

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

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	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	
<b>2023-25 Biennium Base Level</b>	164.00	\$0	\$89,581,634	\$89,581,634	164.00	\$0	\$89,581,634	\$89,581,634	0.00
<b>2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes</b>									
Cost to continue salaries			\$295,116	\$295,116			\$295,116	\$295,116	
Salary increase			1,937,848	1,937,848			2,515,070	2,515,070	
Health insurance increase			909,396	909,396			888,701	888,701	
Retirement contribution increase			0	0			0	0	
Adds 1 FTE fisheries biologist II position	1.00		238,748	238,748	1.00		238,748	238,748	0
Adds 1 FTE account budget specialist III position	1.00		0	0	0.00		0	0	(1.00)
Adds 2 FTE enforcement warden investigator positions	3.00		4,657,974	4,657,974	1.00		237,102	237,102	(2.00)
Adds 3 FTE positions for additional emphasis on wildlife habitat and access on private lands									
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	
Removes salary funding for funding pool			0	0			(3,537,132)	(3,537,132)	
Adds funding in various line items			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	
Adds funding for motor pool cost increase			1,157,192	1,157,192			1,157,192	1,157,192	
Adds funding for midterm conservation agreements			2,777,778	2,777,778			4,000,000	4,000,000	
Adds funding for private land open to sportsmen program	6.00	\$0	\$16,526,720	\$16,526,720	3.00	\$0	\$12,818,465	\$12,818,465	(3.00)
Total ongoing funding changes									
<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	
Adds one-time funding for equipment for account budget specialist III position			0	0			0	0	
Adds one-time funding for uniform and equipment for warden investigator positions			46,990	46,990			0	0	
Adds one-time funding for aquatic nuisance species laboratory and storage facility			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	
Adds one-time funding for fisheries pond liners			1,000,000	1,000,000			1,000,000	1,000,000	
Adds one-time funding for Devils Lake dunkhouse improvements			350,000	350,000			350,000	350,000	
Adds one-time funding for fisheries dam repairs			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	
Adds one-time funding for aquatic nuisance species increase			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
<b>Total Changes to Base Level Funding</b>	6.00	\$0	\$19,950,810	\$19,950,810	3.00	\$0	\$16,163,165	\$16,163,165	(3.00)
<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)

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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 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.

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