

Alaska Department of Fish & Game Division of Commercial Fisheries

House Finance Subcommittee FY2016 Budget Overview



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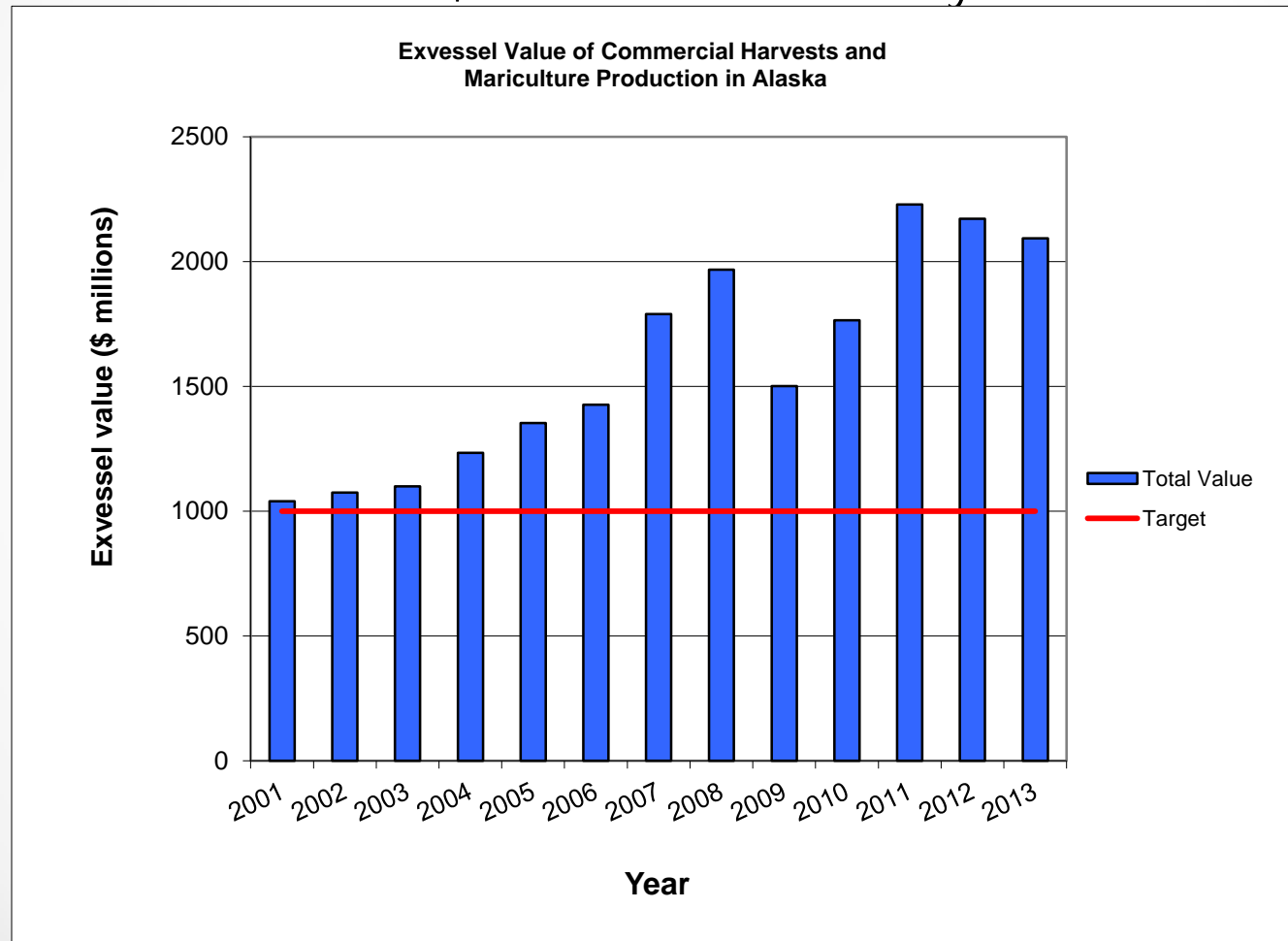
Mission

Manage subsistence, commercial, and personal use fisheries in the interest of the economy and general well being of the citizens of the state, consistent with the sustained yield principal, and subject to allocations through public regulatory processes

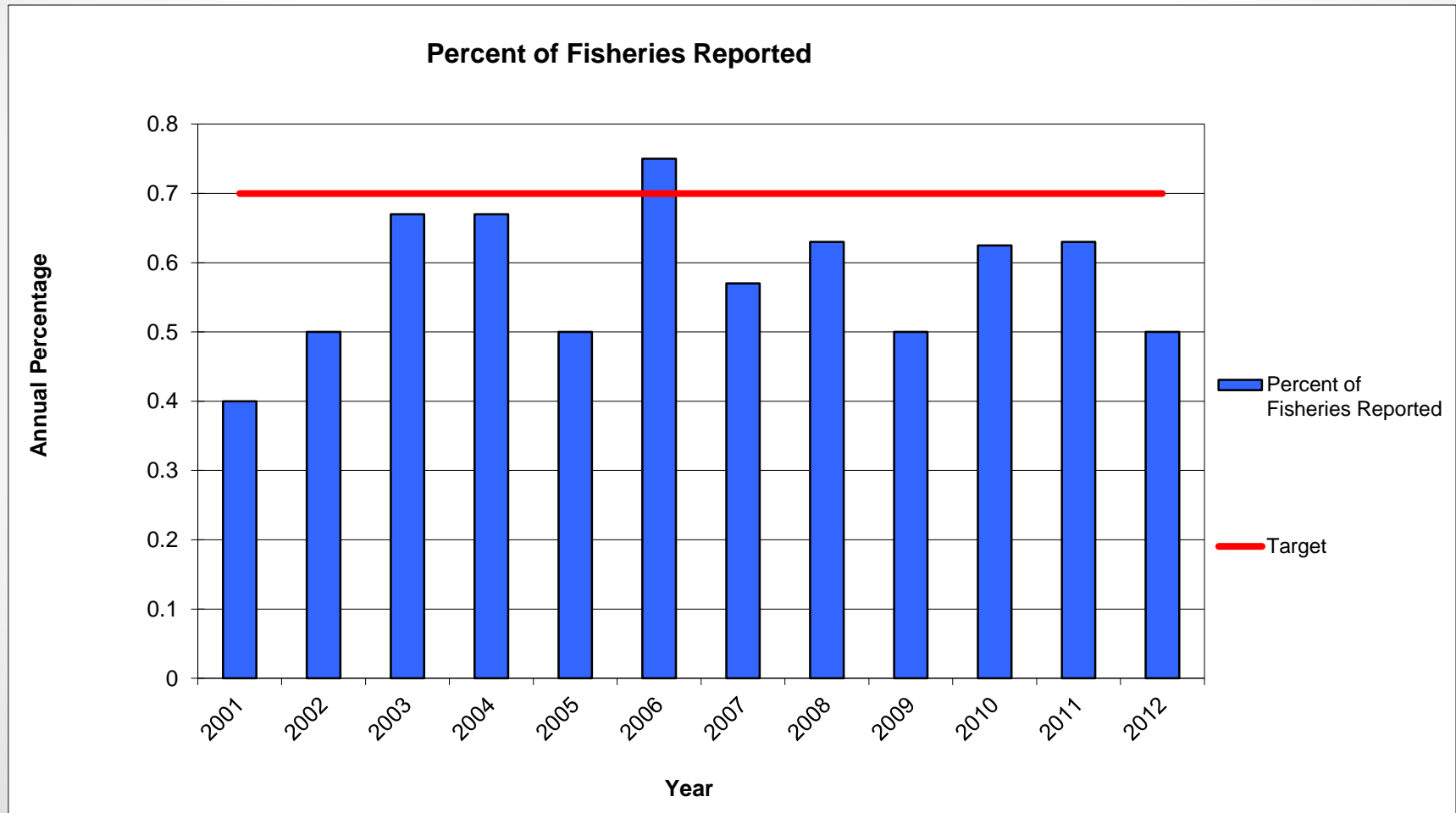
Core Services

- **Harvest Management**
- **Stock Assessment and Applied Research**
- **Aquaculture Permitting**
- **Customer Service and Public Involvement**

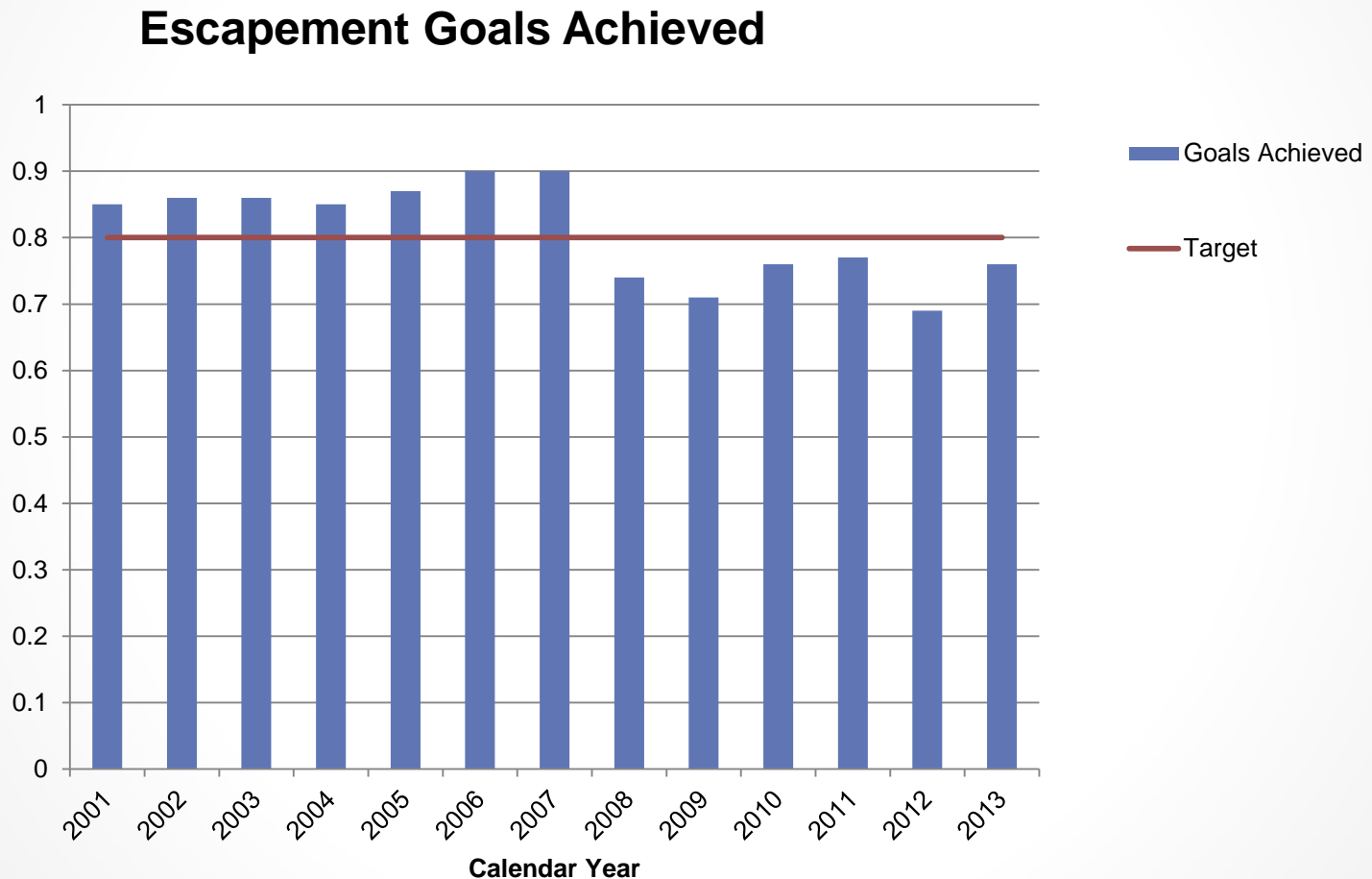
Performance Measure #1 - Maintain total annual value of commercial harvests and mariculture production at over \$1 billion annually.



Performance Measure #2 - Achieve the Amounts Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) established by the Board of Fisheries in 70% of subsistence fisheries.



Performance Measure #3 - Achieve salmon escapement goals in 80% of monitored systems.





Major Accomplishments

➤ Salmon Harvest

The 2014 commercial salmon fishery all species harvest was 156.7 million fish with an estimated preliminary exvessel value of \$576.6 million

➤ Crab Total Allowable Catch

Established the 2014-2015 season total allowable catches for the state-federal co-managed crab fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands that met the conservation and economic benefit objectives and requirements of state and federal regulations



Major Challenges

➤ **Alaska Chinook Salmon Fishery Disaster**

In 2014, impacts of low Chinook salmon productivity and abundance continued for many Alaskans in the Yukon, Kuskokwim and Cook Inlet regions

➤ **Fiscal Challenge**

The division is faced with budgetary uncertainty which will lead to fewer stock assessment & research projects, greater uncertainty in population estimates and forecasts, more conservative management and limited ability to support new commercial fisheries



Status of FY2015 Increments

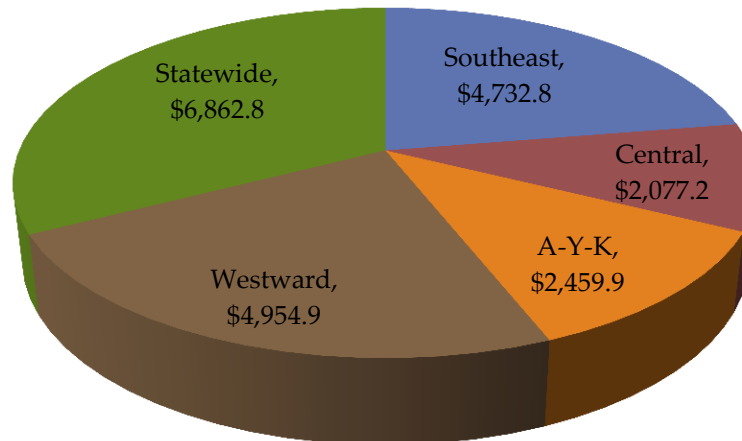
➤ **Test Fish Receipts from Golden King Crab Research in the Adak and Petrel Banks areas – \$200.0**

Currently developing a cooperative agreement with Aleutian King Crab Research Foundation and Adak Community Development Corporation to assist with researching the distribution and abundance of red king crab in the region surrounding Adak



Proposed FY2016 WIP

- **Commercial Fisheries Special Projects Elimination –**
Reorganized Division of Commercial Fisheries budget by transferring all projects from this component into the region that manages the project





Proposed FY2016 WIP

- **Southeast Region Fisheries Management – (\$102.1)**
 - Health Insurance Reductions – (\$9.0)
 - Salary Increases – \$166.9
 - Alaska Demersal Shelf Rockfish Surveys FY13-FY15 – (260.0)

- **Central Region Fisheries Management – \$151.9**
 - Health Insurance Reductions – (\$9.3)
 - Salary Increases – \$161.2

- **AYK Region Fisheries Management – \$124.4**
 - Health Insurance Reductions – (\$8.4)
 - Salary Increases – \$132.8



Proposed FY2016 WIP

- **Westward Region Fisheries Management – \$163.7**
 - Health Insurance Reductions – (\$9.9)
 - Salary Increases – \$173.6

- **Statewide Fisheries Management – (\$82.7)**
 - Health Insurance Reductions – (\$9.9)
 - Salary Increases – \$177.2
 - Continued Genetics Work on the Susitna River Drainage – (\$250.0)

- **Comm Fish Special Projects – \$262.0 *transferred out**
 - Health Insurance Reductions – (\$8.6)
 - Salary Increases – \$270.6



Governor Endorsed FY2016

- Southeast Region Fisheries Management – (\$274.7)
- Central Region Fisheries Management – (\$480.1)
- AYK Region Fisheries Management – (\$640.0)
- Westward Region Fisheries Management – (\$212.8)
- Statewide Fisheries Management – (\$683.7)

- Total General Funds Reduction – (\$2,291.3)

Department of Fish & Game **Allocations within the Commercial Fisheries Appropriation** **(GF Only)** **(\$ Thousands)**

The **Commercial Fisheries** GF budget grew by \$22.4 million between FY06 and FY15 Governor's Request -- an increase of 71%.

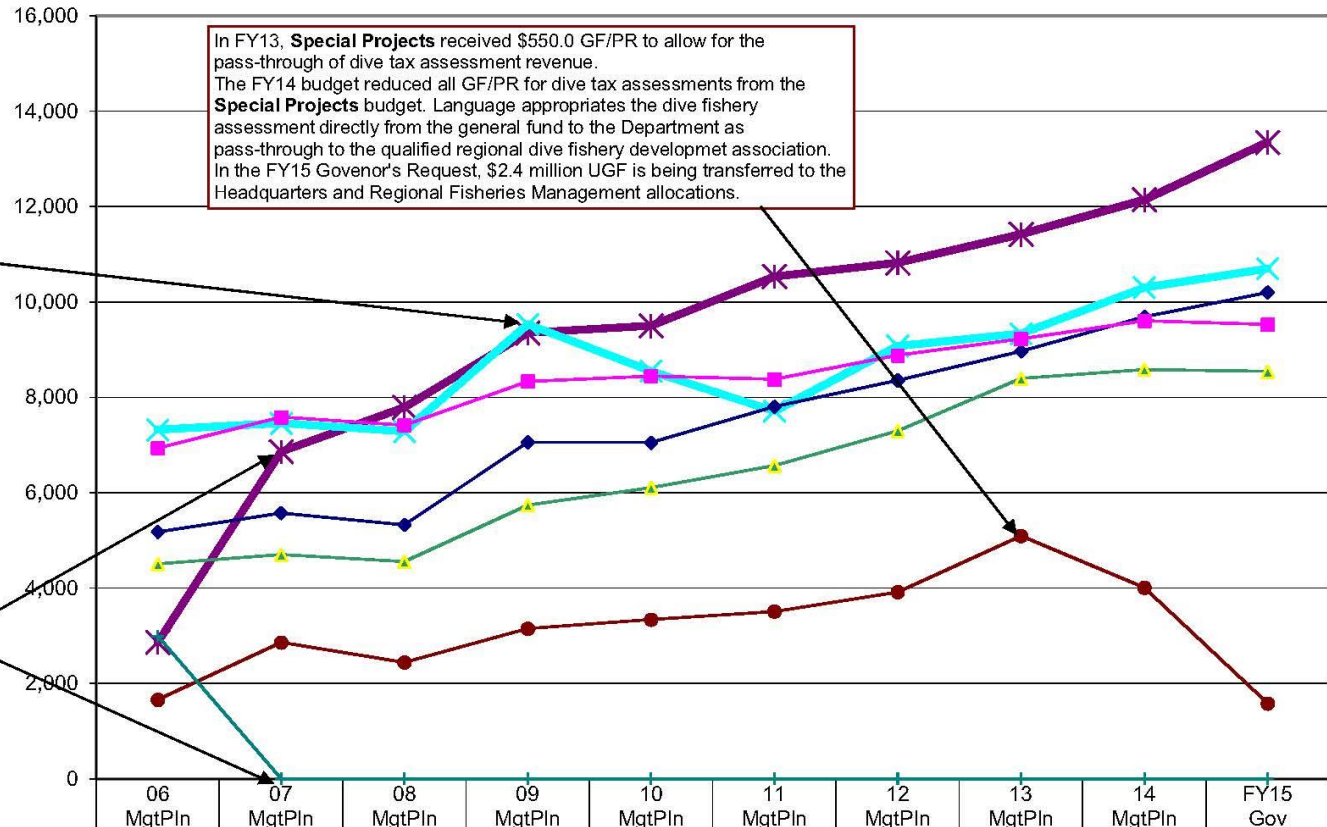
Westward Region
FY09 -- \$1,965.1 UGF to replace lost federal funds for a number of projects:
--Bering Sea Crab Research
--American Fisheries Act
--Fishery Management Plan- Extended Jurisdiction
--Nearshore Fisheries

FY10 -- \$793.7 UGF funding for the Bering Sea Crab Research was replaced with federal funds

FY11 -- \$618.4 of excess Test Fisheries Receipts was reduced from the budget

In FY13, **Special Projects** received \$550.0 GF/PR to allow for the pass-through of dive tax assessment revenue. The FY14 budget reduced all GF/PR for dive tax assessments from the **Special Projects** budget. Language appropriates the dive fishery assessment directly from the general fund to the Department as pass-through to the qualified regional dive fishery development association. In the FY15 Governor's Request, \$2.4 million UGF is being transferred to the Headquarters and Regional Fisheries Management allocations.

In FY07, **Headquarters Fisheries Management** and **Fisheries Development** allocations combined into a single allocation.



	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	FY15
	MgtPln	MgtPln	MgtPln	MgtPln	MgtPln	MgtPln	MgtPln	MgtPln	MgtPln	Gov
Headquarters Fisheries Mgmt.	2,860.2	6,855.7	7,789.0	9,350.9	9,496.4	10,530.9	10,819.6	11,415.6	12,141.8	13,344.6
Westward Region Fisheries Mgmt.	7,317.4	7,456.4	7,281.3	9,527.2	8,547.5	7,705.3	9,073.6	9,332.0	10,300.1	10,696.3
SE Region Fisheries Mgmt.	5,175.2	5,570.8	5,322.4	7,056.7	7,047.4	7,799.5	8,352.6	8,962.7	9,685.8	10,195.1
Central Region Fisheries Mgmt.	6,932.6	7,582.3	7,412.0	8,330.0	8,441.6	8,374.6	8,878.9	9,223.9	9,604.6	9,524.1
AYK Region Fisheries Mgmt.	4,501.4	4,701.2	4,550.2	5,735.6	6,104.2	6,563.7	7,295.4	8,391.1	8,580.0	8,540.1
Comm Fish Special Projects	1,654.5	2,854.7	2,439.2	3,145.5	3,335.1	3,505.5	3,913.8	5,090.4	4,005.2	1,577.7
Fisheries Development	2,986.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Department of Fish & Game
Allocations within the Commercial Fisheries Appropriation
(All Funds)
(\$ Thousands)

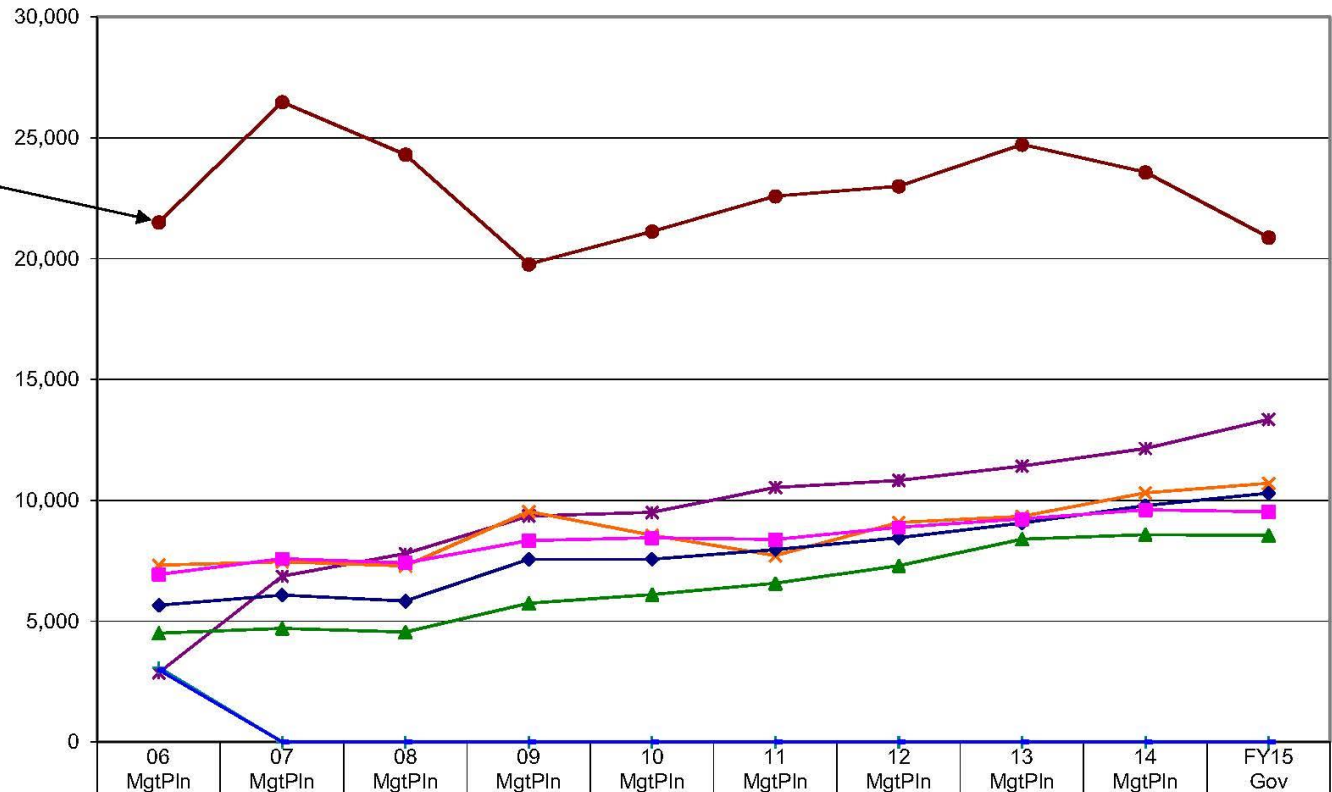
The **Commercial Fisheries** budget grew by \$18.4 million between FY06 and FY15 Governor's Request -- an increase of 34%.

Special Projects
FY06 -- \$850.0 Federal Receipts to support the King Crab Observer Program

FY07 -- Consolidated \$3,261.9 CIP Receipts and positions from CIP Position Costs into Special Projects
-- \$600.0 CFEC Receipts to increase funding for statewide ground fish and shellfish projects

FY08 -- Reduced \$1,306.9 in excess Federal, Inter-agency and CIP Receipts authorization

FY09 -- Reduced \$5.2 million Federal Receipt authority due to loss of grant funding. General fund projects totaling \$5.2 million were replaced within the regional allocations.



Comm Fish Special Projects	21,496.8	26,472.6	24,300.2	19,761.3	21,119.7	22,573.5	22,992.1	24,712.4	23,565.6	20,868.6
Headquarters Fisheries Mgmt.	2,860.2	6,855.7	7,789.0	9,350.9	9,496.4	10,531.1	10,819.6	11,415.6	12,141.8	13,344.6
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SE Region Fisheries Mgmt.	5,657.3	6,079.0	5,830.6	7,564.9	7,561.8	7,961.5	8,442.2	9,054.7	9,777.8	10,287.1
Central Region Fisheries Mgmt.	6,932.6	7,582.3	7,412.0	8,330.0	8,441.6	8,374.6	8,878.9	9,223.9	9,604.6	9,524.1
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Comm Fish CIP Position Costs	3,080.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fisheries Development	2,986.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

FY2016 Operating Budget by Component

Division of Commercial Fisheries

FY2015 Management Plan to FY2016 Adjusted Base Comparison

Component	FY2015 Management Plan					FY2016 Adjusted Base					Change from FY2015 Management Plan
	UGF	DGF	Other	Federal	Total	UGF	DGF	Other	Federal	Total	
Southeast Region Fisheries Management	9,413.3	651.8	0.0	135.0	10,200.1	9,387.7	726.3	1,431.3	3,285.5	14,830.8	4,630.7
Central Region Fisheries Management	9,139.8	384.3	0.0	0.0	9,524.1	9,291.7	597.4	1,654.4	209.7	11,753.2	2,229.1
AYK Region Fisheries Management	8,498.3	41.8	0.0	0.0	8,540.1	8,622.7	209.4	992.1	1,300.2	11,124.4	2,584.3
Westward Region Fisheries Management	8,866.9	1,964.4	0.0	0.0	10,831.3	9,142.1	2,362.9	2,063.7	2,381.2	15,949.9	5,118.6
Statewide Fisheries Management	12,812.4	382.2	0.0	0.0	13,194.6	13,086.9	584.2	4,035.4	2,268.2	19,974.7	6,780.1
Commercial Fisheries Special Projects	534.0	1,043.7	10,068.0	9,179.9	20,825.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(20,825.6)
TOTALS	49,264.7	4,468.2	10,068.0	9,314.9	73,115.8	49,531.1	4,480.2	10,176.9	9,444.8	73,633.0	517.2

Key Changes from FY2015 Mgt Plan to FY2016 Adjusted Base

	UGF	DGF	Other	Federal	Total
Special Projects Elimination	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FY2016 Contractual Salary Increases	823.3	12.3	111.7	135.0	1,082.3
FY2016 Health Insurance Rate Reduction	(46.9)	0.0	0.0	(8.2)	(55.1)
Reversal of Multiple One-Time Appropriations	(510.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	(510.0)
	266.4	12.3	111.7	126.8	517.2

FY2016 Operating Budget by Component

Division of Commercial Fisheries

FY2016 Adjusted Base to Governor Endorsed Budget Comparison

Component	FY2016 Adjusted Base					FY2016 Governor Endorsed Budget					Change from FY2016 Adjusted Base
	UGF	DGF	Other	Federal	Total	UGF	DGF	Other	Federal	Total	
Southeast Region Fisheries Management	9,387.7	726.3	1,431.3	3,285.5	14,830.8	9,113.0	726.3	1,431.3	3,285.5	14,556.1	(274.7)
Central Region Fisheries Management	9,291.7	597.4	1,654.4	209.7	11,753.2	8,811.6	597.4	1,654.4	209.7	11,273.1	(480.1)
AYK Region Fisheries Management	8,622.7	209.4	992.1	1,300.2	11,124.4	7,982.7	209.4	992.1	1,300.2	10,484.4	(640.0)
Westward Region Fisheries Management	9,142.1	2,362.9	2,063.7	2,381.2	15,949.9	8,929.3	2,362.9	2,063.7	2,381.2	15,737.1	(212.8)
Statewide Fisheries Management	13,086.9	584.2	4,035.4	2,268.2	19,974.7	9,403.2	3,584.2	4,035.4	2,268.2	19,291.0	(683.7)
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TOTALS	49,531.1	4,480.2	10,176.9	9,444.8	73,633.0	44,239.8	7,480.2	10,176.9	9,444.8	71,341.7	(2,291.3)

Percent Change from FY2016 Adjusted Base to FY2016 Governor Endorsed Request (GF Only)

-9.15%

Key Changes from FY2016 Adjusted Base to FY2016 Governor Endorsed

	UGF	DGF	Other	Federal	Total
Delete / Reduce General Fund Projects	(1,284.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1,284.3)
Fund Source Changes	(3,000.0)	3,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Delete Temporary Increments	(1,007.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1,007.0)
	(5,291.3)	3,000.0	0.0	0.0	(2,291.3)

➤ Questions?