

Natural Resources

Salmon Recovery

Last year, wild steelhead runs in the upper Columbia basin were listed as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). This added to the existing ESA listings of Snake River Sockeye and Chinook. In the next year, further listings in the state are expected as the federal National Marine Fisheries Service completes status reviews for salmonid populations in the Puget Sound, the lower Columbia River, and the Pacific Coast.

When a salmonid species is listed under ESA, the species is included in a federal regulatory framework designed to conserve and rebuild species populations. This regulatory framework may include water use, land use, and natural resource use restrictions, as well as harvest reductions in both commercial and recreational fisheries.

The budget for Salmon Recovery addresses potential ESA listings by taking action now to rebuild threatened salmon populations. The budget provides new funding (\$26.1 million) in three areas: salmon restoration projects; expansion of existing programs; and planning, assessment, and coordination.

Salmon Restoration Funding

(Dollars in Thousands)

Item	GF-S	Other	Total
Salmon Restoration Projects			
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	1,000	5,000	6,000
Fish Passage Barriers and Restoration Projects - Grants	0	5,750	5,750
Fish Passage Barriers - Technical Assistance	450	0	450
Salmon Restoration Projects	3,500	750	4,250
Remote Site Incubators	393	0	393
Subtotal	5,343	11,500	16,843
Expansion of Existing Programs			
License Buy-Back	1,170	3,500	4,670
Mass Marking of Chinook	1,000	625	1,625
Subtotal	2,170	4,125	6,295
Planning, Coordination, and Assessment			
Watershed Assessment Grants	1,500	0	1,500
Governor's Salmon Team	500	0	500
Volunteer Initiative	1,000	0	1,000
Subtotal	3,000	0	3,000
Total	10,513	15,625	26,138

Salmon Restoration Projects:

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

Funding is available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the protection and restoration of riparian zones to benefit salmon and improve water quality. The supplemental budget includes \$5.0 million in the capital budget for a state match for fencing and restoration of riparian areas; and \$1.0 million from the state general fund in the operating budget for local conservation districts to assist landowners in designing restoration projects that meet the federal requirements.

Fish Passage Barriers

The Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates that there are over 2,400 barriers at road crossings in the state, blocking fish access to an estimated 3,000 miles of freshwater spawning and rearing habitat. The capital budget includes \$5.75 million from the Salmon Restoration Account for a grant program for state, local, and volunteer groups to inventory and correct fish passage barriers. The operating budget includes \$450,000 from the state general fund for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide engineering and design review assistance to groups planning fish barrier removal.

Local Restoration Projects

The supplemental budget includes \$3.9 million from the state general fund and \$750,000 in federal funds for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop a remote site incubator program, and funds a grant program for salmon restoration projects as defined in the Salmon Recovery Planning bill, Chapter 246, Laws of 1998 (ESHB 2496).

Expansion of Existing Programs:

License Buy-Back Program

The supplemental budget provides \$1.2 million from the state general fund and \$3.5 million in federal funds to continue the existing commercial license buy-back program. The program allows those who fish for salmon to sell their licenses back to the state, thus both reducing harvest pressure on stocks and allowing fishers to recover a portion of their investment.

Mass Marking of Chinook

Mass marking of hatchery Coho salmon allows fishers to selectively catch hatchery-produced salmon in mixed-stock fisheries. This program allows a continuation of both sport and commercial Coho fisheries, while protecting wild salmon runs. The supplemental budget provides \$1.0 million in state general funds, \$400,000 in federal funds, and \$225,000 in local funds to expand the existing mass marking program to Chinook salmon.

Planning, Coordination, and Assessment:

Watershed Assessment Grants

The threat of salmon ESA listings highlights the need to increase the capacity of local governments and local volunteer groups to address salmon restoration. The supplemental budget provides \$1.5 million in state general funds for grant programs to lead entities to assess the current habitat conditions in watersheds; identify potential salmon restoration projects; and prioritize projects for immediate implementation.

Governor's Salmon Team

The supplemental includes \$500,000 from the state general fund to add four staff to the Governor's Salmon Team. The Salmon Team will coordinate agency activities related to salmon restoration and report on the status of salmon recovery efforts.

Volunteer Initiative

The amount of \$1.0 million from the state general fund is provided to contract with a nonprofit group to develop a volunteer habitat initiative. The initiative will include: a training program for volunteers; a public outreach and education program; and a program to encourage landowners and land managers to use volunteers in salmon habitat improvement projects.

Wildlife Account

Late in the legislative session the Department of Fish and Wildlife revealed that the agency's Wildlife Account could reach a deficit of up to \$17.4 million by the end of the biennium. The Legislature has developed the following plan to assist the agency with the immediate shortfall and to develop a long-term plan for balancing the wildlife account revenues and program expenditures.

General Fund-State Loan

To help the Department through the immediate budget shortfall, the enacted budget proposes to lend \$3.5 million from the state general fund to the Wildlife Account. The loan is contingent upon the following departmental actions:

- The Department must submit an expenditure reduction plan to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and to the Senate Ways and Means and House Appropriations Committees by April 17, 1998. The plan must specify positions to be eliminated and properties proposed for sale. Reductions must be limited to wildlife account programs.
- The Department must submit quarterly revenue and expenditure reports to OFM, the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.
- The Department must work with OFM and the Department of Revenue to develop a model for forecasting revenues to the state wildlife account. The forecast must be incorporated into the quarterly economic and revenue forecast.
- By November 1, 1998, the Department must submit a six-year financial plan for the state wildlife account for fiscal years 1999-2005 to OFM, the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee. The plan must include a plan for repayment of the general fund loan.

Program Reductions

To help balance the projected shortfall in the Wildlife Account, a series of program reductions totaling \$7.5 million must be implemented. A comprehensive reduction plan must be submitted to OFM by April 17, 1998.

Management Consultant Audit

The enacted budget includes \$250,000 from the state general fund to OFM to hire an outside management consultant to review the agency's operations and management practices. This information will be used to refine the long-term financial plan for the wildlife-funded programs.

Recreational License Database

The amount of \$1.0 million from the state general fund is provided to the Department of Fish and Wildlife to purchase and develop a recreational license database. The database will include point-of-sale system implementation.

Other Natural Resources

Aquatic Land Lease Rate Study

The supplemental budget provides \$71,000 from the Resource Management Cost Account to implement Chapter 185, Laws of 1998 (2SSB 6156), requiring the Department of Natural Resources to study methods for calculating water-dependent lease rates on state-owned aquatic lands.

Finfish Net-Pen Aquaculture Study

The amount of \$50,000 from the state general fund is provided to the Department of Natural Resources for a study of potential sites for Finfish Net-Pen Aquaculture in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and along the Pacific Coast.

Spartina Control

The amount of \$50,000 from the Resource Management Cost Account is provided for a field study of the effectiveness of biological control methods for control of spartina in Willapa Bay.

Agriculture and Water

Watershed Management

The supplemental budget provides \$1.1 million from the state general fund to the Department of Ecology to provide technical assistance to local watershed planning groups. The budget also provides \$3.9 million from the state general fund for grants to local watershed planning groups to implement Chapter 247, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESHB 2514).

Fertilizer Regulation

The amount of \$675,000 from the Local Toxics Control Account is provided to the Departments of Agriculture and Ecology to implement Chapter 36, Laws of 1998 (SSB 6474), regulating fertilizers. This includes funding for a study of plant uptake of heavy metals, and a study of the occurrence of dioxins in soils, fertilizers, and soil amendments.

Dairy Nutrients

The amount of \$400,000 from the state general fund is provided to add five inspectors in the Department of Ecology to implement Chapter 26, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (SSB Bill 6161). Staff will conduct dairy inspections, issue permits, and establish and administer a dairy database. The amount of \$200,000 is provided to the Conservation Commission to assist dairies in developing farm plans.

Water Reuse

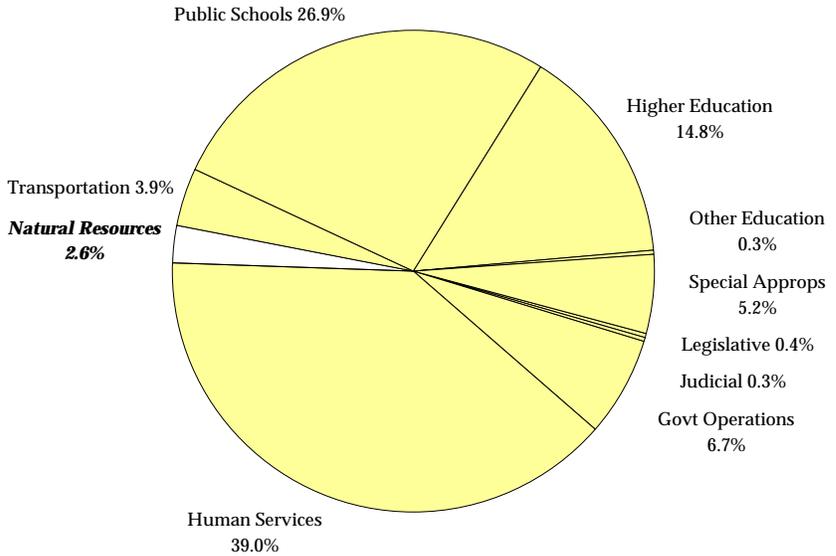
The amount of \$129,000 from the state general fund is provided to the Department of Health to provide technical assistance and permit review for water reuse projects.

1997-99 Washington State Operating Budget

Total Budgeted Funds

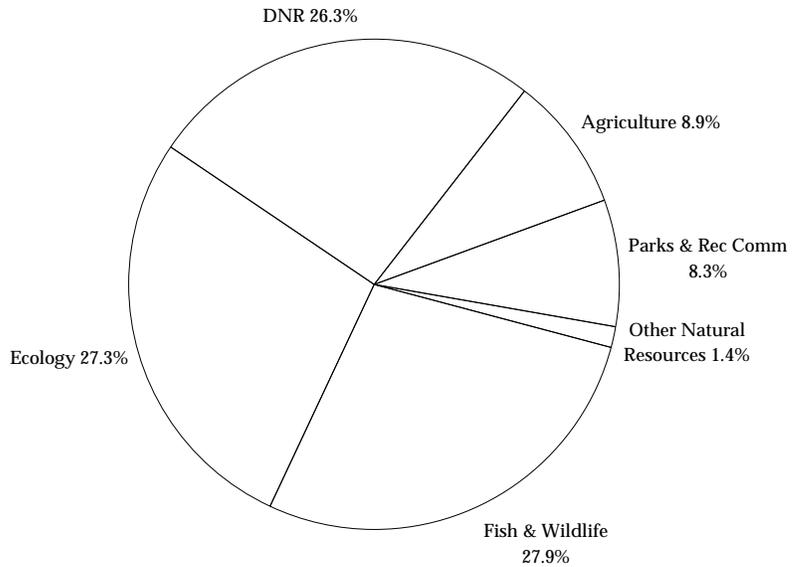
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Legislative	126,659
Judicial	117,854
Governmental Operations	2,379,017
Human Services	13,918,431
Natural Resources	915,743
Transportation	1,396,695
Public Schools	9,610,676
Higher Education	5,300,152
Other Education	94,294
Special Appropriations	1,863,566
Statewide Total	35,723,087



Washington State

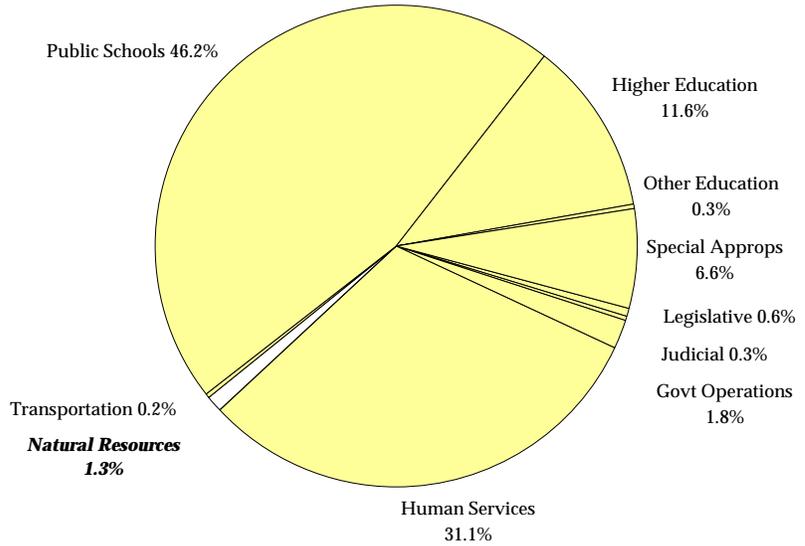
Dept of Fish & Wildlife	255,133
Dept of Ecology	249,949
Dept of Natural Resources	240,424
Dept of Agriculture	81,576
Parks & Recreation Comm	75,960
Other Natural Resources	12,701
Natural Resources	915,743



Natural Resources

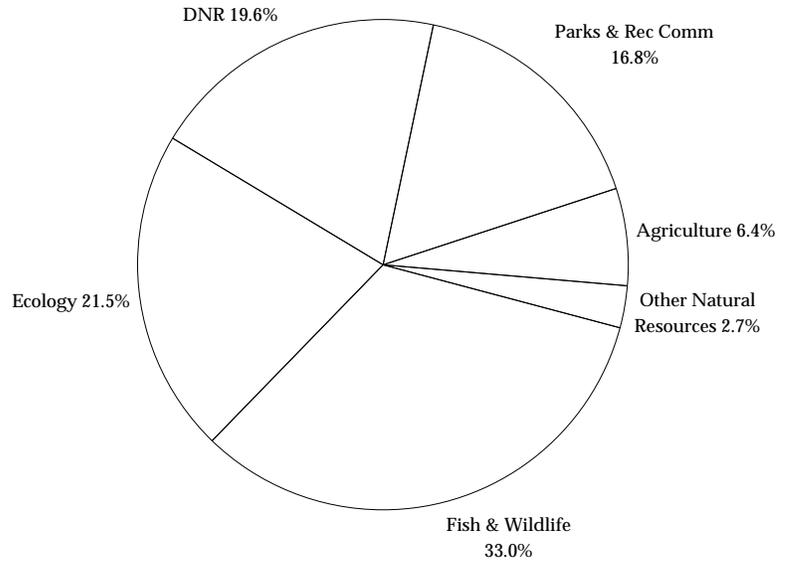
1997-99 Washington State Operating Budget
General Fund - State
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	113,974
Judicial	60,553
Governmental Operations	348,917
Human Services	5,930,793
Natural Resources	245,199
Transportation	39,506
Public Schools	8,817,896
Higher Education	2,208,291
Other Education	50,041
Special Appropriations	1,268,552
Statewide Total	19,083,722



Washington State

Dept of Fish & Wildlife	80,809
Dept of Ecology	52,769
Dept of Natural Resources	48,126
Parks & Recreation Comm	41,084
Dept of Agriculture	15,745
Other Natural Resources	6,666
Natural Resources	245,199



Natural Resources

Columbia River Gorge Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1997-99 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	435	435	870
1998 Supplemental Budget			
1. Adjust to Oregon Fund Level	0	7	7
Total Supplemental Items	0	7	7
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1997-99 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	435	442	877
Fiscal Year 1998 Total	213	214	427
Fiscal Year 1999 Total	222	228	450

Comments:

1. ADJUST TO OREGON FUND LEVEL - A technical adjustment is made in the agency's private/local authority to reflect the amount of funds actually appropriated by the state of Oregon for the Commission's operations. (General Fund-Private/Local)

Department of Ecology

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1997-99 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	51,873	196,336	248,209
1998 Supplemental Budget			
1. Watershed Management	1,100	0	1,100
2. Watershed Planning Grants	3,900	0	3,900
3. Dairy Waste Management	400	0	400
4. Grass Seed Burning Research	0	29	29
5. Increase Private/Local Authority	0	557	557
6. Marine Information System	0	40	40
7. Additional Federal Authority	0	925	925
8. Programmatic Adjustments	0	-1,319	-1,319
9. Pine Hollow Study	300	0	300
10. Wetlands Mitigation Banking	196	0	196
11. Regulatory Reform	24	36	60
12. Fertilizer Regulation	0	417	417
13. Water Rights	200	0	200
14. Watershed Management Grants	-5,000	0	-5,000
15. Underground Storage Tank Program	0	195	195
16. Governor Veto	-224	-36	-260
Total Supplemental Items	896	844	1,740
1997-99 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	52,769	197,180	249,949
Fiscal Year 1998 Total	25,213	97,509	122,722
Fiscal Year 1999 Total	27,556	99,671	127,227

Comments:

1. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT - Funding is provided for 16 FTE staff to provide technical assistance to local watershed planning groups established in accordance with Chapter 247, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESHB 2514 - Integrated Watershed Management). The Department of Ecology (DOE) may provide a portion of these funds to other state agencies to provide technical assistance to local watershed planning groups as needed.
5. INCREASE PRIVATE/LOCAL AUTHORITY - DOE has received additional funding from outside sources to complete various projects. Authority is provided to allow expenditure of these funds. Projects include a water quality study of Budd Inlet, education and research activities at Padilla Bay, and water quality studies related to forest management activities. (General Fund-Private/Local)
2. WATERSHED PLANNING GRANTS - Funding is provided for grants to local watershed planning groups established in accordance with Chapter 247, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESHB 2514 - Integrated Watershed Management).
6. MARINE INFORMATION SYSTEM - The Marine Information System is a vessel information and risk analysis system. Funding is provided to complete the final components of the system, including expanded vessel ownership information and historical enforcement tracking. (Oil Spill Administration Account)
3. DAIRY WASTE MANAGEMENT - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 26, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (SSB 6161 - Dairy Nutrient Management). Five inspectors will be added to carry out permitting and inspection activities and to establish and administer a dairy database.
7. ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AUTHORITY - DOE has received additional federal funding for three specific projects to be allocated in the following manner: \$600,000 for the Department to integrate its information systems; \$250,000 for grants and contracts to local governments and nonprofit groups to support pollution prevention in the Lake Whatcom and Whatcom Creek watersheds; and \$75,000 for the Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Research Center to support a pollution prevention newsletter and their pollution prevention resource network. (General Fund-Federal)
4. GRASS SEED BURNING RESEARCH - An adjustment is made in the appropriation authority for the Grass Seed Burning Research Account. DOE will contract with Washington State University to conduct a grass burning emission study and for additional research to identify economically feasible alternatives to grass seed burning in Eastern Washington. (Special Grass Seed Burning Research Account)

Department of Ecology

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| <p>8. PROGRAMMATIC ADJUSTMENTS - Funding is reduced for several of DOE's programs due to revenue shortfalls. (Vehicle Tire Recycling Account, Wood Stove Education and Enforcement Account, Solid Waste Management Account, Air Operating Permit Account)</p> | <p>The Governor vetoed Section 303(5) of Chapter 346, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB 6108), which provided funds to implement specified sections of Chapter 280, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (E2SHB 2345 - Regulatory Reform). Since the Governor vetoed the specified sections of E2SHB 2345, the funding provided for this purpose will lapse.</p> |
| <p>9. PINE HOLLOW STUDY - Funding is provided to conduct a preconstruction analysis of Pine Hollow regarding its suitability as a site for a retainment dam and water storage reservoir. The analysis shall include, but is not limited to, an analysis of the geology and hydrology of the site and appropriate dam design and dynamics, its impact on water-related issues, and its impact on the Yakama Indian Nation and others water rights.</p> | <p>The Governor vetoed section 302(18) of Chapter 346, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB 6108), which redirects existing funding, previously provided to the Department of Ecology for study of coastal erosion in southwest Washington, to the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development for coastal erosion project grants.</p> |
| <p>10. WETLANDS MITIGATION BANKING - Funding is provided for staff to develop rules regarding certification, operation, and monitoring of wetlands mitigation banks in accordance with Chapter 248, Laws of 1998 (E2SHB 2339 - Wetlands Mitigation Banking).</p> | <p>The Governor vetoed section 302(19) of Chapter 346, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB 6108), which directs the Department of Ecology to provide expedited assistance to rural economic development projects, with top priority to projects that have initiated the coordinated permit assistance process.</p> |
| <p>11. REGULATORY REFORM - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 280, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (E2SHB 2345 - Regulatory Reform). The bill makes several changes to the Administrative Procedures Act relating to rule making; rules review; and information and notification regarding rules, policy, and interpretive statements. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal, Water Quality Permit, Air Pollution Control)</p> | <p>The Governor vetoed section 302(20) of Chapter 346, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB 6108), which directs the Department of Ecology to contract for a scientific review of various permits and studies related to efforts to control aquatic weeds in Lake Steilacoom.</p> |
| <p>12. FERTILIZER REGULATION - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 36, Laws of 1998 (SSB 6474 - Fertilizer Regulation). DOE responsibilities include a study of the presence of dioxins in soils and fertilizers and review of applications for registration of waste-derived fertilizers. (Local Toxics Control Account)</p> | |
| <p>13. WATER RIGHTS - Funding is provided to reopen the water right claim filing period for existing beneficial uses in accordance with ESSB 5703 (Water Rights for Beneficial Uses). This bill was vetoed by the Governor.</p> | |
| <p>14. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GRANTS - The Governor vetoed section 302 (4) of the 1997-99 biennial budget, which provided \$5 million for grants to local watershed planning groups contingent upon enactment of specific sections of 2SHB 2054 (Water Resources Planning). Under a March 20, 1998 decision of the Thurston County Superior Court, the Governor's veto resulted in a lapse of the appropriation, and the moneys are not available for expenditure.</p> | |
| <p>15. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 155, Laws of 1998 (SSB 6130 - Underground Storage Tank Reauthorization). The bill extends the termination of the Underground Storage Tank program to July 2009, adds a requirement for review under the Sunset Act prior to termination, and increases the annual tank licensing fee. (Underground Storage Tank Account)</p> | |
| <p>16. GOVERNOR VETO - The Governor vetoed Section 303(4) of Chapter 346, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB 6108), which provided \$200,000 for implementation of ESSB 5703 (Water Rights for Beneficial Uses). ESSB 5703 was vetoed in its entirety. The \$200,000 appropriation lapses.</p> | |

State Parks and Recreation Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1997-99 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	40,861	31,711	72,572
1998 Supplemental Budget			
1. PRSA Investment Authority	0	550	550
2. Cama Beach Caretaker	114	0	114
3. Headquarters Lease Increase	109	0	109
4. Health and Safety Maintenance	0	694	694
5. Snowmobile Program Expansion	0	950	950
6. Northwest Avalanche Center Grant	0	40	40
Total Supplemental Items	223	2,234	2,457
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1997-99 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	41,084	33,945	75,029
Fiscal Year 1998 Total	20,489	15,698	36,187
Fiscal Year 1999 Total	20,595	18,247	38,842

Comments:

1. PRSA INVESTMENT AUTHORITY - An adjustment is made in the appropriation authority for the Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) to reflect anticipated revenues from two specific programs: the Environmental Interpretation program and overnight accommodations at Fort Worden. (Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account)

2. CAMA BEACH CARETAKER - Funding is provided for a full-time ranger to coordinate park development activities, work with interest groups, respond to fire emergencies, provide security, and organize and supervise volunteers.

3. HEADQUARTERS LEASE INCREASE - Funding is provided for increased lease payments necessary to upgrade the heating and ventilation system and repair roof leaks at the existing facility.

4. HEALTH AND SAFETY MAINTENANCE - Funding is provided to address the most critical health and safety issues at state parks. Projects include replacing shower meters and electrical systems and repairing water and sewer systems. One-time federal funds from fire mobilization reimbursements are available for these projects. (General Fund-Federal)

5. SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM EXPANSION - Funding is provided for trail grooming and replacement of grooming equipment in snowmobile areas across the state. (Snowmobile Account)

6. NORTHWEST AVALANCHE CENTER GRANT - Funding is provided for operation of the Northwest Avalanche Center. (Snowmobile Account, Winter Recreation Account)

NOTE: The State Parks & Recreation Commission received an appropriation of \$4,431,000 in the original 1997-99 Transportation Budget.

Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1997-99 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	0	2,988	2,988
1998 Supplemental Budget			
1. National Recreational Trails	0	11	11
Total Supplemental Items	0	11	11
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1997-99 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	0	2,999	2,999
Fiscal Year 1998 Total	0	1,567	1,567
Fiscal Year 1999 Total	0	1,432	1,432

Comments:

1. NATIONAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS - Funding is provided from a federal grant to administer the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Recreational Trails Program. (General Fund-Federal)

State Conservation Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1997-99 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,678	440	2,118
1998 Supplemental Budget			
1. Conservation Reserve Program	1,000	0	1,000
2. Dairy Nutrients	200	0	200
3. Watershed Assessments	800	0	800
4. Volunteer Initiative	1,000	0	1,000
Total Supplemental Items	3,000	0	3,000
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1997-99 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	4,678	440	5,118
Fiscal Year 1998 Total	838	219	1,057
Fiscal Year 1999 Total	3,840	221	4,061

Comments:

1. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM - Funding is available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) for the protection and restoration of riparian zones to benefit salmon and improve water quality. Funding is provided in the operating budget for technical assistance to assist individual landowners in designing restoration projects that meet federal requirements. The state cost share for restoration projects is provided in the capital budget.
2. DAIRY NUTRIENTS - Funding is provided for local conservation districts to provide technical assistance to dairy farmers in accordance with Chapter 26, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (SSB 6161 - Dairy Nutrient Management).
3. WATERSHED ASSESSMENTS - Funding is provided to assist regional salmon recovery groups in identifying limiting factors for salmonids in accordance with the process established in Chapter 246, Laws of 1998 (SHB 2496 - Salmon Recovery Plan).
4. VOLUNTEER INITIATIVE - Funding is provided to implement a pilot volunteer initiative to train volunteers, conduct public outreach and education, and encourage landowners and land managers to use volunteers for salmon habitat improvements.

Department of Fish and Wildlife

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1997-99 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS *	72,251	178,581	250,832
1998 Supplemental Budget			
1. Big Game Raffle Authority	0	250	250
2. Columbia River Enforcement Officers	0	-1,878	-1,878
3. License Buy Back Program	1,170	3,500	4,670
4. Deer and Elk Damage Claims	250	0	250
5. Fish Passage Barriers	450	0	450
6. Independent Science Team	50	0	50
7. Salmon Restoration Projects	3,500	750	4,250
8. Watershed Assessments	700	0	700
9. Regulatory Reform	70	0	70
10. Remote Site Incubators	393	0	393
11. Mass Marking of Chinook	1,000	625	1,625
12. Recreational License Database	1,000	0	1,000
13. PSEA Shortfall	0	-4	-4
14. Nonindigenous Aquatic Species	45	0	45
15. Wildlife Fund Shortfall	0	-7,500	-7,500
16. Governor Veto	-70	0	-70
Total Supplemental Items	8,558	-4,257	4,301
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1997-99 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	80,809	174,324	255,133
Fiscal Year 1998 Total	35,869	86,656	122,525
Fiscal Year 1999 Total	44,940	87,668	132,608

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| <p>1. BIG GAME RAFFLE AUTHORITY - Authority is provided to expend greater than expected revenue collected from big game auctions and raffles in the 1997-99 biennium. The revenue is dedicated to wildlife conservation purposes. (Wildlife Account-State).</p> <p>2. COLUMBIA RIVER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS - Funding is reduced due to the elimination of federal funds. (General Fund-Federal)</p> <p>3. LICENSE BUY BACK PROGRAM - Funding is provided for a commercial salmon license buy back program. This program allows salmon fishermen the opportunity to sell their licenses back to the state and exit from salmon fisheries. A 25 percent state match is required to access \$3.5 million in federal funds. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)</p> <p>4. DEER AND ELK DAMAGE CLAIMS - Funding is provided for unanticipated deer and elk damage claims.</p> <p>5. FISH PASSAGE BARRIERS - Funding is provided for engineering and technical assistance to local governments and volunteer groups for fish passage barrier removal and to train Department of Transportation (DOT) engineers to provide engineering and technical assistance for fish passage barrier removal, in accordance with Chapter 246, Laws of 1998 (ESHB 2496 - Salmon Recovery Planning).</p> | <p>6. INDEPENDENT SCIENCE TEAM - Funding is provided to create the independent science panel authorized in Chapter 246, Laws of 1998 (ESHB 2496 - Salmon Recovery Planning). The panel will review regional salmon recovery plans at the request of the Governor.</p> <p>7. SALMON RESTORATION PROJECTS - Funding is provided to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to provide salmon habitat restoration project grants to local entities according to the process established in Chapter 246, Laws of 1998 (ESHB 2496 - Salmon Recovery Planning). Funds will be distributed by an interagency review team from DFW, the Conservation Commission, and DOT. The interagency review team must provide a summary of expenditures and projects to the Legislature and the Governor each year. (General Fund-State, Regional Fisheries Enhance Group-Federal)</p> <p>8. WATERSHED ASSESSMENTS - Funding is provided for grants to regional lead entities for administrative activities, development of habitat project lists, and limiting factors analysis in accordance with Chapter 246, Laws of 1998 (ESHB 2496 - Salmon Recovery Planning).</p> |
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Department of Fish and Wildlife

9. REGULATORY REFORM - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 280, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (E2SHB 2345 - Regulatory Reform). The bill makes several changes to the Administrative Procedures Act relating to rule making; rules review; and information and notification regarding rules, policy, and interpretive statements.
10. REMOTE SITE INCUBATORS - Funding is provided for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop a remote site incubator program to implement Chapter 251, Laws of 1998 (SSB 6324 - Fish Remote Site Incubator).
11. MASS MARKING OF CHINOOK - Funding is provided for the mass marking of hatchery Chinook in accordance with Chapter 250, Laws of 1998 (2SSB 6264 - Chinook Salmon Mass Marking). The mass marking will be jointly funded by state, federal, and private entities. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Local)
12. RECREATIONAL LICENSE DATABASE - Funding is provided for the purchase and development of a recreational license database to facilitate the license reorganization in Chapter 191, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (2SSB 6330 - Fish and Wildlife Licenses) and to improve the collection and accountability for recreational license revenues.
13. PSEA SHORTFALL - Funding is reduced to reflect a revenue shortfall in the Public Safety and Education Account (PSEA).
14. NONINDIGENOUS AQUATIC SPECIES - Funding is provided to form a task force in accordance with Chapter 153, Laws of 1998 (SSB 6114 - Nonindigenous Aquatic Species) which authorizes the Department to develop recommendations to prevent the spread of zebra mussels and green crabs.
15. WILDLIFE FUND SHORTFALL - Late in the legislative session, the Department notified the Legislature of a \$17 million budget shortfall in the Wildlife Account. Appropriation authority and staff are reduced for programs that receive funds from the wildlife account due to the shortfall. The Department must propose an expenditure reduction plan to the Legislature by April 17, 1998. Preliminary reduction plans submitted by the Department indicate that no more than \$500,000 will be reduced from supporting hatcheries production, and no more than four enforcement officers will be cut. (Wildlife Account-State)
16. GOVERNOR VETO - The Governor vetoed Section 307(34) of Chapter 346, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB 6108), which provided funds to implement specified sections of Chapter 280, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (E2SHB 2345 - Regulatory Reform). Since the Governor vetoed the specified sections of E2SHB 2345, the funding provided for this purpose will lapse.

NOTE: * The 1997-99 Original Appropriations include a \$24,000 appropriation from Chapter 425, Laws of 1997 (SSB 5327), for the Habitat Incentives Program

Department of Natural Resources

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1997-99 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS *	47,959	192,177	240,136
1998 Supplemental Budget			
1. GIS Inventory	117	0	117
2. Mobile Radio Replacement	0	750	750
3. Regulatory Reform	75	75	150
4. Aquatic Land Lease Rate Study	0	71	71
5. Finfish Netpen Aquaculture Study	50	0	50
6. Spartina Eradication	0	50	50
7. Governor Veto	-75	-825	-900
Total Supplemental Items	167	121	288
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1997-99 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	48,126	192,298	240,424
Fiscal Year 1998 Total	23,779	95,135	118,914
Fiscal Year 1999 Total	24,347	97,163	121,510

Comments:

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| <p>1. GIS INVENTORY - Funding is provided for a Geographical Information System (GIS) inventory of Washington sand, gravel, and construction rock resources.</p> <p>2. MOBILE RADIO REPLACEMENT - Funding is provided for radio equipment compatible with the new Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) regulations. Equipment will be purchased for areas where failure to convert to the new channels within one year may result in loss of channel licenses and demonstrated usage of new radio communication channels is necessary to preserve these licenses. (Natural Resources Equipment Account)</p> <p>3. REGULATORY REFORM - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 280, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (E2SHB 2345 - Regulatory Reform). The bill makes several changes to the Administrative Procedures Act relating to rule making; rules review; and information and notification regarding rules, policy, and interpretive statements. (General Fund-State, Forest Development Account-State, Resource Management Cost Account-State)</p> <p>4. AQUATIC LAND LEASE RATE STUDY - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 185, Laws of 1998 (2SSB 6156 - State Aquatic Lands Leases), requiring the Department of Natural Resources to study methods for calculating water-dependent lease rates on state-owned aquatic lands. (Resource Management Cost Account-State)</p> <p>5. FINFISH NETPEN AQUACULTURE STUDY - Funding is provided for a study of potential finfish netpen aquaculture sites along the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Pacific Coast.</p> | <p>6. SPARTINA ERADICATION - Funding is provided for a field study of the effectiveness of certain biological control methods for the eradication of spartina. (Resource Management Cost Account-State)</p> <p>7. GOVERNOR VETO - The Governor vetoed Section 308(10) of Chapter 346, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB6108), which provided \$750,000 from the Natural Resources Equipment Account for the replacement of mobile radios. The \$750,000 appropriation lapses.</p> <p>The Governor vetoed Section 308(11) of Chapter 346, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB 6108), which provided funds to implement specified sections of Chapter 280, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (E2SHB 2345 - Regulatory Reform). Since the Governor vetoed the specified sections of E2SHB 2345, the funding provided for this purpose will lapse.</p> <p>NOTE: * The 1997-99 Original Appropriations include a \$24,000 appropriation from Chapter 425, Laws of 1997 (SSB 5327) for the Habitat Incentives Program.</p> |
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Department of Agriculture

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1997-99 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	14,604	63,734	78,338
1998 Supplemental Budget			
1. Asian Gypsy Moth	421	361	782
2. Lease and Tenant Improvements	720	1,164	1,884
3. Fertilizer Safety Study	0	258	258
4. Livestock Identification Program	95	95	190
5. Regulatory Reform	50	0	50
6. Governor Veto	-145	-95	-240
Total Supplemental Items	1,141	1,783	2,924
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1997-99 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	15,745	65,517	81,262
Fiscal Year 1998 Total	7,605	31,801	39,406
Fiscal Year 1999 Total	8,140	33,716	41,856

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ASIAN GYPSY MOTH - Funding is provided for projects to eradicate infestations of Asian Gypsy Moths. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal) 2. LEASE AND TENANT IMPROVEMENTS - Funding is provided for lease increases and tenant improvements for Department programs in Yakima and Olympia. (General Fund-State, Agricultural Local Account-Non-appropriated) 3. FERTILIZER SAFETY STUDY - Funding is provided for a study of plant uptake of heavy metals and implementation of Chapter 36, Laws of 1998 (SSB 6474 - Fertilizer Regulation). (Local Toxics Control Account) 4. LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM - A one-time General Fund-State appropriation of \$95,000 is deposited in the Livestock Identification Account to implement Chapter 263, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB 6204 - Livestock Identification). 5. REGULATORY REFORM - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 280, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (E2SHB 2345 - Regulatory Reform). The bill makes several changes to the Administrative Procedures Act relating to rule making; rules review; and information and notification regarding rules, policy, and interpretive statements. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. GOVERNOR VETO - The Governor vetoed Section 309(6) of Chapter 346, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB 6108), which provided funds to implement specified sections of Chapter 280, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (E2SHB 2345 - Regulatory Reform). Since the Governor vetoed the specified sections of E2SHB 2345, the funding provided for this purpose will lapse. <p>The Governor vetoed Section 309(7) of Chapter 346, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB 6108), which provided \$95,000 for a one-time general fund deposit into the Livestock Identification Account, contingent upon enactment of specific sections of Chapter 263, Laws of 1998, Partial Veto (ESSB 6204 - Livestock Identification). Since the specific sections of ESSB 6204 were vetoed, the \$60,000 appropriation lapses.</p> <p>NOTE: The Department of Agriculture received an appropriation of \$304,000 in the original 1997-99 Transportation Budget.</p> |
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Washington Pollution Liability Insurance Program

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1997-99 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	0	2,054	2,054
1998 Supplemental Budget			
1. Legal Costs	0	100	100
Total Supplemental Items	0	100	100
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1997-99 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	0	2,154	2,154
Fiscal Year 1998 Total	0	1,062	1,062
Fiscal Year 1999 Total	0	1,092	1,092

Comments:

1. LEGAL COSTS - As a result of a recent Washington Supreme Court ruling, the Washington Pollution Liability Insurance Program will pursue recovery of reinsurance funds spent on groundwater cleanup. New funding covers investigation as well as legal representation and associated costs. (Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account)