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Department of Fish & Game
FY14 Operating Budget

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**DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME
FY2014 SENATE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT
March 18, 2013**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish & Game submits a recommended operating budget for FY2014 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows:

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| Unrestricted General Funds (UGF) | \$79,971.4 |
| Designated General Funds (DGF) | \$ 8,586.6 |
| Other Funds | \$62,849.2 |
| Federal Funds | \$63,337.8 |
| TOTAL | \$214,745.0 |

BUDGET ACTION:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish & Game held 4 meetings, including one joint meeting with the House Finance Subcommittee. Meetings were held with the Department and analyzed all of the Governor's budget transactions. The following are budget action highlights:

- In the Southeast Region
 - Accepted \$400.0 UGF of the Governor's requested \$550.0 for continuing Salmon Stock Identification Projects.
 - Accepted \$150.0 UGF of the Governor's requested \$300.0 for Chatam/Icy Strait Sockeye Salmon Genetic Stock Identification, as a Temporary Increment for FY14-FY16.
 - Increase of \$165.0 UGF for Commercial Fishery Aerial Surveys from Icy Point to Dixon Entrance.
 - Fund Source Change in Commercial Fisheries for the Chatam Strait Black Cod Fishery, replacing \$200.0 of UGF with Test Fishery Receipts.

- In the AYK Region:
 - Increase of \$200.0 UGF for Salmon Enhancement Studies in the AYK region, as an Temporary Increment for FY14-FY18.
 - Accepted \$150.0 UGF of the Governor's requested \$300.0 for Salmon Escapement Assessments on the Aniak River Drainage.
- In the Central Region:
 - Fund Source Change in Fisheries Management for the Bristol Bay Salmon Fishery, replacing \$200.0 of UGF with Test Fishery Receipts.
 - Increase of \$273.0 UGF for Mixed Stock Sampling in the Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Drift Gillnet & Offshore Test Fishery, as a Temporary Increment for FY14-FY17.
 - Increase of \$250.0 UGF for Continued Genetics work on the Susitna River Drainage, as a Temporary Increment in FY14-FY15.
- In the Westward Region:
 - Accepted \$100.0 UGF of the \$150.0 Governor's request for Salmon Assessment Project Support in the Karluk, Chignik, Nelson, and Bear River Weirs. Did not fund the request for Aerial Surveys.
 - Increased Test Fish Receipt Authority by \$150.0 for Golden King Crab Observers.
- Sport Fisheries:
 - Rejected a Fund Source Change for the Fish & Game Fund, which requested to backfilled declining revenues with UGF.
 - Increase of \$238.5 UGF for Escapement Monitoring at Lewis, Theodore and Talachulitna Rivers and, Montana & Lake Creeks.
 - Increase of \$300.0 UGF for Salmon Escapement & Pike Monitoring on Alexander Creek, as a Temporary Increment in FY14-FY15.
- Wildlife Conservation:
 - The Department Requested \$2.5 million, [Federal/General Fund Match (GFM)] for Wildlife Population Assessments and Species Research, the Subcommittee accepted the request with the following changes:
 - Fund Source Change for Moose Population Estimates in Game Management Unit 20C from UGF to a combination of Federal Pittman-Robertson Act Funds, GFM, and UGF.
 - Fund Source Change for Assessments and Intensive Management in Game Management

Units 15A&C, to improve moose populations from UGF to a combination Pittman–Robertson Act Funds, GFM, and UGF.

- Decrement funding of \$130.0 UGF for a bear removal program on the North Slope due to early completion.
- Agency-Wide:
 - \$316.5 UGF Unallocated Reduction, which is equivalent to 5% of the Departments Travel Budget for FY14.
 - \$597.7 UGF Unallocated Reduction, which is equivalent to 0.73% of the Governor's FY14 UGF Request and the Average UGF lapse for the past 3 years.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish & Game adopts the attached reports:

Subcommittee generated reports

Budget Action Worksheet

Legislative Finance Division Reports – Senate Structure

1. Agency Totals – FY2014 Operating Budget
2. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (All Funds)
3. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF)
4. Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and S Subcomm
5. Transaction Comparison between Gov Amd and S Subcomm
6. Transaction Comparison between House and S Subcomm
7. Wordage



Senator Mike Dunleavy, Chair

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