

# Natural Resources

## Climate Change

A total of \$2.4 million General Fund-State will continue progress toward meeting the state's goals for greenhouse-gas-emissions reductions and prepare for climate change.

- Of this, \$1.3 million is provided in the budget to implement Chapter 14, Laws of 2008 (E2SHB 2815 – Greenhouse Gas Emissions). The funding will put into place a reporting system at the Department of Ecology (DOE) to track, manage, and credit entities that report their greenhouse gas emissions and the reductions they make; develop a regional market-based system, such as a “cap and trade” program; and continue the work of the Climate Action Team, such as collaboration with other western states, Canadian provinces, and Mexican states to reduce greenhouse gases in our region. Funding of \$207,000 is provided for the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (DCTED) to participate in the multi-state process to develop market-based systems to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions. The Employment Security Department is appropriated \$222,000 to conduct labor-market analysis of green-economy jobs, market demand, required skill levels, and wages. The sum of \$151,000 is provided to the University of Washington (UW) and Washington State University for technical expertise in climate change and energy technology.
- Additionally, \$317,000 is provided to DCTED to develop advisory climate-change response methodologies, computer programs, and estimates to counties and cities that reflect regional and local variations. At least three counties and six cities will be selected for a global-warming adaptation pilot program through a competitive process. The program will assist counties and cities that are addressing climate change through their land use and planning resources and those that aspire to do so but lack the necessary resources.
- The sum of \$173,000 in funding will allow DOE and the UW to gather information to help governments and citizens prepare for climate change. A comprehensive research, preparation, and adaptation plan will be written, and the Office of the State Climatologist is set in law.

## Increased Use of Local Foods

The programs funded for Chapter 215, Laws of 2008 (2SSB 6483 – Local Food Production), will expand children's and low-income residents' access to Washington-grown fruits and vegetables and support Washington State farms. Funds are provided for the following:

- \$290,000 for the Department of Agriculture to create a "Farm-to-School" program encouraging consumption of fresh, locally-grown food at public schools and other institutions.
- \$600,000 to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a Washington-Grown Fruit and Vegetable Grant program to facilitate consumption of Washington-grown nutritious snacks to improve student health and expand the market for locally-grown fresh produce. The program is to include fresh produce as well as minimally prepared, frozen, and dried fruits and vegetables.
- \$50,000 for the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to establish a Farmers' Market Technology Improvement Pilot program to assist farmers' markets and farmers in developing the capability to accept electronic-payment cards. The program will help increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for state residents and increase the number of food-stamp recipients using food-stamp benefits through electronic-benefits transfer at farmers' markets.
- \$350,000 for DCTED for a Farmers-to-Food Banks pilot program. Selected food bank systems will contract with local farmers to provide fruit, vegetables, dairy, and meat products for distribution to low-income people at local food banks.

- \$150,000 to expand grants for Farmers' Market Nutrition programs. \$100,000 is provided to the Department of Health to increase Women, Infants, and Children grants to provide more mothers and children with fresh fruits and vegetables. An additional \$50,000 will expand DSHS's Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, which issues checks to low-income seniors for buying Washington-grown fresh fruits and vegetables at many farmers' markets and some roadside farm stands.

### **Evergreen Communities**

Funding is provided for the Evergreen Communities program and allocated to the Department of Natural Resources and DCTED. For details, refer to the DCTED portion of the Governmental Operations section of this document.

### **Puget Sound Partnership**

State general funding in the amount of \$2.0 million is provided for the Puget Sound Partnership to conduct extensive public outreach and stakeholder involvement as it finishes writing its Action Agenda for restoring the health of Puget Sound by 2020. This will include scientific review of the Action Agenda and starting projects. Funding in the amount of \$1.2 million is provided for the top-priority monitoring projects, such as analyzing the pollution that falls to the Sound from fuel-related air emissions and beginning a statistically-valid, random water-sampling program to establish a baseline of pollution from various toxins.

### **Department of Ecology**

A total of \$8.1 million in state general funds is provided for the partnership agreements with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Spokane Tribe of Indians that will authorize the release of up to 132,500 acre-feet of water from the Lake Roosevelt reservoir annually. One-third of the water will be dedicated to in-stream flows for fish habitat. The remaining two-thirds will be divided among irrigators of 10,000 acres of land in the Odessa sub-area, holders of "interruptible" water rights, and municipal and industrial water-right applicants located within a mile or so of the Columbia River. A total of \$6.0 million will be distributed to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Spokane Tribe of Indians; \$2.0 million will be distributed to affected counties adjacent to Lake Roosevelt to mitigate impacts caused by the releases of water from Lake Roosevelt; and \$150,000 will provide an independent analysis of legislative options, including potential mitigation actions.

A total of \$3.7 million from various state accounts is provided for DOE to keep the Neah Bay Rescue Tug in operation at the current level for another year and reduce the risk of a catastrophic oil spill.

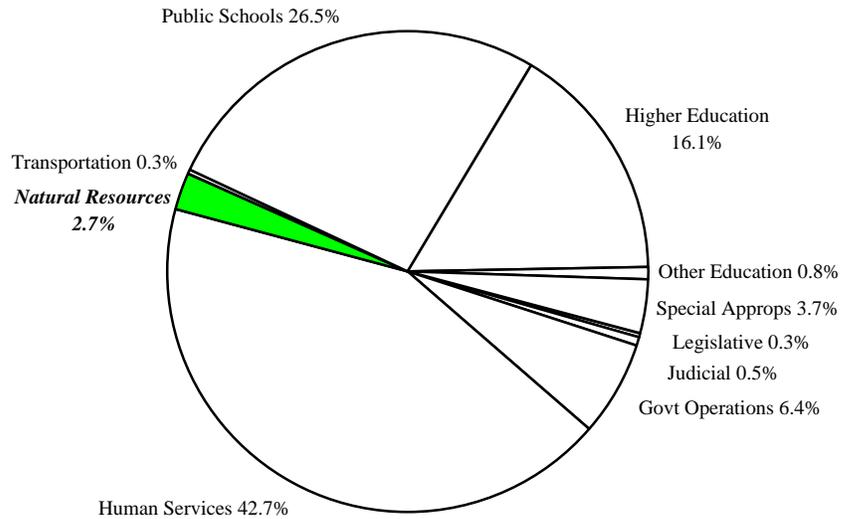
### **Department of Fish and Wildlife**

A total of \$430,000 in state general funds is provided to improve coordination, increase the integration of science, and provide grants to advance projects of groups that work to protect, conserve, and otherwise manage marine life and resources.

- \$250,000 is provided for grants and technical support from the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to Marine Resource Committees – citizen-based groups that include local residents, governments, tribal governments, and other participants working together to restore marine habitat.
- \$114,000 is provided for DFW to coordinate groups that manage marine resources.

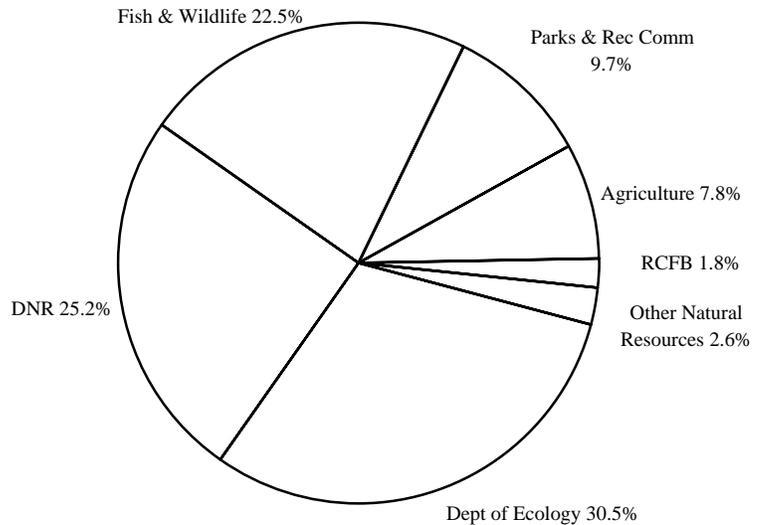
**2007-09 Washington State Omnibus Operating Budget**  
**Including 2008 Supplemental**  
**Total Budgeted Funds**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	172,104
Judicial	289,761
Governmental Operations	3,660,925
Human Services	24,411,438
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>1,549,219</b>
Transportation	171,443
Public Schools	15,167,950
Higher Education	9,212,934
Other Education	447,620
Special Appropriations	2,113,197
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>57,196,591</b>



**Washington State**

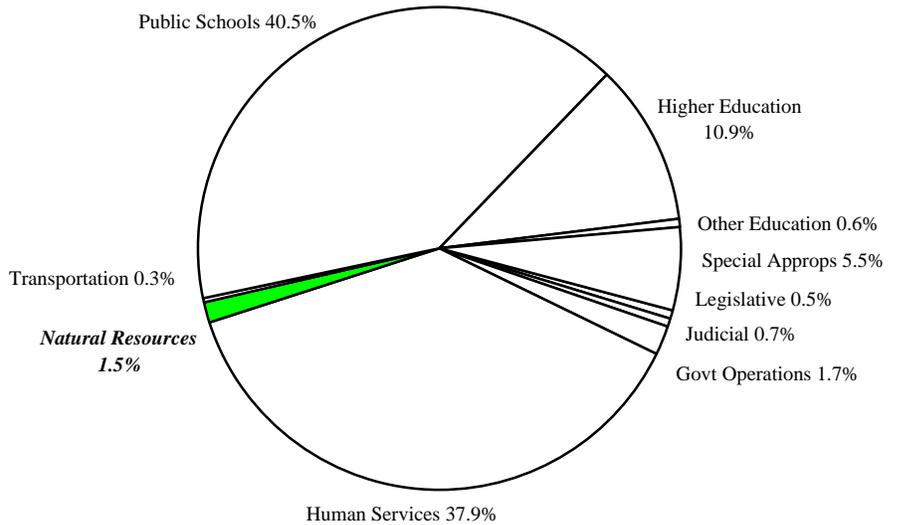
Dept of Ecology	472,058
Dept of Natural Resources	390,215
Dept of Fish & Wildlife	348,156
Parks & Recreation Comm	149,908
Dept of Agriculture	120,639
Rec & Conservation	28,070
Other Natural Resources	40,173
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>1,549,219</b>



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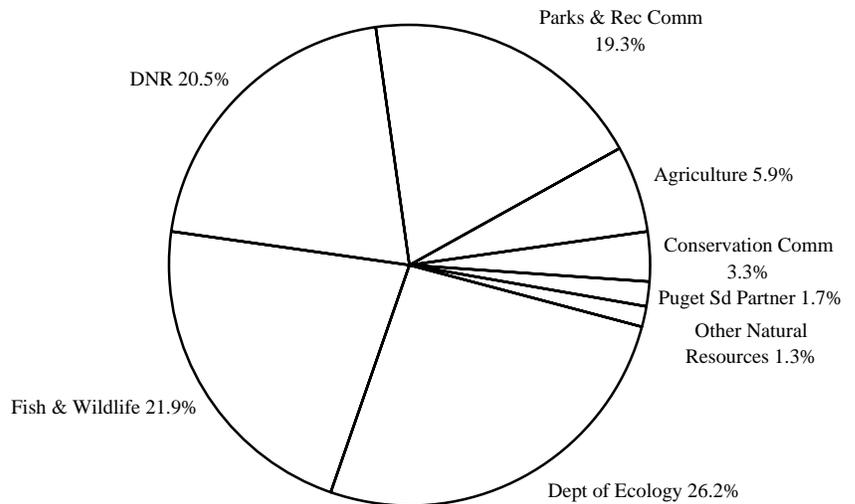
**2007-09 Washington State Omnibus Operating Budget**  
**Including 2008 Supplemental**  
**Near General Fund - State**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	167,290
Judicial	248,838
Governmental Operations	572,949
Human Services	12,745,221
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>509,186</b>
Transportation	85,614
Public Schools	13,621,900
Higher Education	3,653,746
Other Education	188,438
Special Appropriations	1,862,037
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>33,655,219</b>



**Washington State**

Dept of Ecology	133,540
Dept of Fish & Wildlife	111,268
Dept of Natural Resources	104,370
Parks & Recreation Comm	98,104
Dept of Agriculture	29,837
Conservation Commission	16,613
Puget Sound Partnership	8,758
Other Natural Resources	6,696
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>509,186</b>



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## Columbia River Gorge Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>2,137</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
1. PEBB Rate Reduction	-11	-11	-22
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-22</b>
<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>2,115</b>
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	-11	-11	-22

**Comments:**

1. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

## Department of Ecology

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>132,355</b>	<b>335,485</b>	<b>467,840</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Changes</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-2,424</b>	<b>-2,406</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Kittitas County Groundwater Study	383	0	383
2. Reducing Release of Mercury	0	85	85
3. Climate Change Preparation	108	0	108
4. Conservation Markets	70	0	70
5. Walla Walla River Basin Water Mgmt	195	0	195
6. Hazardous Waste Assistance Review	0	80	80
7. Pilot Water Pathways	150	0	150
8. Groundwater Data Gap Analysis	261	0	261
9. Pulp and Paper Mill Energy Study	50	0	50
10. Surface and Groundwater Study	200	0	200
11. Children's Safe Products	0	333	333
12. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Jobs	1,283	0	1,283
13. Beach Management Districts	250	0	250
14. Swift Creek Clean Up	0	210	210
15. Assess/Clean Up Hanford Groundwater	0	439	439
16. Standby Rescue Tug	0	3,650	3,650
17. Covenants for Cleanup Sites	0	288	288
18. Maintain Well Construction Services	0	155	155
19. Flood Control Emergency Grants	0	200	200
20. Columbia River Water Delivery	0	2,150	2,150
21. Governor Veto	-619	-85	-704
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>7,505</b>	<b>9,836</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
22. PEBB Rate Reduction	-1,164	-2,048	-3,212
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-1,164</b>	<b>-2,048</b>	<b>-3,212</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>133,540</b>	<b>338,518</b>	<b>472,058</b>
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	276	111	387
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	891	5,346	6,237

**Comments:**

1. **Kittitas County Groundwater Study** - Availability of groundwater in the upper Kittitas region of central Washington has been a long-standing issue. Senior water right holders in the area are concerned that the large number of new drinking-water wells drilled each year could put their own water rights at risk during times of drought. A groundwater study will be conducted by the Department of Ecology and Kittitas County to determine the impacts of new well construction on the aquifer and nearby surface waters. Ongoing funding is provided for Kittitas County's participation in the study.
2. **Reducing Release of Mercury** - One-time funding is provided for implementation of E2SSB 6502 (Mercury Release). The Department of Ecology shall research and develop recommendations for implementation and financing of a convenient and effective mercury-added general purpose light recycling program. This item was vetoed (please see Governor Veto item below). (State Toxics Account-State)
3. **Climate Change Preparation** - One-time funding is provided for implementation of ESSB 6308 (Climate Change). The

Department will prepare a report of recommendations for a comprehensive climate-change program in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The recommendations are to build on the work of the Preparation and Adaptation Working Groups established under the Governor's Executive Order 07-02, Climate Change. This item was vetoed (please see Governor Veto item below).

4. **Conservation Markets** - One-time funding is provided for implementation of Chapter 133, Laws of 2008 (SSB 6805 - Conservation Markets). Within current resources, the Department of Ecology will provide input and assistance to the State Conservation Commission during its feasibility study. Funding is provided for more intensive participation in up to two demonstration projects if the results of the Commission's study indicate that conservation markets are feasible and desirable in Washington State.
5. **Walla Walla River Basin Water Mgmt** - Funding is provided to the Department to support a collaborative process to design and propose a comprehensive water management structure for

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- the Walla Walla River Basin and report to the Legislature. The structure should address the allocation of functions, authorities, resource requirements, and issues associated with interstate watershed management of the Basin. Invited participants should include, but not be limited to, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, appropriate state agencies, and Walla Walla Basin interests such as municipalities, irrigation districts, conservation districts, fisheries, agriculture, economic development, and environmental representatives.
6. **Hazardous Waste Assistance Review** - The Department will create a stakeholder-advisory committee to review and develop recommendations to help businesses achieve a 50 percent toxics reduction use goal. The committee will review and make recommendations to improve the effectiveness and delivery of technical assistance in pollution prevention planning and will develop recommendations for strategies to encourage moving away from "end-of-pipe" pollution reduction approaches to increase hazardous-waste prevention throughout the state. Finally, the group will review and make recommendations on revising the hazardous waste planning fees. (State Toxics Account-State)
  7. **Pilot Water Pathways** - One-time funds are provided to expand and continue through the remainder of the biennium the current pilot water pathways project. The Department will work with the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and the U.S. Institute on Environmental Conflict Resolution to find resolution on persistent water policy issues between tribes and non-tribal entities.
  8. **Groundwater Data Gap Analysis** - One-time funding is provided for the Department to prepare, by June 30, 2009, a data gap analysis that includes a summary of historic and current monitoring of groundwater levels and water quality within each water resource inventory area; an evaluation of the completeness and quality of the data and conclusions produced from such monitoring; priorities for enhanced groundwater monitoring where water levels and water quality are of concern; recommendations regarding quality controls and other protocols associated with data collection; a summary and compilation of existing studies of groundwater levels, water quality, and monitoring activities; and recommendations of components necessary to establish a comprehensive, statewide groundwater monitoring and assessment program and the funding necessary to implement the program. This item was vetoed (please see Governor Veto item below).
  9. **Pulp and Paper Mill Energy Study** - One-time funding is provided to coordinate with the University of Washington to assess the current energy profile of Washington State pulp and paper mills. The energy consumption and energy generation capability will be determined for both steam and electrical power. In addition, the sources and types of fuels used in various boilers will be assessed.
  10. **Surface and Groundwater Study** - Funding is provided to assess the surface water and groundwater impacts to the level of Lake Ballenger.
  11. **Children's Safe Products** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 288, Laws of 2008, Partial Veto (E2SHB 2647 - Children's Safe Products). By January 1, 2009, the Department will identify high-priority chemicals that pose a potential risk to children's health as outlined in the legislation and submit a report to the Legislature, including policy options for addressing these chemicals. The Department will adopt rules to finalize the list of chemicals of high concern for children by January 1, 2010. The Department will develop a comprehensive database of products and notices received from manufacturers and make the electronic database available to the public. (State Toxics Account-State)
  12. **Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Jobs** - Funding is provided for implementation of Chapter 14, Laws of 2008 (E2SHB 2815 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions). The Department will submit a greenhouse gas reduction plan to the Legislature to limit statewide greenhouse gas emissions, adopt rules requiring a reporting system to monitor greenhouse gas emissions, and develop a design for a regional multi-sector, market-based system to limit and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Department will monitor progress toward meeting emission-reduction goals and analyze reductions from policies already enacted and in place, as well as emissions reduced from any future policies or strategies. The Department will continue its current activities such as participation with the Western Climate Initiative.
  13. **Beach Management Districts** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 301, Laws of 2008, Partial Veto (E2SHB 3186 - Beach Management Districts). The bill creates a statutory scheme for beach management districts by emulating requirements for lake management districts. The Department is authorized to provide technical assistance to community groups and county and city legislative authorities requesting assistance with the development of beach management programs. The Department is required to select two districts located in a county with a population of one million or more to control and remove aquatic plants or vegetation. This item was vetoed (please see Governor Veto item below).
  14. **Swift Creek Clean Up** - One-time funding is provided to clean up naturally occurring asbestos from Swift Creek. (Local Toxics Control Account-State)
  15. **Assess/Clean Up Hanford Groundwater** - The U.S. Department of Energy has reprioritized cleanup work at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, with a new emphasis on risk assessment and groundwater cleanup. Ongoing funding is provided for risk assessments and hydrogeological investigations in support of integrated cleanup and closure of the 18 Hanford tank farms and 30 surrounding contaminated areas consisting of over 1,000 individual waste disposal sites. These efforts, which are fully covered by new federal funding and fee-generated revenue, will enhance the state's ability to assess the risks to, and its ability to protect, human health and the environment. (General Fund-Federal, State Toxics Control Account-State)

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16. **Standby Rescue Tug** - The standby rescue tug stationed at Neah Bay is a preventive measure that reduces the risk of a catastrophic oil spill. Since 1999, the tug has responded 34 times to ships losing power or steering or experiencing other problems. The 2007 Legislature provided funding for a standby rescue tug for FY 2008, in anticipation of federal legislation establishing a permanent, industry-funded tug at the entrance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, but no state funding was appropriated for FY 2009. Stop-gap funding for 365-day coverage is provided from several state accounts in anticipation of federal action. (Vessel Response Account-State, State Toxics Control-State, Local Toxics Control Account-State, Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State, and Coastal Protection Account-Non-Appropriated)
17. **Covenants for Cleanup Sites** - Chapter 104, Laws of 2007 (SB 5421), establishes new requirements in situations where environmental covenants (a form of deed restriction) are used to control the future use of toxic cleanup sites. Ongoing funding is provided to implement this bill, which includes the bill's requirements for the Department to inspect toxic cleanup sites. (State Toxics Control Account-State)
18. **Maintain Well Construction Services** - The Department and local health departments regulate well construction and decommissioning to protect public health and groundwater resources. The Department has experienced an increase in the volume of well drilling over the past four years and has begun the process of merging its well construction and licensing data systems to improve data accessibility and system reliability. A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided to improve customer service and license processing. (Reclamation Account-State)
19. **Flood Control Emergency Grants** - The Department provides grants and technical assistance to local governments for flood damage reduction projects and comprehensive flood hazard management plans. Local and state government grant spending from the Flood Control Assistance Account during the 2005-07 biennium was less than estimated, resulting in additional dollars available in the ending fund balance for the biennium. One-time funding is made available for local emergency flood response grants during the 2007-09 biennium. (Flood Control Assistance Account-State)
20. **Columbia River Water Delivery** - Funding is provided for implementation of Chapter 82, Laws of 2008 (E2SSB 6874 - Columbia River Water Delivery). The Department will distribute \$2 million to affected counties to mitigate for negative impacts caused by releases of Lake Roosevelt water. In addition, the Department will conduct an analysis of legislative options to protect rural communities in northeast Washington from disproportionate economic, agricultural, and environmental impacts when upstream water rights are purchased and transferred for use, or idled and used as mitigation, in a downstream watershed or county. (Columbia River Water Delivery Account-State)
21. **Governor Veto** - The Governor vetoed subsection (27) of Section 302 of Chapter 329, Laws of 2008 (ESHB 2687), which provided funding for and directed the Department to conduct a statewide groundwater data-gap analysis; therefore, the funds will not be needed. The Governor vetoed subsection (32) of Section 302 of ESHB 2687, which provided funding for the vetoed portion of E2SHB 3186 (Beach Management Districts) that would have placed new requirements on state agencies for technical assistance, coordination, monitoring and assessment of beach management districts; and therefore, the funds will not be needed. The Governor also vetoed subsection (37) of Section 302 of ESHB 2687, which provided funding for E2SSB 6502 (Release of Mercury), because the bill did not pass. Please see the Reducing Release of Mercury item above for additional information. Finally, subsection (39) of Section 302 of ESHB 2687, which provided funding for ESSB 6309 (Climate Change), was vetoed because the bill did not pass. Please see the Climate Change Preparation item above for additional information.
22. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

## State Parks and Recreation Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>98,578</b>	<b>50,263</b>	<b>148,841</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Changes</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>1,656</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Avalanche Center Backfill	131	0	131
2. Mount Tahoma Trails	100	0	100
3. State Park Foster Home Pass	120	0	120
4. Orca Whale Protection	40	0	40
5. Facilities Condition Assessment	322	0	322
6. Governor Veto	-100	0	-100
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
7. PEBB Rate Reduction	-1,099	-103	-1,202
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-1,099</b>	<b>-103</b>	<b>-1,202</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>98,104</b>	<b>51,804</b>	<b>149,908</b>
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	380	0	380
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	-866	-103	-969

**Comments:**

1. **Avalanche Center Backfill** - One-time funding is provided to fill the projected budget gap for current-level activities at the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center. Currently, the Commission is participating in the development of an intergovernmental plan and recommendations for sustainable, equitable cost-sharing in accordance with Chapter 141, Laws of 2007 (SSB 5219), with a final plan due to the Legislature by December 1, 2008.
2. **Mount Tahoma Trails** - One-time funds are provided to assist with the purchase of snow equipment for the Mount Tahoma Trails system. This item was vetoed (please see Governor Veto item below).
3. **State Park Foster Home Pass** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 238, Laws of 2008 (ESSB 5010 - State Park Foster Home Pass). The Department will establish the system to entitle a pass holder, and members of his or her family or camping unit, free admission and camping at state parks when accompanied by a foster child.
4. **Orca Whale Protection** - Ongoing funding is provided to implement Chapter 225, Laws of 2008 (2SHB 2514 - Orca Whale Protection). The legislation prohibits people and their vessels from being within 300 feet of any southern Orca whale or feeding any southern Orca whale without an express exemption. In addition, the legislation requires the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to disseminate information about the prohibitions, exemptions, and other regulations regarding southern Orca whales.
5. **Facilities Condition Assessment** - One-time funding is provided to assess the condition of the state park facilities and infrastructure in the southwest region and to enter this

information in specialized software. Assessing state park facilities is the first phase of the Agency Improvement Plan. This Plan was adopted as a result of the findings in the January 2007 Study of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission's Capital Budget Development, Execution, and Monitoring Process.

6. **Governor Veto** - The Governor vetoed Section 303(18) of Chapter 329, Laws of 2008, Partial Veto (ESHB 2687), which provided assistance to the Mount Tahoma Trails Association for purchase of snow equipment; therefore, the funds are not needed.
7. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

NOTE: Amounts shown here reflect only the omnibus appropriations act. The remainder of the State Parks and Recreation Commission's budget is shown in the Transportation Budget Section of this document.

## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>3,357</b>	<b>24,796</b>	<b>28,153</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
1. PEBB Rate Reduction	-8	-75	-83
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-75</b>	<b>-83</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>3,349</b>	<b>24,721</b>	<b>28,070</b>
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	-8	-75	-83

**Comments:**

1. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

### Environmental Hearings Office

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,295</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Changes</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
1. PEBB Rate Reduction	-19	0	-19
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-19</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,286</b>
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	-19	0	-19

**Comments:**

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## State Conservation Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>20,429</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>21,607</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Conservation Markets	174	0	174
2. Conservation Resource Management	35	0	35
3. Move Livestock Projects to Capital	-4,000	0	-4,000
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>-3,791</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,791</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
4. PEBB Rate Reduction	-25	0	-25
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-25</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>16,613</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>17,791</b>
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	-2,000	0	-2,000
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	-1,816	0	-1,816

**Comments:**

1. **Conservation Markets** - One-time funding is provided for implementation of Chapter 133, Laws of 2008 (SSB 6805 - Conservation Markets). The Commission will first conduct a feasibility study to include an evaluation of agricultural conservation markets operating in other states; a determination of the level of interest among farm and small-forest landowners; an assessment of market-ready products; identification of opportunities for conservation markets to provide ongoing revenue to farm and small-forestry operations to improve their long-term viability; and a determination of public agencies' demand for, and willingness to use, conservation markets. The Commission will present its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 1, 2008. If the study determines that conservation markets are feasible and desirable, the Commission must conduct two demonstration projects.

medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

2. **Conservation Resource Management** - One-time funding is provided for conservation resource management within the Commission's Coordinated Resource Management program. The Coordinated Resource Management program includes an interagency group that works on natural resource issues that need facilitation due to diverse opinions in the area. These funds will be used for smaller resource management projects dealing with grazing-related issues.

3. **Move Livestock Projects to Capital** - The current appropriation authority from the Water Quality Account and the timing and duration of construction projects are not always concurrent. To address this incongruity, funding for these projects is shifted from the 2007-09 operating budget to the 2007-09 capital budget (Project Number 2008-4-001). (Water Quality Account-State)

4. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>108,959</b>	<b>238,334</b>	<b>347,293</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Changes</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>1,134</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Outer Coast Marine Resources	250	0	250
2. Marine Protected Areas Workgroup	115	0	115
3. Marine Managed Areas	46	0	46
4. Restoration of Wiley Slough	75	0	75
5. Electron Dam Workgroup	75	0	75
6. PS Steelhead ESA Listing	148	0	148
7. Selective Fisheries - Chinook	590	0	590
8. Colville Partnership Initiative	609	0	609
9. Skagit Tidegates	305	0	305
10. Derelict Fishing Gear	100	0	100
11. Beebe Springs	300	0	300
12. Damage to Livestock from Wildlife	50	0	50
13. Orca Whale Protection	46	0	46
14. Hydraulic Project Approval Review	135	0	135
15. Beach Management Districts	24	0	24
16. Ebey Island	95	0	95
17. Governor Veto	-120	0	-120
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,843</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
18. PEBB Rate Reduction	-1,179	-1,935	-3,114
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-1,179</b>	<b>-1,935</b>	<b>-3,114</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>111,268</b>	<b>236,888</b>	<b>348,156</b>
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	437	0	437
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	1,227	-1,935	-708

**Comments:**

1. **Outer Coast Marine Resources** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 242, Laws of 2008 (2SSB 6227 - Coast Marine Resources). The Outer Coast Marine Resources Committee program will be created within the Department to provide support for the development, administration, and coordination of coastal Marine Resource Committees (MRCs). The Director will develop procedures and criteria for distributing grants to coastal MRCs for administration and for coastal projects. It is expected that approximately \$188,000 in grant funds will be distributed to MRCs in FY 2009.
2. **Marine Protected Areas Workgroup** - Funding is provided for implementation of Chapter 243, Laws of 2008 (SSB 6231 - Marine Protected Areas). The Director will chair the newly-created Marine Protected Area (MPA) work group. The group will examine the current inventory and management of Washington's MPAs; develop recommendations to improve coordination and consistency regarding MPA management goals, criteria for establishment, management practices, terminology, and monitoring; develop recommendations to improve the integration of science into MPA establishment and management; develop recommendations to further integrate local governments and nongovernmental organizations into the establishment and management of MPAs; and provide any other recommendations to improve the effectiveness of MPAs. By December 1, 2009, the work group must report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature.
3. **Marine Managed Areas** - Funding is provided for implementation of SSB 6307 (Marine Managed Areas [MMAs]). Rules will be adopted governing the taking of fish, shellfish, or wildlife within or next to a reserve or other MMA, consistent with the management plan developed by the Puget Sound Partnership. This item was vetoed (please see Governor Veto item below).
4. **Restoration of Wiley Slough** - Funding is provided to implement the 2008 Wiley Slough restoration project that would establish a public recreation partnership to provide farmland preservation, waterfowl management, and public recreational access.
5. **Electron Dam Workgroup** - Funds are provided for the Department to convene a work group to study solutions for improving outbound juvenile salmon migration at Electron Dam on the Puyallup River. The work group shall include one member of the House, one member of the Senate, one representative from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, one

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- representative from Puget Sound Energy, and one representative from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. The work group shall present its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2009.
6. **PS Steelhead ESA Listing** - The Puget Sound (PS) steelhead was listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) in May 2007. One-time funding is provided for the Department to jointly develop a harvest and hatchery Resource Management Plan (RMP) with tribal co-managers by the spring of 2008. Once the RMP is developed and implemented in Puget Sound, both recreational steelhead fishing and hatchery production can continue.
  7. **Selective Fisheries - Chinook** - Ongoing state funding is provided for the additional selective fisheries in Puget Sound. Selective fishing is a strategy designed to protect wild stocks of salmon listed as threatened under the federal ESA. The structure allows harvest of marked hatchery salmon in designated areas, while requiring the release of any wild salmon that are caught.
  8. **Colville Partnership Initiative** - The Department is provided one-time funding to implement a pilot project with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to develop expanded recreational fishing opportunities on Lake Rufus Woods and its northern shoreline. The Department will also conduct joint enforcement of lake fisheries on Lake Rufus Woods and adjoining waters, pursuant to state and tribal intergovernmental agreements developed under the Columbia River Water Supply Development Program.
  9. **Skagit Tidegates** - The Skagit Drainage and Fish Initiative provides an opportunity for the agricultural community, federal agencies, the Department, and tribes to work collaboratively toward meeting the needs of all participating parties. A combination of one-time and ongoing funding will provide necessary resources to link estuarine and delta watercourse habitat restoration with tidegate and drainage infrastructure maintenance. These agreements directly support the Puget Sound Chinook Salmon Restoration Plan. Of the one-time funding provided, \$150,000 is to supplement other fund sources to assist the agricultural community in implementation of the Drainage and Fish Initiative and the Tidegates and Fish Initiative, to include development of permit applications and related documents for the drainage maintenance and tidegate work, administration of the implementation agreements, and participation in habitat restoration project-development actions.
  10. **Derelict Fishing Gear** - Ongoing funding is provided for the Department to work with the Northwest Straits Commission to remove derelict fishing gear in Washington waters.
  11. **Beebe Springs** - Authority is provided to expend the proceeds from the sale of the upper 20-acre parcel of the Beebe Springs property. This one-time expenditure must be used to develop the Beebe Springs natural interpretive site and is not to exceed the value of the revenue from the sale of the parcel.
  12. **Damage to Livestock from Wildlife** - Ongoing funding is provided for compensation to include damage done to livestock by wildlife. This item was vetoed (please see Governor Veto item below).
  13. **Orca Whale Protection** - One-time funding is provided to implement Chapter 225, Laws of 2008 (2SHB 2514 - Orca Whale Protection). The legislation prohibits people and their vessels from being within 300 feet of any southern Orca whale or feeding any southern Orca whale without an express exemption. In addition, the legislation requires the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to disseminate information about the prohibitions, exemptions, and other regulations regarding southern Orca whales.
  14. **Hydraulic Project Approval Review** - One-time funding is provided for a review of the effectiveness of the Department's existing hydraulic project approval process and outcomes.
  15. **Beach Management Districts** - One-time funding is provided to implement Chapter 301, Laws of 2008, Partial Veto (E2SHB 3186 - Beach Management Districts). The bill creates a statutory scheme for beach management districts by emulating requirements for lake management districts. The Department is authorized to provide technical assistance to community groups and county and city legislative authorities requesting assistance with the development of beach management programs. The Department is required to select two districts located in a county with a population of one million or more to control and remove aquatic plants or vegetation. This item was vetoed (please see Governor Veto item below).
  16. **Ebey Island** - Ongoing funding is provided for Ebey Island property management costs, including local drainage district fees and noxious weed control.
  17. **Governor Veto** - The Governor vetoed subsection (31) of Section 307 of Chapter 329, Laws of 2008, Partial Veto (ESHB 2687), which provided funding for the vetoed portion of E2SHB 3186 (Beach Management Districts) that would have placed new requirements on state agencies for technical assistance, coordination, monitoring and assessment of beach management districts; and therefore, the funds will not be needed. In addition, the Governor vetoed subsection (32) of Section 307 of ESHB 2687, which removed funding for the Department to compensate commercial livestock owners for damage caused by wildlife because the Department does not have specific statutory authority to provide this type of compensation. And finally, the Governor vetoed subsection (44) of Section 307 of ESHB 2687, which provided funding for SSB 6307 (Puget Sound Marine Managed Areas), because the bill did not pass. Please see the Marine Managed Areas item above for additional information.
  18. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs

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will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

## Department of Natural Resources

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>102,023</b>	<b>285,602</b>	<b>387,625</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Changes</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-3,543</b>	<b>-3,547</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Recreational Opportunities	97	0	97
2. Aquatic Endangered Species Act	0	191	191
3. Urban Forestry	251	0	251
4. Beach Management Districts	0	20	20
5. Geological Survey & Slope Study	200	0	200
6. Emergency Fire Suppression	2,707	2,627	5,334
7. Forest Practices Federal Backfill	0	3,000	3,000
8. Governor Veto	0	-20	-20
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>5,818</b>	<b>9,073</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
9. PEBB Rate Reduction	-904	-2,032	-2,936
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-904</b>	<b>-2,032</b>	<b>-2,936</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>104,370</b>	<b>285,845</b>	<b>390,215</b>
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	2,733	5,627	8,360
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	-382	-1,841	-2,223

**Comments:**

1. **Recreational Opportunities** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 195, Laws of 2008 (SHB 2472 - Recreational Opportunities). The Department will establish a work group to make recommendations to the Legislature for improving recreation on state trust lands, aquatic lands, and other state-owned lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
2. **Aquatic Endangered Species Act** - One-time funding is provided for the Department to coordinate with the Puget Sound Partnership to complete a final Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for state-owned aquatic lands and an Environmental Impact Statement by June 2009. Two FTEs will provide additional scientific and data/information analysis support. The HCP will create a framework for protecting endangered species, which provides certainty to the Department regarding its aquatic land activities, such as leases, reserves, geoduck harvest, and marina operations. Implementation of the HCP will begin in June 2009. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State)
3. **Urban Forestry** - Ongoing funding is provided to implement Chapter 299, Laws of 2008, Partial Veto (E2SHB 2844 - Urban Forestry). The legislation requires the Department to provide technical expertise to the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development in creation of an Evergreen Communities recognition program and model urban forest management plans and ordinances. In addition, the legislation allows the Department to develop and conduct inventories and assessments of community and urban forests to the extent funding is provided. It is expected funding provided will enable the Department to complete an initial inventory of one county east of the Cascades and one county west of the Cascades and the willing municipalities within.
4. **Beach Management Districts** - Funding is provided to implement the provisions of Chapter 301, Laws of 2008, Partial Veto (E2SHB 3186 - Beach Management Districts). The bill creates a statutory scheme for beach management districts similar to those for lake management districts. This item was vetoed (please see Governor Veto item below). (Resource Management Cost Account-State)
5. **Geological Survey & Slope Study** - Ongoing funding is provided to support the duties of the Department's state geological survey, upon completion of one-time funding that shall be used to complement existing funding and extend the analysis of unstable slopes currently underway by the Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research Committee of the Adaptive Management program.
6. **Emergency Fire Suppression** - One-time funding is provided for fire suppression activity for incurred costs during FY 2008, in excess of the Department's existing fire suppression appropriation. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)
7. **Forest Practices Federal Backfill** - To address declining federal dollars, funding is provided from the newly-created Forest and Fish Support Account to allow tribes to continue their implementation activities, such as forest practice reviews, scientific studies, and interagency coordination. These funds will also enable the Department to implement additional Forest and Fish Report projects. (Forest and Fish Support Account-State)

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8. **Governor Veto** - The Governor vetoed Section 308 (27) of Chapter 329, Laws of 2008, Partial Veto (ESHB 2687), which provided funding for the vetoed portion of E2SHB 3186 (Beach Management Districts) that would have placed new requirements on state agencies for technical assistance, coordination, monitoring and assessment of beach management districts; and therefore, the funds will not be needed. In addition, the Governor vetoed the intent section, Section 1, of Chapter 299, Laws of 2008, Partial Veto (E2SHB 2844 - Urban Forestry). Please see the Beach Management Districts item above for additional information.
9. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

## Department of Agriculture

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>29,445</b>	<b>91,844</b>	<b>121,289</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Changes</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Pacific County Spartina Eradication	65	0	65
2. Greenhouse Gas Emissions	57	0	57
3. Risk Management	212	0	212
4. Local Farms and Healthy Kids	290	0	290
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>624</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
5. PEBB Rate Reduction	-236	-1,054	-1,290
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-236</b>	<b>-1,054</b>	<b>-1,290</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>29,837</b>	<b>90,802</b>	<b>120,639</b>
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	388	-1,054	-666

**Comments:**

1. **Pacific County Spartina Eradication** - Additional funds are provided to be added to \$35,000 of existing Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account appropriation for funding to the Pacific County Noxious Weed Control Board to continue its planning and implementation of spartina eradication activities.
2. **Greenhouse Gas Emissions** - One-time funding is provided to implement Chapter 14, Laws of 2008 (E2SHB 2815 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions). The Department will participate with other agencies in the development of the voluntary carbon offset/credit program.
3. **Risk Management** - Ongoing funding is provided for two positions (Internal Auditor and Human Resources Consultant) to address gaps in the Department's administrative structure. These positions complete the first phase of a multi-year effort to meet administrative and operational needs identified by an independent management analysis. An internal auditor will ensure agency compliance with state and federal accounting standards. The human resources consultant will conduct personnel-related investigations and make recommendations for corrective actions, coordinate workplace safety efforts, assess reasonable accommodation needs of people with disabilities, and work on agency-wide succession planning.
4. **Local Farms and Healthy Kids** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 215, Laws of 2008 (2SSB 6483 - Local Food Production). In accordance with the bill, the Department will create a "Farm-to-School" program encouraging consumption of fresh, locally-grown food at public schools and other institutions.
5. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase

medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

NOTE: Amounts shown here reflect only the omnibus appropriations act. The remainder of the Department of Agriculture's budget is shown in the Transportation Budget Section of this document.

## Washington Pollution Liability Insurance Program

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>1,840</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Design Criteria for Oil Heat Tanks	0	33	33
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
2. PEBB Rate Reduction	0	-15	-15
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-15</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>1,858</b>
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	0	33	33
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	0	-15	-15

**Comments:**

1. **Design Criteria for Oil Heat Tanks** - Chapter 240, Laws of 2007 (HB 1789), gives the Pollution Liability Insurance Program the authority to reimburse eligible heating oil tank program participants for the increased cost of replacing leaking oil tanks with more leak-resistant models. To implement this legislation, the agency is required to establish the design criteria for these tanks this fiscal year. One-time funding is provided for costs related to this activity. (Heating Oil Pollution Liability Trust Account-Non-Appropriated)
  
2. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.

## Puget Sound Partnership

(Dollars in Thousands)

	NGF-S	Other	Total
<b>2007-09 Original Appropriations</b>	<b>7,917</b>	<b>4,155</b>	<b>12,072</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Changes</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Non-Comp</b>			
1. Marine Managed Areas	24	0	24
2. Federal Spending Authority	0	850	850
3. Action Agenda Development	1,083	900	1,983
4. Puget Sound Toxic Pollution Sources	0	620	620
5. Puget Sound/Coastal Monitoring	305	305	610
6. Governor Veto	-24	0	-24
<b>Policy -- Non-Comp Total</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>2,675</b>	<b>4,063</b>
<b>Policy Changes - Comp</b>			
7. PEBB Rate Reduction	-47	0	-47
<b>Policy -- Comp Total</b>	<b>-47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-47</b>
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<b>2007-09 Revised Appropriations</b>	<b>8,758</b>	<b>7,365</b>	<b>16,123</b>
Fiscal Year 2008 Total	852	478	1,330
Fiscal Year 2009 Total	489	2,197	2,686

### Comments:

1. **Marine Managed Areas** - Funding is provided for implementation of SSB 6307 (Marine Managed Areas [MMAs]). The Puget Sound Partnership will prepare a Puget Sound MMA plan to coordinate and strengthen all state and local government MMA programs. The Leadership Council will determine membership of the work group in accordance with the representation delineated in the bill. The plan will include guidelines for incorporating best available science; guidelines for managing areas on an ecosystem basis; funding recommendations; strategies addressing impacts from population growth, development, and stormwater discharges; adaptive management and methods for synthesizing monitoring results; among other elements. The MMA plan must be completed by the end of July 1, 2010, submitted to the Leadership Council for review and approval, and incorporated into the Action Agenda. It is expected that additional funding will be required in the 2009-11 biennium to complete this one-time project. This item was vetoed (please see Governor Veto item below).
2. **Federal Spending Authority** - Additional spending authority is provided to allow the Partnership to access available matching federal funds for planning and implementation of the Action Agenda. The Partnership will make use of federal matching funds where possible. (General Fund-Federal)
3. **Action Agenda Development** - The Puget Sound Partnership was established in 2007 to lead efforts to protect and restore the Puget Sound. Statute directs the Partnership to create a long-term Action Agenda by September 1, 2008, that identifies and prioritizes actions for restoring Puget Sound by 2020. Funding is provided for the Partnership to engage in broad consultation with all levels of government, extensive public and stakeholder involvement, and scientific review of proposed actions. One-time funding is provided to develop an Action Agenda that incorporates a high level of analysis and scientific review. To the extent funding allows, the Partnership shall also proceed with implementation of the 2020 Action Agenda. (Water Quality Account-State, State Toxics Account-State)
4. **Puget Sound Toxic Pollution Sources** - Toxic contaminants continue to be discharged into Puget Sound, adversely impacting both ecological and human health. Funding is provided to analyze contaminated sources to develop mitigation priorities. One contamination source is air-pollution fallout into marine waters. One-time funding is provided to estimate the contribution of priority toxic chemicals deposited in Puget Sound and nearby watersheds from fuel-related air emissions. To the extent permitted under federal restrictions, the Partnership will leverage federal matching funds to extend the project. (General Fund-Federal, State Toxics Account-State)
5. **Puget Sound/Coastal Monitoring** - Funding is provided for an outcome-monitoring program to establish a baseline and determine progress toward salmon recovery and restoration of the health of Puget Sound by 2020. The Partnership, in consultation with the Department of Ecology, shall use a standard monitoring and sample collection process and utilize information from other entities, such as volunteer groups, other state agencies, and local governments. A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided to plan, establish, and begin a statistically valid sampling program in Puget Sound and on Washington's coastline. To the extent permitted under federal restrictions, the Partnership will leverage federal matching funds to extend the project. (General Fund-Federal, Water Quality Account-State)

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6. **Governor Veto** - The Governor vetoed Section 311(5) of Chapter 329, Laws of 2008, Partial Veto (ESHB 2687), which provided funding for SSB 6307 (Puget Sound Marine Managed Areas), because the bill did not pass. Please see the Marine Managed Areas items above for additional information.
7. **PEBB Rate Reduction** - Funding is changed to reflect a reduction of the state employer health insurance contribution rate to the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) for FY 2009 from \$732 per month to \$561 per month. Employee costs will remain at 12 percent of the cost paid by PEBB to purchase medical benefits. Additional detail is available in the comments for Agency 713, State Employee Compensation Adjustments.