

HB1 ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISH AND GAME						
Topic	Item	Recommendation	Requested Action	Cost	Comment	Additional Note
Environmental Review	Environmental Review Staffing July 1 -Dec 31 2025	Allow the 4 postions currently funded by ARPA (GOFERR) through Dec 2025 to remain within Fish and Game until ARPA funds are expended	Keep the allocation of ARPA funds for these position at Fish and Game for the environmental review work. Estimated Costs per calendar year 2025 is approximately \$330,715.00	\$165,358.00 ARPA FUNDS (July 1-Dec 31)	Our estimates indicated these positions can be funded with the ARPA fund through Dec 31, 2025 and still have a balance of approximately 97K remaining for CY 2026. This was due to vacancies prior to December 2024.	Funding for these positons were requested in Fish and Game's submission for HB2. A similar request to fund these positions was presented in an amendment to SB239 (New Title) appropriating funds to the fish and game department for continuing environmental review and to cover a deficit for previously instituted salary increases.
Environmental Review	Evironmental Review Staffing January 1 on going	Under the current proposal 3 of the 4 ARPA funded positions transfer to DES January 1, 2026. Leave 1 position with Fish and Game - permanently.	Fund Fish and Game, using General Funds, for a full-time permanent position for 18 months.	\$124,018.00	maintain at least one permanent staff member for ongoing environmental reviews (currently estimated at 1.5-1.7 FTEs; without the DES permit reviews) required of the department. Because the positions were created using	
Information Technology	Network Regions and Hatcheries to state system; including cyber security, software, network licenses, and computer upgraded	Upgrade network, wifi, and security systems in 4 regional offices, 5 hatcheries, 2 office and facilities buildings, and the HQ main conference rooms.	Provide funding, using General Funds, for Fish and Game to work with DoIT to upgrade regional offices and hatcheries to the state network. This will improve Fish and Game operation efficiencies and customer service.	\$637,527.00	Estimates are 150K for the Regional offices, 180K for the hatcheries, 75K for the office and facilities bldgs, 75K for the HQ conference rooms, approximately 49K for licenses and software, and 100K for DoIT staff.	
Revenue Account	Established accounting unit for raffles and donations (revolving account)	The account is requested to allow Fish and Game to use new methods for generating revenue.	Create an accounting unit to accept raffle and donation funds (as revolving account)	NA	capacity and opportunity for Fish and Game to generate revenue in a new manner.	
Staffing Efficiency	Consolidating 2-4 seasonal/PTE into one to 2 FTE	These positions would act as floaters across divisions (e.g., wildlife and fisheries).	Eliminate 2-4 part time positions and create 1-2 full time permanent positions.	no anticipated expense	provide consistency in workforce and alleviate the need for annual recruitment.	

Fish and Game Fees for Increase						
Accounting Unit	Description	RSA	Current Rate	Proposed Increase Rate	Estimated Revenue	
21270000	Fisheries Habitat Fee	214:1-g	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 640,000.00	
21550000	Wildlife Habitate Fee	214:1-f	\$ 2.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 144,000.00	

Note: The Director has authority to raise license and permits fees in consultation with the Fish and Game Commission. We are reviewing fees internally and will work with the Fish and Game Commission to consider fee increases where reasonable and feasible.

Fish and Game HB2 Requests			
Title	RSA	AU	Proposal
Endangered Species Conservation	212-A	NA	Consider Fish and Game's language while considering DES language. See other document
Pheasant Management	206:35-a	21530000	Add language to allow moneys to be use for management and implementation of pheasant release program.
Fisheries Habitat Fee	214:1-g	21270000	Add language to (I) to increase the fee to \$5 and add language to (II) that the account shall not exceed 750K. Any amount in excess of \$750,000 shall be deposited in the fish and game fund. Any moneys in the fund not in excess of \$750,000 shall not lapse.
Wildlife Habitate Fee	214:1-f	21550000	Add language to (I) to increase the fee to \$5 and add language to (II) that the account shall not exceed 750K. Any amount in excess of \$750,000 shall be deposited in the fish and game fund. Any moneys in the fund not in excess of \$750,000 shall not lapse.
Game Management	206:34-b	21580000	the account shall not exceed 750K. Any amount in excess of \$750,000 shall be deposited in the fish and game fund. Any moneys in the fund not in excess of \$750,000 shall not lapse.
Environmental Review Fees	206:33-f	NEW	Add language to (I) to allow a fee to be assessed to another state, federal, municiple, or local government entity, non-profit organization. Add after "project developer", state, federal, municipal, or local government or non-government organization, either private or public...
NEW - Raffles and Donations	NEW	NEW	Create an accounting unit to be able to collect funds for raffles and donations (as a revolving account)
Sale of Fish Food	206:35-c	21310000	Repeal