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FY 2013 Operating Budget

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**Department of Environmental Conservation
FY2013 House Finance Budget Subcommittee Narrative Report
March 1, 2012**

Recommendations:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation submits a recommended operating budget for FY 2013 to the House Finance Committee as follows:

	(In thousands of dollars)
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$21,062.8
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$26,967.6
Other Funds	\$11,294.1
Federal Funds	\$24,227.8
Total	\$83,552.3

Budget Action:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation held four meetings with the Department and analyzed all of the Governor's budget transactions. The following are the budget action highlights:

The Subcommittee recommends accepting the Governor's FY 2013 request.

The Subcommittee recommends the following Operating Budget changes:

Administration

- Shared Departmental Costs - \$280.0 I/A receipts. Funding allows for the accounting of services provided to the entire department.

Environmental Health

- Food Safety Inspections - \$124.6 (94.6 GF/30.0 GF/PR). Travel to address two high risk areas: (1) highly susceptible populations and (2) federally mandated inspection requirements such as federal meal programs.

- Paralytic Shellfish Poison Testing - \$274.0 (190.0 GF/84.0 GF/PR) plus one PCN. These funds support increased demand from geoduck farms, wild harvest areas and commercial Dungeness whole-crab sellers. The position and \$84.0 GF/PR maintains one-time only funding approved in FY12.

- Fish Tissue Testing Program - \$557.0 GF. Funding maintains the program, and allows for continued testing and monitoring of contaminants in fish tissue.

Spill Prevention & Response

- Cleanup of Contaminated Sites - \$550.0 Fed. Program receives grant funding from Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfield Program and the Federal Aviation Administration for priority clean-up work.
- Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Primacy - \$372.1 GF. Department is assuming responsibility for all oil and gas wastewater discharge permitting from EPA. Funding provides contractual support.
- Mine Permitting - \$200.0 I/A receipts. Funding allows for accounting of mining receipts from the Department of Natural Resources from existing unbudgeted RSA's.

The Subcommittee also agrees with the Governor's Budget recommendation of cutting five PFT positions from the FY 2012 Management Plan.

Attached Reports:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation adopts the attached reports:

Subcommittee generated reports

1. Budget Action Worksheet

Legislative Finance Division Reports – House Structure

- 1) Agency Totals – FY 2013 Operating Budget
- 2) Appropriation/Allocation Summary (All Funds)
- 3) Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF)
- 4) Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and H Subcomm
- 5) Wordage Report – FY 2013 Operating Budget



Representative Reggie Joule, Chair

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