



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Representative Ortiz, House  
Finance Fish & Game Subcommittee

DATE: 3/12/2019

FROM: Rachel Hanke, Legislative Liaison  
The Department of Fish and Game

RE: 3/5/19 Committee  
Questions

On Tuesday, March 5, 2019 the Acting Director of Administrative Services, Samantha Gatton presented a high-level overview of the differences between the Department of Fish and Game's FY19 Management Plan and the Governor's FY20 Amended Budget. The following question was raised and required follow-up. The enclosed Pittman-Robertson fund documents were also of interest to several committee members.

**Q: Will the department see savings from moving their information technology services to the Office of Information Technology (OIT) under the Department of Administration?**

**A:** FY19 is the first year that rates are billed in a consolidated fashion; rates for prior years are not directly comparable because the services were provided and billed differently. For example, in FY17 the department paid for some IT positions directly; in FY18, some of those positions transferred to the OIT, and the department paid for a portion of the positions via a reimbursable services agreement. In FY19, costs for the services those positions provide – which does not directly relate to the cost of individual positions – is included in the consolidated rate. Additionally, some services that were previously direct-billed on a per-license basis, like Microsoft licensing, are now included in the consolidated shared services rate and so are not directly comparable to prior year rates.

The department anticipates FY19 OIT expenditures to increase, we have requested a supplemental for \$276.0. Prior to consolidation into the OIT the department's information technology systems were under-resourced. Additional authority is required to continue to maintain and support the department's technology resources consistent with current security and technical standards, including upgrades to the department's aging Oracle infrastructure and replacement of unsupported operating systems. Though this represents an increase to the department's IT budget, it allows the department to take advantage of centralized IT commodity services and infrastructure, resulting in more efficient management of these services at the statewide level.

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