

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**  
**FY2018 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT**  
**February 23, 2017**

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Rep Chenault	Rep Eastman	Rep Fansler	Rep Kreiss-Tomkins
Rep Neuman	Rep Ortiz	Rep Stutes	Rep Tarr

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game held eight meetings with the department during the review of the FY18 budget request.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Chair of the House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game recommends that the House Finance Committee accept the Governor's FY18 budget with the amendments indicated on the attached spreadsheet and proposal packet.

The budget with these amendment totals:

**Fund Source:** (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	50,516.4
Designated General Funds (DGF)	14,897.5
Other State Funds	68,903.1
Federal Funds	67,019.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$201,336.5</b>

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY15 Management Plan to the FY18 Governor's Amended budget is a reduction of \$28,871.4 (36.4%).

**Positions:**

Permanent Full-time	837
Permanent Part-time	641
Temporary	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,501</b>

The following budget amendments are submitted by the subcommittee chair to the House Finance Committee for consideration:

1. Decrement funding to reflect reductions in CFEC's workload: (317.2) CFEC Rcpts
2. Add back CFEC receipts as an IncOTI: 142.0 CFEC Rcpts
3. Add the following projects: PWS Pink Salmon Recovery, Upper Cook Inlet Offshore Test Fish GF: 150.7 CFEC Rcpts
4. Add projects: Coghill River Weir: 41.6 UGF (1004)

5. Add projects: Togiak Tower: 60.0 UGF (1004)
6. Add projects: Igushik Tower: 50.0 UGF (1004)
7. Add projects: Yukon River Fall Season TF, Kodiak Salmon Weir Support, Chignik Management Support: 57.2 UGF (1004)
8. Add SE Partial Salmon Aerial Surveys project: 94.7 UGF (1004) & 24.5 CFEC Rcpts
9. Replace \$50.0 SDPR funding from SARDFA with 50.0 of F&G Funding to maintain Dive Fisheries Assessments: (50.0) SDPR, 50.0 Fish/Game (1024)
10. Add Kuskokwim River Projects: 51.9 UGF (1004)
11. Delete all UGF from the Commissioner's Office: (172.8) UGF (1004)
12. Reduce UGF in Administrative Services: (182.6) UGF (1004)

### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Representative Tarr voiced the importance of sport fishing to Alaska's culture and economy.

I have not put forward for consideration by the House Finance Committee a proposal which would have utilized \$50.0 from the Fish and Game Commercial Fishing subfund for Amount Necessary for Subsistence household surveys in non-subsistence areas. The committee votes ended in a tie after substantial discussion.

Several subcommittee members voiced support for reformation of the sport guide logbook process. Representative Stutes also noted that there is no freshwater sportfish guide vessel registration fee, and no freshwater sport fish guide fee.

### **GOVERNOR'S AMENDMENTS**

The subcommittee chair recommends that the House Finance Committee consider approval of the following attached amendments:

1. Coho Salmon and Dive Fisheries Projects
2. Bristol Bay Science Research Institute Watershed Projects
3. Stock Assessment Projects

*All of these amendments from the Governor are receipt authority for potential funding if a third party is able to raise the funds.*

### **ATTACHED REPORTS:**

Transaction Detail – House Structure Amendments Recommended by the ADFG Subcommittee  
Allocation Summary – House Structure

Respectfully submitted,



Representative Dan Ortiz, Chair

House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game