

**Department of Fish and Game
FY24 Midyear Status Report**

Item No.	Appropriation / Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	LFD Questions
1	Commercial Fisheries / Southeast Region Fisheries Management	Dive Fisheries Assessments	\$36.0 Fish/Game (Other) IncOTI	What is the current balance of the Civil Fines and Penalties subaccount of the Fish and Game fund?
				Has the Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDFA) taken action to increase their collections?
Agency Response				
The current balance of the Civil Fines and Penalties subaccount is \$1,107.2. The Division of Commercial Fisheries does not have information on SARDFA's actions to increase collections. The recommendation is to contact SARDFA directly.				
2	Commercial Fisheries / Various	Increased Cost of Commodities	\$593.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	Is the agency likely to need a similar FY24 supplemental?
		Supplemental		
Agency Response				
The supplemental budget should be released shortly and conversations are ongoing with OMB.				
3	Commercial Fisheries / AYK Region Fisheries Management	Restore Assessment and Management Projects that Were Eliminated in Prior Year Budget Reductions	\$285.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	Which projects were reinstated (or will be next season), and what is the associated level of funding for each one?
Agency Response:				
Yukon River Sonar Extensions - \$85.0; Norton Sound King Crab Research - \$97.4; Norton Sound Red King Crab Survey - \$80.0; Program Management, AYK Region - \$22.6				
4	Commercial Fisheries / Westward Region Fisheries Management	Alleviate Shortfall in Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Test Fishery Receipts	Net Zero	Does the Westward Region have any Test Fishery receipts remaining?
			\$1,000.0 Gen Fund (UGF) (\$1,000.0) Test Fish (DGF) IncOTI	Does the agency anticipate any test fishery activity in the Westward Region in FY24?
Agency Response:				
Westward region does have test fishery receipts remaining. Collected revenue to date has been approximately \$600.0 resulting in a current balance of \$3,003.3. Additional revenues are expected and some of that remaining balance will be used in the upcoming season resulting in an end of FY2024 projected balance of \$2,768.6. It is anticipated that the remaining spending authority will be used by the end of the fiscal year.				

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5	Sport Fisheries / Sport Fisheries	Restore Authority to Sport Fish Projects Post Pandemic	\$500.0 Fish/Game (Other)	Which projects were reinstated, and what is the associated level of funding for each one?
<p>Agency Response: The majority of the FGF increase had to cover personal service increases as well as extended projects for Fish Creek and Deshka River weirs for coho and Jim Creek weir was reinstated for coho, details listed below. No new projects were launched other than those in FY23 within the Susitna drainage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fish Creek Weir: \$25.1K added; extended for 2 months •Deshka River weir: \$40.8K added; extended for 1 month •Jim Creek weir: \$55.0K; “reinstated” for 2.5 months 				
6	Sport Fisheries / Sport Fisheries	Funding for Rockfish Survey	\$50.0 Fish/Game (Other)	Has this funding been used to increase rockfish survey activity over prior year efforts? How is this different from prior years' work.
<p>Agency Response: We are in process of developing the RSA to Comm Fish that will augment rockfish surveys in Southeast.</p>				
7	Sport Fisheries / Sport Fisheries	Add Funding for the Deshka Weir, Jim Creek Weir, and Fish Creek Weir	\$121.0 Fish/Game (Other)	How much additional operation time did this funding provide at the affected weirs?
<p>Agency Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fish Creek Weir: extended for 2 months •Deshka River weir: extended for 1 month •Jim Creek weir: extended for 2.5 months 				
8	Anchorage and Fairbanks Hatcheries / Anchorage and Fairbanks Hatcheries	Increased Costs of Utilities Supplemental	\$300.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	Is the agency likely to need a similar FY24 supplemental?
<p>Agency Response: The supplemental budget should be released shortly and conversations are ongoing with OMB.</p>				
9	Wildlife Conservation / Wildlife Conservation	State Match for Increased Pittman-Robertson Funding	\$2,080.1 Fish/Game (Other)	<p>Does the agency have sufficient match and receipt authority for current levels of federal PR receipts?</p> <p>Is there a list of current projects? I see the In-Progress Projects under Hunter Access on your website, but I'm guessing this isn't everything?</p>

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<p>Agency Response: DWC has sufficient match and receipt authority for FY24. This is due to a one-time increment from the legislature for the FY24 budget. DWC would like to maintain the increment in FY25 to ensure we maintain sufficient and match for PR receipts.</p> <p>A list of projects can be provided.</p>				
10	Wildlife Conservation / Wildlife Conservation	Support and Outreach of Non-Pittman-Robertson Projects	\$1,302.0 Gen Fund (UGF) IncOTI	Which agency projects does this funding support? Are these new projects, or regular agency work?
<p>Agency Response: The increased GF is to support the Marine Mammals and the Threatened and Endangered Species Program as part of their efforts to decrease unnecessary federal Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act regulations that stymie development and other economic activities.</p> <p>The projects are a mix of both new and regular due to the nature of their funding.</p>				