

# Natural Resources

## Salmon Recovery

On March 16, 1999, the National Marine Fisheries Service added seven populations of Washington salmon and steelhead to the endangered species list. The salmon populations, or evolutionarily significant units, cover a wide geographic area in Washington. Species listed include: Puget Sound chinook; Upper and Lower Columbia River chinook; Middle Columbia River steelhead; Columbia River chum; Hood Canal chum; and Ozette Lake sockeye. Activities that adversely impact salmon and salmon habitat including harvesting fish, hatcheries, hydropower generation, and habitat alteration will need to comply with the Endangered Species Act.

### Ensure Coordination and Accountability

#### **Salmon Recovery Grant Funding**

The capital budget provides \$119.9 million (\$82.9 million General Fund-Federal, \$37.0 million other funds) to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for grants for salmon restoration projects and activities. These funds will be allocated to the highest priority projects across the state to remove fish passage barriers, restore fish habitat, reduce water quality degradation, and support community-based restoration efforts.

### Enhance Non-Regulatory Approaches

#### **Watershed Planning Grants**

The Watershed Planning Act of 1998 established a three-phase process to organize watershed planning groups, conduct watershed assessments, and develop recommendations for implementation. The operating budget provides \$5.5 million for all existing planning groups to complete the three planning phases and for watershed groups that have indicated an interest in planning to organize and conduct watershed assessments.

#### **Lead Entity Grants**

The operating budget provides \$2.5 million from the Salmon Recovery Account for grants to lead entities established under the Salmon Recovery Act of 1998. Lead entities will assess current habitat conditions in watersheds, identify potential salmon restoration projects, and prioritize projects for implementation.

#### **Commercial License Buy-Back**

In fiscal year 1998, the state provided a 25 percent match to federal funds appropriated for commercial license buyback. The Department of Fish and Wildlife purchased 391 commercial licenses, from more than 1,000 licenses offered for sale. The operating budget provides \$2.3 million from the Salmon Recovery Account to match \$7 million of federal funds to continue the commercial license program in each fiscal year of the 1999-01 biennium.

#### **Small Landowner Riparian Easements**

The state Forest Practices Board is proposing revisions to the forest practices rules to protect salmon and water quality in accordance with Chapter 4, Laws of 1999, 1<sup>st</sup> sp.s., Partial Veto (ESHB 2091 – Forest Practices/ Salmon Recovery). The revised rules include increased setbacks from streams. The capital budget provides \$10 million in federal funds to purchase riparian easements from small timber owners to mitigate the economic impact of the revised rules.

### **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**

Under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), the federal government pays agricultural landowners for long-term leases of riparian areas. State funds are used to match federal and private funds for riparian habitat enhancement in areas enrolled in the program. The capital budget provides \$5 million in state bond funding to continue the state's participation in CREP.

### **Water Rights Purchase**

The capital budget provides \$1 million in state bond funding for a pilot project to assess the effectiveness of water rights purchase for increasing the amount of water available in stream uses. The Department of Ecology will report on the program and make recommendations for continuation prior to the 2001-03 biennium.

## **Maintain State Agency Capacity**

### **Fish and Wildlife Enforcement**

In 1998, the Department of Fish and Wildlife reduced the enforcement program due to federal funding reductions and a state Wildlife Account shortfall. The operating budget provides \$2.5 million in state general funds to hire back 20 enforcement officers to focus on enforcement of laws related to protection of fish habitat and illegal harvest of salmon and steelhead.

### **Forest Practices Improvements**

The Department of Natural Resources, timber industry, federal government, local governments, and tribes have negotiated changes to the state Forest Practices Rules. Changes include increased stream setbacks, changes to road maintenance and abandonment requirements, and increased monitoring. The operating budget provides \$4.3 million from the Salmon Recovery Account, \$300,000 from the state general fund, and \$7 million in federal funds to the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Ecology, and Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement the revised rules in accordance with Chapter 4, Laws of 1999, 1<sup>st</sup> sp.s., Partial Veto (ESHB 2091 – Forest Practices/Salmon Recovery).

### **Limiting Factors Analysis**

Under the Salmon Recovery Act of 1998, the Conservation Commission began analyzing the limiting factors to salmon recovery. The operating budget provides \$2.0 million from the Salmon Recovery Account to complete the analysis in each region. Information will be entered into a database that will overlay salmon presence with limiting factors such as barriers or degraded habitat to help guide future project and funding decisions.

### **Water Rights Decision Making**

A decrease in dedicated funds will reduce the Department of Ecology's water rights program staff. As watershed plans are completed, local watershed groups will request that the Department begin issuing water rights decisions. The operating budget provides \$1.7 million in General Fund-State to backfill the reductions due to the loss of dedicated funds and to add staff to reduce the water rights decision backlog.

### **Setting Pollutant Levels for Water**

There are currently over 600 water bodies in the state that do not meet state water quality standards. The operating budget provides \$1.5 million to implement Chapter 11, Laws of 1999, 1<sup>st</sup> sp.s. (SB 5670 – Noxious Weed Herbicides), for the Department of Ecology to assess pollutants entering these water bodies and establish the total maximum daily load for pollutants.

### **Technical Assistance**

Local governments and volunteer groups have an increasing need for technical assistance in the areas of water quality, water resources, and habitat restoration. The operating budget provides \$700,000 General Fund-State, \$3.5 million from the Salmon Recovery Account, and \$1 million in federal funds to the Conservation Commission, Department of Ecology, and Department of Fish and Wildlife for coordinated technical assistance related to salmon recovery.

## **Other Natural Resources**

### **Keeping State Parks Open**

The operating budget provides an additional \$9.0 million General Fund-State to operate and maintain state parks facilities and provide additional ranger safety training and equipment.

### **Washington Conservation Corps**

The Washington Conservation Corps program was scheduled to sunset on June 30, 1999. The operating budget provides \$4.0 million General Fund-State and \$3.5 million in other funds to continue the program.

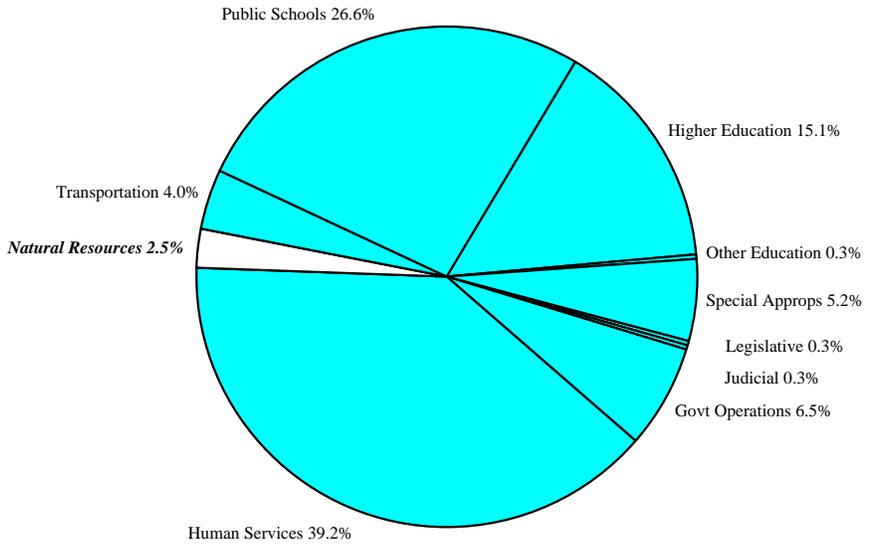
### **Department of Fish & Wildlife Business Practices**

A business practices assessment completed in November of 1998 identified a number of inadequate business systems at the Department. The operating budget provides \$1.8 million General Fund-State to improve these essential systems.

**1999-01 Washington State Operating Budget**  
**Total Budgeted Funds**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

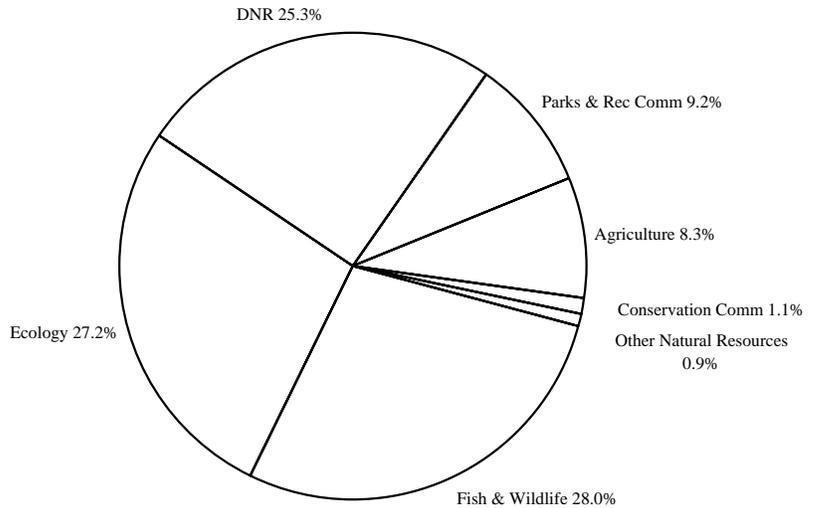
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Legislative	134,074
Judicial	117,098
Governmental Operations	2,537,982
Human Services	15,261,315
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>980,598</b>
Transportation	1,549,524
Public Schools	10,327,599
Higher Education	5,862,453
Other Education	99,870
Special Appropriations	2,025,008
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>38,895,521</b>



**Washington State**

Dept of Fish & Wildlife	274,570
Dept of Ecology	266,931
Dept of Natural Resources	247,938
Parks & Recreation Comm	90,113
Dept of Agriculture	81,566
Conservation Commission	11,126
Other Natural Resources	8,354
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>980,598</b>

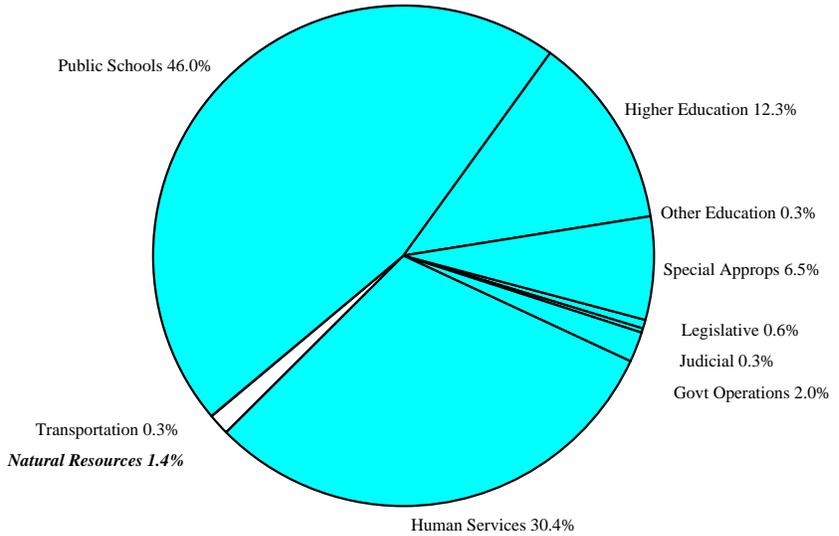


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**1999-01 Washington State Operating Budget**  
**General Fund-State**  
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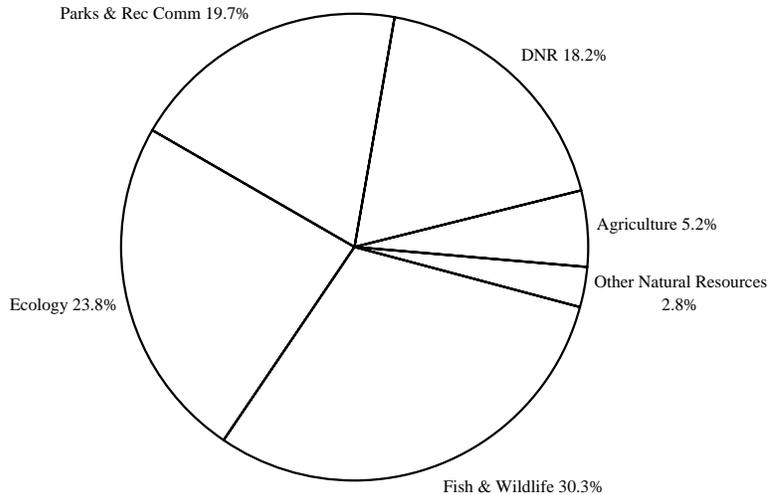
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Legislative	117,413
Judicial	62,060
Governmental Operations	403,375
Human Services	6,252,967
<b><i>Natural Resources</i></b>	<b>282,072</b>
Transportation	53,453
Public Schools	9,463,978
Higher Education	2,538,245
Other Education	52,930
Special Appropriations	1,346,329
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>20,572,822</b>



**Washington State**

Dept of Fish & Wildlife	85,339
Dept of Ecology	67,097
Parks & Recreation Comm	55,571
Dept of Natural Resources	51,425
Dept of Agriculture	14,792
Other Natural Resources	7,848
<b><i>Natural Resources</i></b>	<b>282,072</b>



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## Columbia River Gorge Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>877</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>742</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. Land Use Monitoring and Assistance	80	80	160
2. Monitoring/Plan Review	218	218	436
3. General Inflation	-1	-1	-2
4. Columbia River Gorge County Grants	-160	0	-160
5. Match Oregon Current Service Level	59	59	118
6. Computer and Network Upgrades	30	30	60
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>1,354</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	370	350	720
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	327	307	634

**Comments:**

1. LAND USE MONITORING AND ASSISTANCE - Funding is provided for staff to monitor land use decisions, ensure compliance with the National Scenic Area Act, and provide planning and legal assistance to county and state agencies on land use decisions in the National Scenic Area. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Local)
2. MONITORING/PLAN REVIEW - The National Scenic Area Act requires the Commission to review the Scenic Area Management Plan every 10 years. Funding is provided for the Commission to collect resource and land use information, expand and maintain the monitoring system, and use the monitoring system information to determine if the goals and objectives outlined in the Scenic Area Management Plan are being accomplished. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Local)
3. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
4. COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COUNTY GRANTS - Grants to Washington's Columbia River Gorge counties for the implementation of the National Scenic Area Act are transferred to the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development.
5. MATCH OREGON CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL - Funding is provided to match the amount Oregon provides for the Commission's operating costs.
6. COMPUTER AND NETWORK UPGRADES - Funding is provided to upgrade the Commission's computers and establish a local area network. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Local)

## Department of Ecology

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>52,769</b>	<b>197,180</b>	<b>249,949</b>
1999 Supplemental *	-12	21	9
<b>Total 1997-99 Biennium</b>	<b>52,757</b>	<b>197,201</b>	<b>249,958</b>
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<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>57,235</b>	<b>196,338</b>	<b>253,573</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. General Inflation	-1,149	-1,420	-2,569
2. Data For Local Decision Making	657	500	1,157
3. Watershed Management	700	198	898
4. Forest Practices Rules	277	277	554
5. Managing Urban Stormwater	100	0	100
6. Water Rights Decision Making	1,722	0	1,722
7. Water Conservation and Reuse	797	797	1,594
8. Set Pollutant Levels for Water	1,463	1,870	3,333
9. Watershed Planning Grants	4,000	1,500	5,500
10. Monitor Progress of Salmon Recovery	182	181	363
11. Pollution Prevention Projects	0	380	380
12. Outreach/Community Right to Know	0	181	181
13. Spill Response Equipment	0	120	120
14. North Sound Risk Management	0	307	307
15. Spills Information Management	0	211	211
16. Automated Loan Tracking System	0	554	554
17. Litter Control/Prevention	0	2,170	2,170
18. Water Conservancy Boards	290	0	290
19. Compliance with Existing Laws	0	1,120	1,120
20. Programmatic Adjustments	0	-4,200	-4,200
21. Basic Data Acct to Non-Approp	0	0	0
22. Referendum 38 Operating Costs	0	-840	-840
23. Hydrological Data Purchase	0	128	128
24. Permit Assistance Center	767	2,058	2,825
25. Administrative Reductions	-720	0	-720
26. Environmental Excellence	-87	-233	-320
27. Sediment Management Reduction	-150	0	-150
28. Aquatic Plant Management	483	0	483
29. Gravel Removal Studies	500	0	500
30. Fauntleroy Cove	30	0	30
31. State Toxics Reductions	0	-5,881	-5,881
32. Washington Conservation Corps	0	3,518	3,518
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<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>67,097</b>	<b>199,834</b>	<b>266,931</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	33,558	100,655	134,213
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	33,539	99,179	132,718

### Comments:

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| <p>1. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.</p> <p>2. DATA FOR LOCAL DECISION MAKING - Funding is provided to digitize existing water rights documents and to create a system to index and provide access to these documents to the public. Federal funding is provided to update the Department's water rights application tracking system. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)</p> <p>3. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT - Funding is provided for technical assistance and hydrogeologic data to support local watershed planning efforts. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)</p> | <p>4. FOREST PRACTICES RULES - The Forest Practices Board is revising state forest practices rules consistent with Chapter 4, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s., Partial Veto (ESHB 2091 - Forest Practices/Salmon Recovery). Funding is provided to monitor the effectiveness of the new rules on water quality and to participate in additional watershed analysis. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)</p> <p>5. MANAGING URBAN STORMWATER - Funding is provided for an advisory committee of stakeholders to develop a plan to address local stormwater management and report its recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 2000.</p> <p>6. WATER RIGHTS DECISION MAKING - Funding is provided for additional staff to reduce the water right decision backlog.</p> |
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7. WATER CONSERVATION AND REUSE - Funding is provided for the Department to work with the Department of Health, local governments, irrigation districts, and other water users to develop water conservation and reuse programs in critical basins where low flows have been identified as a limiting factor for salmon recovery. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)
8. SET POLLUTANT LEVELS FOR WATER - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 11, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s. (SB 5670 - Noxious Weed Herbicides), to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads for impaired water bodies across the state. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)
9. WATERSHED PLANNING GRANTS - The Watershed Planning Act of 1998 established a three-phase process to organize watershed planning groups, conduct watershed assessments, and develop recommendations for plan implementation. Funding is provided for all existing planning groups to complete the three planning phases, and for watershed groups that have indicated an interest in planning to organize and conduct watershed assessments. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)
10. MONITOR PROGRESS OF SALMON RECOVERY - Funding is provided for the Department, in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to establish long-term index sites within 10 watersheds to measure the condition of fish habitat and landscape features. The Department will collect water quality, temperature, and water flow information. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)
11. POLLUTION PREVENTION PROJECTS - Funding is provided for pollution prevention activities, including establishing a high level engineering team to provide technical assistance to selected businesses for pollution prevention projects, and supporting the Department of General Administration in identifying and purchasing environmentally responsible products. (Hazardous Waste Assistance Account, Worker and Community Right-to-Know Account)
12. OUTREACH/COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW - Funding is provided to develop specific Department of Ecology policies to comply with Title IV of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, including conducting public outreach activities and coordinating with the federal Environmental Protection Agency and others in developing permitting guidelines. (Worker and Community Right-to-Know Account)
13. SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT - Funding is provided to replace spill response vehicles which have exceeded their useful life. In accordance with Chapter 7, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s. (ESHB 2247 - Oil Spill Response Tax), funds are transferred from the Oil Spill Response Account to the Oil Spill Administration Account. (Oil Spill Administration Account)
14. NORTH SOUND RISK MANAGEMENT - Funding is provided for the Department to develop an oil spill risk management plan with the active involvement of all stakeholders. In accordance with Chapter 7, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s. (ESHB 2247 - Oil Spill Response Tax), funds are transferred from the Oil Spill Response Account to the Oil Spill Administration Account. (Oil Spill Administration Account)
15. SPILLS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT - Funding is provided to develop an information systems strategic plan to integrate various database activities such as vessel inspections, enforcement, and contingency planning. The Environmental Report Tracking System will be upgraded to improve tracking of environmental incidents and complaints statewide, and the Marine Information System will be converted to a new programming language to ensure long-term reliability. In accordance with Chapter 7, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s. (ESHB 2247 - Oil Spill Response Tax), funds are transferred from the Oil Spill Response Account to the Oil Spill Administration Account. (Oil Spill Administration Account)
16. AUTOMATED LOAN TRACKING SYSTEM - Funding is provided for an automated loan receivable system to improve cash management and maximize resources available for State Water Quality Revolving Fund loan applicants. (Water Pollution Control Revolving Account)
17. LITTER CONTROL/PREVENTION - Funding is provided to increase grants to local governments and state agencies to clean up litter across the state, to increase anti-litter public awareness programs, and monitor the effectiveness of the components of the litter program. (Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account)
18. WATER CONSERVANCY BOARDS - Funding is provided for the Department to provide training and technical assistance to support activities of county water conservancy boards.
19. COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS - Funding is provided to increase compliance with existing water quality and water resources laws. (Salmon Recovery Account)
20. PROGRAMMATIC ADJUSTMENTS - Several of the Department of Ecology's programs are being reduced due to revenue shortfalls, resulting in less funding available to clean up tire piles, address air quality, manage solid waste, and control aquatic weeds. (Vehicle Tire Recycling Account, Wood Stove Education and Enforcement Account, Solid Waste Management Account, Air Operating Permit Account, Air Pollution Control Account, Freshwater Aquatic Weeds Account, Reclamation Revolving Account, State and Local Improvements Revolving Account-Waste Disposal, Flood Control Assistance Account, Special Grass Seed Burning Research Account)
21. BASIC DATA ACCT TO NON-APPROP - The Basic Data Account is used to compensate the United States Geological Survey for hydrological data purchased by citizens and local governments. The account is used to pass funds through to the federal government and is moved from appropriated to non-appropriated status. (Basic Data Account-Non-Appropriated)
22. REFERENDUM 38 OPERATING COSTS - Operating budget expenditures are reduced to more accurately reflect the operating and capital costs of the Referendum 38 Water Supply Facility Grant program. (State and Local Improvements Revolving Account-Water Supply Facilities)
23. HYDROLOGICAL DATA PURCHASE - The Department acts as a clearinghouse for citizens and local governments to purchase hydrological data from the United States Geological Survey. Additional purchases are anticipated and the authorization level is increased accordingly. (Basic Data Account-Non-Appropriated)
24. PERMIT ASSISTANCE CENTER - Funding is provided to continue operation of the state permit assistance center and to establish four regional permit assistance centers. (General Fund-Local, State Toxics Control Account)
25. ADMINISTRATIVE REDUCTIONS - Reductions are made in the Department's Administration program including the elimination of selected training, policy, and economic staff.
26. ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE - The Environmental Excellence program was established in 1997. The use of this program by industry or local governments has been limited. State general fund support for the program is eliminated. Proponents will cover the costs of their application through dedicated fees provided to the Department of Ecology. (General Fund-State, Environmental Excellence Account)
27. SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT REDUCTION - Funding for sediment management technical assistance to local governments is eliminated.
28. AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 255, Laws of 1999 (ESSB 5424 - Aquatic Plant Management), to update the 1992 Aquatic Plant Management Environmental Impact Statement.
29. GRAVEL REMOVAL STUDIES - Funding is provided for studies of the impacts of gravel removal on the hydrology of Maury Island, and the impacts of gravel deposit on instream flow and sedimentation of Des Moines, Miller, and Walker Creeks.
30. FAUNTLEROY COVE - Funding is provided to monitor and address odor problems in Fauntleroy Cove in coordination with the Marine Operations Division of the Department of Transportation.

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31. STATE TOXICS REDUCTIONS - Appropriation authority for the State Toxics Control Account is reduced due to a decrease in revenues. Program and staff will be reduced in the toxics cleanup program and other Department programs receiving State Toxics Control Account funding. Funding for activities related to public information and outreach is transferred to the Worker and Community Right-to-Know Account. (State Toxics Control Account, Worker and Community Right-to-Know Account)
32. WASHINGTON CONSERVATION CORPS - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 280, Laws of 1999 (SB 5255 - Conservation Corps). Additional funding is provided to cover the increased minimum wage costs for Conservation Corps crews. An additional \$900,000 is provided for contracts with local communities for salmon restoration work. (General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Local, Water Quality Account)

\* Please see the 1999 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

## State Parks and Recreation Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>41,084</b>	<b>33,945</b>	<b>75,029</b>
1999 Supplemental *	-22	-71	-93
<b>Total 1997-99 Biennium</b>	<b>41,062</b>	<b>33,874</b>	<b>74,936</b>
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<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>45,135</b>	<b>33,651</b>	<b>78,786</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. General Inflation	-403	-40	-443
2. Park Maintenance & Operating Costs	2,934	0	2,934
3. NW Avalanche Center	80	0	80
4. PRSA Shortfall	3,000	-2,000	1,000
5. Public and Ranger Safety	3,068	0	3,068
6. Native American Graves Repatriation	136	0	136
7. Washington Conservation Corps	1,621	0	1,621
8. Enhance Park Revenues	0	2,000	2,000
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<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>55,571</b>	<b>33,611</b>	<b>89,182</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	27,498	16,096	43,594
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	28,073	17,515	45,588

### Comments:

1. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
2. PARK MAINTENANCE & OPERATING COSTS - Funding is provided for maintenance and operating costs at state parks, including additional regional maintenance staff to maintain state parks facilities.
3. NW AVALANCHE CENTER - Funding is provided to support the operations of the Northwest Avalanche Center.
4. PRSA SHORTFALL - Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) revenues have not kept up with projections. General Fund-State funding is provided to address the shortfall. An additional \$1 million is provided for 3 percent cost-of-living increases. (General Fund-State, Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account)
5. PUBLIC AND RANGER SAFETY - Funding is provided for improvements to ranger safety, including replacing body armor and radios; establishing direct communication links with the State Patrol and local law enforcement to reduce back-up response time; increasing and standardizing training; and replacing an outdated law enforcement tracking system.
6. NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES REPATRIATION - The Federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act requires state agencies receiving federal funding to inventory Native American remains and cultural items in their possession and to circulate this information to the culturally-affiliated Indian tribe. Funding is provided to allow the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to meet the requirements of the Act.
7. WASHINGTON CONSERVATION CORPS - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 280, Laws of 1999 (SB 5255 - Conservation Corps). Additional funding is provided to cover the increased minimum wage costs of Washington Conservation Corps crews.
8. ENHANCE PARK REVENUES - Additional appropriation authority is provided from the Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account to allow the Parks Commission to initiate enterprise activities. Funds may be used for deferred maintenance and visitor and ranger safety activities. (Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account)

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

\* Please see the 1999 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

## Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,999</b>	<b>2,999</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,942</b>	<b>2,942</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. General Inflation	0	-11	-11
2. Recreation Accessibility Specialist	0	28	28
3. Recreation Participation Assessment	0	60	60
4. Salmon Recovery Board	275	0	275
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>3,019</b>	<b>3,294</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	137	1,548	1,685
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	138	1,471	1,609

**Comments:**

1. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
2. RECREATION ACCESSIBILITY SPECIALIST - Funding is provided for a recreation accessibility specialist to assist local governments and state agencies in designing and constructing recreation facilities that are accessible to all Washington citizens, including citizens with physical impairment. (Recreation Resources Account-State)
3. RECREATION PARTICIPATION ASSESSMENT - Funding is provided to conduct a statewide survey of citizens' recreational activities, needs, and barriers to accessing recreational opportunities. The survey will be used to develop updated criteria for future funding decisions in the various grant programs administered by the agency. (Recreation Resources Account-State)
4. SALMON RECOVERY BOARD - Funding is provided for grant and loan administration assistance, tracking salmon recovery expenditures, and administrative support for the Salmon Recovery Board, in accordance with Chapter 13, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s., Partial Veto (E2SSB 5595 - Salmon Recovery Funding Board).

## Environmental Hearings Office

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,553</b>
1999 Supplemental *	44	0	44
<b>Total 1997-99 Biennium</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,597</b>
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<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,611</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. General Inflation	-9	0	-9
2. Public Access to Information	10	0	10
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<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,612</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	807	0	807
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	805	0	805

**Comments:**

1. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
2. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION - Funding is provided to allow the Office to publish its calendar and case decisions on the Internet. This funding continues a one-time add in the 1997-99 biennium to implement these services.

\* Please see the 1999 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

## State Conservation Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>5,118</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>4,167</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>4,612</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. General Inflation	-9	-1	-10
2. Columbia Basin Groundwater Area	1,100	0	1,100
3. Vehicle Usage	6	0	6
4. Volunteers for Salmon Restoration	0	2,000	2,000
5. Farm Plan Development	0	250	250
6. Local Salmon Recovery Tech Asst	0	1,200	1,200
7. Limiting Factors Analysis - Salmon	0	1,968	1,968
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>5,264</b>	<b>5,862</b>	<b>11,126</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	2,630	3,055	5,685
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	2,634	2,807	5,441

**Comments:**

1. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
2. COLUMBIA BASIN GROUNDWATER AREA - Funding is provided for five conservation districts in the Columbia Basin Groundwater Management Area of Adams, Franklin, and Grant Counties to protect groundwater from contamination. Funding will be used to develop and implement best management practices that reduce nitrate run-off and leaching to surface and ground waters.
3. VEHICLE USAGE - The Commission intends to sell its existing vehicle. Funding is provided for costs associated with increased use of the motor pool.
4. VOLUNTEERS FOR SALMON RESTORATION - Funding is provided to continue a volunteer salmon recovery initiative originally funded as a pilot project in the 1998 legislative session. Salmon recovery account funds are provided for support of regional fisheries enhancement groups, and federal funds are provided for statewide coordination activities. (Salmon Recovery Account, General Fund-Federal)
5. FARM PLAN DEVELOPMENT - Funding is provided to review the existing Field Office Technical Guides of the Natural Resource Conservation Service to ensure the guides meet federal Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act requirements. (Salmon Recovery Account)
6. LOCAL SALMON RECOVERY TECH ASST - Funding is provided to the Commission to contract for technical assistance to support salmon recovery activities conducted by local salmon recovery groups. (Salmon Recovery Account)
7. LIMITING FACTORS ANALYSIS - SALMON - Funding is provided to continue the process of identifying the limiting factors to salmon recovery. Strategies for protection and recovery will then be developed to address specific stream-related problems. (Salmon Recovery Account)

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>80,809</b>	<b>174,324</b>	<b>255,133</b>
1999 Supplemental *	-26	2,371	2,345
<b>Total 1997-99 Biennium</b>	<b>80,783</b>	<b>176,695</b>	<b>257,478</b>
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<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>86,561</b>	<b>168,617</b>	<b>255,178</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. Puget Sound Chinook Enhancement	0	1,200	1,200
2. General Inflation	-1,036	-2,007	-3,043
3. Point-of-Sale Implementation	500	0	500
4. Green Crab Control	464	0	464
5. Recreational Shellfish Enhancement	0	150	150
6. Salmon Recovery Tech Assistance	0	2,000	2,000
7. Warmwater Fish Enhancement	91	0	91
8. Salmon Stamps	0	200	200
9. Remote Site Incubator	-690	0	-690
10. Hatchery ESA Strategy	0	500	500
11. Predation Control	0	400	400
12. Bycatch Monitoring	0	300	300
13. Selective Harvest	0	100	100
14. Yellowstar Thistle Controls	48	0	48
15. Noxious Weed Survey and Control	334	0	334
16. Rebuilding Distressed Elk Herds	100	0	100
17. Federal Salmon Enhancement Grants	0	750	750
18. Trout Purchase	0	400	400
19. Shellfish Dive Fisheries	0	230	230
20. Salmon Recovery Board	-7,000	0	-7,000
21. Tennant Lake	35	0	35
22. Aquatic Nuisance	65	0	65
23. Crab Catch Records	100	0	100
24. Transfer Science Panel Funding	-100	0	-100
25. SSHEAR Funding	1,900	0	1,900
26. Monitor Progress of Salmon Recovery	0	3,000	3,000
27. Technical Assistance-Forestry Rules	0	1,551	1,551
28. Commercial License Buyback	0	9,340	9,340
29. Lead Entities-Salmon Recovery	0	2,500	2,500
30. Enforcement of Existing Laws	3,487	0	3,487
31. Intertidal Shellfish Reductions	-144	0	-144
32. Administrative Savings	-340	0	-340
33. Redirect Efforts to Local Projects	-35	0	-35
34. Washington Conservation Corps	999	0	999
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<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>85,339</b>	<b>189,231</b>	<b>274,570</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	42,896	92,118	135,014
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	42,443	97,113	139,556

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| <p>1. PUGET SOUND CHINOOK ENHANCEMENT - Funding is provided to rear additional Chinook salmon to increase recreational fishing opportunities. (Recreational Fisheries Enhancement Account)</p> <p>2. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.</p> | <p>3. POINT-OF-SALE IMPLEMENTATION - Funding is provided to implement a new point-of-sale license system in the 1999-01 biennium. Funding is provided to purchase equipment and for staff to oversee the implementation of the system, maintain the in-house database, and generate internal and external reports.</p> <p>4. GREEN CRAB CONTROL - Funding is provided to continue green crab monitoring and control efforts in Puget Sound and on the coast to prevent the non-native crab from destroying native shellfish species.</p> |
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5. RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH ENHANCEMENT - Funding is provided to increase seeding of Manila clams and geoduck to increase recreational shellfish harvest opportunities. This seeding is expected to make an additional 100,000 Manila clams and 4,000 geoduck available for recreational harvest. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account)
6. SALMON RECOVERY TECH ASSISTANCE - Funding is provided for the Department to provide technical assistance to local and regional planning groups for salmon recovery activities. (Salmon Recovery Account, General Fund-Federal)
7. WARMWATER FISH ENHANCEMENT - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 235, Laws of 1999 (2SHB 1716 - Warm Water Fish Culture). Funds match an equal amount from the Warmwater Gamefish Account and Wildlife Account to operate the Rod Meseberg (formerly Ringold) hatchery.
8. SALMON STAMPS - Appropriation authority is provided to implement Chapter 342, Laws of 1999 (2SHB 1871 - Salmon Stamp Programs), to operate a salmon stamps program to generate revenue for salmon restoration projects. (Wildlife Fund-State, Regional Fisheries Enhancement Account)
9. REMOTE SITE INCUBATOR - Funding is eliminated for the remote site incubator program and invested in higher priority salmon recovery efforts.
10. HATCHERY ESA STRATEGY - Funding is provided to implement an Endangered Species Act (ESA) strategy for hatcheries. The strategy includes funding for emergency hatchery response to aid threatened species and resources to retrofit hatcheries. Funding provided for hatchery programmatic review and development of genetic tools for salmon recovery in the 1997-99 biennium, in addition to existing hatchery program funding, will be used to support the strategy. (Salmon Recovery Account)
11. PREDATION CONTROL - Funding is provided to match federal monies for measures to control predation adversely impacting threatened or endangered salmon. (Salmon Recovery Account, General Fund-Federal)
12. BYCATCH MONITORING - Funding is provided for the Department to establish a bycatch monitoring program to protect threatened or endangered salmon species. (General Fund-Federal)
13. SELECTIVE HARVEST - Funding is provided to the Department to develop selective harvest measures to minimize adverse impacts to threatened or endangered salmon species. (General Fund-Federal)
14. YELLOWSTAR THISTLE CONTROLS - Yellowstar Thistle is a noxious weed invading state wildlife areas. The federal Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service are currently testing the use of insects to biologically control this weed. Funding is provided for the Department to purchase these insects and revegetate infected areas.
15. NOXIOUS WEED SURVEY AND CONTROL - Funding is provided to conduct additional surveys of noxious weeds, increase weed control efforts, and conduct revegetation.
16. REBUILDING DISTRESSED ELK HERDS - Funding is provided to conduct additional field surveys of the Olympic Peninsula, North Rainier, and Packwood/South Rainier elk herds.
17. FEDERAL SALMON ENHANCEMENT GRANTS - Funding is provided for salmon enhancement project grants to Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups. (Regional Fisheries Enhancement Salmonid Recovery Account-Federal)
18. TROUT PURCHASE - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 363, Laws of 1999 (2SHB 1681 - Trout Purchase by State). Funds may only be expended if the costs of the program will be recovered by the increase in license sales directly attributable to the planting of privately grown trout. (Wildlife Account-State)
19. SHELLFISH DIVE FISHERIES - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 126, Laws of 1999 (E2SSB 5658 - Changing Shellfish Provisions), for the retirement of licenses in the sea urchin dive fishery and the sea cucumber dive fishery. (Sea Cucumber Dive Fishery Account, Sea Urchin Dive Fishery Account)
20. SALMON RECOVERY BOARD - Existing funds for salmon projects are transferred to the Salmon Recovery Account. These funds will be distributed by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for planning and project activities that will provide the greatest benefits to salmon recovery.
21. TENNANT LAKE - Funding is provided for operating costs of the Tennant Lake wildlife interpretive center.
22. AQUATIC NUISANCE - Funding is provided for the Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinating Committee to foster state, federal, tribal, and private cooperation on aquatic nuisance species issues.
23. CRAB CATCH RECORDS - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 399, Laws of 1999, Partial Veto (ESSB 5508 - Crab Fishery Catch Records), requiring catch record cards in the recreational crab fishery.
24. TRANSFER SCIENCE PANEL FUNDING - Funding for the independent science panel is transferred to the Salmon Recovery Office in the Office of the Governor.
25. SSHEAR FUNDING - Funding is provided for the Salmonid Screening, Habitat Enhancement, and Restoration (SSHEAR) program to provide technical assistance on fish passage barriers and screens.
26. MONITOR PROGRESS OF SALMON RECOVERY - In cooperation with the Department of Ecology, the Department of Fish and Wildlife will establish long-term index sites within 10 watersheds to monitor smolt populations, the condition of fish habitat, and landscape features. The data from these sites will be used to track the success of salmon recovery strategies and will allow adaptive management of the recovery process. (Salmon Recovery Account, General Fund-Federal)
27. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE-FORESTRY RULES - Funding is provided for additional staff to review hydraulic project applications and provide technical assistance on the proposed forest practices rules for fish and water quality in accordance with Chapter 4, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s., Partial Veto, (ESHB 2091 - Salmon and Water/Forest Practices). (Salmon Recovery Account, General Fund-Federal)
28. COMMERCIAL LICENSE BUYBACK - Funding is provided to continue a commercial license buyback program. This program allows salmon fishers the opportunity to sell their licenses back to the state and exit from salmon fisheries. State funding is provided to match the federal appropriation. (Salmon Recovery Account, General Fund-Federal)
29. LEAD ENTITIES-SALMON RECOVERY - Funding is provided to continue grants to lead entities established under the Salmon Recovery Act. The grants will enable local groups to incorporate limiting factors analysis into the development of habitat restoration project lists. (Salmon Recovery Account)
30. ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LAWS - Funding is provided for 20 additional enforcement officers to increase enforcement of laws related to protection of fish habitat and the illegal harvest of salmon and steelhead.
31. INTERTIDAL SHELLFISH REDUCTIONS - Funding is reduced for intertidal clam and oyster stock assessment.
32. ADMINISTRATIVE SAVINGS - Funding is reduced for agency administration. The Department will reduce a position in the agency warehouse, a support position to an Assistant Director, and eliminate blanket faxing of news releases to the media and other groups, relying on e-mail and the Internet to distribute these news releases.
33. REDIRECT EFFORTS TO LOCAL PROJECTS - A portion of the division manager's time related to salmonid screening and habitat restoration and enhancement will be available for reimbursable projects conducted for local governments.
34. WASHINGTON CONSERVATION CORPS - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 280, Laws of 1999 (SB 5255 - Conservation Corps). Additional funding is provided to cover the increased minimum wage costs of Washington Conservation Corps crews.

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\* Please see the 1999 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

## Department of Natural Resources

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>48,126</b>	<b>192,298</b>	<b>240,424</b>
1999 Supplemental *	7,745	-39	7,706
<b>Total 1997-99 Biennium</b>	<b>55,871</b>	<b>192,259</b>	<b>248,130</b>
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<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>49,245</b>	<b>183,826</b>	<b>233,071</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. General Inflation	-147	-1,123	-1,270
2. Fire Protection Support	1,000	-2,000	-1,000
3. Forest Practices Rules Adoption	0	798	798
4. Hazard Zonation	0	1,218	1,218
5. Forest Practices Permit System	0	1,558	1,558
6. Road Maintenance & Abandonment	0	950	950
7. Cultural Resources	0	530	530
8. CMER Monitoring Projects	0	1,472	1,472
9. Small Landowner Tech Assistance	0	1,492	1,492
10. GIS Hydro & Transportation Layers	0	5,506	5,506
11. Natural Areas Land Management	0	1,100	1,100
12. Trust Land Management Funding	0	-3,500	-3,500
13. Spruce Bud Worm Control	105	0	105
14. Fish & Water Quality	0	950	950
15. Geological Hazard Mitigation	670	0	670
16. Mapping of Nearshore Habitat	0	80	80
17. DNR Forest Roads	0	2,037	2,037
18. Mapping Automation and Improvement	0	597	597
19. Geoduck Resource Management	0	582	582
20. Aquatic Land Use Inventory	0	260	260
21. Preservation of Public Land Records	0	172	172
22. Marine Station Safety	0	44	44
23. Agricultural Lands Management	0	0	0
24. Spartina Control	200	0	200
25. Washington Conservation Corps	1,352	0	1,352
26. Air Pollution Control Adjustment	0	-36	-36
27. Fire Suppression Reduction	-1,000	0	-1,000
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<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>51,425</b>	<b>196,513</b>	<b>247,938</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	25,784	98,938	124,722
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	25,641	97,575	123,216

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| <p>1. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.</p>   | 4. | <p>HAZARD ZONATION - Funding is provided to map unstable slopes in forested areas that may impact fish-bearing streams in accordance with Chapter 4, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s., Partial Veto (ESHB 2091). (Salmon Recovery Account, General Fund-Federal)</p>   |
| <p>2. FIRE PROTECTION SUPPORT - Funding is provided for fire prevention activities to offset a revenue shortfall in a non-appropriated account. Reductions in administrative services will be made to balance the remaining portion of the shortfall. (General Fund-State, Forest Fire Protection Assessment Account-Non-Appropriated)</p>   | 5. | <p>FOREST PRACTICES PERMIT SYSTEM - Funding is provided to develop a new forest practices application system to enhance analytical and reporting functions in accordance with Chapter 4, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s., Partial Veto (ESHB 2091). (Salmon Recovery Account, General Fund-Federal)</p>   |
| <p>3. FOREST PRACTICES RULES ADOPTION - Funding is provided for costs associated with implementing proposed forest practices rules in accordance with Chapter 4, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s., Partial Veto, (ESHB 2091 - Forest Practices/Salmon Recovery). Enhancements include new rules training, production of a new rule book, a cost-benefit analysis of the new rules, and an environmental impact statement. (Salmon Recovery Account, General Fund-Federal)</p> | 6. | <p>ROAD MAINTENANCE &amp; ABANDONMENT - Funding is provided for staff to assist landowners in developing road maintenance and abandonment plans to comply with proposed forest practices rules in accordance with Chapter 4, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s., Partial Veto, (ESHB 2091 - Forest Practices/Salmon Recovery). (Salmon Recovery Account, General Fund-Federal)</p> |
|  | 7. | <p>CULTURAL RESOURCES - Funding is provided for staff to work with tribes to protect archaeological and cultural resources in riparian areas. (General Fund-Federal)</p>  |

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| <p>8. CMER MONITORING PROJECTS - Funding is provided for monitoring projects identified by the Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research (CMER) committee. Projects address watershed analysis, riparian management zone evaluation, road construction and maintenance, and aquatic resource trends. (General Fund-Federal)</p> <p>9. SMALL LANDOWNER TECH ASSISTANCE - Funding is provided for a Small Forest Landowner Office to provide assistance to small landowners in implementing the proposed forest practices rules in accordance with Chapter 4, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s., Partial Veto, (ESHB 2091 - Forest Practices/Salmon Recovery). (Salmon Recovery Act, General Fund-Federal)</p> <p>10. GIS HYDRO &amp; TRANSPORTATION LAYERS - Funding is provided to upgrade the transportation and hydrography datasets of the Department's forest practices geographic information system (GIS). The updated datasets will assist the Department in implementing the proposed forest practices rules by updating the water-typing system and allowing tracking of information on forest road maintenance and abandonment. (General Fund-Federal)</p> <p>11. NATURAL AREAS LAND MANAGEMENT - Appropriation authority is provided to match \$500,000 in private funding for management of Natural Area Preserves and Natural Resource Conservation Areas. (Natural Resources Conservation Areas Stewardship Account)</p> <p>12. TRUST LAND MANAGEMENT FUNDING - Appropriation authority for the Resource Management Cost Account is decreased due to declining revenues from timber sales. (Resource Management Cost Account)</p> <p>13. SPRUCE BUD WORM CONTROL - Funding is provided for the Department to work in partnership with other affected forest landowners to control an outbreak of western spruce budworm in Klickitat County.</p> <p>14. FISH &amp; WATER QUALITY - Funding is provided for staff to work with landowners to implement the requirements of the proposed revised forest practice rules and verify compliance with rule requirements in accordance with Chapter 4, Laws of 1999, 1st sp.s., Partial Veto, (ESHB 2091 - Forest Practices/Salmon Recovery). (Salmon Recovery Account, General Fund-Federal)</p> <p>15. GEOLOGICAL HAZARD MITIGATION - Funding is provided for geologic studies to evaluate ground stability in high growth areas and for technical assistance to smaller communities that lack geology expertise.</p> <p>16. MAPPING OF NEARSHORE HABITAT - Funding is provided to complete the mapping and cataloging of the type, condition, and distribution of nearshore habitat throughout Puget Sound. This information will be used as baseline data for evaluating future changes to the nearshore aquatic habitat. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account)</p> <p>17. DNR FOREST ROADS - Funding is provided to inventory fish passage barriers on forest board lands, and upgrade or decommission Department of Natural Resources (DNR) roads not meeting standards. (Forest Development Account)</p> <p>18. MAPPING AUTOMATION AND IMPROVEMENT - Funding is provided for tools and equipment needed to produce and provide maps, aerial photos, and other geographic reference materials. Geographic information materials are sold to the public to recover costs. (Surveys and Maps Account)</p> <p>19. GEODUCK RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - Funding is provided for a second team of geoduck divers and necessary equipment to evaluate harvest areas, to oversee harvest operators, and to assure appropriate harvest volumes. (Resource Management Cost Account)</p> <p>20. AQUATIC LAND USE INVENTORY - Funding is provided to inventory and map aquatic lands in one critical estuarine area. (Resource Management Cost Account)</p> <p>21. PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC LAND RECORDS - Funding is provided to convert maps and official records, some dating back to statehood, to electronic format. (Resource Management Cost Account)</p> | <p>22. MARINE STATION SAFETY - Funding is provided for maintenance and safety improvements at the Gull Harbor Marine Station. The Department shall develop a plan for use or disposal of the marine station by December 1, 1999, and report its findings to the Legislature. (Resource Management Cost Account)</p> <p>23. AGRICULTURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT - Funding for expenses associated with management of the agricultural college trust is transferred from the Resource Management Cost Account to the Agricultural College Trust Management Account in accordance with Chapter 279, Laws of 1999 (SSB 6090 - Agricultural College Trust Lands). (Agricultural College Trust Management Account-State)</p> <p>24. SPARTINA CONTROL - Funding is provided to enhance the state spartina control program. Within these funds, the Department will continue the field study of biological control methods.</p> <p>25. WASHINGTON CONSERVATION CORPS - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 280, Laws of 1999 (SB 5255 - Conservation Corps). Additional funding is provided to cover the increased minimum wage costs of Washington Conservation Corps crews.</p> <p>26. AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADJUSTMENT - Funding is reduced due to a revenue shortfall in the Air Pollution Control Account. (Air Pollution Control Account)</p> <p>27. FIRE SUPPRESSION REDUCTION - Fire suppression funding is calculated based on a 10-year average of fire suppression costs. Funding is reduced by \$500,000 each fiscal year, bringing the level to \$700,000 higher than the amount originally appropriated for the 1997-99 biennium.</p> |
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## Department of Agriculture

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>15,745</b>	<b>65,517</b>	<b>81,262</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>14,622</b>	<b>66,416</b>	<b>81,038</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. General Inflation	-90	-329	-419
2. Water & Salmon Policy Participation	260	0	260
3. Plant Uptake Study	0	92	92
4. Dairy and Food Law Changes	0	266	266
5. Pesticide License Pilot Project	0	2	2
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>14,792</b>	<b>66,447</b>	<b>81,239</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	7,476	33,139	40,615
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	7,316	33,308	40,624

**Comments:**

1. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
2. WATER & SALMON POLICY PARTICIPATION - Funding is provided for staff to provide technical assistance to local planning efforts and participate in salmon recovery policy development with the Governor's salmon team.
3. PLANT UPTAKE STUDY - Additional funding is provided for a study to evaluate the absorption of heavy metals from fertilizers into plant tissues. The original study methodology has been revised to apply smaller amounts of fertilizer over a longer period of time. (Local Toxics Control Account)
4. DAIRY AND FOOD LAW CHANGES - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 291, Laws of 1999 (EHB 1151 - Dairy and Food Laws), which updates the Fluid Milk Act. (Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appropriated)
5. PESTICIDE LICENSE PILOT PROJECT - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 145, Laws of 1999 (HB 1152 - Pesticide Applicator License), for a pilot project to license private pesticide applicators in Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, and Okanogan counties. (Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appropriated)

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)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1997-99 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>2,154</b>
<b>1999-01 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,102</b>	<b>2,102</b>
<b>Policy Items</b>			
1. General Inflation	0	-8	-8
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>2,094</b>
Fiscal Year 2000 Total	0	1,038	1,038
Fiscal Year 2001 Total	0	1,056	1,056

**Comments:**

1. GENERAL INFLATION - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.