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**NARRATIVE CLOSEOUT REPORT**

April 17, 2019

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources submits a recommended operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows (numbers in thousands):

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>FY19 Mgt Pln</b>	<b>FY20 Adj Base</b>	<b>FY20 House</b>	<b>FY20 Senate Sub</b>	<b>Change: Adj Base to Sen Sub Over/(Under)</b>
UGF	\$57,108.1	\$56,748.1	\$66,953.5	\$64,066.2	\$7,318.1
DGF	\$34,324.3	\$34,324.3	\$31,443.7	\$34,602.6	\$278.3
<b>Total GF</b>	<b>\$91,432.4</b>	<b>\$91,072.4</b>	<b>\$98,397.2</b>	<b>\$98,668.8</b>	<b>\$7,596.4</b>
Other	\$35,934.5	\$35,934.5	\$35,844.6	\$35,943.8	\$9.3
Federal	\$16,744.7	\$15,744.7	\$15,670.7	\$16,670.7	\$926.0
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$144,111.6</b>	<b>\$142,751.6</b>	<b>\$149,912.5</b>	<b>\$151,283.3</b>	<b>\$8,531.7</b>

**Salary Adjustment Fund Source - Informational Only**

UGF	\$774.8
DGF	\$642.6
<b>Total GF</b>	<b>\$1,417.4</b>
Other	\$352.4
Federal	\$184.4
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$1,954.2</b>

<b>Positions</b>					
PFT	624	622	612	613	-9
PPT	215	216	213	234	18
Temp	62	63	60	60	-3
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>6</b>

## **BUDGET ACTION:**

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The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources held three meetings and analyzed the Governor's budget transactions. What follows are highlights.

### **Governor's Amended Budget Request:**

- Accepted the Governor's amended budget request **except** for these items that he had proposed:
  - Consolidating recorder's offices – thus keeping offices in Fairbanks, Kenai, and Juneau. The governor proposed a cut of \$408,000 in General Fund/Program Receipts (Designated General Funds [DGF]), Funding Code 1005. The Senate subcommittee recommends a reduction of \$134,800 in GF/Program Receipts (DGF).
  - Cutting Agricultural Development by \$1,687,100 in total funds (See accompanying Legislative Finance Division spreadsheets for a breakdown of funding sources). The subcommittee, however, recommends approving the governor's proposal to cut \$210,800 in unrestricted general funds (UGF), Funding Source 1004, for a state veterinarian and development specialist – positions that are now vacant.
  - Deleting Agricultural Revolving Loan Program Administration by \$421,700 from the Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund (DGF), Funding Code 1021.
  - Reducing the North Latitude Plant Material Center by \$1,061,100 in total funds. (See accompanying Legislative Finance spreadsheets for a breakdown of funding sources.)
  - Replacing \$2,887,300 in Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts (DGF), Funding Code 1200, with unrestricted general funds (Funding Code 1004).
- **Subcommittee Additions, Reductions and Changes:**
  - Approved the governor's budget amendments that he offered after February 13, 2019, that would:
    - Authorize \$1 million in federal receipts, Funding Code 1002, for a hunting guide concession program

- Added 20 positions for hotshot wildfire crews, something that had previously been unbudgeted. These positions require no additional funds because the state has been using federal grants to pay for this service
  - Removed conditional language that allowed the Office of Management and Budget to transfer funds between appropriations within the department
  - As noted above, deleted \$210,800 in unrestricted general funds for a state veterinarian and development specialist
- Other Changes:
  - Salary Adjustment figures in the table above are informational only and reflect the best guess at this time for what will likely be needed once employee contracts are finalized. The correct dollar amount will be added after budget subcommittee closeouts, in the full Senate Finance Committee version of the budget bill.
- Organizational Changes
  - There were no organizational changes.
- Intent Language
  - There was no intent language.

## **ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources adopted the attached reports:

- Agency Totals for the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget
- Transaction Comparison 1: FY 20 Adjusted Base to Senate Subcommittee
- Transaction Comparison 2: Governor's Amended Budget to Senate Subcommittee
- Transaction Comparison 3: House Budget to Senate Subcommittee
- Wordage

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