



**29th ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee  
FY16 Operating Budget**

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**Department of Fish and Game  
Narrative Report**

**RECOMMENDATIONS :**

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These recommendations were driven by the unprecedented downturn of revenues resulting from the precipitous drop in oil prices. This Subcommittee recognizes and acknowledges that some very worthwhile programs may go unfunded or underfunded but its choices are very limited given the timeframe and financial circumstances the State finds itself in.

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish & Game submits a recommended Operating Budget for FY 2016 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows:

**Fund Source:**

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$ 65,742.2
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$ 12,822.4
Other Funds	\$ 62,973.4
Federal Funds	\$ 67,063.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$208,601.8</b>

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY 2015 Management Plan to the Senate Subcommittee budget recommendation is a reduction of \$15,607.4, a 17.7 percent decrease.

**Positions:**

Permanent Full-time	902
Permanent Part-time	698
Temporary	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,654</b>

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish & Game held 3 meetings with the Department and analyzed all of the Governor's FY 2016 budget transactions.

**The subcommittee recommends the following:**

Accept the Governor's Amended FY 2016 Budget as amended

Accept changes made in the House

**Senate Finance Subcommittee highlights:**

Reduce General Funds from the Division of Commercial Fisheries \$ 815.7 UGF

Reduce General Funds from the Division of Sport Fish \$504.9 UGF

Reduce General Funds from the Division of Wildlife Conservation \$459.9 UGF. Including

- Reduce General Funds for Intensive management and replaced work with existing CIP funds (\$250.0).
- Switch funding source for access defense from General Funds to federal receipt authority (\$209.9}

Reduce General Funds from the Commissioner's Office \$19.6 UGF

Reduce General Funds from Administrative Services \$150.3 UGF

Reduce General Funds from Boards Support \$15.0 UGF and create separate allocations for Board Support (\$1,335.1} and for Advisory Committees (\$548.4}

Reduce General Funds from Division of Subsistence \$70.5 UGF

Reduce General Funds from Division of Habitat \$94.1 UGF

Inserted intent language directing the Department to:

1. Not reduce positions or funding for programs or projects directly linked to stocks of concern.
- 2 Annually report on stocks of concern coupled with historical returns data.

- 3 Annually report to the legislature on revenues.
- 4 Establish baselines for Chinook and Sockeye smolt outmigration in various areas.
- 5 Make all department comments, technical reports and science data on Board proposals available to the public at least 60 days prior to the start of the respective annual Board of Fish or the Board of Game meetings.

**ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game adopts the attached reports:

1. Budget Action Worksheet
- 2 Agency Totals-FY 2016 Operating Budget
- 3 Allocation Summary (All Funds)
- 4 Allocation Summary (GF)
- 5 Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and S Subcommittee
- 6 Transaction Comparison between Gov. Amd and S Subcommittee
7. Transaction Comparison between House and S Subcommittee
- 8 Wordage Report-FY 2016 Operating Budget

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Senator Mike Dunleavy, Chair

Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game