

2019 Budget Decision Impacts



What's at Stake: Maintaining WDFW's Services, Including...

Wildlife Conflict

\$4.4M General Fund

- Preserve the ability to work with the public to avoid and minimize negative wildlife interactions

Shellfish & Public Safety

\$2.5M General Fund

- Prevent the loss of sanitary shellfish patrols
 - Impacts \$270M Washington state shellfish industry, affecting 3,200 jobs

Land Management

\$2.6M General Fund

- Prevent reduced capacity to address invasive weeds and forest health issues on WDFW wildlife areas

Fisheries & Hatchery Production

\$9.4M ~40% General Fund/60% Fees

- Prevent the closure of 8 hatcheries
 - Production of 4.5 million salmon, steelhead, and trout
- Preserve the planting of clam and oyster seeds, and retain work on population estimates
 - More conservative management will have a \$40M impact to coastal economies

Hunting

\$3.1M Fees

- Prevent loss of game species research and data management, preserve opportunity; preserve pheasant hunting opportunities; preserve hunter education, including Master Hunter program

Species Recovery

\$3.4M General Fund

- Preserve species ecology and status assessments, species recovery efforts; habitat conservation; climate change capacity; aquatic invasive species and noxious weed treatment

Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement

\$3.3M CRSSE

- Preserve enforcement, survival monitoring, hooking mortality studies, ESA permitting work that allows expanded fishing opportunities

Customer Service

\$1.9M General Fund

- Maintain regional and centralized customer service operators and an after hours call center.

Bottom Line: \$31M supporting 109 FTEs

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Governor Budget Proposals By Fund Source

Recreation Fee Bill Revenue - HB 1708 / SB 5692

Current Fishing and Hatchery Production

- Preserve fish production operations at Chelan, Meseberg and Naches hatcheries, Whitehorse and Reiter Ponds, and hatchery maintenance.
 - Production of 2.6 million salmon, steelhead, and trout
 - 5 facilities
 - Prevent loss of 5.75 FTEs
- Preserve early winter steelhead monitoring
 - Reporting required by NOAA to permit hatcheries
 - Prevent loss of 1 FTE
- Continue lake and stream rehabilitation
 - Rotenone treatment in lakes to improve trout fishing
- Maintain warm water game fish management
 - Protect and manage warmwater resources and fisheries
 - Prevent loss of 11.3 FTEs

Maintain Current CRSE and Related Fishing Opportunities

- Activities supported by this endorsement include fisheries enforcement and data.
- Collection, reporting, scientific monitoring and evaluation. Management and associated opportunity will be decreased or cut;
- Prevent loss of 12.3 FTEs

General Fund Revenue Requests

Maintain Fisheries & Hatcheries

- Prevent closure of Bingham Creek, Humptulips, and Omak Hatcheries, maintain production of 1.9 million salmon, steelhead, and trout
- Maintain razor clam management, affecting 5 beaches over 60 miles. Would impact \$40 million coastal industry.
- Continue dungeness crab management; Continue clam and oyster seed purchase, affecting 15 popular public tidelands; Prevent loss of 6.8 FTEs

Maintain Wildlife Conflict Response

- Preserve ability to work with the public to avoid and minimize negative wildlife interactions
- Continue Karelian Bear dog program
- Prevent loss of 13 FTEs

Maintain Customer Service

- Loss of 12.8 FTEs

Maintain Current Hunting Opportunities and Hunter Safety

- Continue Master Hunter Program.
- Preserve science based management, population monitoring, and disease management, maintaining hunting opportunities and understanding of wildlife species such as cougar, deer, elk, and bear.
- Maintain pheasant production and continued pheasant hunting opportunities.
- Prevent loss of 12 FTEs

Enhance Hunting Opportunities

- Improve access to private lands by hunters, anglers, and outdoor recreationalists.

Enhance Fishing Opportunities

- Hatchery production increases
 - 10.5 million salmon
 - Addition of 9.5 FTEs
- Catch and release steelhead fishery on the Skagit River
 - Conduct monitoring and creel surveys as required in the Skagit Steelhead Harvest Management Plan.
 - Addition of 2.1 FTEs
- Operations and maintenance for a sportfishing and hunting mobile application.
 - Addition of 4.0 FTEs

Maintain Land Management

- Continue noxious weed management
- Preserve monitoring of forest health
- Prevent loss of 10 FTEs

Maintain Shellfish Safety & Public Health

- Continue sanitary shellfish patrols, inspecting harvesters, markets, restaurants
- Affects \$270M dollar industry, including 3,200 jobs
- Prevent loss of 7.3 FTEs

Species Recovery

- Maintain capacity for HPA permit process; Continue recovery work for ESA species; Preserve 11.6 FTEs

Enhance Southern Resident Orca Recovery

- Prey increase: \$10.5 M
- Vessel Interaction: \$1.68M
- Other: \$580k