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FY17 Operating Budget

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Department of Fish and Game Narrative Report

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following recommendations contained within this narrative are substantially driven by the pertinent need for the administration and legislature to better align the State's budget with the decreased State oil revenue caused by the low oil price environment.

While this Subcommittee recognizes and acknowledges that some very worthwhile programs may be underfunded or completely un-funded, it also understands the need for Statewide "belt tightening" during these stressed economic times.

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game Operating Budget for FY 2017 recommended to the Senate Finance Committee is as follows:

Fund Source:

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$ 51,299.6
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$ 16,002.4
Other Funds	\$ 67,198.6
Federal Funds	\$ 67,705.6
Total	\$202,206.2

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY 2016 Management Plan to the Senate Subcommittee budget recommendation is a reduction of (\$13,795.8), or -21.2%

Positions:

Permanent	Full-time	871
Permanent	Part-time	684
Temporary		53
Total		1608

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish & Game held 2 meetings with the Department and analyzed all of the Governor's FY 2017 budget requests.

The subcommittee recommends the following:

Accept the Governor's Amended FY 2017 Budget as amended with two revisions (highlighted below), the House recommendations, and seven additional actions

Sport Fisheries:

Deny the department's request to replace a UGF cut of (\$1,000.0) to Sport Fisheries with Fish and Game Funds

CFEC:

Reduce Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Personal Services, Travel, and Commodities by (\$650.4) DGF, and reduce staffing by six positions. This is the same action the house proposed.

Other Senate Finance Subcommittee Actions:

Reduce General Funds by (\$55.8) for the Division of Sport Fisheries and replace with Fish and Game Funds

Reduce General Funds by (\$1,200.0) for the Division of Commercial Fisheries and replace with Test Fish Receipts

Reduce General Funds by (\$137.4) from the Commissioner's Office and delete one PCN

Reduce General Funds by (\$1,000.0) for the Division of Administrative Services and replace with Interagency Receipts

Reduce General Funds by (\$2,530.0) for the Department's State Facilities Rent and replace with Interagency Receipts

Reduce General Funds by (\$300.0) for the Division of Wildlife Conservation

Transfer (\$1,000.0) of funding from Personal Services to Contractual Services within the Division of Habitat

Add Intent Language:

- 1.) "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."
- 2.) "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."

- 3.) "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."
- 4.) "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."
- 5.) "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."
- 6.) "It is the intent of the legislature that the department annually report the revenues subject to A.S.16.05.130 by project to the legislature on or before January 1, 2017."
- 7.) "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."
- 8.) "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."

ATTACHED REPORTS:

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

1. Budget Action Worksheet
2. Agency Totals-FY 2017 Operating Budget
3. Allocation Summary (All Funds)
4. Allocation Summary (GF)
5. Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and Senate Subcommittee
6. Transaction Comparison between Gov. Amd and Senate Subcommittee
7. Transaction Comparison between House and S Subcommittee
8. Wordage Report-FY 2017 Operating Budget

Respectfully submitted,



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Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game