

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) FY2024 Budget Overview

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Constitutional & Statutory Mandates

The Constitution of the State of Alaska

Article 8 – Natural Resources; § 4. Sustained Yield.

Fish, forests, wildlife, grasslands, and all other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses.

The Alaska Statutes

Title 16. Fish and Game; Sec. 16.05.020. Functions of commissioner.

(2) manage, protect, maintain, improve, and extend the fish, game and aquatic plant resources of the state in the interest of the economy and general well-being of the state.

Mission Statement

To protect, maintain, and improve the fish, game, and aquatic plant resources of the state, and manage their uses and development in the best interest of the economy and the well-being of the people of the state, consistent with the sustained yield principle.

Core Services



Management

Provide hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities, protect state's rights to manage its fish and wildlife resources, conserve and improve habitat and access.

Stock Assessment & Research

Ensure sustainability and harvestable surplus, improve assessment and research capabilities, invest in new technologies, anticipate changing conditions.

Customer Service & Public Involvement

Make improvements to information and education services, the Boards and other regulatory processes, licensing and permitting.



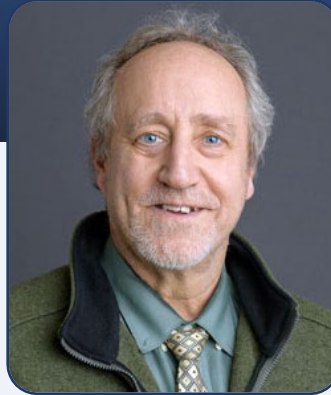
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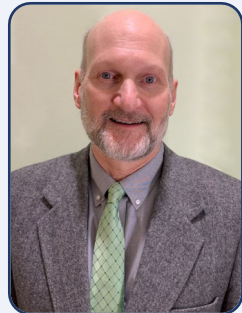
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Habitat
Section

Subsistence
Research
Section

Last Year



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

- ✓ Subsistence fisheries and hunts with a few exceptions occurred across Alaska, allowing subsistence harvesters opportunities to feed their communities and pass on traditions
- ✓ Commercial fisheries with a few exceptions were conducted across Alaska according to sustained yield principles, allowing commercial fishermen to fish their permits and thereby make a living and contribute to 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.
- ✓ Hunts across Alaska occurred providing opportunities to hunt, fill their freezers and pass on traditions

Last Year Continued...



- ✓ Charter fishing and guided hunting operated, providing needed recreational opportunities and economic boosts to state and local economies
- ✓ The BOG and BOF and many local fish and game advisory committees resumed in-person meetings
- ✓ Continued to permit important projects in a timely manner to Alaska while conserving fish habitat that are vital to the conservation of our fish populations and the economy of the state
- ✓ Involved in lawsuits defending the state right to manage Alaska's resources
- ✓ Involved in ESA and MMPA issues impacting the state
- ✓ The ADF&G mobile application developed to improve services for people who hunt and fish in Alaska went live. The mobile app is available as a free download from the Android and Apple App stores.

Budget Organizational Chart



Sport Fish

- Sport Fisheries
- Sport Fish Hatcheries

Wildlife Conservation

- Wildlife Conservation
- Hunter Education Public Shooting Ranges

Statewide Support Services

- Commissioner's Office
- Administrative Services
- Boards of Fisheries and Game
- Advisory Committees
- *EVOS Trustee Council*
- State Facilities Maintenance

Anchorage & Fairbanks Hatcheries

Southeast Hatcheries

Habitat

Subsistence Research & Monitoring

Commercial Fisheries

- SE Region Fisheries Mgmt.
- Central Region Fisheries Mgmt.
- AYK Region Fisheries Mgmt.
- Westward Region Fisheries Mgmt.
- Statewide Region Fisheries Mgmt.
- *Commercial Fish Entry Commission*

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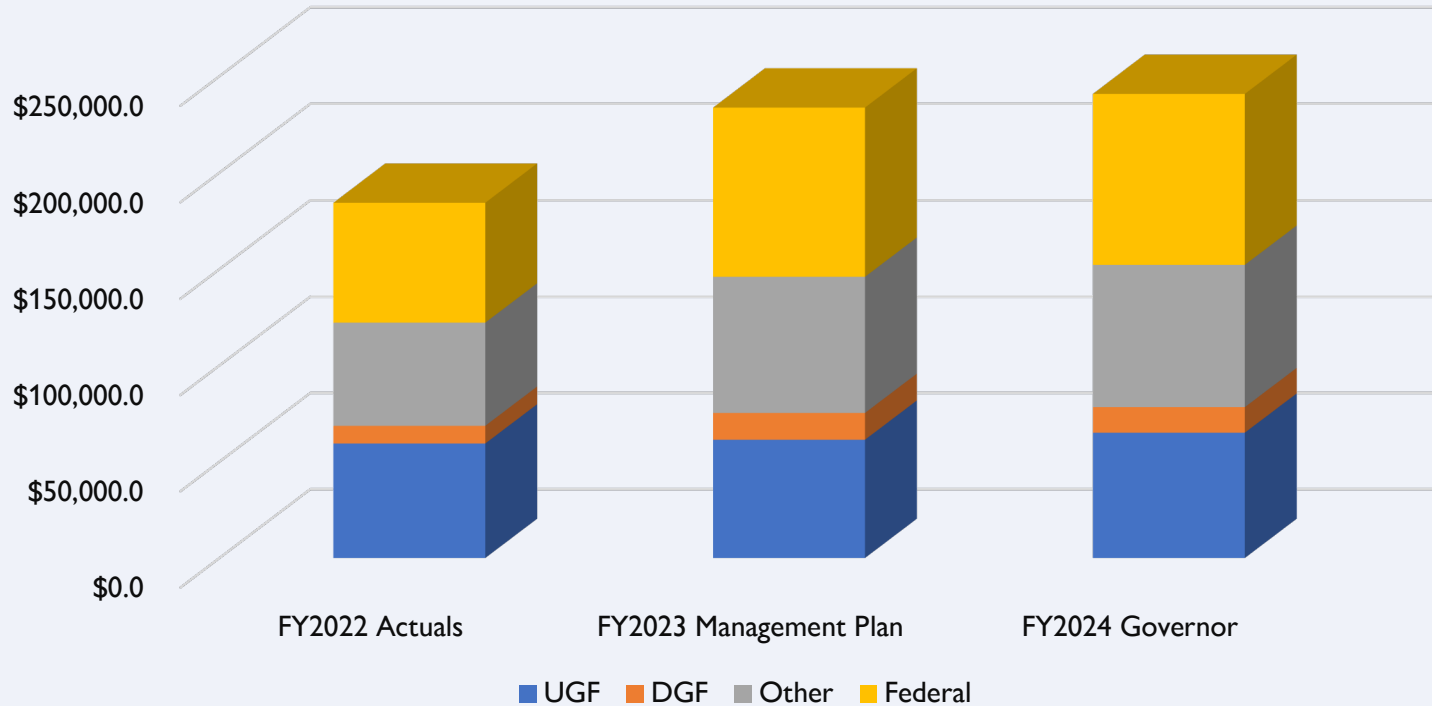


The Department will continue to provide an excellent return on investment as we have in the past under the Governor's proposed budget

- ▲ ADF&G turns a \$240 million dollar (of which \$65 million is GF) into a return of over \$12.5 billion annually
- ▲ We do not anticipate any reduction in services as a result of the proposed budget
- ▲ The proposed budget includes new funding for fisheries, wildlife, and resource projects
- ▲ Consolidating the various budget components in the Division of Commercial Fisheries into a single unit to improve efficiency



FY2024 Operating Budget Comparison (all \$ in thousands)



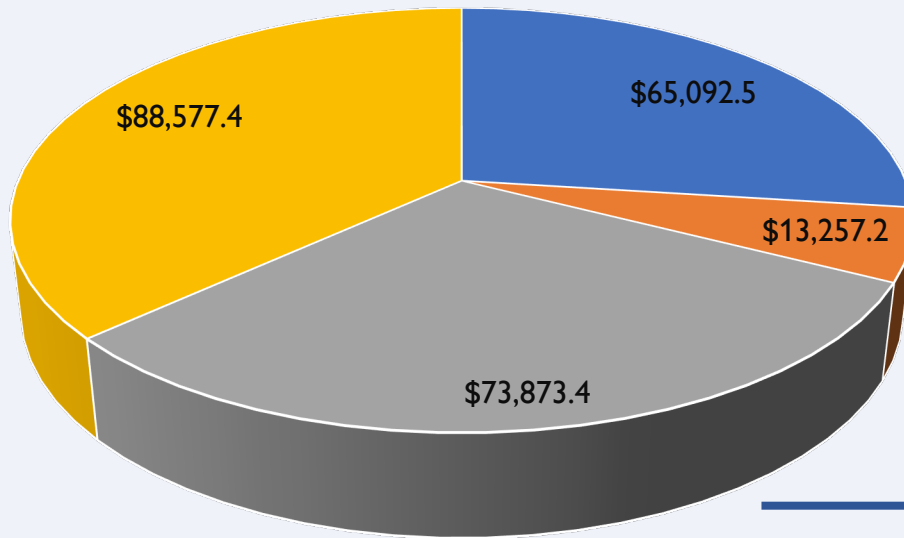
	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor	Change FY2023 Management Plan to FY2024 Governor
UGF	\$59,464.4	\$61,425.5	\$65,092.5	3,667.0
DGF	\$9,195.1	\$13,927.9	\$13,257.2	(670.7)
Other	\$53,596.5	\$70,661.8	\$73,873.4	3,211.6
Federal	\$62,122.7	\$87,699.7	\$88,577.4	877.7
Total	\$184,378.7	\$233,714.9	\$240,800.5	7,085.6



FY2024 Fund Group Breakdown by Fund Category (all \$ in thousands)

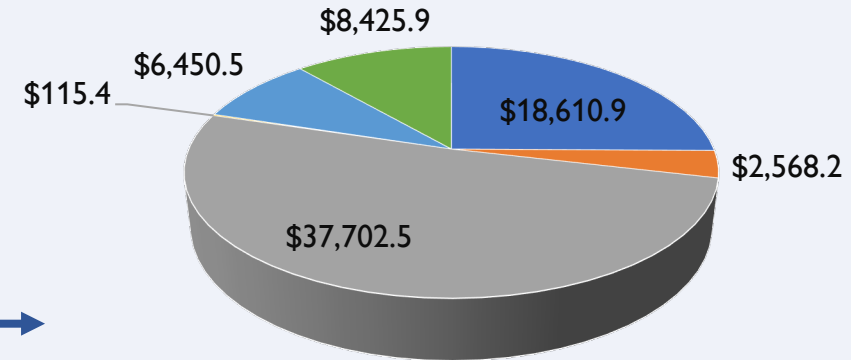


FY2024 Governor



■ UGF ■ DGF ■ Other ■ Federal

Other Funding Sources



■ 1007 Interagency Receipts ■ 1018 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement
■ 1024 Fish and Game Fund ■ 1055 Interagency/Oil & Hazardous Waste
■ 1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts ■ 1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts

FY2024 Fund Source Breakdown

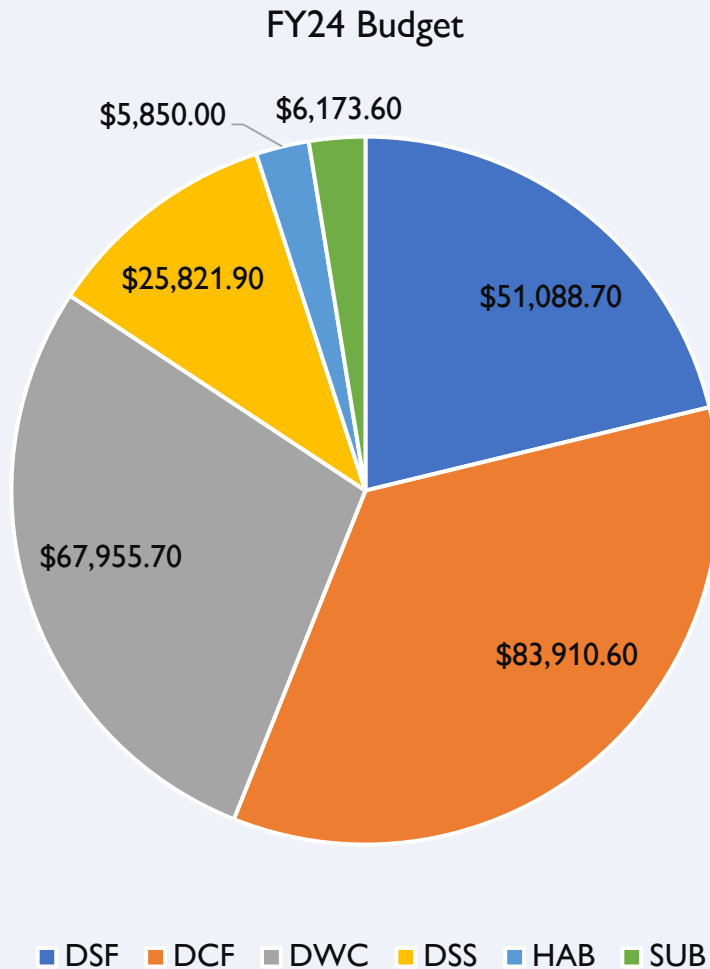
by Fund Category (all \$ in thousands)



UGF	1003 General Fund Match \$	1,152.9
	1004 General Fund Receipts \$	63,939.6
DGF	1005 General Fund/Program Receipts \$	4,149.2
	1109 Tesh Fisheries Receipts \$	2,529.1
	1201 CFEC Receipts \$	6,578.9
Other	1007 Interagency Receipts \$	18,610.9
	1018 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement \$	2,568.2
	1024 Fish and Game Fund \$	37,702.5
	1055 Interagency/Oil & Hazardous Waste \$	115.4
	1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts \$	6,450.5
	1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts \$	8,425.9
Fed	1002 Federal Receipts \$	88,577.4

FY2024 Division Breakdown

(all \$ in thousands)



Division of Sport Fish (DSF)
Division of Commercial Fisheries (DCF)
Division of Wildlife Conservation (DWC)
Division of Support (DSS)
Habitat Section (HAB)
Subsistence Section (SUB)





Budgeted Positions & History

FY 2024 Governor Budget

- 819 permanent full-time positions
- 596 permanent part-time positions
- 1 non-permanent position

ADFG Position History



FY2024 Operating Budget Change Highlights

(all \$ in thousands)



Division of Commercial Fisheries

- ➔ Maintain UGF Support for Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute Watershed Projects: \$800.0 UGF
- ➔ Restore Assessment and Management Projects that were Eliminated in Prior Year Budget Reductions: \$285.0 UGF
- ➔ Alleviate Shortfall in Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Test Fishery Receipts: NET ZERO, \$1,000.0 UGF, (\$1,000.0) Test Fish DGF

Statewide Support Services/Boards of Fisheries & Game

- ➔ Joint Board Meeting of the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game: One-Time Increment (OTI) \$75.0 UGF

FY2024 Operating Budget Change Highlights

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Division of Wildlife Conservation

- ➡ Maintain Prior Years Level of Fish and Game Fund Authority for Wildlife Conservation: \$5,000.0 OTHER (Fish & Game Fund)
- ➡ State Match for Increased Pittman-Robertson Funding: \$2,080.1 OTHER (Fish & Game Fund)
- ➡ Support and Outreach of Non-Pittman-Robertson Projects: \$1,302.0 UGF

Issues/Concerns



- **Federal intrusion into state management authority**
- **Reduced marine survivals of salmon and crab resulting in restricted or closed fisheries**
- **Intercept and Bycatch**
- **Poor winter survival affecting big game populations**
- **Food Security**
- **Urban wildlife management issues**
- **Impacts from Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act**
- **Non-Finfish mariculture**
- **Invasive species**
- **Recruitment and retention issues**



Questions?



THANK YOU!

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