

# Natural Resources

## **Department of Ecology**

The budget assumes that the Department will take a variety of actions to reduce operating costs and achieve administrative savings totaling \$1.06 million from the state general fund and \$1.41 million from other fund sources.

Funding for the processing of applications for changes and transfers of existing water rights is reduced \$2 million from the state general fund and increased \$1 million from the Water Quality Account for an overall reduction of \$1 million for the 2003-05 biennium. In addition, funding for the Flood Control Assistance Account is reduced by 50 percent for the biennium. The remaining funding of \$2 million will be used for local government flood damage reduction projects, Comprehensive Hazard Management Plans, flood mapping, technical assistance for the National Flood Insurance Program, and flood damage reduction projects.

The operating budget provides \$2 million from the state general fund to the Department to provide state funding to local governments to develop, amend, or review their shoreline master programs according to the newly-established staggered schedule for updating the shoreline master programs. The sum of \$3 million from the Water Quality Account is reappropriated for watershed planning grants that were originally appropriated and obligated during the 2001-03 biennium, but have not yet been paid out to grant recipients.

## **State Parks and Recreation Commission**

The budget assumes that the Commission will take a variety of actions to reduce operating costs and achieve administrative savings totaling \$3,008,000 from the state general fund and \$842,000 from other fund sources.

The operating budget provides \$4,061,000 from the Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account and 50 full-time equivalent staff to implement a system-wide parking fee that the Commission instituted on January 1, 2003. Staff will communicate the new payment options and collect the parking fees from day use visitors. The new fee will generate \$10 million in new revenue during the 2003-05 biennium.

## **Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation**

The budget provides \$1,625,000 state general fund and \$1,625,000 from the General Fund-Federal to the Committee to continue providing grants for the operations of local lead entities established under chapter 77.85 RCW. The groups solicit habitat improvement and restoration projects, develop habitat project lists, and recommend development and maintenance of habitat work schedules.

## **Department of Fish and Wildlife**

The budget assumes that the Department will take a variety of actions to reduce operating costs and achieve administrative savings totaling \$3,060,000 from the state general fund and \$1,584,000 from other fund sources. In addition, funding of \$800,000 in the Enforcement Program is shifted from the state general fund to the Wildlife Account-State, for the 2003-05 biennium. Funding is reduced \$1 million from the state general fund for the Enforcement program by maintaining staff vacancies for the biennium.

The operating budget provides \$900,000 from the Wildlife Account-State for wetland restoration and landowner incentives to create or maintain habitat for migratory waterfowl. These activities are supported by revenue from an increase in the migratory waterfowl stamp, authorized by Chapter 283, Laws of 2002 (2SSB 6353 - Migratory Bird Stamps).

Funding for the Fish Hatcheries Division is reduced \$1,284,000 from the state general fund and increased \$642,000 from the Wildlife Account-State for an overall reduction of \$642,000. The Department of Fish and Wildlife is not directed to close specified fish hatcheries. The amounts of \$450,000 state general fund and \$550,000 from other fund sources are provided to implement the Hatchery Scientific Review Group recommendations to reform hatchery programs for the benefit of recovering wild salmon and providing sustainable fisheries.

The operating budget is reduced \$850,000 from the state general fund and \$200,000 from other fund sources. License sales and customer services staff within each regional office are eliminated, which requires customers to purchase licenses through alternative retail establishments.

### **Department of Natural Resources**

The budget assumes that the Department will take a variety of actions to reduce operating costs and achieve administrative savings totaling \$2,364,000 from the state general fund and \$3,306,000 from other fund sources. In addition, \$7.2 million funding for fire suppression is shifted from the state general fund to the Disaster Response Account for the 2003-05 biennium.

The operating budget provides \$2.7 million from the state general fund for a lawsuit settlement and purchase of approximately 232 acres of land and timber in Klickitat County from the SDS Lumber Company. The land and timber acquired with this funding will be managed for the benefit of the common schools.

The Department of Natural Resources is provided \$1.2 million from the state general fund in a combination of ongoing and one-time funding and staff, to maintain and update computer systems that support salmon recovery, the state's Forest and Fish Report, and basic geographic information system analysis for the Forest Practices Program.

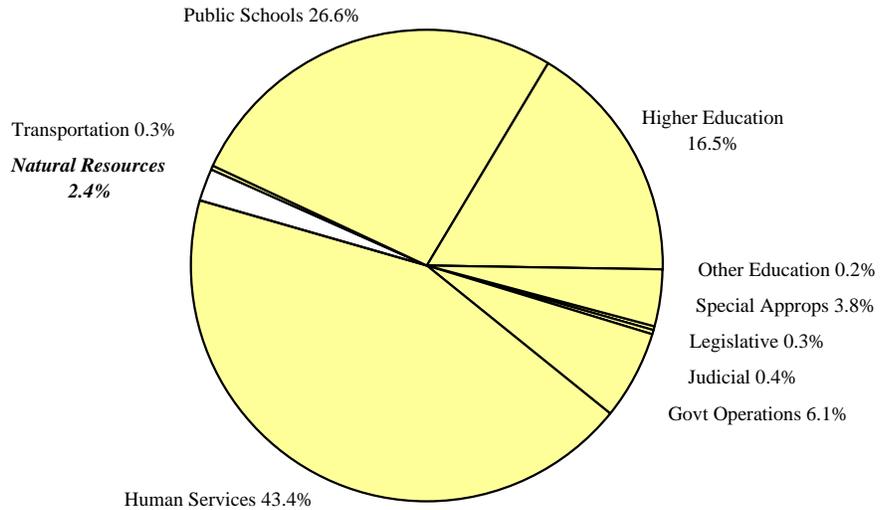
### **Department of Agriculture**

The budget assumes that the Department will take a variety of actions to reduce operating costs and achieve administrative savings totaling \$431,000 from the state general fund and \$1.4 million from other fund sources.

## 2003-05 Washington State Operating Budget Total Budgeted Funds

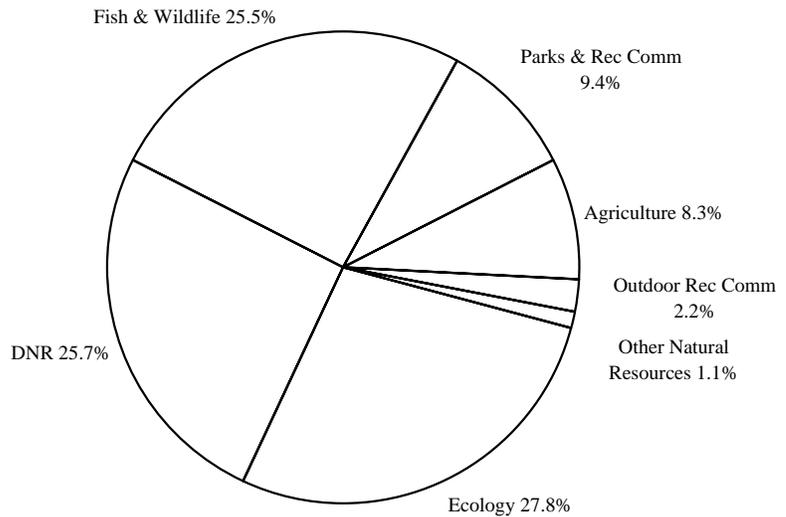
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	136,394
Judicial	162,179
Governmental Operations	2,726,495
Human Services	19,457,885
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>1,091,562</b>
Transportation	123,957
Public Schools	11,906,608
Higher Education	7,400,500
Other Education	99,594
Special Appropriations	1,690,584
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>44,795,758</b>



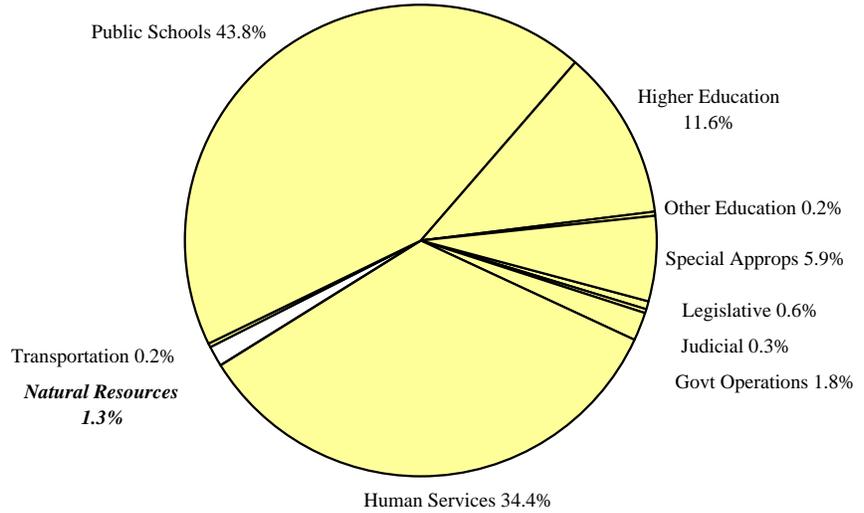
### Washington State

Ecology	303,535
Dept of Natural Resources	280,145
Dept of Fish & Wildlife	277,840
Parks & Recreation Comm	103,146
Dept of Agriculture	90,871
Outdoor Recreation	24,260
Other Natural Resources	11,765
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>1,091,562</b>



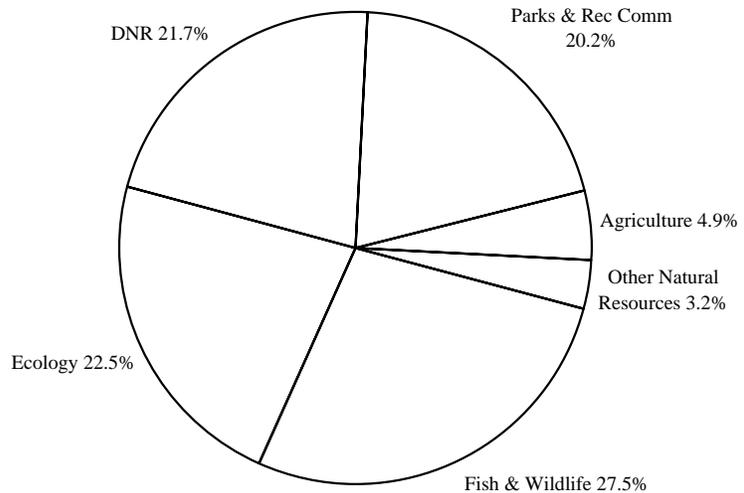
**2003-05 Washington State Operating Budget**  
**General Fund-State**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	129,628
Judicial	78,492
Governmental Operations	411,360
Human Services	7,933,222
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>297,097</b>
Transportation	48,834
Public Schools	10,104,649
Higher Education	2,667,195
Other Education	39,932
Special Appropriations	1,370,972
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>23,081,381</b>



**Washington State**

Dept of Fish & Wildlife	81,632
Ecology	66,727
Dept of Natural Resources	64,540
Parks & Recreation Comm	59,962
Dept of Agriculture	14,688
Other Natural Resources	9,548
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>297,097</b>



## Columbia River Gorge Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>2001-03 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>1,526</b>
<b>2003-05 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>1,511</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. Lease Rate Adjustments	15	15	30
2. General Inflation	-3	-3	-6
3. Refocus on Core Activities	-100	-100	-200
4. Pension Funding Change	-4	-4	-8
5. NSA Management Plan	10	10	20
6. Revolving Funds	6	6	12
7. Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies	-8	-4	-12
<b>Total 2003-05 Biennium</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>1,347</b>
Fiscal Year 2004 Total	339	331	670
Fiscal Year 2005 Total	345	332	677

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| <p>1. <b>Lease Rate Adjustments</b> - Funding is provided for the Commission to relocate to a new office site in White Salmon. In addition to ongoing increase lease costs, one-time funding of \$7,000 is provided for moving costs. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private/Local)</p> <p>2. <b>General Inflation</b> - 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 missions. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private/Local)</p> <p>3. <b>Refocus on Core Activities</b> - Savings are realized through administrative reductions in program activities. Remaining funds will allow the Commission to review county-approved plans for development to ensure consistency with the Scenic Area Act and Management Plan. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private/Local)</p> <p>4. <b>Pension Funding Change</b> - Savings are achieved by adopting a new actuarial method for smoothing returns on assets for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). The new method varies the length of smoothing of a particular year's gain or loss depending on the difference from the actuarially-assumed rate of investment return. In addition, no contributions will be made toward the unfunded liabilities in the PERS and TRS Plans 1 during FY 2004 and FY 2005. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private/Local)</p> <p>5. <b>NSA Management Plan</b> - One-time funding is provided to obtain a technical writing contract to reorganize and edit the revised National Scenic Area (NSA) Management Plan and for distribution of the plan in FY 2004. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private/Local)</p> <p>6. <b>Revolving Funds</b> - Funding levels for services provided by other state agencies, such as the Office of the Attorney</p> | <p>General, are adjusted to reflect what those agencies are expected to bill for their services. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private/Local)</p> <p>7. <b>Staff Reduc. &amp; Oper. Efficiencies</b> - In order to attain administrative efficiencies, agency budgets are reduced for FTE staff years, salaries, benefits, and other operating costs. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private/Local)</p> |
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## Department of Ecology

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>2001-03 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>73,687</b>	<b>246,584</b>	<b>320,271</b>
2003 Supplemental *	-58	19	-39
<b>Total 2001-03 Biennium</b>	<b>73,629</b>	<b>246,603</b>	<b>320,232</b>
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<b>2003-05 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>70,104</b>	<b>232,285</b>	<b>302,389</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	-586	-432	-1,018
2. PBT Reduction	0	-800	-800
3. Air: Reduce Outreach	-374	100	-274
4. Reduce Smoke & Dust in Eastern WA	-500	500	0
5. Pension Funding Change	-345	-930	-1,275
6. Haz Waste: Reduce Tech Assistance	0	-406	-406
7. Nuclear Program Office Move	0	650	650
8. 401 Cert: Shift to WQA	-160	160	0
9. Reduce FCAAP Grants	0	-2,000	-2,000
10. Shoreline Master Programs	2,000	0	2,000
11. Reappropriate Watershed Grants	0	3,000	3,000
12. Solid Waste: Tech Assist Reduction	0	-152	-152
13. Site Cleanup Tech Assist. Reduction	0	1,726	1,726
14. US v. WA Culverts Litigation	16	28	44
15. Metals Mining Inspection Transfer	0	14	14
16. Aquatic Weeds Reappropriation	0	1,050	1,050
17. Delay Water Rights Decisions	-2,000	1,000	-1,000
18. Ensure Drought Response	0	226	226
19. Support Stream Gauging	0	221	221
20. Support Water Purchase/Lease	0	631	631
21. Pine Hollow EIS	0	325	325
22. Well Regulation: Reduce Tech Asst	-454	300	-154
23. Dam Safety: New Fee Revenue	90	0	90
24. Administrative Services	-131	0	-131
25. Communication and Education	-12	0	-12
26. Employee Services	-29	0	-29
27. Executive Management & Support	-26	0	-26
28. Field Offices	-19	0	-19
29. Financial Services	-67	0	-67
30. Governmental Relations	-17	0	-17
31. Regional Offices	-55	0	-55
32. Mercury Reduction & Education	0	100	100
33. ESSB 6072 - Pollution Abatement	0	13,076	13,076
34. Revolving Funds	-22	-38	-60
35. Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies	-1,060	-1,410	-2,470
36. Self-Insurance Premiums	374	660	1,034
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<b>Total 2003-05 Biennium</b>	<b>66,727</b>	<b>249,884</b>	<b>316,611</b>
Fiscal Year 2004 Total	33,464	127,245	160,709
Fiscal Year 2005 Total	33,263	122,639	155,902

**Comments:**

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| <p>1. <b>General Inflation</b> - 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 missions. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Private/Local, various other funds)</p> <p>2. <b>PBT Reduction</b> - Funding is eliminated for a strategy to address persistent, bioaccumulative toxic (PBT) chemicals. (State Toxics Control Account)</p> | <p>3. <b>Air: Reduce Outreach</b> - Funding for education and community-outreach activities for the air program is reduced. (General Fund-State, Air Pollution Control Account-State)</p> <p>4. <b>Reduce Smoke &amp; Dust in Eastern WA</b> - Funding for activities to reduce regional smoke and dust pollution in central and eastern Washington is shifted from the state general fund to the Air Pollution Control Account. (General Fund-State, Air Pollution Control Account-State)</p> |
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5. **Pension Funding Change** - Savings are achieved by adopting a new actuarial method for smoothing returns on assets for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). The new method varies the length of smoothing of a particular year's gain or loss depending on the difference from the actuarially-assumed rate of investment return. In addition, no contributions will be made toward the unfunded liabilities in the PERS and TRS Plans 1 during FY 2004 and FY 2005. (General Fund-State, various other funds)
6. **Haz Waste: Reduce Tech Assistance** - Due to a State Toxics Control Account revenue shortfall, a 15 percent reduction in education and technical assistance will be realized for businesses that generate less than 220 pounds of dangerous waste per month (small quantity generators). (General Fund-Federal, State Toxics Control Account)
7. **Nuclear Program Office Move** - Funding is provided for the Nuclear Waste Program staff to move to new office space in Richland. Fees, agreed to by the United State Department of Energy, will be utilized for moving to a new office site and for the increased inflationary lease costs. The office is currently located in Kennewick and the facilities lease expires in August 2004. (General Fund-Federal, State Toxics Control Account)
8. **401 Cert: Shift to WQA** - Funding is shifted from the state general fund to the Water Quality Account for the issuance of water quality certifications and Coastal Zone Management Act consistency determinations for water-related construction projects. Water Quality Certifications, authorized under section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, determine if proposed projects will meet state water quality standards. (General Fund-State, Water Quality Account-State)
9. **Reduce FCAAP Grants** - Funding for the Flood Control Assistance Account Program (FCAAP) is reduced by 50 percent for the 2003-05 biennium. Remaining funding of \$2 million will be used for local government flood damage reduction projects, Comprehensive Hazard Management Plans, flood mapping, technical assistance for the National Flood Insurance Program, and flood damage reduction projects. (Flood Control Assistance Account-State)
10. **Shoreline Master Programs** - One-time funding is provided to implement Chapter 262, Laws of 2003 (SSB 6012). This bill provides a staggered statutory schedule for local governments to develop or update shoreline master programs. Funding is provided for local governments who are identified in the first round of implementation deadlines.
11. **Reappropriate Watershed Grants** - Funding is provided for watershed planning grants that were originally appropriated and obligated during the 2001-03 biennium but have not been paid out to grant recipients due to the cash reimbursement nature of the program. (Water Quality Account-State)
12. **Solid Waste: Tech Assist Reduction** - Funding for technical assistance in the Solid Waste Division is reduced from the State Toxics Control Account and is partially offset by an increase from the Biosolids Permit Account. This results in an 18 percent program reduction to engineering and hydrology technical assistance to local health districts. (State Toxics Control Account, Biosolids Permit Account-State)
13. **Site Cleanup Tech Assist. Reduction** - Funding for four staff who provide: (1) technical assistance related to hydrogeology, sediment, chemistry; and (2) biological impact analysis for site clean-up is eliminated. A one-time \$2.1 million fund balance, from delayed payments to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other savings, will be utilized for emergency site cleanups. (State Toxics Control Account)
14. **US v. WA Culverts Litigation** - One-time funding is provided for Assistant Attorneys' General staff support for the United States v. Washington State (Culverts Case) trial which is anticipated to occur in December 2003. The court has framed the issue as whether the state is "affirmatively diminishing the number of fish available for harvest" by "build[ing] and manag[ing] its roadway culverts in a fashion that impermissibly blocks the passage of fish destined for the Tribes' usual and accustomed fishing ground." Agencies involved in the case include the Departments of Transportation, Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Ecology, and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. (General Fund-State, Water Quality Account-State, Water Quality Permit Account-State)
15. **Metals Mining Inspection Transfer** - The state Metal Mining and Milling Act requires state agencies to conduct quarterly inspections for mining and milling operations. Currently, both the Department of Ecology (DOE) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have appropriations from this account to complete inspections, but only DOE collects the revenue associated with the cost of the inspections. To reduce administration of this small \$18,000 expenditure, DNR's funding is transferred to DOE. DOE will contract with DNR for inspections that DNR would be required to complete. (Metals Mining Account-State)
16. **Aquatic Weeds Reappropriation** - Funding is provided to local governments to reduce the propagation of freshwater aquatic weeds. Funds were previously appropriated and obligated but not dispersed due to seasonal limitations on weed control. (Freshwater Aquatic Weed Account-State)
17. **Delay Water Rights Decisions** - Funding is reduced for processing water rights decisions and will extend the timeline for reducing the 2,000 water rights change and transfer applications backlog. DOE is responsible for making decisions on applications for new water rights and changes and transfers to existing water rights. The 2001 Legislature enacted a law allowing the agency to provide priority processing for water right changes and provided a budget increase that more than doubled the number of staff dedicated to processing water rights. (General Fund-State, Water Quality Account-State)

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18. **Ensure Drought Response** - Funding is provided to increase program capacity for potential drought response activities in the 2003-05 biennium. (State Emergency Water Projects Revolving Account)
  19. **Support Stream Gauging** - Funding is provided to maintain and operate new stream gauging facilities installed during the 2001-03 biennium and for additional state match needed for the federal stream gauging program. (State Drought Preparedness Account)
  20. **Support Water Purchase/Lease** - Funding for the Water Resource Program (\$640,000) is transferred from the Water Quality Account to the Reclamation Account. Additional funding (\$631,000) is provided to the Water Right Acquisition and/or Leasing Program to avoid eliminating staff costs and to support the \$4.3 million capital budget program. (Water Quality Account-State, State Drought Preparedness Account-State, Reclamation Account-State)
  21. **Pine Hollow EIS** - Funding is provided to complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Pine Hollow water storage project contingent on the outcome of the planning process. (State Drought Preparedness Account)
  22. **Well Regulation: Reduce Tech Asst** - State general fund support for data management and technical assistance is shifted to the Reclamation Account and is reduced by 8.8 percent. A reduced level of technical assistance will be provided to homeowners, well drillers, tribes, and local governments. (General Fund-State, Reclamation Account-State)
  23. **Dam Safety: New Fee Revenue** - Funding is provided for an additional staff person in FY 2005 to increase the inspections of high risk dams to every five years, rather than the current schedule of every six to ten years. Fees for approving new dam construction and modifications will be increased to cover the actual cost of plan reviews, and fees for periodic dam inspections will be instituted to begin covering the cost of inspections. During the 2003-05 biennium, \$243,000 in new revenue to the state general fund will be generated if fees are instituted before January 2004.
  24. **Administrative Services** - Savings are realized through an administrative reduction in information services that are related to program activity reductions.
  25. **Communication and Education** - Savings are realized through an administrative reduction related to communication and education program activities.
  26. **Employee Services** - Savings are realized through an administrative reduction in employee services that are related to program activities.
  27. **Executive Management & Support** - Savings are realized through an administrative reduction in executive management and support that are related to program activities.
  28. **Field Offices** - Savings are realized through an administrative reduction in field offices that are related to program activities.
  29. **Financial Services** - Savings are realized through an administrative reduction in financial services that are related to program activities.
  30. **Governmental Relations** - Savings are realized through an administrative reduction in governmental relations that are related to program activities.
  31. **Regional Offices** - Savings are realized through an administrative reduction in regional offices that are related to program activities.
  32. **Mercury Reduction & Education** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 260, Laws of 2003, Partial Veto (ESHB 1002). This bill provides staff to assist with public education efforts providing public notice and education about specific product bans and developing guidelines for issuing penalties. (State Toxics Control Account)
  33. **ESSB 6072 - Pollution Abatement** - Chapter 264, Laws of 2003, Partial Veto (ESSB 6072), appropriated funding for air pollution control (\$10 million), vessel emergency towing including a prepositioned dedicated rescue tug (\$2.9 million), and an evaluation of tug escort requirements (\$0.2 million). (Air Pollution Control Account-State, Vessel Response Account-State, Oil Spill Prevention Account-State)
  34. **Revolving Funds** - Funding levels for services provided by other state agencies, such as the Office of the Attorney General, are adjusted to reflect what those agencies are expected to bill for their services. (General Fund-State, State Toxics Control Account, various other funds)
  35. **Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies** - In order to attain administrative efficiencies, agency budgets are reduced for FTE staff years, salaries, benefits, and other operating costs. (General Fund-State, Water Quality Permit Account-State, State Toxics Control Account, Oil Spill Prevention Account-State, various other funds)
  36. **Self-Insurance Premiums** - State agencies pay an annual self-insurance premium to fund the state's Self-Insurance Liability Program. This program is responsible for paying costs related to tort lawsuits associated with state agency programs. An agency's self-insurance premium is based on factors such as past and current claims experience, the agency staffing levels, and estimated obligations. This item reflects the increased amount for the Department's self-insurance premium in the 2003-05 biennium. (General Fund-State, Water Quality Permit Account-State, State Toxics Control Account, various other funds)
- \* Please see the 2003 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

## State Parks and Recreation Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>2001-03 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>62,538</b>	<b>36,747</b>	<b>99,285</b>
2003 Supplemental *	-8	540	532
<b>Total 2001-03 Biennium</b>	<b>62,530</b>	<b>37,287</b>	<b>99,817</b>
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<b>2003-05 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>63,473</b>	<b>38,917</b>	<b>102,390</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. Technical Adjustment	0	0	0
2. General Inflation	-547	-79	-626
3. Operating Costs/Exist Capital Proj	1,439	0	1,439
4. Cama Beach Reduction	-1,978	0	-1,978
5. Administrative Reduction	-43	0	-43
6. US v. Washington Culverts	22	0	22
7. Implement Parking Fee	0	4,061	4,061
8. Decrease Maintenance Backlog	0	750	750
9. WaterTrail Program Acct Elimination	0	0	0
10. Pension Funding Change	-277	-132	-409
11. Savings from 2002 Park Closures	-163	-70	-233
12. Gas Tax Revenue Adjustment	0	129	129
13. Revolving Funds	24	12	36
14. Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies	-3,008	-842	-3,850
15. Self-Insurance Premiums	1,020	438	1,458
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<b>Total 2003-05 Biennium</b>	<b>59,962</b>	<b>43,184</b>	<b>103,146</b>
Fiscal Year 2004 Total	29,986	20,447	50,433
Fiscal Year 2005 Total	29,976	22,737	52,713

**Comments:**

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| <p>1. <b>Technical Adjustment</b> - Staff level and funding adjustments are made to several funds. (General Fund-Local, Water Trail Program Account-State, Parks Renewal Stewardship Account-State, Off-Road Vehicle Account-State, Snowmobile Account-State)</p> <p>2. <b>General Inflation</b> - 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 missions. (General Fund-State, various other funds)</p> <p>3. <b>Operating Costs/Exist Capital Proj</b> - A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided for operating and maintenance impacts for capital projects funded in the 2001-03 biennium and prior biennia.</p> <p>4. <b>Cama Beach Reduction</b> - Funding and staff are reduced to reflect a delay in the opening of Cama Beach State Park.</p> <p>5. <b>Administrative Reduction</b> - Funding and staff are reduced to reflect administrative reductions related to program reductions.</p> <p>6. <b>US v. Washington Culverts</b> - One-time funding is provided for Assistant Attorneys' General staff support for the United States v. Washington State (Culverts Case) trial which is anticipated to occur in December 2003. The court has framed the issue as whether the state is "affirmatively diminishing the number of fish available for harvest" by "build[ing] and manag[ing] its roadway culverts in a fashion that impermissibly</p> | <p>blocks the passage of fish destined for the Tribes' usual and accustomed fishing ground." Agencies involved in the case include the Departments of Transportation, Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Ecology, and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.</p> <p>7. <b>Implement Parking Fee</b> - Funding and staffing are increased \$4,061,000 in the Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account on an ongoing basis to reflect the Agency's collection of system-wide parking fees. State Parks projects total revenues of \$10 million from the parking fee. The net revenue of \$5.9 million is provided in the capital budget for facility preservation. (Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account-State)</p> <p>8. <b>Decrease Maintenance Backlog</b> - Funding is provided to decrease the backlog of maintenance projects at state parks. The State Parks and Recreation Commission will prioritize projects to address critical maintenance projects that protect public health and safety. (Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account-State)</p> <p>9. <b>WaterTrail Program Acct Elimination</b> - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 338, Laws of 2003 (SHB 1335). This bill eliminates the Water Trail Program Account and transfers the remaining fund balance into the Parks Renewal Stewardship Account. (Water Trail Program Account-State, Parks Renewal Stewardship Account-State)</p> |
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10. **Pension Funding Change** - Savings are achieved by adopting a new actuarial method for smoothing returns on assets for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). The new method varies the length of smoothing of a particular year's gain or loss depending on the difference from the actuarially-assumed rate of investment return. In addition, no contributions will be made toward the unfunded liabilities in the PERS and TRS Plans 1 during FY 2004 and FY 2005. (General Fund-State, various other funds)
11. **Savings from 2002 Park Closures** - Funding is reduced to reflect the closure of Lyons Ferry, Crow Butte, Lake Cushman, Central Ferry, and Chief Timothy State Parks in 2002. (General Fund-State, Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account-State)
12. **Gas Tax Revenue Adjustment** - Funding is provided to reflect additional revenue from an increase in the gas tax. (Off-Road Vehicle Account-State, Snowmobile Account-State)
13. **Revolving Funds** - Funding levels for services provided by other state agencies, such as the Office of the Attorney General, are adjusted to reflect what those agencies are expected to bill for their services. (General Fund-State, Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account-State)
14. **Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies** - Savings are realized by reducing operational costs and attaining administrative efficiencies. (General Fund-State, various other funds)
15. **Self-Insurance Premiums** - State agencies pay an annual self-insurance premium to fund the state's Self-Insurance Liability Program. This program is responsible for paying costs related to tort lawsuits associated with state agency programs. An agency's self-insurance premium is based on factors such as past and current claims experience, the agency staffing levels, and estimated obligations. This item reflects the increased amount for the Commission's self-insurance premium in the 2003-05 biennium. (General Fund-State, Parks Renewal Stewardship Account-State)

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

\* Please see the 2003 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

## Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>2001-03 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>13,947</b>	<b>14,270</b>
<b>2003-05 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>19,944</b>	<b>20,273</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. Watershed Monitoring Council	250	0	250
2. Watershed Health Report Card	50	0	50
3. SWIM Coordinator	168	0	168
4. Aquatic Lands Enhancement Grants	0	254	254
5. General Inflation	-2	-14	-16
6. Lead Entities	1,625	1,625	3,250
7. Natural Resources Data Portal	82	0	82
8. Fund Adjust to Match Revenue	0	-15	-15
9. Pension Funding Change	0	-18	-18
10. Gas Tax Revenue	0	32	32
11. Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies	0	-50	-50
<b>Total 2003-05 Biennium</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>21,758</b>	<b>24,260</b>
Fiscal Year 2004 Total	1,246	10,859	12,105
Fiscal Year 2005 Total	1,256	10,899	12,155

**Comments:**

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| <p>1. <b>Watershed Monitoring Council</b> - Funding is provided to implement priority recommendations of the Monitoring Oversight Committee that include improved watershed health monitoring.</p> <p>2. <b>Watershed Health Report Card</b> - Funding is provided to implement priority recommendations of the Monitoring Oversight Committee that include production of a state Watershed Health Report Card.</p> <p>3. <b>SWIM Coordinator</b> - Funding is provided for a Salmon and Watershed Information Management (SWIM) Coordinator position to provide increased accessibility to monitoring information and coordinated natural resource data. The Joint Natural Resource Agency Cabinet (JNRC) identified access to data as a barrier in restoring and protecting natural resources. This item implements a recommendation of the Monitoring Oversight Committee.</p> <p>4. <b>Aquatic Lands Enhancement Grants</b> - Funding is provided to administer the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program, which is transferred from the Department of Natural Resources. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State)</p> <p>5. <b>General Inflation</b> - 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 missions. (General Fund-State, Salmon Recovery Account-State, Recreation Resources Account-State)</p> <p>6. <b>Lead Entities</b> - Funding is provided to continue operation of lead entities. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)</p> <p>7. <b>Natural Resources Data Portal</b> - Funding is provided for a part-time webmaster position to support the operations and maintenance of the Natural Resources Data Portal. The Data</p> | <p>Portal is a website that provides access to a variety of distributed natural resource data and information which is maintained by various state agencies. It is a single place to access available data related to watershed health and salmon recovery efforts.</p> <p>8. <b>Fund Adjust to Match Revenue</b> - Appropriation authority is reduced to align available revenue and operating expenses with statutory requirements. Statute requires a maximum of 10 percent of the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program Account and the Firearms Range Account revenue to be used for operating expenses. (Firearms Range Account-State, Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program Account-State)</p> <p>9. <b>Pension Funding Change</b> - Savings are achieved by adopting a new actuarial method for smoothing returns on assets for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). The new method varies the length of smoothing of a particular year's gain or loss depending on the difference from the actuarially-assumed rate of investment return. In addition, no contributions will be made toward the unfunded liabilities in the PERS and TRS Plans 1 during FY 2004 and FY 2005. (General Fund-State, Recreation Resources Account-State)</p> <p>10. <b>Gas Tax Revenue</b> - Funding is provided to reflect additional revenue from an increase in the gas tax. (Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program Account-State)</p> <p>11. <b>Staff Reduc. &amp; Oper. Efficiencies</b> - In order to attain administrative efficiencies, agency budgets are reduced for FTE staff years, salaries, benefits, and other operating costs. (Recreation Resources Account-State)</p> |
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## Environmental Hearings Office

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>2001-03 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,668</b>
<b>2003-05 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>1,963</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,963</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	-8	0	-8
2. Land Use Hearings Board	50	0	50
3. Pension Funding Change	-10	0	-10
4. Revolving Funds	8	0	8
5. Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies	-120	0	-120
<b>Total 2003-05 Biennium</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,883</b>
Fiscal Year 2004 Total	923	0	923
Fiscal Year 2005 Total	960	0	960

**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 missions.
2. **Land Use Hearings Board** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 393, Laws of 2003 (ESSB 5776). This bill provides funds for the increased costs associated with the creation of the Environmental and Land Use Hearings Board.
3. **Pension Funding Change** - Savings are achieved by adopting a new actuarial method for smoothing returns on assets for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). The new method varies the length of smoothing of a particular year's gain or loss depending on the difference from the actuarially-assumed rate of investment return. In addition, no contributions will be made toward the unfunded liabilities in the PERS and TRS Plans 1 during FY 2004 and FY 2005.
4. **Revolving Funds** - Funding levels for services provided by other state agencies, such as the Office of the Attorney General, are adjusted to reflect what those agencies are expected to bill for their services.
5. **Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies** - In order to attain administrative efficiencies, agency budgets are reduced for FTE staff years, salaries, benefits, and other operating costs.

## State Conservation Commission

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>2001-03 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>4,272</b>	<b>3,498</b>	<b>7,770</b>
<b>2003-05 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>6,540</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	-10	-20	-30
2. Drainage Infrastructure	239	0	239
3. Dairy Nutrient Program	0	-90	-90
4. Pension Funding Change	-6	-8	-14
5. Revolving Funds	6	2	8
6. Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies	-8	-4	-12
<b>Total 2003-05 Biennium</b>	<b>4,479</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>6,641</b>
Fiscal Year 2004 Total	2,234	1,076	3,310
Fiscal Year 2005 Total	2,245	1,086	3,331

**Comments:**

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| <p>1. <b>General Inflation</b> - 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 missions. (General Fund-State, Water Quality Account-State)</p> <p>2. <b>Drainage Infrastructure</b> - One-time funding is provided to implement Chapter 391, Laws of 2003, Partial Veto (E2SHB 1418). Increased funding will be used for the assessments leading to the development of the Skagit tide gates and estuarine habitat plans and to provide support to the newly created task force as they address issues related to agricultural drainage systems.</p> <p>3. <b>Dairy Nutrient Program</b> - Spending authority is transferred from the Conservation Commission to the Department of Agriculture for implementation of Chapter 325, Laws of 2003 (ESSB 5889). The Dairy Waste Management Account is renamed the Livestock Nutrient Management Account. (Dairy Waste Management Account-Non-Appropriated)</p> <p>4. <b>Pension Funding Change</b> - Savings are achieved by adopting a new actuarial method for smoothing returns on assets for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). The new method varies the length of smoothing of a particular year's gain or loss depending on the difference from the actuarially-assumed rate of investment return. In addition, no contributions will be made toward the unfunded liabilities in the PERS and TRS Plans 1 during FY 2004 and FY 2005. (General Fund-State, Water Quality Account-State)</p> <p>5. <b>Revolving Funds</b> - Funding levels for services provided by other state agencies, such as the Office of the Attorney General, are adjusted to reflect what those agencies are expected to bill for their services. (General Fund-State, Water Quality Account-State)</p> | <p>6. <b>Staff Reduc. &amp; Oper. Efficiencies</b> - In order to attain administrative efficiencies, agency budgets are reduced for FTE staff years, salaries, benefits, and other operating costs. (General Fund-State, Water Quality Account-State)</p> |
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## Department of Fish and Wildlife

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>2001-03 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>90,709</b>	<b>196,877</b>	<b>287,586</b>
2003 Supplemental *	-6	450	444
<b>Total 2001-03 Biennium</b>	<b>90,703</b>	<b>197,327</b>	<b>288,030</b>
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<b>2003-05 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>90,464</b>	<b>193,730</b>	<b>284,194</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	-502	-1,013	-1,515
2. Reduce Regional Customer Service	-850	-200	-1,050
3. US v. Washington Culvert Lawsuit	112	0	112
4. Safety Equipment Upgrade	60	50	110
5. Admin Technical Adjustment	0	-24	-24
6. Admin General Reduction	-405	0	-405
7. Computer & Software Upgrade	0	400	400
8. Enforcement: Evidence Storage	0	300	300
9. Enforcement Vacancy Savings	-1,000	0	-1,000
10. Spartina Funding to ALEA	0	466	466
11. Reduce Warm Water Assessment	-550	250	-300
12. Hatchery Science Review Group	450	550	1,000
13. Fish Hatcheries Division Reduction	-1,284	642	-642
14. Habitat: Cut Pre-Project Screening	-465	0	-465
15. WCC: Working Circles with DNR	-410	0	-410
16. Lands - Stewardship & Maintenance	0	850	850
17. Migratory Waterfowl	0	900	900
18. Wildlife - Marine Bird Monitoring	0	402	402
19. Wildlife Decals (SSB 5204)	0	24	24
20. Small Forest Landowners	157	0	157
21. Intergovernmental Affairs Assistant	-160	0	-160
22. Fish Management Division Reduction	-160	0	-160
23. Enforcement Program Fund Shift	-800	800	0
24. Municipal Water Rights	50	0	50
25. Pacific Salmon Treaty	220	0	220
26. Pension Funding Change	-574	-646	-1,220
27. Gas Tax Revenue	0	24	24
28. Revolving Funds	-64	-42	-106
29. Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies	-3,060	-1,584	-4,644
30. Self-Insurance Premiums	403	329	732
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<b>Total 2003-05 Biennium</b>	<b>81,632</b>	<b>196,208</b>	<b>277,840</b>
Fiscal Year 2004 Total	41,453	95,720	137,173
Fiscal Year 2005 Total	40,179	100,488	140,667

### 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 missions. (General Fund-State, various other funds)
2. **Reduce Regional Customer Service** - Savings are realized through the elimination of customer services staff within each regional office. License sales will be eliminated in all regional offices, which will require customers to purchase licenses through a retail establishment. (General Fund-State, Wildlife Account-State)
3. **US v. Washington Culvert Lawsuit** - One-time funding is provided for the United States v. Washington State (Culvert Case). The court has framed the issue as whether the state is

"affirmatively diminishing the number of fish available for harvest" by "build[ing] and manag[ing] its roadway culverts in a fashion that impermissibly blocks the passage of fish destined for the Tribes' usual and accustomed fishing ground." The trial is anticipated to begin in December 2003. Agencies involved in the case include the Departments of Transportation, Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Ecology, and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.

4. **Safety Equipment Upgrade** - Funding is provided for replacement of emergency communication radios with equipment that meets federal standards, is compatible with equipment used by other state agencies, and can be used by

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- employees working alone in remote locations that lack cellular phone coverage. (General Fund-State, Wildlife Account-State)
5. **Admin Technical Adjustment** - Savings are realized through an administrative technical adjustment. (General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Private/Local, Wildlife Account-Federal, Wildlife Account-Local)
  6. **Admin General Reduction** - Savings are achieved through a general reduction to administration.
  7. **Computer & Software Upgrade** - Funding is provided for the Information Services Division to upgrade agency computer backup systems and to continue the transition of agency personal computers and software to current standards. (General Fund-Private/Local, Wildlife Account-State, Wildlife Account-Federal)
  8. **Enforcement: Evidence Storage** - Funding is provided to implement evidence storage upgrades, provide mobile data terminals to all officers, and to replace vehicles in order to conform to recognized replacement schedules and ensure employee safety. (Wildlife Account-State)
  9. **Enforcement Vacancy Savings** - Savings are realized through the Enforcement Program maintaining staff vacancies.
  10. **Spartina Funding to ALEA** - Funding is provided to continue efforts to control and manage Spartina infestations within the state. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account [ALEA]-State)
  11. **Reduce Warm Water Assessment** - Savings are realized through the elimination of the Western Washington Warm Water Assessment Team. Additionally, funding is provided for the Warm Water Program for certain activities from fund sources other than the state general fund. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private/Local, Warm Water Game Fish Account-State, Wildlife Account-State, Wildlife Account-Federal, Wildlife Account-Local)
  12. **Hatchery Science Review Group** - Funding is provided to implement the Hatchery Scientific Review Group recommendations to reform hatchery programs for the benefit of recovering wild salmon and providing sustainable fisheries. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Private/Local, Wildlife Account-State, Wildlife Account-Federal, Wildlife Account-Local)
  13. **Fish Hatcheries Division Reduction** - Savings are realized through reductions to the Hatchery Division that may include the closure of hatcheries. Appropriation authority of \$642,000 is transferred from the General Fund-State to the State Wildlife Account. (General Fund-State, Wildlife Account-State)
  14. **Habitat: Cut Pre-Project Screening** - Funding is eliminated for pre-project screening activities related to habitat restoration projects. Although this activity is being eliminated, project screening will continue at a reduced level through other Department staff.
  15. **WCC: Working Circles with DNR** - Funding and staff are reduced for Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) activities. The Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Wildlife will coordinate the management of remaining WCC crews in "working circles" around the state.
  16. **Lands - Stewardship & Maintenance** - Funding is provided to address stewardship and maintenance needs on roughly 90,000 acres of agency land and over 600 water access sites. (General Fund-Private/Local, Wildlife Account-State, Wildlife Account-Local)
  17. **Migratory Waterfowl** - Funding is provided for wetland restoration and landowner incentives to create or maintain habitat for migratory waterfowl. These activities are supported by revenue from an increase in the migratory waterfowl stamp, authorized by Chapter 283, Laws of 2002 (2SSB 6353). (Wildlife Account-State)
  18. **Wildlife - Marine Bird Monitoring** - Funding is provided to investigate recent declines in marine bird populations within Puget Sound and to begin implementation of a recovery plan. State funds will be used to match and leverage resources from other government or private partners. (Wildlife Account-State)
  19. **Wildlife Decals (SSB 5204)** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 317, Laws of 2003 (SSB 5204). This bill authorizes the Department to sell watchable wildlife decals, and the revenue generated will support watchable wildlife activities. (Wildlife Account-State)
  20. **Small Forest Landowners** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 311, Laws of 2003 (2SHB 1095). This bill provides for an agency program administrator to establish an assistance program for small forest landowners.
  21. **Intergovernmental Affairs Assistant** - Funding is eliminated for one intergovernmental affairs assistant position.
  22. **Fish Management Division Reduction** - Funding is reduced for the Fish Management Division.
  23. **Enforcement Program Fund Shift** - One-time funding is transferred from the General Fund-State to the State Wildlife Account for the Enforcement Program. (General Fund-State, Wildlife Account-State)
  24. **Municipal Water Rights** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 5, Laws of 2003, 1st sp.s. (2E2SHB 1338). This bill provides for staff consultation for the review of water system plans of public water systems and participation in selecting watershed areas to participate in voluntary pilot watershed agreements.
  25. **Pacific Salmon Treaty** - Funding is provided to implement license buyback provisions of the United States/Canada salmon treaty.
  26. **Pension Funding Change** - Savings are achieved by adopting a new actuarial method for smoothing returns on assets for the

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Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). The new method varies the length of smoothing of a particular year's gain or loss depending on the difference from the actuarially-assumed rate of investment return. In addition, no contributions will be made toward the unfunded liabilities in the PERS and TRS Plans 1 during FY 2004 and FY 2005. (General Fund-State, various other funds)

27. **Gas Tax Revenue** - Funding is provided to reflect additional revenue from an increase in the gas tax. (Off-Road Vehicle Account-State)
28. **Revolving Funds** - Funding levels for services provided by other state agencies, such as the Office of the Attorney General, are adjusted to reflect what those agencies are expected to bill for their services. (General Fund-State, Wildlife Account-State, Water Quality Account-State)
29. **Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies** - In order to attain administrative efficiencies, agency budgets are reduced for FTE staff years, salaries, benefits, and other operating costs. (General Fund-State, various other funds)
30. **Self-Insurance Premiums** - State agencies pay an annual self-insurance premium to fund the state's Self-Insurance Liability Program. This program is responsible for paying costs related to tort lawsuits associated with state agency programs. An agency's self-insurance premium is based on factors such as past and current claims experience, the agency staffing levels, and estimated obligations. This item reflects the increased amount for the agency's self-insurance premium in the 2003-05 biennium. (General Fund-State, Wildlife Account-State)

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>2001-03 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>66,414</b>	<b>210,352</b>	<b>276,766</b>
2003 Supplemental *	17,867	9,529	27,396
<b>Total 2001-03 Biennium</b>	<b>84,281</b>	<b>219,881</b>	<b>304,162</b>
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<b>2003-05 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>73,776</b>	<b>209,030</b>	<b>282,806</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. Culverts Lawsuit Funding	0	302	302
2. General Inflation	-517	-909	-1,426
3. Revenue Management System	50	2,414	2,464
4. Improved Data Storage & Access	262	651	913
5. Administrative Reduction	-429	0	-429
6. Fund Adjustment to Match Revenue	-296	-14,593	-14,889
7. Aquatic Restoration Land Mgmt	0	254	254
8. Transfer ALEA Grant Program to IAC	0	-254	-254
9. Geoduck Research	0	265	265
10. Contaminated Sediments Liability	0	1,000	1,000
11. Derelict Vessel Removal	0	1,050	1,050
12. Dredged Material Program Monitoring	0	250	250
13. Suppression: Disaster Acct Shift	-7,200	7,200	0
14. Fire Prevention: Revenue Adj	0	-101	-101
15. Forest Practices HCP	0	1,077	1,077
16. Increase Forest & Fish Info System	1,200	0	1,200
17. SDS Lumber Lawsuit Settlement	2,700	0	2,700
18. Forest Stewardship: Cut Level 3	-920	0	-920
19. Reduce Geology Public Information	-730	0	-730
20. Law Enforcement Investigations	12	369	381
21. Fund Shift to NRCA Stewardship	-49	49	0
22. Natural Area Operating Impacts	176	0	176
23. Aquatic Land ESA	0	1,101	1,101
24. Eliminate GF-S for Public Access	-429	0	-429
25. Shellfish Biotoxin Testing	0	40	40
26. Spartina Control: Shift to ALEA	-182	182	0
27. Contract Harvesting	0	8,280	8,280
28. PSAMP Expenditures	0	300	300
29. Metals Mining Transfer	0	-64	-64
30. Surface Mining: Match Revenue	0	-157	-157
31. WCC: Working Circles with WDFW	-779	0	-779
32. Small Forest Landowners	278	0	278
33. Pension Funding Change	-341	-766	-1,107
34. Gas Tax Revenue	0	193	193
35. Temporary Exchange Authority	0	1,250	1,250
36. Revolving Funds	-68	-202	-270
37. Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies	-2,364	-3,306	-5,670
38. Self-Insurance Premiums	390	700	1,090
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<b>Total 2003-05 Biennium</b>	<b>64,540</b>	<b>215,605</b>	<b>280,145</b>
Fiscal Year 2004 Total	30,307	114,364	144,671
Fiscal Year 2005 Total	34,233	101,241	135,474

### Comments:

1. **Culverts Lawsuit Funding** - One-time funding is provided for the United States v. Washington State (Culvert Case). The court has framed the issue as whether the state is "affirmatively diminishing the number of fish available for harvest" by "build[ing] and manag[ing] its roadway culverts in a fashion that impermissibly blocks the passage of fish destined for the Tribes' usual and accustomed fishing ground." The trial is

anticipated to begin in December 2003. Agencies involved in the case include the Departments of Transportation, Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Ecology, and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. (Resource Management Cost Account-State, Forest Development Account-State)

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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 missions. (General Fund-State, various other funds)
  3. **Revenue Management System** - One-time and ongoing funding and staff are provided to replace the revenue management system. The current mainframe computer system will be replaced with a commercial system that is compatible with a web-based database. (General Fund-State, Resource Management Cost Account-State, Forest Development Account-State, various other funds)
  4. **Improved Data Storage & Access** - Funding is provided for a network structure that will support storage and access to information. (General Fund-State, Resource Management Cost Account-State, Forest Development Account-State, various other funds)
  5. **Administrative Reduction** - Administrative funding and staff are reduced.
  6. **Fund Adjustment to Match Revenue** - Funding for land management and resource protection activities is reduced to match available revenues in the Forest Development Account (\$241,000), Forest Fire Protection Assessment Account (\$2 million), and Resource Management Cost Account (\$12.3 million). In addition, a one-time operational efficiency reduction is taken (\$296,000 General Fund-State). Appropriation authority is also reduced to match available revenues in the Surface Mining Reclamation Account and Air Pollution Control Account. (General Fund-State, Resource Management Cost Account-State, Surface Mining Reclamation Account-State, Air Pollution Control Account-State, Forest Fire Protection Assessment Account-Non-Appropriated, Forest Development Account-State)
  7. **Aquatic Restoration Land Mgmt** - One-time and ongoing funding and staff are provided to develop and manage conservation and restoration projects on state-owned aquatic lands. (Resource Management Cost Account-State, Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State)
  8. **Transfer ALEA Grant Program to IAC** - The administration of the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) grant program is transferred to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC). (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State)
  9. **Geoduck Research** - One-time funding is provided to develop a geoduck research project. Of the \$265,000 provided, \$140,000 is for a contract with the University of Washington to conduct a comprehensive literature review of geoduck aquaculture research and to design a pilot project to develop the guidelines for a research project; \$100,000 is for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to support the development of the project, and \$25,000 is for the Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide biological support and scientific review. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State)
  10. **Contaminated Sediments Liability** - One-time funding is provided to complete cleanup of contaminated sediments in Commencement Bay and to fulfill the state's obligations at other contaminated sites. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State)
  11. **Derelict Vessel Removal** - Funding is provided for costs associated with removing derelict vessels. The Legislature gave public entities the authority to seize, remove, and dispose of derelict vessels, as authorized in Chapter 286, Laws of 2002 (ESHB 2376). (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State, Derelict Vessel Removal Account-State)
  12. **Dredged Material Program Monitoring** - Funding is provided for increased costs associated with environmental monitoring of open-water disposal sites used for the disposal of dredged material. The Dredged Materials Management Program coordinates site authorizations, permitting, contracting, and monitoring of two disposal sites. (Aquatic Land Dredged Material Disposal Site Account-State)
  13. **Suppression: Disaster Acct Shift** - A one-time fund shift is made from the state general fund to the Disaster Response Account for fire suppression activities in FY 2004. (General Fund-State, Disaster Response Account-State)
  14. **Fire Prevention: Revenue Adj** - Funding is reduced to match available revenue for the regulation of burning on timber lands. (Air Pollution Control Account-State)
  15. **Forest Practices HCP** - Federal funding is provided for the development of a statewide habitat conservation plan (HCP) for non-federal forest landowners. The Department will prepare the environmental impact statement (EIS) and the draft implementation agreement with federal agencies implementing the Endangered Species Act (ESA). (General Fund-Federal)
  16. **Increase Forest & Fish Info System** - A combination of ongoing and one-time funding and staff are provided to maintain and update computer systems that support salmon recovery, the state's Forest and Fish Report, and basic geographic information system analysis for the Forest Practices Program.
  17. **SDS Lumber Lawsuit Settlement** - Funding is provided for a lawsuit settlement and purchase of approximately 232 acres of land and timber in Klickitat County from the SDS Lumber Company. The land and timber acquired with this funding will be managed for the benefit of the common schools.
- A proviso in the omnibus budget requires the Department to recover by June 30, 2004, the amount appropriated by either trust management or reimbursement from the federal government. It is the intent of the Legislature that the state general fund appropriation in the 2005-07 biennium for the Forest Practices Program be reduced by the amount not recovered by trust management or reimbursement.

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18. **Forest Stewardship: Cut Level 3** - Funding and staff are reduced for forest stewardship assistance. The Department will continue to provide non-industrial private forest owners limited advice, assistance, and educational opportunities to enhance their land stewardship.
19. **Reduce Geology Public Information** - Funding and staff are reduced for the geology library. One librarian is retained for limited interaction with the general public, organized groups, and the educational community.
20. **Law Enforcement Investigations** - Funding is provided for two additional staff to conduct investigations of criminal and civil incidents occurring on the Department's managed and protected lands. The Law Enforcement Services Program currently has one Natural Resources Investigator in each of the seven administrative regions. (General Fund-State, Resource Management Cost Account-State, Forest Development Account-State, various other funds)
21. **Fund Shift to NRCA Stewardship** - Funds are shifted, on a one-time basis, from the state general fund to the Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCA) Stewardship Account. The Natural Areas Program maintains and provides operational support for 115,000 acres of natural area preserves and natural resource conservation areas. (General Fund-State, Natural Resources Conservation Areas Stewardship Account-State)
22. **Natural Area Operating Impacts** - Funding is provided for operating and maintaining 4,700 acres of land acquired under authority in the 2001-03 capital budget. Natural Area Preserves (NAPs) and NRCAs are acquired through the Trust Land Transfer Program and purchases from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This item provides ongoing funding and staff to support the basic maintenance and operation of the additions to NAPs and NRCAs.
23. **Aquatic Land ESA** - One-time and ongoing funding and staff are provided to develop an ESA compliance plan for 2.4 million acres of state-owned aquatic lands. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State)
24. **Eliminate GF-S for Public Access** - General Fund-State funding and associated staff are eliminated for support of approximately 950 miles of trails statewide. An additional \$450,000 from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles Activities (NOVA) Program Account in the capital budget will ensure all DNR campgrounds remain open for FY 2004.
25. **Shellfish Biotoxin Testing** - Ongoing funding is provided to DNR to continue shellfish biotoxin testing by the Department of Health. (Resource Management Cost Account-State)
26. **Spartina Control: Shift to ALEA** - General Fund-State funding for Spartina control is shifted to ALEA. (General Fund-State, Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State)
27. **Contract Harvesting** - Spending authority is provided from the Contract Harvesting Revolving Account for payment of harvesting costs incurred on contract harvesting sales and to implement Chapter 313, Laws of 2003 (2SSB 5074). (Contract Harvesting Revolving Account-Non-Appropriated)
28. **PSAMP Expenditures** - Funding is provided to improve and expand monitoring activities in the Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program (PSAMP). Data obtained will enhance the ability of state, federal, and local governments to manage, protect, and restore local marine ecosystems and the fish stocks they support. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account-State)
29. **Metals Mining Transfer** - DNR and the Department of Ecology (DOE) both conduct mining-related inspections. By mutual agreement of the two agencies, the appropriations from the Metals Mining Account are transferred from DNR to DOE on an ongoing basis. (Metals Mining Account-State)
30. **Surface Mining: Match Revenue** - Spending authority for the Surface Mining Reclamation Account is reduced to match revenue. (Surface Mining Reclamation Account-State)
31. **WCC: Working Circles with WDFW** - Funding and staff are reduced for Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) activities. DNR and the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will coordinate the management of remaining WCC crews in "working circles" around the state.
32. **Small Forest Landowners** - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 311, Laws of 2003 (2SHB 1095). This bill provides for a one-time EIS and cost-benefit analysis and an ongoing natural resource engineer to assist with program implementation.
33. **Pension Funding Change** - Savings are achieved by adopting a new actuarial method for smoothing returns on assets for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). The new method varies the length of smoothing of a particular year's gain or loss depending on the difference from the actuarially-assumed rate of investment return. In addition, no contributions will be made toward the unfunded liabilities in the PERS and TRS Plans 1 during FY 2004 and FY 2005. (General Fund-State, various other funds)
34. **Gas Tax Revenue** - Funding is provided to reflect additional revenue from an increase in the gas tax. (Off-Road Vehicle Account-State)
35. **Temporary Exchange Authority** - The Department is authorized to accept payment for land and timber appraisals in land exchanges. (Forest Development Account-State, Resource Management Cost Account-State)
36. **Revolving Funds** - Funding levels for services provided by other state agencies, such as the Office of the Attorney General, are adjusted to reflect what those agencies are expected to bill for their services. (General Fund-State, various other funds)

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37. **Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies** - In order to attain administrative efficiencies, agency budgets are reduced for FTE staff years, salaries, benefits, and other operating costs. (General Fund-State, various other funds)
38. **Self-Insurance Premiums** - State agencies pay an annual self-insurance premium to fund the state's Self-Insurance Liability Program. This program is responsible for paying costs related to tort lawsuits associated with state agency programs. An agency's self-insurance premium is based on factors such as past and current claims experience, the agency staffing levels, and estimated obligations. This item reflects the increased amount for the agency's self-insurance premium in the 2003-05 biennium. (General Fund-State, various other funds)

\* Please see the 2003 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

### *Governor's Vetoes:*

The Governor vetoed a portion of Section 308(14) of Chapter 25, Laws of 2003, 1st sp.s., Partial Veto (ESSB 5404). It has no fiscal effect in the 2003-05 biennium.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>2001-03 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>15,249</b>	<b>75,923</b>	<b>91,172</b>
2003 Supplemental *	-57	-208	-265
<b>Total 2001-03 Biennium</b>	<b>15,192</b>	<b>75,715</b>	<b>90,907</b>
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<b>2003-05 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>15,494</b>	<b>76,264</b>	<b>91,758</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	-99	-212	-311
2. Ag Statistics Service Reduction	-350	0	-350
3. Dairy Nutrient Program	0	947	947
4. Seed Program	0	198	198
5. Livestock Identification	0	360	360
6. Pension Funding Change	-76	-296	-372
7. Chickens (ESHB 1754)	68	4	72
8. Revolving Funds	-6	-14	-20
9. Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies	-431	-1,400	-1,831
10. Self-Insurance Premiums	88	332	420
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<b>Total 2003-05 Biennium</b>	<b>14,688</b>	<b>76,183</b>	<b>90,871</b>
Fiscal Year 2004 Total	7,444	37,472	44,916
Fiscal Year 2005 Total	7,244	38,711	45,955

**Comments:**

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| <p>1. <b>General Inflation</b> - 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 missions. (General Fund-State, various other funds)</p> <p>2. <b>Ag Statistics Service Reduction</b> - Funding and staff are reduced to reflect removal of General Fund-State support for the Washington Agriculture Statistics Service. The effect of this change will be fewer county-level crop analyses. Corresponding administrative funding and staff are also reduced.</p> <p>3. <b>Dairy Nutrient Program</b> - Funding is provided for the transfer of the Dairy Nutrient Program from the Department of Ecology to the Department of Agriculture as outlined in Chapter 325, Laws of 2003 (ESSB 5889). The bill also transfers spending authority from the Conservation Commission to the Department of Agriculture for the Dairy Waste Management Account and renames the account the Livestock Nutrient Management Account. (Water Quality Account-State, Water Quality Permit Account-State, Dairy Waste Management Account-Non-Appropriated)</p> <p>4. <b>Seed Program</b> - Spending authority is provided to implement Chapter 308, Laws of 2003 (HB 1126). This bill provides funding for two additional staff for the Seed Program to prepare for anticipated growth in seed production and increased testing of genetically-altered crops. (Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appropriated)</p> <p>5. <b>Livestock Identification</b> - Spending authority is provided to implement Chapter 326, Laws of 2003 (SSB 5891). This bill increases fees charged under the livestock identification,</p> | <p>certified feed lot, and public livestock market laws. Funding is provided for inspections at certified feed lots and slaughter plants and to increase livestock theft investigation activities. (Agricultural Local Account-Non-Appropriated)</p> <p>6. <b>Pension Funding Change</b> - Savings are achieved by adopting a new actuarial method for smoothing returns on assets for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). The new method varies the length of smoothing of a particular year's gain or loss depending on the difference from the actuarially-assumed rate of investment return. In addition, no contributions will be made toward the unfunded liabilities in the PERS and TRS Plans 1 during FY 2004 and FY 2005. (General Fund-State, various other funds)</p> <p>7. <b>Chickens (ESHB 1754)</b> - Funding is provided to implement Chapter 397, Laws of 2003 (ESHB 1754). The bill authorizes the Department to issue special, temporary permits for the slaughter, preparation, and on-farm, producer-to-consumer sale of 1,000 or fewer pastured, whole chickens in a calendar year. One-time funding of \$38,000 is provided for required rule adoption. (General Fund-State, Agricultural Local-Non-Appropriated)</p> <p>8. <b>Revolving Funds</b> - Funding levels for services provided by other state agencies, such as the Office of the Attorney General, are adjusted to reflect what those agencies are expected to bill for their services. (General Fund-State, various other funds)</p> <p>9. <b>Staff Reduc. &amp; Oper. Efficiencies</b> - In order to attain administrative efficiencies, agency budgets are reduced for FTE</p> |
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staff years, salaries, benefits, and other operating costs.  
(General Fund-State, various other funds)

10. **Self-Insurance Premiums** - State agencies pay an annual self-insurance premium to fund the state's Self-Insurance Liability Program. This program is responsible for paying costs related to tort lawsuits associated with state agency programs. An agency's self-insurance premium is based on factors such as past and current claims experience, the agency staffing levels, and estimated obligations. This item reflects the increased amount for the agency's self-insurance premium in the 2003-05 biennium. (General Fund-State, various other funds)

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.

\* Please see the 2003 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

## Washington Pollution Liability Insurance Program

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>2001-03 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>2,150</b>
<b>2003-05 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,042</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	0	-6	-6
2. Agency Administration Fund Shift	0	0	0
3. Pension Funding Change	0	-8	-8
4. Revolving Funds	0	6	6
5. Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies	0	-140	-140
<b>Total 2003-05 Biennium</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>1,894</b>
Fiscal Year 2004 Total	0	941	941
Fiscal Year 2005 Total	0	953	953

**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 missions. (Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account-State, Heating Oil Pollution Liability Trust Account-Non-Appropriated)
  
2. **Agency Administration Fund Shift** - Appropriation authority is transferred from the Heating Oil Pollution Liability Trust Account to the Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account. Funding is provided for program administration. (Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account-State, Heating Oil Pollution Liability Trust Account-Non-Appropriated)
  
3. **Pension Funding Change** - Savings are achieved by adopting a new actuarial method for smoothing returns on assets for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). The new method varies the length of smoothing of a particular year's gain or loss depending on the difference from the actuarially-assumed rate of investment return. In addition, no contributions will be made toward the unfunded liabilities in the PERS and TRS Plans 1 during FY 2004 and FY 2005. (Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account-State, Heating Oil Pollution Liability Trust Account-Non-Appropriated)
  
4. **Revolving Funds** - Funding levels for services provided by other state agencies, such as the Office of the Attorney General, are adjusted to reflect what those agencies are expected to bill for their services. (Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account-State)
  
5. **Staff Reduc. & Oper. Efficiencies** - In order to attain administrative efficiencies, agency budgets are reduced for FTE staff years, salaries, benefits, and other operating costs. (Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account-State)

