

NATURAL RESOURCES

Summary: FY 2008-09 House Subcommittee Recommendation

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	FY 2007-08 YTD	FY 2008-09 Executive	FY 2008-09 Senate	FY 2008-09 House	FY 2008-09 Enacted	Difference: House Recommendation From FY 2007-08 YTD	
						Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$3,808,300	\$3,802,200	\$3,802,200	\$3,802,200		(\$6,100)	(0.2)
Federal	47,968,900	49,909,100	49,909,100	50,409,100		2,440,200	5.1
Local	0	0	0	0		0	0.0
Private	3,166,500	3,245,000	3,245,000	3,245,000		78,500	2.5
Restricted	210,558,500	206,553,500	204,203,600	209,053,600		(1,504,900)	(0.7)
GF/GP	23,743,200	23,458,900	13,419,800	24,608,900		865,700	3.6
Gross	\$289,245,400	\$286,968,700	\$274,579,700	\$291,118,800		\$1,873,400	0.6
FTEs	2,088.9	2,170.9	2,170.9	2,173.9		85.0	4.1

Note: FY 2007-08 figures reflect supplementals and Executive Order (EO) actions through May 15, 2008.

Overview

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages, conserves, and protects Michigan's resources. Programs include forest management, land and minerals management, wildlife and fisheries management, conservation law enforcement, and state parks and forest campgrounds.

Major Budget Changes

- House adds \$2,000,000 to timber management programs
- House retains funding for Payment in Lieu of Taxes and recommends funding
- House adds \$1,000,000 funding for grants to Conservation Districts (Department of Agriculture).
- House adds \$500,000 for fish hatchery operations and public outreach and education programs.

Major Budget Changes From FY 2007-08 YTD Appropriations		FY 2007-08 YTD	House Change From YTD
1. Game and Fish Protection Fund License Increase	Gross	\$66,797,600	\$0
Since the license increase for game and fish hunters proposed during FY 2007-08 budget cycle did not occur, spending levels will need to be reduced significantly below the recommended levels if the license package is not acted on before the end of FY 2008-09.	Restricted	66,797,600	0
2. Forest Development Fund Revenue Adjustment	Gross	\$27,316,800	\$2,000,000
House adds \$2,000,000 funding for forest management programs. This partially restores the \$7,679,800 reduction made in 2008.	Restricted	27,316,800	2,000,000
3. Conservation District Grants	Gross	\$0	\$1,000,000
House adds \$1,000,000 funding for grants to Conservation Districts (Grants provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture).	GF/GP	0	1,000,000
4. Federal Forest Stewardship Grant – Kamehameha Conservation Easement Purchases	Gross	\$4,125,000	(\$1,000,000)
Reduces appropriation to reflect expected spending for purchases of Upper Peninsula conservation easements.	Federal	4,125,000	(1,000,000)
5. Revenue Adjustment: State Parks	Gross	\$46,981,200	(\$2,500,000)
The appropriation would be reduced to reflect expected revenue to the Park Improvement Fund.	Federal	119,800	0
	Private	362,500	0
	Restricted	\$46,498,900	(\$2,500,000)

<u>Major Budget Changes From FY 2007-08 YTD Appropriations</u>		<u>FY 2007-08 YTD</u>	<u>House Change From YTD</u>
6. Coastal Endangered Species Habitat Grant	Gross	\$27,630,000	\$2,400,000
Federal support is added to the Wildlife Management line item to preserve and protect critical Great Lakes wetland habitat.	Federal	10,179,300	2,400,000
	Private	114,400	0
	Restricted	15,510,900	0
	GF/GP	\$1,825,400	\$0
7. Fish Hatchery Production Facilities	Gross	\$28,758,400	\$500,000
Increased Federal Grant support is added to the Fish Hatchery and Fisheries Management programs for hatchery improvements and public outreach and awareness programs.	Federal	9,745,100	500,000
	Private	116,300	0
	Restricted	\$18,897,000	\$0
8. Cormorant Population Control	Gross	\$0	\$150,000
Funding is provided for the Cormorant population mitigation program.	GF/GP	0	150,000
9. Economic Adjustments	Gross	N/A	\$376,900
Provides an adjustment to cover the annualized cost of the 2% salary increase provided in FY 2007-08.	Federal		40,200
	Private		3,500
	Restricted		317,300
	GF/GP	N/A	\$15,900

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2007-08

Sec. 218. Rule Promulgation – DELETED

Requires report on policy changes made to implement a public act; DNR prohibited from adopting a rule that will apply to a small business if it has a disproportionate economic impact.

Sec. 223. Workgroup on Long Term Funding – ADDED BY THE HOUSE

Intent of the Legislature that recommendations of the long term funding work group be included in line item appropriations.

Sec. 405. Payments in Lieu of Taxes: Payments Deadline– ADDED BY THE HOUSE

Requires payment to local governmental units by February 14, if billings are submitted by December 1, 2008, and are accurate and complete.

Sec. 706. Plan to Generate Corporate Park Sponsorship Revenue – DELETED

Directs Natural Resource Commission to develop a plan to encourage corporate sponsorship of state parks.

Sec. 802. Conservation Districts – ADDED BY THE HOUSE

Provides \$1,000,000 for grants to Soil Conservation Districts through an interdepartmental transfer to the Department of Agriculture.