

Game and Fish Department - Budget No. 720
Senate Bill No. 2017
Base Level Funding Changes

	Senate Version				House Version				Conference Committee Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	164.00	\$0	\$89,581,634	\$89,581,634	164.00	\$0	\$89,581,634	\$89,581,634	164.00	\$0	\$89,581,634	\$89,581,634
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Cost to continue salaries			\$295,116	\$295,116			\$295,116	\$295,116			\$295,116	\$295,116
Salary increase			1,937,848	1,937,848			2,515,070	2,515,070			2,556,898	2,556,898
Health insurance increase			909,396	909,396			888,701	888,701			888,946	888,946
Retirement contribution increase			0	0			0	0			0	0
Adds 1 FTE fisheries biologist II position	1.00		238,748	238,748	1.00		238,748	238,748	1.00		238,748	238,748
Adds 1 FTE account budget specialist III position			0	0			0	0			0	0
Adds 2 FTE enforcement warden investigator positions	1.00		306,778	306,778	0.00		0	0	1.00		306,778	306,778
Adds 3 FTE positions for additional emphasis on wildlife habitat and access on private lands	3.00		4,657,974	4,657,974	1.00		237,102	237,102	3.00		559,151	559,151
Adds 1 FTE position for aquatic nuisance species increase	1.00		1,198,589	1,198,589	1.00		1,198,589	1,198,589	1.00		1,198,589	1,198,589
Removes salary funding for funding pool			0	0			(3,537,132)	(3,537,132)			(4,468,317)	(4,468,317)
Adds funding in various line items			2,966,393	2,966,393			2,966,393	2,966,393			2,966,393	2,966,393
Information Technology Department shared software and service rate changes			80,908	80,908			80,908	80,908			80,908	80,908
Adds funding for motor pool cost increase			1,157,192	1,157,192			1,157,192	1,157,192			1,157,192	1,157,192
Adds funding for midterm conservation agreements			2,777,778	2,777,778			2,777,778	2,777,778			2,777,778	2,777,778
Adds funding for private land open to sportsmen program			0	0			4,000,000	4,000,000			5,000,000	5,000,000
Total ongoing funding changes	6.00	\$0	\$16,526,720	\$16,526,720	3.00	\$0	\$12,818,465	\$12,818,465	6.00	\$0	\$13,558,180	\$13,558,180
One-Time Funding Items												
Adds one-time funding for food, clothing, and information technology equipment for fisheries biologist II position			\$3,250	\$3,250			\$3,250	\$3,250			\$3,250	\$3,250
Adds one-time funding for equipment for account budget specialist III position			0	0			0	0			0	0
Adds one-time funding for uniform and equipment for warden investigator positions			46,990	46,990			0	0			46,990	46,990
Adds one-time funding for aquatic nuisance species laboratory and storage facility			850,000	850,000			850,000	850,000			850,000	850,000
Adds one-time funding for in-car video system and body cameras			550,000	550,000			550,000	550,000			550,000	550,000
Adds one-time funding for fisheries pond liners			1,000,000	1,000,000			1,000,000	1,000,000			1,000,000	1,000,000
Adds one-time funding for Devils Lake bunkhouse improvements			350,000	350,000			350,000	350,000			350,000	350,000
Adds one-time funding for fisheries dam repairs			380,000	380,000			380,000	380,000			380,000	380,000
Adds one-time funding for additional emphasis on wildlife habitat and access on private lands			35,600	35,600			3,200	3,200			35,600	35,600
Adds one-time funding for aquatic nuisance species increase			208,250	208,250			208,250	208,250			208,250	208,250
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$3,424,090	\$3,424,090	0.00	\$0	\$3,344,700	\$3,344,700	0.00	\$0	\$3,424,090	\$3,424,090
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	6.00	\$0	\$19,950,810	\$19,950,810	3.00	\$0	\$16,163,165	\$16,163,165	6.00	\$0	\$16,982,270	\$16,982,270
2023-25 Total Funding	170.00	\$0	\$109,532,444	\$109,532,444	167.00	\$0	\$105,744,799	\$105,744,799	170.00	\$0	\$106,563,904	\$106,563,904

<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>		\$52,124,743			\$50,565,479			\$50,760,732	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	3.7%	18.4%	18.4%	1.8%	14.3%	14.3%	3.7%	15.1%	15.1%
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	3.7%	22.3%	22.3%	1.8%	18.0%	18.0%	3.7%	19.0%	19.0%

Other Sections in Game and Fish Department - Budget No. 720

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Grants, gifts, and donations	Section 3 includes in the grants, gifts, and donations line item \$100,000 received by the Game and Fish Department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation of department-owned or department-managed properties from oil or mining activities.	Section 3 includes in the grants, gifts, and donations line item \$100,000 received by the Game and Fish Department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation of department-owned or department-managed properties from oil or mining activities.	Section 3 includes in the grants, gifts, and donations line item \$100,000 received by the Game and Fish Department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation of department-owned or department-managed properties from oil or mining activities.
Contingent authority and full-time equivalent positions - Recovering America's Wildlife Act	Section 4 appropriates \$27,150,000 and authorizes 7 FTE positions to implement the federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act during the 2023-25 biennium, contingent upon passage of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.	Section 4 appropriates \$27,150,000 and authorizes 3 FTE positions to implement the federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act during the 2023-25 biennium, contingent upon enactment of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and after corresponding federal funds have been appropriated to the state. Any expenditures of funds under this section for conservation or research shall be coordinated with and input considered from the federal environmental law impact review committee.	Section 4 appropriates \$27,150,000 and authorizes 5 FTE positions to implement the federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act during the 2023-25 biennium, contingent upon enactment of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and after corresponding federal funds have been appropriated to the state. Any expenditures of funds under this section for conservation or research shall be coordinated with and input considered from the federal environmental law impact review committee.
Mid-term conservation agreements		Section 5 identifies that the \$2,777,778 included in the land habitat and deer depredation line item can be used for mid-term conservation agreements entered with private landowners for terms up to 15 years.	Section 5 identifies that the \$2,777,778 included in the land habitat and deer depredation line item can be used for mid-term conservation agreements entered with private landowners for a maximum of 30 years with buyout options at 15, 20, and 25 years.
Line item transfer authority	Section 5 authorizes the Office of Management and Budget to transfer up to \$2 million of appropriation authority between the operating expenses, capital assets, and grants - game and fish line items during the 2023-25 biennium. The department must report any transfers to the Legislative Council.	Section 6 authorizes the Office of Management and Budget to transfer up to \$2 million of appropriation authority between the operating expenses, capital assets, and grants - game and fish line items during the 2023-25 biennium. The department must report any transfers to the Legislative Council.	Section 6 authorizes the Office of Management and Budget to transfer up to \$2 million of appropriation authority between the operating expenses, capital assets, and grants - game and fish line items during the 2023-25 biennium. The department must report any transfers to the Legislative Council.