

*Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Overview of the Governor's FY2019 Request*

<b>Department of Fish and Game</b>				
All Dollars in Thousands				
	(GF Only)	Change	% Change	See Note:
<b>FY18 Conference Committee (GF Only)</b>	<b>\$65,413.9</b>			
FY18 Fiscal Notes	-			
CarryForward	-			
Misc Adjustments	-			
Multi-Years/Specials	-			
Vetoed	-			
<b>FY18 Management Plan (GF only)</b>	<b>\$65,413.9</b>	\$0.0	0.0%	
One-time Items Removed	-			
Fiscal Note One-Time Items	-			
Fund Source Change	-			
Temporary Increments (IncTs)	-			
Maintenance Increments (IncMs) and Increments	-			
FY19 Contractual Salary Increases	100.7			
<b>FY19 Adjusted Base Budget (GF only)</b>	<b>\$65,514.6</b>	\$100.7	0.2%	
Lang/Lang OTIs/MiscAdj/Carryforward/MultiYears/Contingent	-			
FY19 Governor's GF Increments/Decrements/Fund Changes	(1,443.0)			
<b>FY19 Governor's Agency Request (GF only)</b>	<b>\$64,071.6</b>	(\$1,443.0)	-2.2%	
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<b>FY19 Governor's Increments, Decrements, Fund Changes and Language</b>	<b>FY19 Adjusted Base Budget (GF Only)</b>	<b>FY19 Governor's Request (GF only)</b>	<b>Change from FY19 Adj Base to FY19 Governor's Request</b>	<b>See Note:</b>
<b>Allocation</b>			<b>(\$1,443.0)</b>	
SE Region Fisheries Management	8,884.6	8,784.6	(100.0)	1
Central Region Fisheries Management	8,689.7	8,289.7	(400.0)	1
Statewide Fisheries Management	13,165.6	12,465.6	(700.0)	2
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission	3,457.4	3,315.4	(142.0)	2
Sport Fisheries	2,020.1	1,970.1	(50.0)	
Wildlife Conservation	1,948.5	1,898.5	(50.0)	
Boards of Fisheries and Game	1,234.8	1,233.8	(1.0)	1
<b>Non-General Fund Agency Summary</b>	<b>FY19 Adjusted Base Budget</b>	<b>FY19 Governor's Request</b>	<b>Change from FY19 Adj Base to FY19 Governor's Request</b>	<b>See Note:</b>
Other State Funds (all allocations)	68,653.0	66,419.3	(2,233.7)	1,2,3
Federal Funds (all allocations)	67,141.2	66,922.0	(219.2)	1
<b>Total Non-General Funds (all allocations)</b>	<b>\$135,794.2</b>	<b>\$133,341.3</b>	<b>(\$2,452.9)</b>	
<b>Position Changes (From FY18 Authorized to Gov)</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>(45)</b>	
PFT	837	827	(10)	4
PPT	641	622	(19)	3
Temp	23	7	(16)	3
<b>Governor's Capital Request</b>	<b>State Funds (GF + Other)</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>See Note:</b>
Planning and Research	-	3,500.0	3,500.0	
Maintenance and Repairs	500.0	-	500.0	
Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades	1,500.0	-	1,500.0	
New Construction and Land Acquisition	750.0	2,250.0	3,000.0	
Equipment and Materials	-	-	-	
Information Systems and Technology	-	-	-	
Other	4,000.0	6,000.0	10,000.0	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$6,750.0</b>	<b>\$11,750.0</b>	<b>\$18,500.0</b>	<b>6</b>

## Department of Fish and Game

The Department of Fish and Game (DF&G) is charged with protecting, maintaining, and improving the fish, game, and aquatic plant resources of the State, and managing their use and development in the best interests of the economy and the people of the State, consistent with the sustained yield principle.

### Core Services:

- **Management:** Provide opportunities to utilize fish and wildlife resources; expand existing and develop new programs to increase harvest opportunities; protect and improve habitat and access to fishing and hunting opportunities and resources; protect the state's sovereignty to manage fish and wildlife resources; optimize participation in hunting and fishing activities; improve harvest monitoring and assessment.
- **Stock Assessment and Research:** Ensure sustainability and harvestable surplus of fish and wildlife resources; improve existing fish and wildlife stock assessment and research capabilities; expand stock assessments; invest in new technologies; anticipate changing conditions (e.g., climate change, invasive species).
- **Customer Service and Public Involvement:** Provide accurate and meaningful information to all customers and involve the public in management of fish and wildlife resources; enhance public communications materials and delivery; improve Boards of Fisheries and Game and other regulatory processes; increase publication in scientific literature; improve management and scientific reporting; improve licensing/permitting services; improve education and viewing programs within the department.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

The FY19 Department of Fish & Game general fund operating budget as submitted by the Governor on December 15, 2017 is \$1,443.0 (2.2%) *below* the FY19 Adjusted Base [a *decrease* of \$100.0 Unrestricted General Funds (UGF) and a *decrease* of \$1,343.0 Designated General Funds (DGF)]. Significant issues are highlighted in the notes below and correspond to the numbers in the last column of the preceding spreadsheet.

## FUNDING REDUCTIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF SERVICES

### 1. Departmental Reductions to Align FY19 Overall Spending Plan: (\$3,475.6) Total [(\$219.2) Federal Rcpts/ (\$501.0) DGF/ (\$2,755.4) Other].

The Governor's FY19 request includes several reductions in receipt authority to align allocations with anticipated receipts and FY19 needs. By reducing uncollectible authority, this action will "true up" individual budgets and will provide a better comparison to actual expenditures. Following are the department's reductions:

- **Commercial Fisheries (\$2,897.4)**
  - Southeast Region Fisheries Management – (\$655.9) Total [(\$100.0) Test Fish (DGF)/ (\$159.9) I/A Rcpts (Other)/ (\$396.0) CIP Rcpts (Other)]

- Central Region Fisheries Management – (\$901.5) Total [(\$400.0) Test Fish (DGF)/ (\$501.5) CIP Rcpts (Other)]
- AYK Region Fisheries Management – (\$400.0) CIP Rcpts (Other)
- Westward Region Fisheries Management – (\$340.0) Total [(\$40.0) I/A Rcpts (Other)/ (\$300.0) CIP Rcpts (Other)]
- Statewide Fisheries Management – (\$600.0) Total [(\$100.0) I/A Rcpts (Other)/ (\$500.0) CIP Rcpts (Other)]
- **Statewide Support Services (\$578.2)**
  - Commissioner's Office – (\$69.8) Federal Receipts
  - Boards of Fisheries and Game – (\$66.0) Total [(\$1.0) GF/Prgm Rcpts (DGF)/ (\$45.0) I/A Rcpts (Other)/ (\$17.1) CIP Rcpts (Other)/ (\$2.9) Stat Desig (Other)]
  - Advisory Committees – (\$27.4) Total [(\$23.5) Federal Receipts/ (\$3.9) I/A Rcpts (Other)]
  - Habitat – (\$289.1) Total [(\$89.1) I/A Rcpts (Other)/ (\$200.0) CIP Rcpts (Other)]
  - EVOS Trustee Council – (\$125.9) Federal Receipts

**2. Reduce Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Receipt Authority to Avoid Over Appropriation of Funds: (\$142.0) Net Total [(\$1,242.0) CFEC Receipts (DGF)/ \$700.0 Fish and Game Fund (Other)/ \$400.0 F&G CFP (DGF)].** Total revenue of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) for FY19 is estimated to be \$7,411.0. In order to avoid over appropriating CFEC receipts, the Statewide Fisheries Management allocation will utilize one-time funding sources in FY19. Reducing the amount of CFEC receipt authority brings the total budget in line with projected revenues.

- **Statewide Fisheries Management**
  - Decrement \$1,100.0 CFEC Rcpts (DGF)
  - One-time Increment (IncOTI) \$700.0 Fish/Game (Other) and \$400.0 F&G CFP (DGF)
- **Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission**
  - Decrement \$142.0 CFEC Rcpts (DGF)

**Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment:** Program receipts may be used to administer the program generating the receipts, implement the laws related to the functions generating the receipts, or cover the cost of collecting the receipts (AS 37.05.144). They may not be used directly for programs other than the program that generates the receipts. Arguably, CFEC receipts in excess of CFEC needs should go to the general fund rather than be appropriated for purposes other than CFEC operations. Legislative Finance Division (LFD) includes CFEC receipts in a report of funds used for non-designated purposes (see the summary on Designated Funding Used for Non-Designated Purposes in this publication for more details).

Discussions on the use of Fish & Game Criminal Fines & Penalties Fund (code 1134) are ongoing. The department notes that although the Fish and Game Criminal Fines and Penalties account was deactivated in FY06, a balance of \$414.0 remains in the fund available for appropriation. LFD notes that this code is inactive, and that associated revenue and balances could be transferred to the general fund. While there is no harm using the remaining balance of this fund, LFD generally discourages use of one-time funding for on-going operational uses. This creates a hole in future budgets.

3. **State Subsistence Research – Delete Long-Term Vacant Positions and Funding: (\$278.3) Total [(\$78.3) I/A Rcpts/ (\$200.0) CIP Rcpts] and (2) PPT/ (2) Temp positions.** A total of four long-term vacant positions are deleted, three in Fairbanks and one in Dillingham. Approximately \$12.0 of general funds associated with the deleted PCNs is retained to cover increased core services costs. The decremented I/A Rcpts and CIP Rcpts reduces unrealizable receipts in the allocation.
4. **Statewide Support Services – Transfer Out 15 PFT Positions from the Department to Support Statewide Centralized Services.** Budget authority is retained by the department to pay for a service agreement with the Office of Information Technology (OIT) for the cost of the transferred positions. Savings are anticipated in future fiscal years as further realignment occurs.
  - Transfer full-time Procurement Specialist V located in Juneau to the Department of Transportation to provide procurement and support services.
  - Transfer Commodity Staff (14 PFT positions) to the Department of Administration for Centralized OIT Program Alignment.

## STRUCTURE CHANGES

5. **Merged the Wildlife Conservation Special Projects Allocation into Wildlife Conservation Allocation.** The Governor's request transfers \$13,164.8 and 41 positions (25 PFT/ 16 PPT) from the Wildlife Conservation Special Projects allocation to the Wildlife Conservation allocation to increase efficiencies. With this action, the Special Projects allocation is zeroed out. No other structural changes were made by the department for FY19.

## CAPITAL REQUEST

6. The Governor's FY19 Department of Fish and Game capital budget totals \$18.5 million (\$6.75 million Other/ \$11.75 million Federal Receipts). Projects requested include:
  - **Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund:** \$3.5 million Federal Receipts;
  - **Sport Fish Hatchery Facility Upgrades and Improvements – Crystal Lake:** \$1.5 million Fish/Game Funds (Other);
  - **Sport Fish Recreational Boating and Angler Access:** \$3 million [\$2,250.0 Federal Receipts/ \$750.0 Fish/Game Funds (Other)];

- **Vessels and Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Upgrades:** \$500.0 Fish/Game (Other); and
- **Wildlife Management, Research and Hunting Access:** \$10 million total [\$6 million Federal Receipts/ \$4 million Fish/Game (Other)].