

**2016 Legislature - Operating Budget  
Wordage Report - Conf Committee Structure**

**Agency: Department of Fish and Game**

	<u>17GovAmd+</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Senate</u>	<u>ConfComm</u>
<p><u>Conditional Language</u> The amount appropriated for the Department of Fish and Game includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2016, of receipts collected under the Department of Fish and Game's federal indirect cost plan for expenditures incurred by the Department of Fish and Game.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p><u>Intent</u> It is the intent of the legislature that programs delivering educational materials to the public, or that make educational presentations to the public, and are funded by the Fish and Game fund or Pittman-Robertson fund revenues, shall include a presentation on the history and workings of the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation. The presentation shall make clear that anglers and hunters pay for conservation, and were the founders of the modern conservation movement.</p>			X	X
<p><b>Ap: Commercial Fisheries</b> <u>Conditional Language</u> The amount appropriated for Commercial Fisheries includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2016, of the Department of Fish and Game receipts from commercial fisheries test fishing operations receipts under AS 16.05.050(a)(14), and from commercial crew member licenses.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p>AI: Statewide Fisheries Management <u>Intent</u> It is the intent of the legislature that the Division of Commercial Fisheries look to reduce stock management last when allocating unallocated UGF spending reductions.</p>			X	X
<p><u>Intent</u> It is the intent of the legislature that the department first focus research and management dollars on fishery systems which have stocks of concern, in order to satisfy its constitutional responsibility of managing for sustained yield.</p>			X	X
<p><u>Intent</u> It is the intent of the legislature that the department not make any reductions in personnel or financial appropriations to any program or project directly linked to Stocks of Concern throughout the State.</p>			X	X

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department annually report the revenues subject to AS 16.05.130 by project to the legislature on or before January 1, 2017.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department establish a baseline for Chinook smolt outmigration in the Chulitna, Lewis, Theodore, and Alexander rivers, and Willow, Goose, and Sheep creeks, and further that they establish a baseline for Sockeye smolt outmigration in the Yentna River, Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet.

X            X

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that all department comments, technical reports, and science data on Board proposals submitted to either the Board of Fish or the Board of Game be filed with the respective Board and be available for public examination at least 60 days prior to the start of the Board's meeting.

X            X

**Al: Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission**

Conditional Language

The amount appropriated for Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2016, of the Department of Fish and Game, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission program receipts from licenses, permits and other fees.

X            X            X            X

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that retaining the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Allocation under the Commercial Fisheries Appropriation does not diminish or affect the Commission's statutorily designated budgetary or operational autonomy or authority; nor does it grant the Commissioner of Fish and Game or his designee any budgetary or operational control over the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

X            X

**Ap: Wildlife Conservation**

Intent

It is intent of the legislature that Alaska Department of Fish & Game work collaboratively with the Department of Natural Resources, local governments, and outdoor, sporting, tribal governments/organizations and trail non-profit organizations to identify qualifying matching projects to ensure that no Pittman-Robertson monies are returned to the federal government unspent.

X            X            X

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<p><u>Intent</u> It is the intent of the legislature that the department shall engage in cooperative, collaborative and consulting efforts with non-departmental entities to increase orphaned moose calf survival rates through expedited rescue, rehabilitation, and reintroduction efforts. These efforts will be performed under department oversight by identified wildlife rehabilitators. It is also the intent that no department state funds be used to compensate non-departmental entities engaged to assist with moose calf survival efforts.</p>			X	X
<b>Ap: Statewide Support Services</b>				
AI: Commissioner's Office				
<p><u>Intent</u> It is the intent of the legislature that the department evaluate the use of unmanned aircraft for aerial survey work and report findings in regard to safety and cost-savings in comparison with the use of manned aircraft to the Finance Committee-Co-Chairs by the next legislative session.</p>		X	X	X
<p><u>Intent</u> It is the intent of the legislature that the department evaluate transitioning to mail-in, electronic, or telephonic harvest reports for subsistence areas in order to reduce costly door-to-door interviews for state subsistence research statewide, inclusive of rural and urban areas, and report its findings to the Finance Committee Co-Chairs the next legislative session.</p>		X	X	X
<p><u>Intent</u> It is the intent of the legislature that the department evaluate consolidation and reorganization of research and surveying staff between Commercial Fisheries, Sport Fisheries, and Wildlife Conservation in order to avoid duplicative efforts and find cost savings, and report its findings to the Finance Committee Co-Chairs for the next legislative session.</p>		X	X	X
AI: Habitat				
<p><u>Intent</u> It is the intent of the legislature that the Division of Habitat immediately initiate a process to transfer project work to the private sector through contracting. Also that the division report back to the Finance Committees by January 31, 2017 on how they could achieve further cost savings by contracting with the private sector.</p>			X	
AI: State Subsistence Research				
<p><u>Intent</u> It is the intent of the legislature that the department gather information from individual Game Management Unit 13 Tier I moose and caribou permit holders who reside in non-subsistence areas to determine the efforts by these permit holders to observe the customary and traditional use patterns established by the Board of Game for community hunts in GMU 13.</p>			X	X