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Title Management of Game

Dept. Affected: Fish and Game

BRU Wildlife Conservation

Component Wildlife Conservation

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Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY2006
Personal Services	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
Travel	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Contractual	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0
Supplies	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0
Equipment	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY2006
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY2006
	(2,882.4)	(2,882.4)	(2,882.4)	(2,882.4)	(2,882.4)	(2,882.4)

FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other -- F&G Fund (1024)	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0
TOTAL	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0

Estimate of any current year (FY00) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Assumption: Section 3 limits adoption of regulations by the Board of Game to those "necessary for game management in accordance with scientific principles of biological resource management." It is unclear whether this change will impact existing regulations, however it would eliminate authority to regulate in all areas which are *not* necessary for scientific/biological management, including fair chase, ethical behavior, public safety, hunter education, wanton waste, DLP, resource allocation, etc. The division anticipates a large decline in nonresident hunting and subsequent loss of license/tag revenue due to elimination of such regulations. Up to 50% of nonresidents may be unlikely to hunt in a state that does not regulate fair chase, ethics, and safety. Altho' difficult to predict, such a decline in nonresident hunters would result in a loss to the F&G Fund of nearly \$3.0 million/annum. If these lost revenues are not replaced with General Funds, the department would be forced to eliminate many programs and may not have enough funding to capture all available federal aid funds, which could then revert to the federal gov't. (See continuation sheet)

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Analysis (continued):

Section 2 requires the dept. to preferentially fund "intensive management" programs approved by the board.

For the purposes of this fiscal note, we made the following assumptions: (1) only two "intensive management" programs will be implemented at any one time. If additional "intensive management" programs are authorized, the operating expenditures will multiply in direct proportion to the number of such programs; (2) the cost of each intensive management program is estimated at \$150.0/year, including 50.0 to extend existing seasonal positions, 70.0 in contractual costs (primarily air charter, equipment maintenance, misc. professional services), and 15.0 in supplies (for field activities, aircraft fuel, animal immobilization, etc.); (3) each control program would run concurrently with a comprehensive survey and monitoring program to monitor its effectiveness and ensure the predator populations are "protected and maintained," as required by Section 1. The survey/monitoring effort is expected to cost an additional \$150.0 or approximately the same as the control effort.