Department 720 - Game and Fish Department House Bill No. 1019

2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	FTE Positions 136.00	General Fund	Other Funds \$34,719,641	Total \$34,719,641
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	131.00		30,578,752	30,578,7521
Increase (Decrease)	5.00	\$0	\$4,140,889	\$4,140,889
2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget	136.00		\$34,919,641	\$34,919,641
Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer	0.00	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000

¹The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$70,426 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$5.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for special market equity adjustments for classified employees and \$2,290 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000. The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts do not include additional other funds spending authority of \$177,364 carried over from the 1997-99 biennium for capital projects.

Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting Game and Fish Department 2001-03 Budget

Provides funding for salary adjustments, in addition to the executive budget compensation package, to increase salaries to new pay range minimums established by Central Personnel.	General Fund	Other Funds \$7,374	Total \$7,374
Increases the operating expenses line item from \$7,779,014 to \$8,320,714 to reflect the following changes:			
Increases funding for utilities from \$213,000 to \$253,000		\$40,000	\$40,000
Increases funding for information technologydata processing from \$222,447 to \$313,000		90,553	90,553
Increases funding for information technologysoftware and supplies from \$67,000 to \$137,000		70,000	70,000
Decreases funding for operating fees and services from \$709,049 to \$557,449		(151,600)	(151,600)
Decreases funding for repairs from \$252,900 to \$212,900		(40,000)	(40,000)
Increases funding for inflationary increases in various costs, including State Fleet services		350,000	350,000
Increases from \$100,000 to \$200,000 the amount of indirect cost reimbursement paid by the department		100,000	100,000
Other		82,747	82,747
Total recommended changes		\$541,700	\$541,700
3. Adds 1 FTE biologist II and provides the following amounts for the department's proposed coverlocks initiative. (The proposed coverlocks program will provide landowner incentives to establish 20-acre blocks of winter habitat and provide a 30-year public easement on the quarter section containing the coverlock habitat.)			
Salaries and wages (land habitat and deer depredation line item)		\$81,876	\$81,876
Operating expenses (land habitat and deer depredation line item)		1,118,195	1,118,195
Equipment (land habitat and deer depredation line item)		4,000	4,000
Total recommended appropriation		\$1,204,071	\$1,204,071

		General Fund	Other Funds	Total
4.	Adds 1 FTE computer and network specialist II and provides the following amounts to coordinate the department's use of geographic information systems data and technology:			
	Salaries and wages Operating expenses		\$80,295 6,000	\$80,295 6,000
	Equipment		5,000	5,000
	Total recommended appropriation		\$91,295	\$91,295
5.	Increases the grants, gifts, and donations line item from \$100,000 to \$150,000 to allow the department to accept and spend 50 percent more for special projects financed with funds from those sources.		\$50,000	\$50,000
6.	Adds 1 FTE biologist III and provides the following amounts for the department's proposed aquatic habitat improvement initiative:			
	Salaries and wages		\$89,529	\$89,529
	Operating expenses		35,700	35,700
	Equipment		5,000	5,000
	Capital improvements Grants		340,000 81,000	340,000 81,000
	Land habitat and deer depredation line item		400,000	400,000
	Total recommended appropriation		\$951,229	\$951,229
7.	Decreases from \$248,750 to \$80,000 the amount provided to the Parks and Recreation Department; \$80,000 for costs incurred in cleaning and maintaining fish cleaning stations, boat ramps, and vault toilets (no change from the amount appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium for this purpose); and \$0 for boat ramp repairs at state parks. The 1999-2001 appropriation included \$168,750 for the Parks and Recreation Department for boat ramp repairs at Lake Sakakawea and Lewis and Clark State Parks.		(\$168,750)	(\$168,750)
8.	Adds 2 FTE game warden II positions and provides the following amounts for the enforcement division:			
	Salaries and wages Operating expenses Equipment		\$162,452 50,000 12,000	\$162,452 50,000 12,000
	Total recommended appropriation		\$224,452	\$224,452
9.	Increases funding for noxious weed control by 25 percent, from \$200,000 to \$250,000 to reflect increased costs for chemical and biological control methods.		\$50,000	\$50,000
10.	Increases funding for the land habitat and deer depredation line item to enhance the department's private land habitat programs.		\$650,000	\$650,000
11.	Increases from \$45,000 to \$68,000 the amount provided to the Department of Agriculture for veterinary services utilized by the Game and Fish Department.		\$23,000	\$23,000
12.	Increases the wildlife services line item from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and provides that the \$200,000 is for a grant to the Department of Agriculture to replace \$200,000 of general fund appropriation authority previously provided for the Department of Agriculture's wildlife services line item. (The Game and Fish Department's wildlife services line item was previously used to directly reimburse the United States Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services Agency for animal control services and was not provided as a grant to the Department of Agriculture.)		\$100,000	\$100,000
13.	Provides \$200,000 for the waterbank program (no change from the amount appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium).		\$0	\$0

14. Provides \$1,299,486 for capital improvements, a decrease of \$342,636 compared to the 1999-2001 biennium appropriation of \$1,642,122:	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Extraordinary repairs		\$684,486	\$684,486
Construction of a storage building and secure storage yard in the Bismarck area		275,000	275,000
Aquatic habitat improvement projects		340,000	340,000
Total recommended appropriation		\$1,299,486	\$1,299,486

Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting Game and Fish Department 2001-03 Budget Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)

Increases the wildlife services line item by an additional \$200,000	General Fund	Other Funds \$200.000	Total \$200.000
		\$200,000	φ200,000
(\$100,000 increase included in the Schafer recommendation), from			
\$100,000 in 1999-2001 to \$400,000 in 2001-03, for a grant to the			
Department of Agriculture. (The Game and Fish Department's wildlife			
services line item was previously used to directly reimburse the United			
States Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services Agency for animal			
control services and was not provided as a grant to the Department of			
Agriculture.)			

Major Legislation Affecting the Game and Fish Department

Senate Bill No. 2025 - This bill directs the Game and Fish Department to establish a deerproof hay yard program at no cost to landowners.

Senate Bill No. 2051 - This bill requires an applicant for a motorboat license to provide proof of payment of sales or use tax, or proof that the purchase of the motorboat was through a casual sale and is exempt from sales and use tax.

Senate Bill No. 2170 - This bill allows all nonresident youth hunters to purchase a resident small game hunting license.