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House Finance Budget Subcommittee FY 11 Department of Fish and Game

Subcommittee Report FY11

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee on The Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) submits an operating budget for FY11 as follows:

UGF \$58,108.0 DGF \$11,497.1 Fed Funds \$60,483.9 Other Funds \$56,896.2 Total \$186,985.2

Department of Fish and Game House Finance Budget Subcommittee FY11 Highlights

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee's budget authorizes \$874.4 less general funds and the same number of employees as the Governor's amended FY11 Department of ADF&G request. The FY11 subcommittee budget requests a total increment from FY11 Adjusted Base of \$793.5 general funds.

The subcommittee remains concerned about low returns of salmon to the AYK region and accepted a fund source change from federal to general funds of \$130.0 to continue the Yukon River Chinook stock ID project.

The subcommittee also considered and approved two increments in the Wildlife Conservation component. With federal endangered species act implementation being a large concern in the state, the subcommittee approved a \$236.6 general fund increment for endangered species act listing coordination. Also, a \$250.0 general fund increment for intensive predator management control was considered and approved.

The subcommittee was concerned that federal receipts in the Pittman-Robertson fund may see a short-term increase but not necessarily so in the long-term.

Therefore a \$3,500.0 increment request was reduced to \$2,700.0 to better align long-term expenditures with expected long-term revenues.

Test fishing receipts were also reduced by \$924.4 to also better align the Department's authorization with anticipated expenditures.

The Governor requested that the Commercial Fisheries component have a single appropriation and allocation, the subcommittee disagreed and denied the structure change and continued with the same six allocations as last year.

A one-time item (OTI) of \$50.0 general funds was approved to fund a collaborative effort between the Department, industry and fishermen to research the biomass of the red king crab fishery in southeast. The red king crab fishery has only occurred in 3 of the past 10 years and better understanding of the biomass could lead to more accurate openings of the fishery and more revenue to the state.

The following Legislative Finance reports are attached:

1. Agency Totals – FY11 Operating Budget – House Structure
2. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF) – House Structure
3. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (all funds) – House Structure
4. Transaction Comparison (Adj. Base and House Subcom)
5. Transaction Comparison (Gov. Amd and House Subcom)
6. Wordage Report – FY11 Operating Budget – House Structure
7. Subcommittee Worksheet – final version

Respectfully submitted,

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