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Sport Fish

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ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

DIVISION OF SPORT FISH

FY12 Division Overview

The mission of the Division of Sport Fish is *to protect and improve the state's recreational fisheries resources*. Services provided are founded on this mission, and addressed in the following seven core services:

Fishery Management: The division ensures the sustained use of Alaska's recreational fisheries while optimizing social and economic benefits.

Fishery Research: The division promotes excellence in fisheries research.

Fisheries Enhancement: The division diversifies recreational fishing opportunities via supplemental production of hatchery-reared fish.

Angler Access: The division protects and improves public access to recreational fisheries resources.

Information and Education Services: The division informs and educates the public about recreational fishing with an emphasis on exceptional customer service.

Fish Habitat: The division conserves habitat to sustain recreational fisheries resources.

Workforce Support: The division provides exceptional support to our workforce to attain the division's vision and goals.

The division measures success in meeting its mission by assessing the outcome of *"sustain recreational fishing opportunities while optimizing social and economic benefits"* using the following targets:

- Target 1: Sell 450,000 sport fishing license annually.
- Target 2: Maintain 2.5 million angler days of recreational fishing effort annually.
- Target 3: Maintain a positive trend in sport fishing trip-related expenditures.
- Target 4: Maintain at least 75% of anglers satisfied with their sport fishing experience.

Challenges that currently impact the division's ability to achieve its mission include:

- Maintaining existing hatchery production while constructing new hatchery facilities, and identifying and securing hatchery operational funds;
- Sustaining wild fish stocks by employing stock assessment research and managing sport fishery harvests according to the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Management Policy (5 AAC 39.222); Salmon Escapement Goal Policy (5 AAC 39.223); and the Policy For the Management Of Sustainable Wild Trout Fisheries (5 AAC 75.222);
- Continuing to refine and improve accuracy of Fish and Game and Dingell-Johnson fund projections while balancing increased project and operational costs;
- Improving resident angler satisfaction, diversity of fishing opportunities and modernize harvest data collection methods;
- Ensuring public access and minimizing impacts to recreational users as lands are conveyed or restricted by federal managers or federal subsistence regulations; and
- Improving current and/or developing new approaches to better inform and educate the public about sport fishing opportunities and regulations, and division programs and activities related to sport fishing.

The total FY12 Governor's Request for the division's RDU is **\$48,389,500**, representing a decrease from FY11 Management Plan of **(\$858,500)**. Changes from FY11 Management Plan to FY12 Governor's Request include:

FY11 OMB Correction, GGU/SU Salary Adj Overstated	(\$334.0)
FY12 COLA, Health, and Geographic Differential Increases	\$1,191.4
Increase I/A Receipt Authority	\$100.0
Reverse August FY11 Fuel Increase	(\$15.9)
Transfer and Decrement Excess SDPR Authority	(\$300.0)
<u>Decrement Excess Fish & Game Fund Authority</u>	<u>(\$1,500.0)</u>
	(\$858.5)

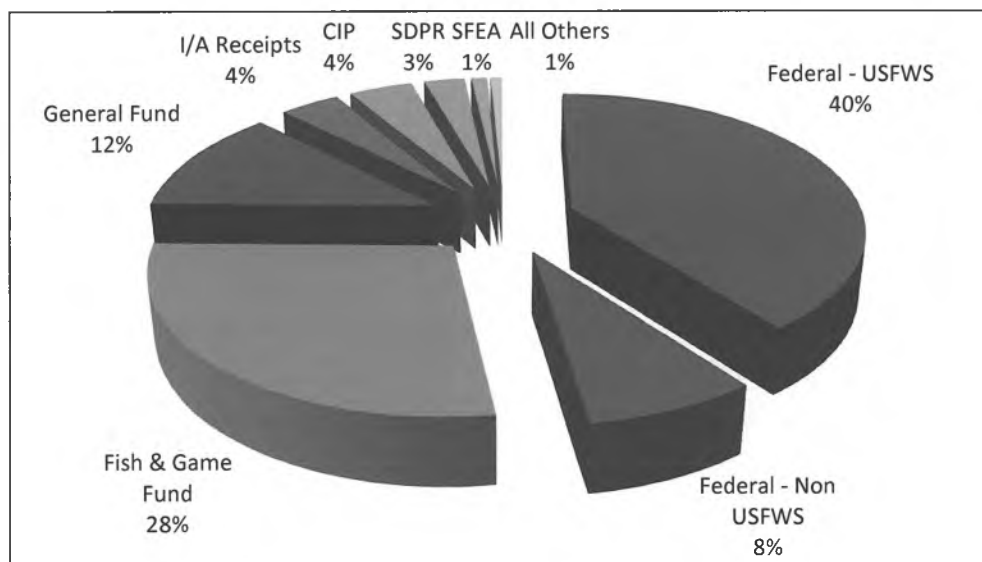
The division has one component, Sport Fisheries. The division employs 231 permanent full time positions and 204 permanent part time positions.

The division maintains a headquarters office in Juneau; regional offices in Anchorage, Douglas, and Fairbanks; and 22 management area offices, including Sitka, Ketchikan, Yakutat, Haines, Craig/Klawock, Petersburg, Palmer, Soldotna, Homer, Kodiak, Dillingham, Cordova, King Salmon, Seward, Bethel, Delta Junction, Tok, Nome, and Glennallen.

The RDU receives funding from numerous sources:

- **Federal Receipts:** from the USFWS Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.
- **Federal – Non USFWS:** comprised of Federal Subsistence, Pacific Salmon Treaty LOA, grants from NOAA, EPA, BLM, and other federal agencies.
- **Fish and Game Fund:** derived primarily from the sale of state fishing licenses, king salmon tags, and sport fishing operator and guide license fees.
- **Interagency Receipts:** comprised of Reimbursable Services Agreements from various state agencies.
- **General Funds:** state general funds.
- **CIP Receipts:** personnel costs associated with projects funded under CIP grants (such as the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund).
- **Statutory Designated Program Receipts:** receipts from non-governmental entities.
- **Sport Fish Enterprise Account:** derived from the surcharge on sport fishing licenses legislatively established to pay for two new hatcheries.

FY12 Governor’s Budget by Funding Source



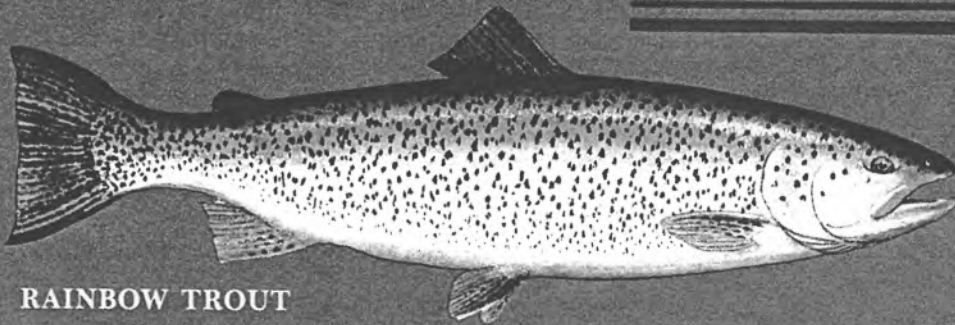
FY12 Capital Budget

Sport Fish Recreational Boating Access \$3,000.0 (\$2,250.0 Federal Receipts; \$750.0 F&G Fund)
Federal regulations prescribe that 15% of the annual Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) Fund apportionment will be dedicated to projects that benefit recreational power boaters (Wallop-Breaux amendment). Projects include: boat launches, mooring floats, parking lots, restrooms, fish cleaning facilities, and other services.

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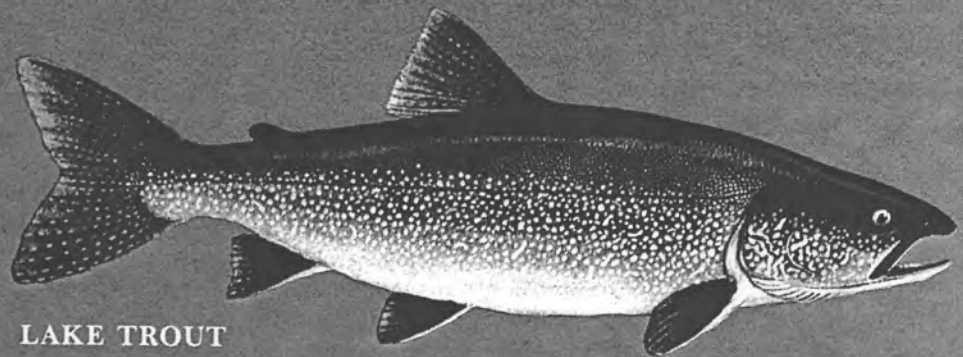
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RAINBOW TROUT



STEELHEAD



LAKE TROUT

