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FY 2012-13 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$358,843,800
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Changes from FY 2012-13 Year-to-Date:

Items Included by the Senate and House

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| 1. Increase Hunting and Fishing License Fees. The Governor, Senate, House, and Conference included additional funding reflecting the increase of hunting and fishing license fees. | 11,365,000 |
| 2. Off-Road Vehicle License Fee Increase. The Governor, Senate, House, and Conference included additional funding reflecting the increase of ORV license fees. These fees would increase from \$16.25 per year to \$26.25 per year with an additional \$10 fee for users wishing to use State trails. | 2,700,000 |
| 3. Economic Adjustments. Includes \$874,000 Gross and \$44,900 GF/GP for OPEB and \$3,200,300 Gross and \$232,100 GF/GP for other economic adjustments. | 4,074,300 |
| 4. Other Changes. The Governor, Senate, House and Conference made other various changes include capital outlay adjustments, reducing excess restricted fund authorization, removing one-time funding from the previous year, and removing supplemental appropriations. | (41,504,400) |

Conference Agreement on Items of Difference

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| 5. Conservation Officers. The Governor, Senate and Conference included GF/GP funding to hire additional conservation officers. | 4,000,000 |
| 6. Belle Isle Management. The Governor included \$3.7 million in GF/GP funding for the DNR's duties under potential State management of Belle Isle. The House and Senate rejected this item, but the Conference included a reduced amount for this item. | 2,500,000 |
| 7. Summer Youth Initiative. The Senate and House eliminated this program. The Governor funded it at \$3.0 million, and the Conference included \$2.5 million. | (500,000) |
| 8. Wildfire Protection. The Senate and House included additional GF/GP funding to support the DNR's efforts to control wildfires, but in differing amounts. The Conference included \$750,000. | 750,000 |
| 9. Replace Great Lakes Research Vessel. The Governor and Senate included one-time funding to replace the Lake Huron Research Vessel <i>Chinook</i> . The House and Conference did not include funding for this purpose. | 0 |
| 10. Accounting and IT Adjustments. The Governor, Senate, and Conference included additional funds to reflect increases in Accounting Service Center costs, as well as IT rate increases and the upgrade of wireless infrastructure and Internet bandwidth. | 160,200 |
| 11. Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist. The Governor and Senate included additional funding to support hiring an aquatic invasive species specialist. The House and Conference did not include this position. | 0 |
| 12. FY 2013-14 One-Time Appropriations. The Governor, Senate and Conference included funding for the training of new conservation officers | 600,000 |

Total Changes	(\$15,854,900)
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FY 2013-14 Conference Report Ongoing/One-Time Gross Appropriation	\$342,988,900
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Amount Over/(Under) GF/GP Target: \$0

Changes from FY 2012-13 Year-to-Date:Items Included by the Senate and House

1. **Timber Marking.** The Governor removed and Senate, House and Conference retained two sections that prescribed minimum amounts of timber to be prepared for harvest, and that a sufficient number of foresters be hired to do so. (Sec. 802 & 805 of Conference Report)
2. **Land Transaction Report.** The Governor removed and Senate, House and Conference retained a report on land transactions from the previous year. (Sec. 408 of Conference Report)
3. **Oil and Gas Lease Report.** The Governor removed and Senate, House and Conference retained a report on certain types of gas leases where acreage held in a producing unit is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the lease acreage. (Sec. 409 of Conference Report)
4. **Marine Safety Grant Report.** The Governor removed and Senate, House and Conference retained a report on these grants and funds used for them. (Sec. 902 of Conference Report)
5. **ORV Trail Improvement Grants.** The Governor removed and Senate, House and Conference retained a requirement that at least \$980,000 of these grants be used for new trails. (Sec. 1002 of Conference Report)

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6. **IT Work Project Designation.** The Governor and Senate removed and House and Conference retained a section which designated IT appropriations as work a project. (Sec. 216 of Conference Report)
7. **Michigan Historical Museum Admission Fees.** The Governor, Senate and Conference modified a section allowing the collection of admission fees by deleting a provision that provided free entry to children under the age of 18 provided the museum had sufficient revenue to do so. The House did not delete this language. (Sec. 406 of Conference Report)
8. **Turkey Fund Report.** The Senate included a new section requiring a report on the use of the turkey subfund of the Game and Fish Protection Fund. The Conference did not include this item. (Sec. 505 of Senate Bill)
9. **Swimmer's Itch.** The Senate included a new section requiring the DNR to create a pilot program at Higgins Lake to combat swimmer's itch. The Conference did not include this item. (Sec. 506 of Senate Bill)
10. **Water Control Structure Certification.** The Governor and Senate removed and House and Conference retained a section prohibiting the department from impeding the certification of water control structures. (Sec. 602 of Conference Report)
11. **Grand River Waterway Study.** The Senate included a new section requiring that the DNR fund a depth study of the Grand River from Grand Rapids to Lake Michigan. The Conference did not retain this item. (Sec. 703 of Senate Bill)
12. **Mine Collapse Emergency Funding.** The Governor, House and Conference removed and Senate retained a section allowing the DNR to spend up to \$350,000 to cover costs related to a mine collapse on State land. (Sec. 801 of Senate Bill)
13. **Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund.** The Governor, House, Senate and Conference all included this section which would allow the DNR to spend a certain amount on emergencies. The House language allowed \$500,000, and the Governor, Senate and Conference language allowed \$800,000. (Sec. 807 of Conference Report)
14. **Forest Resources Division Appropriations.** The House included a new section requiring certain amounts of appropriations in part 1 for particular line-items be paid from specific funding sources. The Conference did not include this item. (Sec. 808 of House Bill)
15. **Sustainable Forestry Initiative.** The House included a new section stating the intent to provide grant funding to a non-profit to do an audit of statewide best management practices. The Conference did not include this item. (Sec. 1004 of House Bill)
16. **OPEB Costs.** The Senate and Conference included a new section requiring the DNR to identify normal and legacy retirement costs for FY 15. (Sec. 1202)

Date Completed: 5-24-13

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