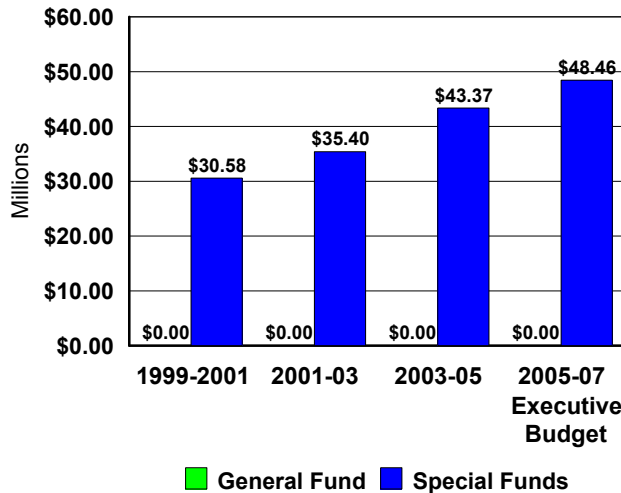


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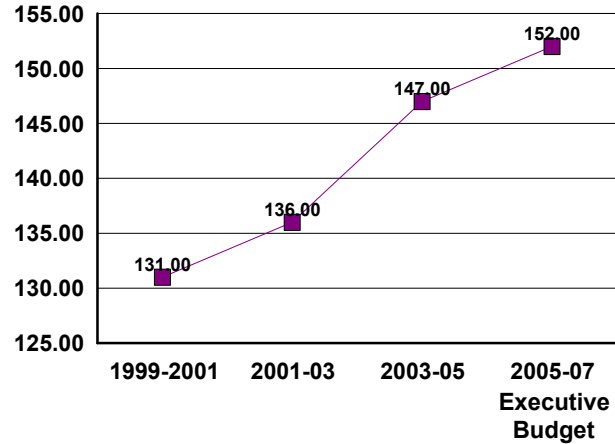
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 Executive Budget	152.00	\$0	\$48,465,166	\$48,465,166
2003-05 Legislative Appropriations	147.00	0	43,365,763	43,365,763 <sup>1</sup>
Increase (Decrease)	5.00	\$0	\$5,099,403	\$5,099,403

<sup>1</sup>The 2003-05 appropriation amounts do not include \$200,000 of additional special funds authority and \$350,000 of additional federal funds authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 2003-05 biennium and do not include \$482,000 of capital construction carryover.

**Agency Funding**



**FTE Positions**



**Executive Budget Highlights**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds 5 FTE positions relating to management of game animals and the licensing of resident and nonresident hunters, including 1 license clerk, 1 wildlife technician, 2 biologist I, and 1 fisheries biologist		\$395,137	\$395,137
2. Provides funding for 2005-07 biennium capital assets, including two storage buildings at the Bismarck shop (\$400,000), fishing area projects (\$870,000), land acquisitions (\$750,000), wildlife management area projects (\$150,000), extraordinary repairs (\$416,116), and equipment over \$5,000 (\$485,000)		\$3,071,116	\$3,071,116
3. Removes funding for 2003-05 biennium capital assets		(\$2,443,944)	(\$2,443,944)
4. Increases funding for grants, primarily due to the receipt of a new federal grant program for nongame wildlife studies		\$1,262,072	\$1,262,072
5. Increases funding from grants, gifts, and donations, primarily due to the receipt of an estate donation for the benefit of fishermen and hunters in North Dakota		\$550,000	\$550,000
6. Increases funding for noxious weed control as a result of higher weed control costs, primarily along Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe		\$50,000	\$50,000
7. Increases operating expenses, primarily due to increases for IT telephone and IT contractual services amounts as the result of higher costs for the use of hunter registration telephone systems		\$245,216	\$245,216

## Major Related Legislation

**House Bill No. 1049** - This bill reduces the doe license fee for residents after the second deer lottery from \$20 to \$10.

**House Bill No. 1058** - This bill changes the Governor's proclamation process relating to game and fish to the administrative rule process.

**House Bill No. 1062** - This bill changes the eligibility for individuals to participate in the deerproof hay yard program so that landowners that allow big game hunting in exchange for compensation are not eligible to participate in the program.

**House Bill No. 1066** - This bill reduces the annual premium for a bond for agents that sell hunting and fishing licenses or stamps from \$10 per year for \$5,000 of coverage to a flat \$5 per year for \$15,000 of coverage.

**House Bill No. 1100** - This bill provides for the protection of Game and Fish Department records of personal information obtained from the public and records of sensitive biological data.

**House Bill No. 1102** - This bill provides that the capture or killing of a black bear or mountain lion shall be reported to the Game and Fish Department within 24 hours and the entire animal must be turned over to the department.

**House Bill No. 1118** - This bill increases the number of mule deer hunting licenses and permits made available to nonresidents for bow and arrow hunting from 15 to 20 percent of the total mule deer licenses and permits made available for the preceding year for the regular gun season.

**Senate Bill No. 2100** - This bill changes the definition of a resident for game and fish purposes.

**Senate Bill No. 2113** - This bill allows qualifying nonresidents to purchase a lifetime hunting and fishing license for \$500.