Change Highlights

(all \$ in thousands)



State Subsistence Research

	Total Amount			
Pittman Robertson Increased Projects	\$ 100.0	Other	1061	CIP Rcpts
Support for Additional State Subsistence Research Projects (Governor Amend)	\$ 210.0	Other	1061	CIP Rcpts
State Subsistence Research Inflation (Governor Amend)	\$ 205.0	UGF	1004	Gen Fund

Questions?



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Division of Sport Fish Hatcheries

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FY2025 Expenditures/Allocations

Anchorage and Fairbanks Hatcheries (all \$ in thousands)



	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor	FY2024 to FY2025 Difference
Personal Services	\$2,518.7	\$2,728.9	\$2,958.2	\$229.3
Travel	\$3.5	\$7.3	\$9.3	\$2.0
Services	\$2,732.8	\$2,686.9	\$3,144.4	\$457.5
Commodities	\$927.3	\$598.5	\$948.0	\$349.5
Capital Outlay	-	\$6.5	\$6.5	-
Total	\$6,182.3	\$6,028.1	\$7,066.4	\$1,038.3

FY2025 Authority Realignment

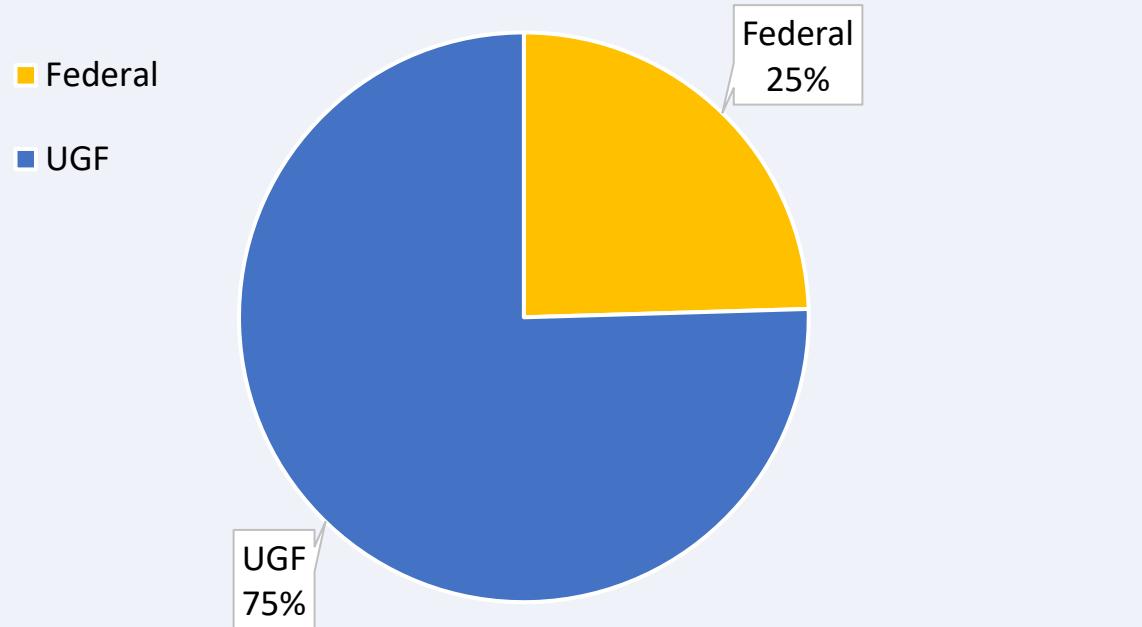
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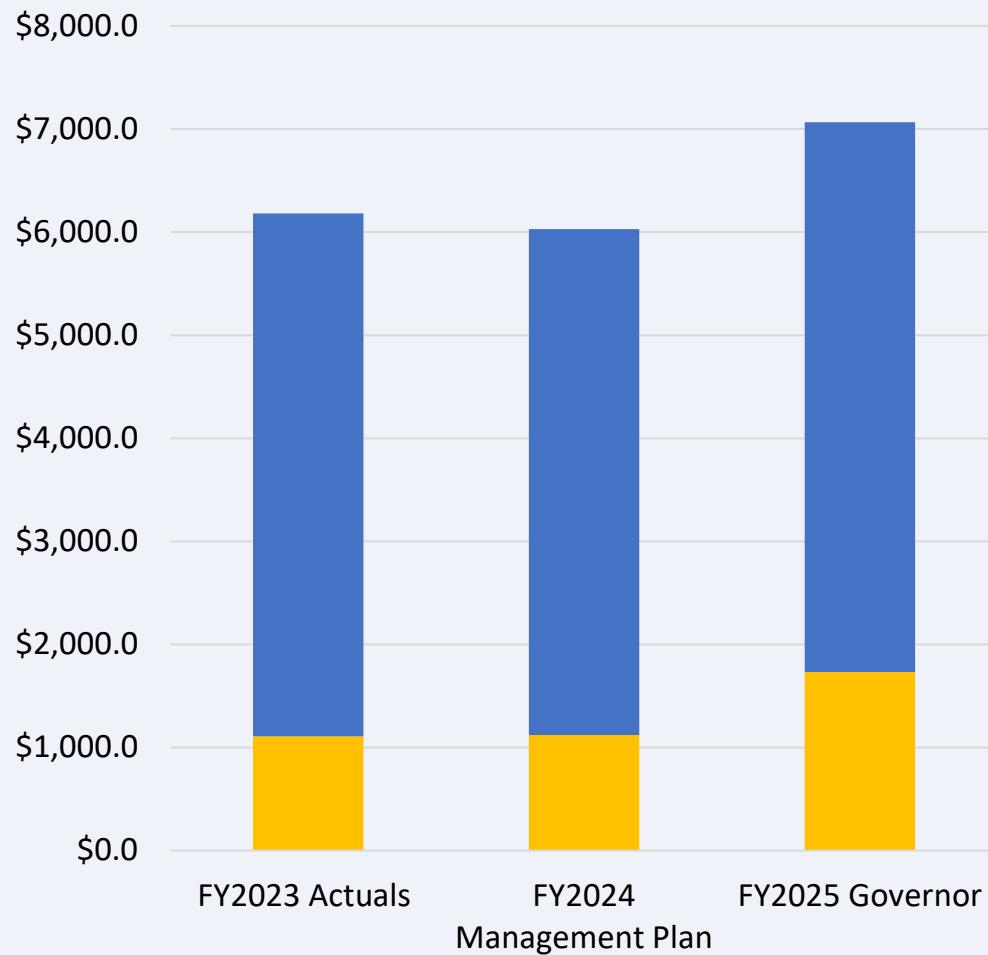
Component	Description	FED	UGF	FGF	Total	Component	Description	FED	UGF	FGF	Total
Sport Fisheries						Anchorage and Fairbanks Hatcheries					
Trout		\$(835.0)	\$(200.0)	\$(75.0)	\$(1,110.0)	Transfer In	\$610.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$610.0	
						Southeast Hatcheries					
						Transfer In	\$225.0	\$200.0	\$75.0	\$500.0	

FY2025 Fund Source Breakdown

Anchorage and Fairbanks Hatcheries (all \$ in thousands)



	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor	FY2024 to FY2025 Difference
Federal	\$1,107.8	\$1,119.8	\$1,733.6	\$613.8
General Fund Match	\$37.5	\$40.7	\$41.3	\$0.6
General Fund	\$5,037.0	\$4,867.6	5,291.5	\$423.9
Totals	\$6,182.3	\$6,028.1	\$7,066.4	\$1,038.3



FY2025 Expenditures/Allocations

Southeast Hatcheries (all \$ in thousands)



	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor	FY2024 to FY2025 Difference
Personal Services	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	-	-	-
Services	\$846.1	\$846.1	\$1,346.1	\$500.0
Commodities	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Total	\$846.1	\$846.1	\$1,346.1	\$500.0

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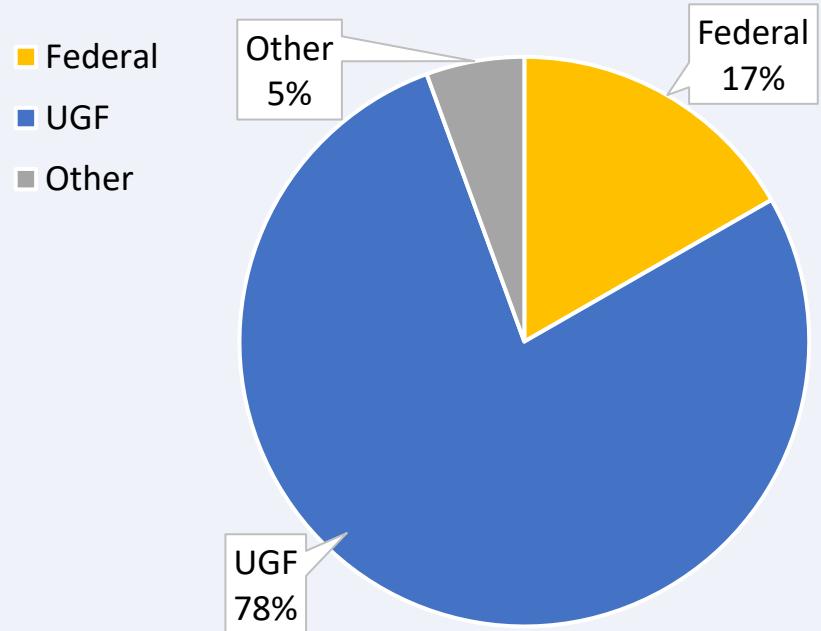
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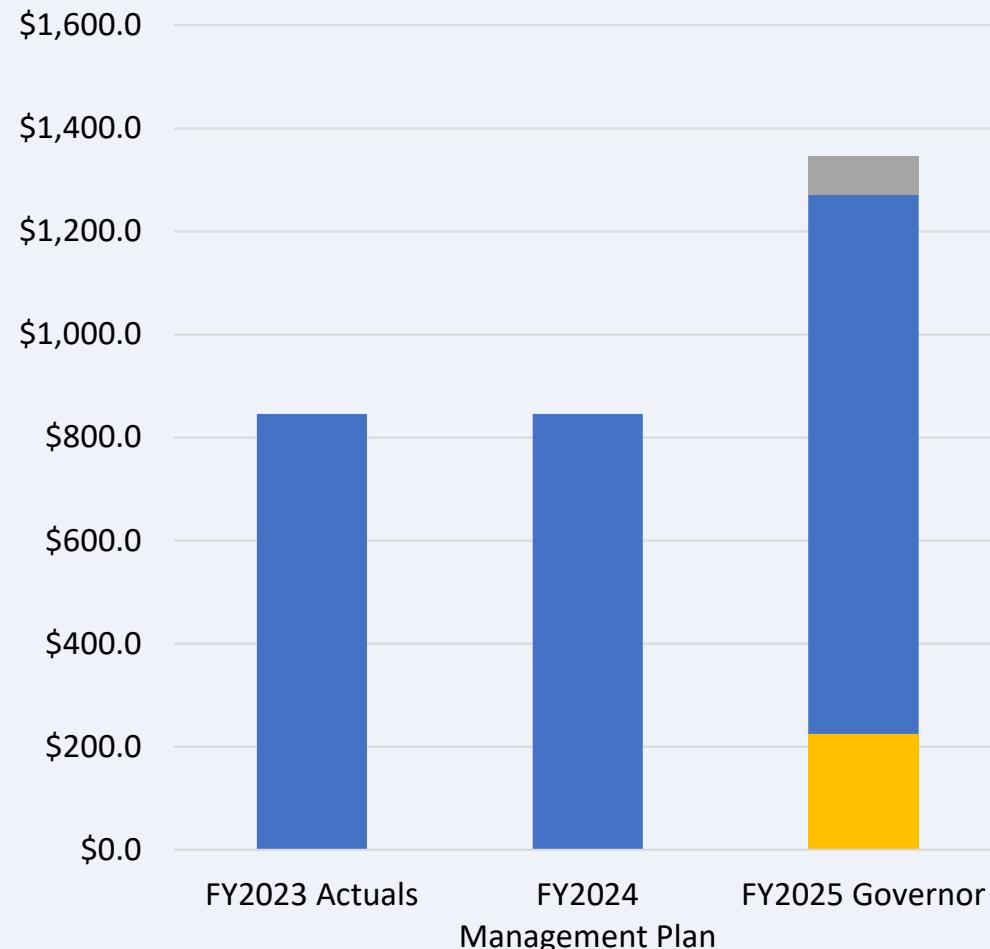
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Southeast Hatcheries (all \$ in thousands)



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Federal	-	-	\$225.0	\$225.0
General Fund	\$846.1	\$846.1	\$1,046.1	\$200.0
Fish and Game Fund	-	-	\$75.0	\$75.0
Totals	\$846.1	\$846.1	\$1,346.1	\$500.0



Sport Fish Hatchery Production



Interior	Release Number	Percent of Total
Interior	480,838	7.3%
Ruth Burnett	480,838	7.3%
Arctic char	29,050	0.4%
Chinook Salmon	39,649	0.6%
Coho Salmon	119,288	1.8%
Lake trout	43,953	0.7%
Rainbow Trout	248,898	3.8%
Southcentral	4,332,318	65.7%
William Jack	4,332,318	65.7%
Arctic char	47,664	0.7%
Chinook Salmon	2,244,553	34.0%
Coho Salmon	1,059,570	16.1%
Rainbow Trout	980,531	14.9%
Southeast	1,781,731	27.0%
Crystal Lake	782,444	11.9%
Chinook Salmon	652,104	9.9%
Coho Salmon	130,340	2.0%
Deer Mountain	50,700	0.8%
Rainbow Trout	50,700	0.8%
Macaulay (DIPAC)	249,587	3.8%
Chinook Salmon	249,587	3.8%
Whitman Lake	699,000	10.6%
Chinook Salmon	699,000	10.6%
Grand Total	6,594,887	100.0%

Strategy for Hatchery Deferred Maintenance

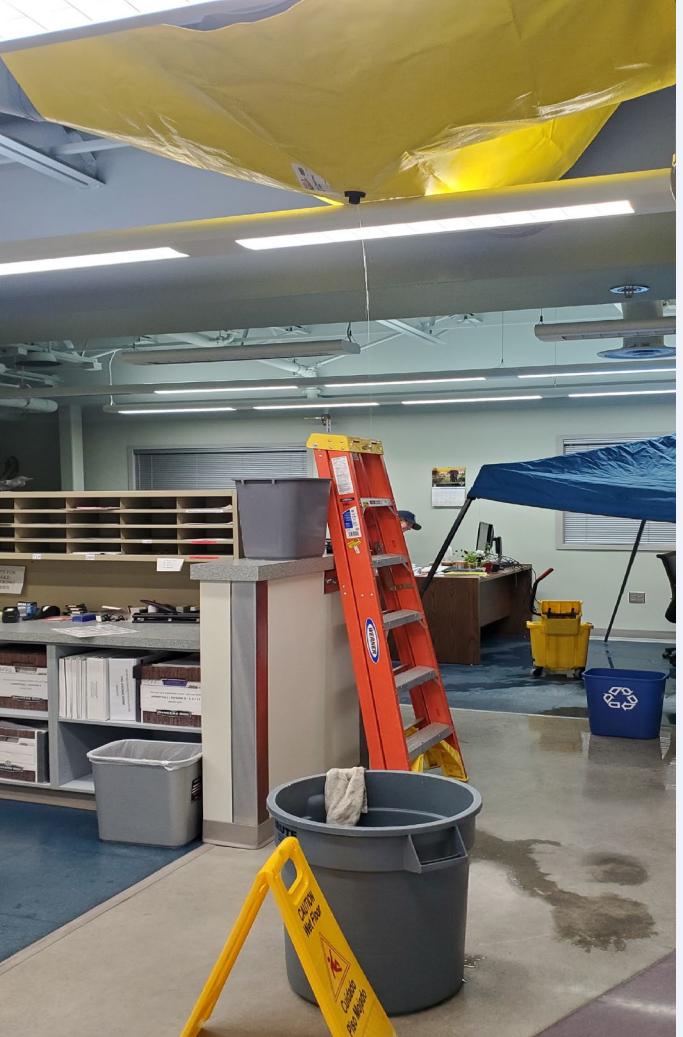


- Growing list of maintenance needs across all facilities
- Lack of surcharge requires alternate funding mechanism for deferred maintenance
- Seeking Capital appropriations to incrementally address maintenance needs with available revenues (federal Dingell-Johnson funds and Fish and Game Fund)



Hatchery Deferred Maintenance Projects

(all \$ in thousands)



Facility/Project Description	Cost Estimate
Crystal Lake Smolt Raceway Replacement and Effluent Line Repair	In Progress/Funded
Fort Rich	\$415.0
Ruth Burnett	\$2,280.0
William Jack Hernandez	\$1,733.5
Fisheries Visitor Centers	\$90.0
Shared Needs	\$400.0
Grand Total	\$4,918.5

*Projects are continually added to the list and prioritized based on need with emergency repairs taking precedent



Existing Capital Appropriations (all \$ in thousands)

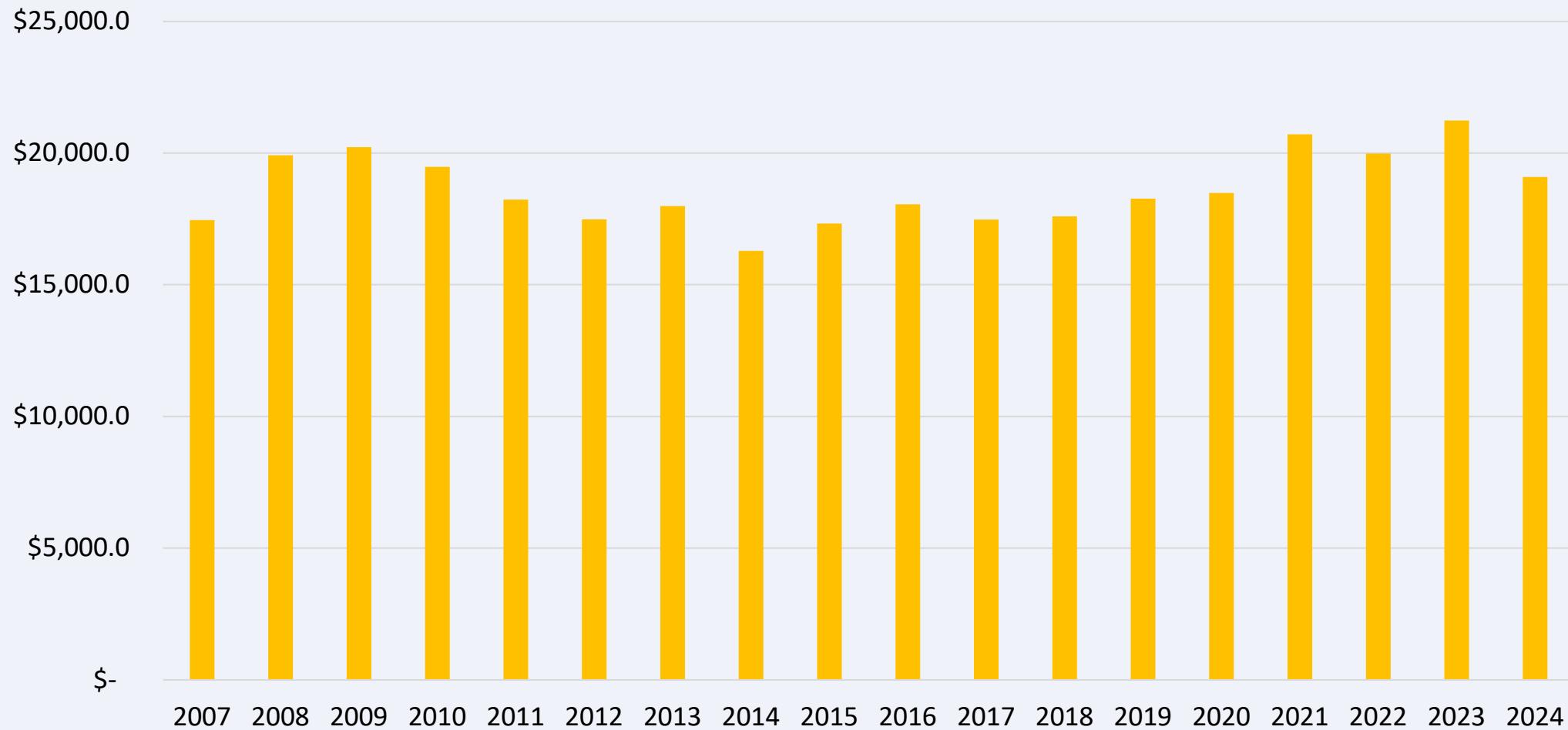


- FY2019: \$1,500.0 FGF for Crystal Lake Improvement/Enhancement
- FY2020: \$1,500.0 FGF for William Jack/Ruth Burnett Improvement/Enhancement
- FY2024: \$1,950.0 FED/\$650.0 FGF for Crystal Lake Raceways Renovations
- FY2024: \$1,000.0 FED/\$1,000.0 FGF Sport Fish Hatchery Deferred Maintenance Phase I
- *FY2025: \$1,000.0 FED/\$1,000.0 FGF Sport Fish Hatchery Deferred Maintenance Phase II



Dingell-Johnson Annual Apportionments

(all \$ in thousands)



House Finance Committee (CS1 & CS2)

Anchorage and Fairbanks Hatcheries (all \$ in thousands)



Proposes to reverse action taken in FY2023 to swap \$5,000.0 UGF & \$5,000.0 FED
→ Note: original amount was \$4,500.0

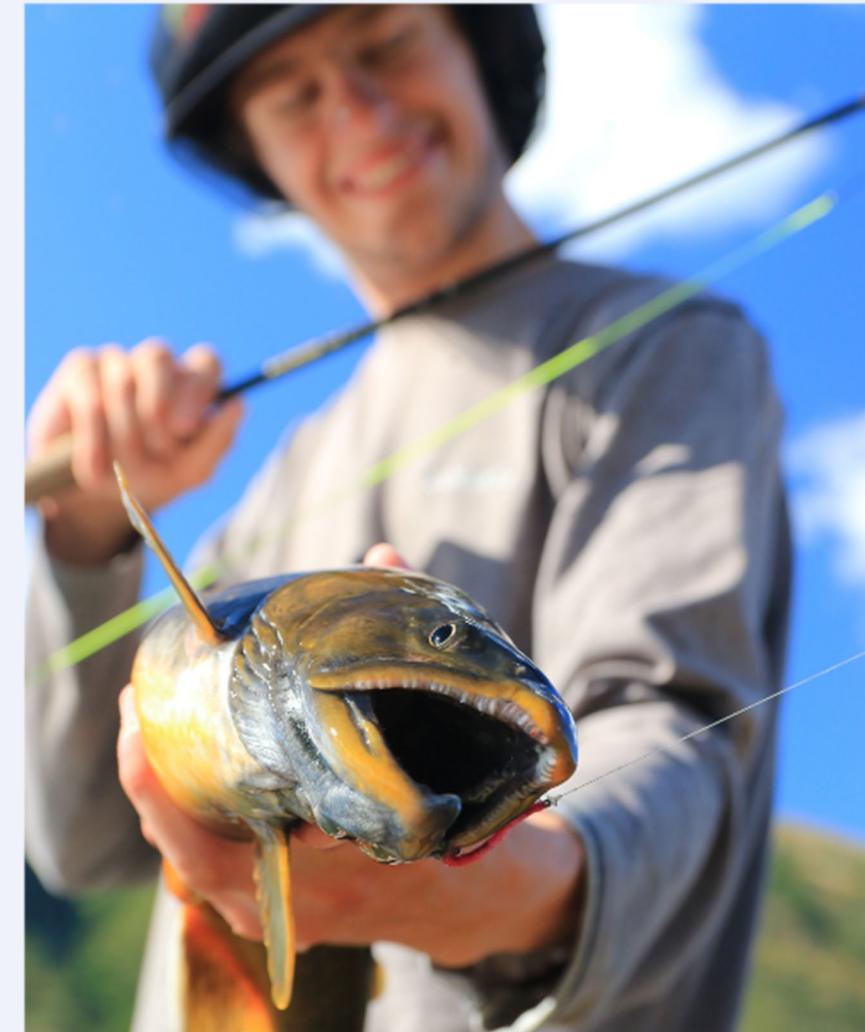


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Alaska Board of Fisheries
vs. Agency Authority

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The Constitution of the State of Alaska

Article 8 – Natural Resources



§ 2. General Authority.

The legislature shall provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the state, including land and waters, for the maximum benefit of the people.

§ 3. Common Use.

Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use.

§ 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.

§ 15. No Exclusive Right of Fishery. [Amended in 1972 to allow limited entry for commercial fisheries]

No exclusive right or special privilege of fishery shall be created or authorized in the natural waters of the State. This section does not restrict the power of the State to limit entry into any fishery for purposes of resource conservation, to prevent economic distress among fishermen and those dependent upon them for a livelihood and to promote the efficient development of aquaculture in the state.

Board of Fisheries Authority

(AS 16.05.221; AS 16.05.251)



Consists of seven members serving three-year terms; members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature.

Conserve and develop the fishery resources of the state:

- setting seasons, areas for taking fish, quotas, bag limits, harvest levels and limitations, methods and means for subsistence, commercial, sport, guided sport, and personal use fisheries
- setting policy and direction for management of the state's fishery resources
- making allocative decisions, and ADF&G is responsible for management based on those decisions

Three-year meeting cycle; meets four to six times per year.

Uses biological and socioeconomic information provided by ADF&G, public comment, and guidance from the Department of Public Safety and Department of Law to create regulations that are sound and enforceable.



Main Function of the Board: Allocation

“The third element of Alaska’s fisheries management model is the Alaska Board of Fisheries...The Board members...appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the legislature, represent a broad array of fishing groups and other interests. By taking on the task of resolving fishery disputes, the Board takes the politically-charged issue of allocation away from the fishery managers and politicians....The separation of allocation and conservation decisions is critical for achieving sustainable fisheries in the state and elsewhere ...”

(excerpt from: *The Elements of Alaska’s Sustainable Fisheries*, by Fran Ulmer in Sustainable Fisheries Management: Pacific Salmon, E. Knudsen et al Editors, Lewis Publishers, 2000, p. 65)

Fish & Game Commissioner/Agency Authority

(AS 16.05.020; AS 16.05.050)



Functions of the Commissioner

- (1) supervise and control the department, including hiring agency staff, necessary for the general administration of the department;
- (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;
- (3) authority to accomplish the foregoing including delegating authority to subordinate officers and employees of the department

Department 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.



Main Functions of the Department

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

Conduct assessments and research and invest in new technology to ensure sustainability and harvestable surplus and to understand changing conditions.

Customer Service & Public Involvement

Provide information and education services, involve public in the Board and other regulatory processes, administer licensing and permitting.



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