

**Department of Fish and Game**  
**FY23 - Summary of Significant Budget Issues**  
(\$ thousands)

Item	Appropriation / Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	Comment
1	Commercial Fisheries / Southeast Region Fisheries Management	Delete Funding for Southeast Region Fisheries Management Publication Specialist II Position	(\$144.2) Gen Fund (UGF)	A Publications Specialist II was identified for deletion, which will result in a reduced level of service and possible delays in the dissemination of information to user groups in Southeast Alaska. This is a filled position that supports all types of Commercial Fisheries publications.
2	Various	Transfer 24 Positions and Funding from Sport Fisheries to Commercial Fisheries to Consolidate Salmon Assessment Research	<b>Total: \$3,411.0</b> \$1,984.7 Fed Rcpts (Fed) \$556.8 GF/Match (UGF) \$869.5 Stat Desig (Other) <b>6 PFT Positions</b> <b>18 PPT Positions</b>	<p>The agency moved 24 positions from Sport Fisheries to Commercial Fisheries in the FY22 Management Plan to consolidate personnel responsible for salmon stock assessments and research related to the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Previously, the Sport Fisheries Division was responsible for stock assessments and research relating to Chinook and coho, while the Commercial Fisheries Division conducted research related to other salmon species. This consolidation enables staffing efficiencies at certain weirs and project sites, and allows the agency to meet Pacific Salmon Treaty agreements with existing resources. The positions will continue to perform the same work as they did under Sport Fisheries using the same fund sources.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Analyst Comment:</b> In FY22, these positions are funded through a Reimbursable Services Agreement (RSA) that allows the agency to continue to support these positions with the original GF/Match and receipt authority from Sport Fisheries. The types of receipts used under that authority originate from Pacific Salmon Treaty related sources, and are not specific to Sport Fisheries. The Statutory Designated Program Receipt (SDPR) authority allows the agency to receive money from the Northern Fisheries Enhancement Fund, which is an endowment that was set aside over 20 years ago by the Pacific Salmon Commission to support activities in Southeast Alaska and northern British Columbia and is managed by the Salmon Commission office in Vancouver, BC Canada. The federal receipt authority is for Pacific Salmon Treaty funding received from annual US Congressional appropriations through NOAA-NMFS grant funds. The Governor's FY23 request will move that funding and authority to the Commercial Fisheries Division where the work is occurring, and negate the need for an RSA.</p>
3	Various	Move the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council from Fish and Game to the Department of Environmental Conservation	n/a	The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council is tasked with oversight of the remediation of damages caused by the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. The Trust currently manages the \$109 million balance of the original \$900 million settlement against Exxon, and distributes grants for ongoing clean-up and mitigation efforts. This function has resided at the Department of Fish and Game since it was established in 1993 through the RPL process. The Council's three State Trustees include the Commissioner of Fish and Game, the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation, and the

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3	Various	Move the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council from Fish and Game to the Department of Environmental Conservation	n/a	(continued) Attorney General. The decision to accept or reject this transfer will occur in the budget process for the Department of Environmental Conservation.