

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

	Senate Version				House Version				House Changes to Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
<b>2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes</b>												
Cost to continue salaries			\$295,116	\$295,116			\$295,116	\$295,116			\$0	\$0
Salary increase			1,937,848	1,937,848			2,515,070	2,515,070			577,222	577,222
Health insurance increase			909,396	909,396			888,701	888,701			(20,695)	(20,695)
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			0	0
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	4,237,102		4,237,102	(2.00)	(420,872)		(420,872)
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			0	0
Removes salary funding for funding pool		0		0		(3,537,132)		(3,537,132)		(3,537,132)		(3,537,132)
Adds funding in various line items			2,966,393	2,966,393			2,966,393	2,966,393			0	0
Information Technology Department shared software and service rate changes			80,908	80,908			80,908	80,908			0	0
Adds funding for motor pool cost increase			1,157,192	1,157,192			1,157,192	1,157,192			0	0
Adds funding for midterm conservation agreements			2,777,778	2,777,778			2,777,778	2,777,778			0	0
Total ongoing funding changes	6.00	\$0	\$16,526,720	\$16,526,720	3.00	\$0	\$12,818,465	\$12,818,465	(3.00)	\$0	(\$3,708,255)	(\$3,708,255)
<b>One-Time Funding Items</b>												
Adds one-time funding for food, clothing, and information technology equipment for fisheries biologist II position			\$3,250	\$3,250			\$3,250	\$3,250			\$0	\$0
Adds one-time funding for equipment for account budget specialist III position				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			0	0
Adds one-time funding for in-car video system and body cameras			550,000	550,000			550,000	550,000			0	0
Adds one-time funding for fisheries pond liners			1,000,000	1,000,000			1,000,000	1,000,000			0	0
Adds one-time funding for Devils Lake bunkhouse improvements			350,000	350,000			350,000	350,000			0	0
Adds one-time funding for fisheries dam repairs			380,000	380,000			380,000	380,000			0	0
Adds one-time funding for additional emphasis on wildlife habitat and access on private lands			35,600	35,600			3,200	3,200			(32,400)	(32,400)
Adds one-time funding for aquatic nuisance species increase			208,250	208,250			208,250	208,250			0	0
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	(\$79,390)	(\$79,390)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	6.00	\$0	\$19,950,810	\$19,950,810	3.00	\$0	\$16,163,165	\$16,163,165	(3.00)	\$0	(\$3,787,645)	(\$3,787,645)
<b>2023-25 Total Funding</b>	170.00	\$0	\$109,532,444	\$109,532,444	167.00	\$0	\$105,744,799	\$105,744,799	(3.00)	\$0	(\$3,787,645)	(\$3,787,645)
Federal funds included in other funds			\$52,124,743				\$50,565,479				(\$1,559,264)	

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<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>		3.7%	18.4%	1.8%	14.3%
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<b>Other Sections in Game and Fish Department - Budget No. 720</b>					
<b>Grants, gifts, and donations</b>		<p>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.</p>		<p>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.</p>	
<b>Contingent authority and full-time equivalent positions - Recovering America's Wildlife Act</b>		<p>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.</p>		<p>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.</p>	
<b>Line item transfer authority</b>		<p>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.</p>		<p>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.</p>	