

NATURAL RESOURCES

Summary: House Passed, HB 4354, H-1 FY 2007-08

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	FY 2006-07 YTD	FY 2007-08 Executive	FY 2007-08 House	FY 2007-08 Senate	FY 2007-08 Enacted	Difference: House From FY 2006-07 YTD	
						Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$3,618,900	\$3,808,300	\$3,808,300			\$189,400	5.2
Federal	42,296,200	44,334,700	47,834,700			5,538,500	13.1
Local	0	0	0			0	0.0
Private	3,124,400	3,166,500	3,166,500			42,100	1.3
Restricted	208,741,900	211,123,100	230,767,800			22,025,900	10.6
GF/GP	24,289,700	24,791,400	26,363,500			2,073,800	8.5
Gross	\$282,071,100	\$287,224,000	\$311,940,800			\$29,869,700	10.6
FTEs	2,092.4	2,088.9	2,088.9			(3.5)	(0.2)

Note: FY 2006-07 figures include the results of supplementals and Executive Order (EO) actions through June 30, 2007.

Overview

The Department of Natural Resources 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.

Summary of Major Budget Issues

Reauthorizes 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund grant to the Forest Finance Authority: \$20,000,000.

Forest Development Fund program reductions (revenue shortfall): (\$7,679,800).

Game and Fish Fund license fee increase is addressed: \$7,952,500.

Major Budget Changes From FY 2006-07 YTD Appropriations

1. Game and Fish Protection Fund License Increase

The recommendation is based on the assumption that the proposed license increase for game and fish hunters and fishers will pass. If the bills fail to pass before the beginning of the fiscal year, these programs will be reduced by the amount of the shortfall: \$7,827,500 (Boilerplate Sec. 218).

	FY 2006-07 YTD	House Change From YTD
Gross	\$64,965,900	\$1,792,400
Restricted	64,965,900	1,792,400

2. Forest Development Fund Revenue Shortfall

Forest management programs are reduced to keep spending in line with expected revenue. A current year reduction plan designed to reduce spending by \$5,993,200 has been adopted. GF/GP support provided to assure that fire suppression and current timber marking efforts are not affected. Funding was restored to the Conservation District grant program for forestry technical assistance to private woodlot owners.

Gross	\$34,277,900	(\$5,483,000)
Restricted	34,277,900	(6,755,100)
GF/GP	\$0	\$1,272,100

3. Forest Finance Authority

Reauthorizes the grant from the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund for forest products industry development efforts.

Gross	\$6,000,000	\$20,000,000
Restricted	6,000,000	20,000,000

Major Budget Changes From FY 2006-07 YTD Appropriations		FY 2006-07 YTD	House Change From YTD
4. Federal Forest Stewardship Grant: Kamehameha Conservation Easement Purchases Increases grant level to provide assistance to purchase conservation easements on multiple properties located in the Upper Peninsula.	Gross	\$2,315,000	\$3,500,000
	Federal	2,315,000	3,500,000
5. One-time Appropriations Deletes funding for the following FY 2007 appropriations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Payments to Counties \$ 170,000 • Bay City State Park Access Project 100,000 • Project F.I.S.H. 25,000 	Gross	\$445,000	(\$295,000)
	Restricted	125,000	(125,000)
	GF/GP	\$320,000	(\$170,000)
6. Tax Payment Adjustments Reduces Purchased Lands PILT payments to reflect expected payment obligations.	Gross	\$5,400,000	(\$700,000)
	Restricted	2,700,000	(350,000)
	GF/GP	\$2,700,000	(\$350,000)
7. Deer Habitat Programs Additional support is provided from the Game and Fish Protection sub-fund to expand the winter deer range habitat improvement program.	Gross	\$2,358,000	\$300,000
	Restricted	2,358,000	300,000
8. Forest Use and Minerals Management Permits Funding is provided for permit processing and monitoring of use permits and minerals exploration and development in State Forests.	Gross	\$2,145,400	\$350,000
	Federal	1,000	0
	Restricted	2,144,400	350,000
9. Cormorant Population Control Increases state share of federal cooperative program. Total funding: \$300,000.	Gross	\$150,000	\$150,000
	GF/GP	\$150,000	\$150,000
10. Civilian Conservation Corps Reduces funding to reflect available funds. Endowment funds were transferred to the General Fund as a part of the FY 2006-07 GF/GP reduction plan.	Gross	\$1,137,300	(\$559,000)
	Restricted	1,137,300	(559,000)
11. Clean Vessel Grants Additional Federal grant support is available to provide expanded pump-out services at a private marina on Maumee Bay.	Gross	\$100,000	\$300,000
	Federal	100,000	300,000
12. Off Road Vehicle Trail Expansion and Improvements Increases amount available for ORV trail improvement projects on State lands.	Gross	\$4,978,600	\$250,000
	Restricted	4,410,400	250,000
	GF/GP	\$568,200	\$0
13. Economic Adjustments Provides support for negotiated civil service 4.0% wage increase, retirement plan contributions, and employer share of health insurance premiums.	Gross	N/A	\$7,052,800
	IDG		108,700
	Federal		838,000
	Private		41,400
	Restricted		5,675,000
	GF/GP	N/A	\$389,700

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2006-07

Sec. 210. Waterways Fund Projects – DELETED

Requires report on activities of Waterways Commission during the previous fiscal year, and list of completed waterways fund projects be provided to Legislature and Department of Management and Budget by January 31, 2007.

Sec. 217. Contingency Fund Transfers – NEW

Provides \$3,000,000 in authorized transfer authority for unanticipated Federal grant revenue, \$5,000,000 for restricted revenue, \$100,000 for local revenue, and \$1,000,000 for private revenue.

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2006-07

Sec. 218. Game and Fish Protection Fund Program Reductions – NEW

Provides appropriation unit reduction detail, if proposed license increases are not enacted.

Sec. 216. Prohibition of Disciplinary Actions For Legislative Contacts – DELETED

Prohibits disciplining state employees who communicate with the Michigan Legislature.

Sec. 218. Prohibition of Transport of Higher Education, Legislative or Local Government Employees On Department Owned Aircraft – DELETED

Prohibits use of DNR aircraft to transport employees of Michigan colleges or universities, the legislature, or local governments unless it is consistent with the mission of the department.

Sec. 301. Project F.I.S.H. – DELETED

Provides a grant to Project F.I.S.H. to increase the number of Michigan anglers.

Sec. 503. Bobcat Population Study and Hunting Quotas – DELETED

Requires estimate of bobcat population and proposed bobcat hunting quotas.

Sec. 702. State Park Campground Closures – DELETED

Requires detailed reports for construction projects involving campsite or campground closures; requires notice if Department intends to reduce operations or reduce recreation opportunities at any state park or recreation area.

Sec. 703. Defibrillators in State Parks – DELETED

Directs Department to maintain defibrillators placed in state parks.

Sec. 704. Misuse of Complimentary or Discounted Day Passes – DELETED

Requires report of cases of misuse of complimentary or discounted day passes provided to elected officials.

Sec. 706. Shooting Range at Island Lake Recreation Area – DELETED

Requires an engineering study of noise problems at the shooting range at Island Lake Recreation Area.

Sec. 707. Boating Access – DELETED

Requires the development of plans to improve public boating access on Michigan lakes.

Sec. 708. Bay City State Park – DELETED

Appropriation to be used to build floating docks and barrier free access at Bay City State Park.

Sec. 803. Timber Marking Increase – NEW

Provides legislative intent that \$478,100, added to the Forest and Timber Treatments line item, shall be used to support timber marking efforts.

Sec. 803 (FY '07). Snowmobile Trail Between Gaylord and Cheboygan – DELETED

Requires Department to develop a snowmobile trail between Gaylord and Cheboygan.

Sec. 804. Strategic Fund Grant to Forest Finance Authority – REVISED

Authorizes use of grant funds provided to the Forest Finance Authority from the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund.

Sec. 807. Federal Forest Fire Compact: Expenditure Authorization – NEW

Allows the expenditure of funds for forest fire suppression efforts on federal lands, provided the Department is reimbursed.

Sec. 807 (FY '07). Jordon River Trail Connection to the Village of Bellaire – DELETED

Requires Department to allow access across state-owned land allowing connection of the Jordon River snowmobile Trail to the Village of Bellaire.

Sec. 1001. Special Payments in Lieu of Tax Payments to Counties – DELETED

Explains that the appropriation for Special Payments to Counties is to be used to replace lost revenue caused by the single annual statement and billing for payments, and as a result of the set aside to the revenue sharing reserve fund authorized under the general property tax act.

Sec. 1102. Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants – DELETED

Coordinates federal land acquisition grants with Natural Resources Trust Fund grants to minimize matching requirements for local governmental units.