

Alaska Department of Fish & Game

House Finance Subcommittee

FY2023 Budget Overview



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Last Year

The Department worked to ensure we had the necessary research and management infrastructure in place to safely conduct fisheries and hunts

- The department continued to provide a return on investment of over \$11 billion dollars on a General Fund investment of about \$70 million.
- Nearly all commercial fisheries were conducted, allowing commercial fishermen to fish their permits and thereby make a living and contribute to the state and local economies through collected fish taxes.
- Sport and personal use fisheries operated, allowing anglers an opportunity to fill their freezers, feed their families, and get outside.
- Subsistence fisheries and hunts occurred, allowing subsistence harvesters opportunities to feed their communities and pass on traditions.
- Hunts occurred throughout Alaska giving Alaskans opportunities to hunt, fill their freezers and pass on traditions.
- Charter fishing and guided hunting operated, providing needed recreational opportunities and economic boosts to the state and local economies.
- Area offices remained open to serve the public.

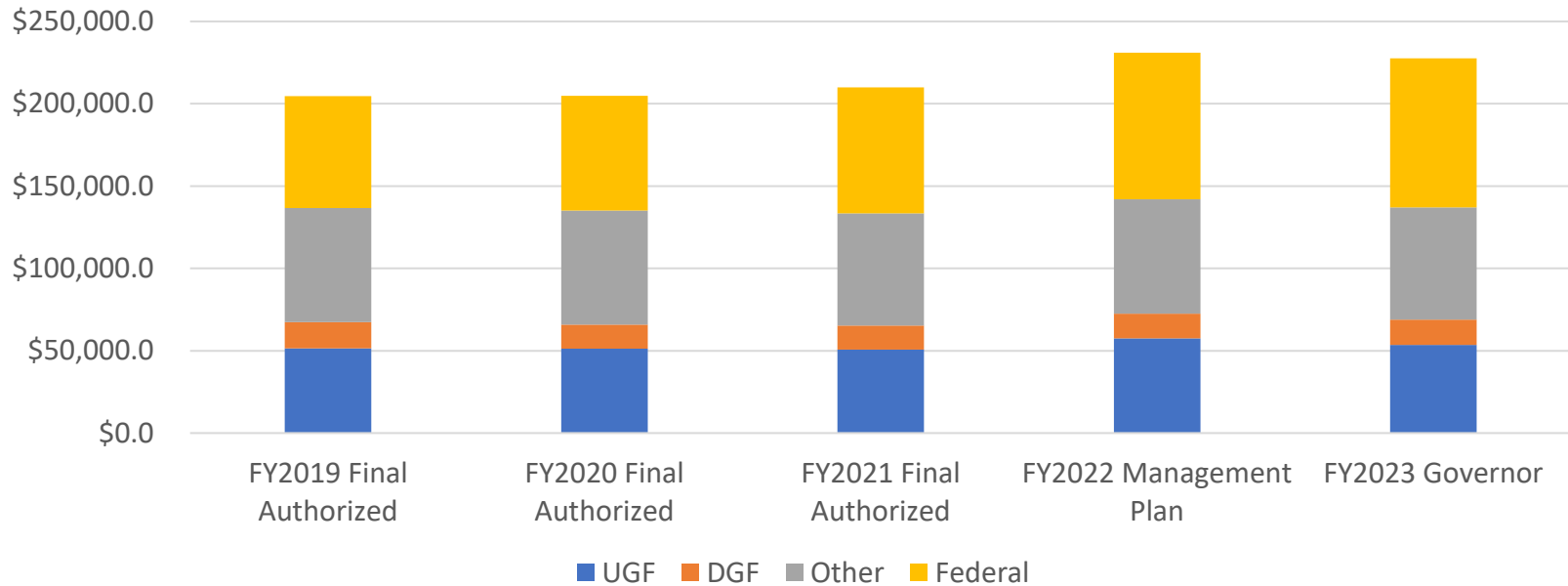
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- The Department will be able to continue to provide an excellent return on investment as we have in the past under the Governor's proposed budget.
- The department does not anticipate any reduction in services as a result of the proposed budget.
- The department was able to use alternative funding sources and cost efficiencies to reduce our General Fund needs.
- The proposed budget includes \$33 million to new fisheries, wildlife, and resource projects.

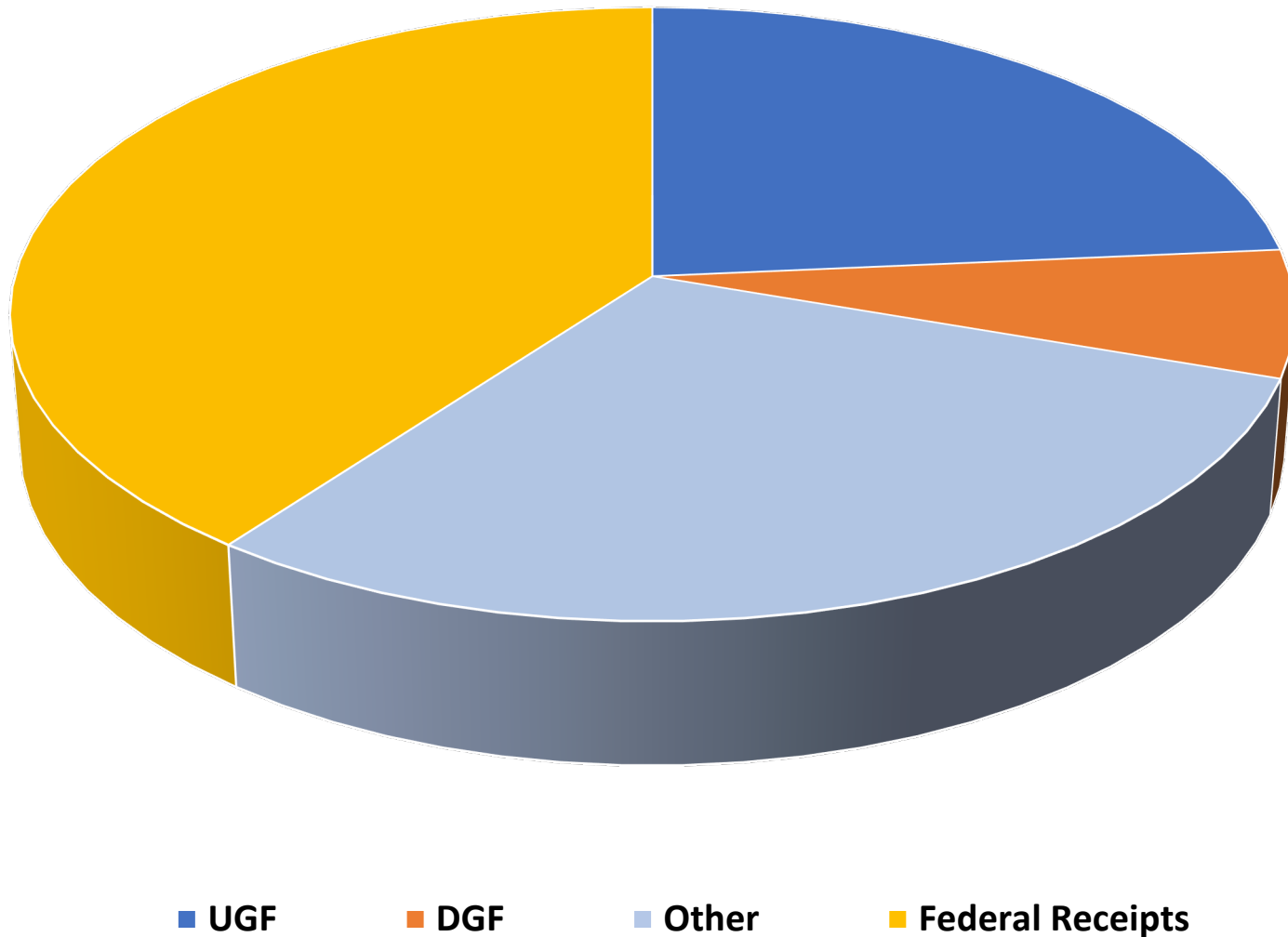
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FY2023 Operating Budget Comparison (all \$ in thousands)



	FY2019 Final Authorized	FY2020 Final Authorized	FY2021 Final Authorized	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor	Difference FY22 to FY23
UGF	\$51,583.2	\$51,351.3	\$50,780.6	\$57,474.5	\$53,674.1	(3,800.4)
DGF	\$15,914.8	\$14,543.1	\$14,552.9	\$15,088.9	\$15,240.8	151.9
Other	\$69,188.0	\$69,241.5	\$68,187.3	\$69,451.7	\$68,145.9	(1,305.8)
Federal	\$67,812.4	\$69,643.9	\$76,336.4	\$88,850.2	\$90,542.7	1,692.5
Total	204,498.4	204,779.8	209,857.2	230,865.3	227,603.5	(3,261.8)

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FY2023 Fund Group Breakdown by Fund Category



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FY2023 Fund Source Breakdown by Fund Category (all \$ in thousands)

UGF	1003 General Fund Match	\$ 1,087.8
	1004 General Fund Receipts	\$ 52,586.3
DGF	1005 General Fund/Program Receipts	\$ 4,097.1
	1109 Tesh Fisheries Receipts	\$ 3,474.9
	1201 CFEC Receipts	\$ 7,668.8
Other	1007 Interagency Receipts	\$ 17,977.5
	1018 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement	\$ 386.4
	1024 Fish and Game Fund	\$ 35,108.4
	1055 Interagency/Oil & Hazardous Waste	\$ 112.4
	1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	\$ 6,290.2
	1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	\$ 8,271.0
Fed	1002 Federal Receipts	\$ 90,542.7

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FY2023 Operating Budget Change Highlights (all \$ in thousands)

➤ **Division of Commercial Fisheries**

- Southeast Administrative Reduction
(-\$144.2 UGF)
- Transfer Authority from Sport Fisheries for Agency Mission Alignment
(+\$556.8 UGF, +\$869.5 OTHER, +\$1,984.7 FED)
- Reverse One Time Increment UGF for Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Receipts
(-\$800.0 UGF)

➤ **Division of Sport Fish**

- Transfer Authority from Sport Fisheries for Agency Mission Alignment
(-\$556.8 UGF, -\$869.5 OTHER, -\$1,984.7 FED)

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➤ **Division of Administrative Services**

- Reduce Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Authority No Longer Needed for General Administration
(-\$226.3 OTHER)
- Align Department Indirect Expenditures
(+\$500.0 OTHER, +\$1,700.0 FED)
- Transfer Shared Services of Alaska Positions to Department of Administration
(-5 PFT)

➤ **Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council**

- Transfer Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Component to Department of Environmental Conservation
(-\$1,943.8 OTHER, -\$456.9 FED, -3 PFT)

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➤ **Habitat Section**

- Renegotiate Select Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Reimbursable Service Agreements
(-\$25.0 UGF, +\$25.0 OTHER)

➤ **Subsistence Section**

- Replace Receipts to Align with Anticipated Revenue and Expenditures
(-\$90.0 OTHER, +\$90.0 FED)

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Capital Budget – FY2022 Supplemental (all \$ in thousands)

Arctic Fisheries

(+\$1,000.0 UGF, +\$2,000.0 FED)

**Stock Identification of Salmon Harvested in South
Peninsula Fisheries**

(+\$2,000.0 UGF)

Alaska Marine Salmon Program

(+\$1,150.0 UGF)

**Proceeds of Sale of State-owned Vessels and
Aircrafts**

(+\$150.0 DGF)

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Capital Budget – FY2023 Ongoing Requests (all \$ in thousands)

Sport Fish Recreational Boating and Angler Access
(+\$750.0 OTHER, +\$2,250.0 FED)

Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund
(+\$4,400.0 FED)

Pacific Salmon Treaty Chinook Fishery Mitigation
(+\$6,400.0 FED)

Facilities, Vessels, and Aircraft Maintenance, Repair, and Upgrades
(+\$500.0 UGF)

Endangered Species Act
(+\$2,000.0 UGF, +\$250.0 OTHER, +\$1,750.0 FED)

Language - Proceeds of Sale of State-owned Vessels and Aircrafts
(+\$150.0 DGF)

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Capital Budget – FY2023 One Time Requests (all \$ in thousands)

**EVOS Prince William Sound Pollock and Herring
Interaction**

(+\$4,129.3 OTHER)

EVOS Mariculture - Marine Mammals

(+\$1,660.0 OTHER)

**EVOS Gulf Watch Alaska Herring Research and
Monitoring**

(+\$1,908.3 OTHER)

EVOS Kenai Peninsula Cost Share

(+\$400.0 OTHER)

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Legislative Priorities

- Sport Fish Hatchery Facility Account; Surcharge (HB 80)
 - Proceeds will be generated by adding a surcharge to sport fishing licenses
 - A subaccount of the Fish and Game Fund will be used to directly fund sport fish hatchery maintenance which will provide oversight and accountability
 - Additional funds available to match Dingell-Johnson dollars, benefitting all anglers
- Saltwater Sportfishing Operator/Guide Licensing (HB 79)
 - Restores the saltwater guide license fees which funded the saltwater logbook program, an unfunded Federal mandate
 - Saltwater logbook program data is critical to meeting the state's obligations under several treaties

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Issues/Challenges

- Reduced marine survivals of salmon
- Federal intrusion into state management authority
- COVID-19 and its impacts, e.g., lost license revenue to Fish and Game Fund
- Impacts associated with implementation of the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Urban wildlife management issues
- Hatchery-wild salmon stock interactions

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Un-reimbursed Fiscal Impacts due to COVID in FY21

- Fish & Game Fund collection of Sport Fish licenses and stamps loss of \$2,722,800.
- Commercial Fisheries commercial crew member licenses loss of \$1,035,400.