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The Honorable Alan Austerman  
The Honorable Bill Stoltze  
Co-Chairs, House Finance Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representatives Austerman and Stoltze:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide your committee with an overview of the Department of Fish and Game's FY2015 budget request. The items below are in response to questions asked by members of the House Finance Committee.

1. Request for information on the deletion of vacant PCNs in the FY2015 budget.

The Governor's FY2015 budget deletes 36 positions (10 PFT, 12 PPT, and 14 non-permanent positions), and associated funding sources totaling just over \$1.8 million. Funding sources include:

\$570.0 UGF  
\$739.0 Federal funds  
\$370.2 SDPR  
\$122.5 EVOS funds  
\$ 17.1 CIP Receipts

Federal and other non-general fund sources represented excess receipt authority and will have no impact on department operations. The \$570.0 in unrestricted general funds is spread over ten budget components with a cut to the Division of Commercial Fisheries of \$264.5, the Division of Sport Fish of \$114.1, and the Division of Wildlife Conservation of \$182.1.

The divisions will manage to this level of funding by adjusting the length of field projects, either starting them later or ending them earlier, and monitoring vacancy and turnover in positions. Eventually, the cumulative effect of reductions and inflationary pressures could result in the elimination of projects.

**Attachment A** is two documents, Personal Services Deleted Position Detail, and the department's breakdown of funding by division, component and funding source.

2. Request for the sources of SDPR and GFPR revenue. **Attachment B** details the projects funded by these sources for FY2013 and FY2014.
3. Request for department comments on the Yukon/ Alaska resident reciprocal fishing license regulation. **Attachment C** provides information in the form of two letters - a request to the department by the Upper Lynn Canal Advisory Committee that the license provision be discontinued, and the department's response.

If you would like additional information on any of these items or have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin Brooks  
Deputy Commissioner

Attachments