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FY 2013-14 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$343,138,900
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Changes from FY 2013-14 Year-to-Date:Items Included by the Senate and House

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| 1. Additional Conservation Officers. The Governor, House, and Senate included GF/GP funding and 25.0 FTEs for the hiring of additional conservation officers. | 3,500,000 |
| 2. Annualization of Hunting and Fishing License Fee Increase. The Governor, House, and Senate included additional Game and Fish dollars to reflect the license fee increases implemented last year. FY 2014-15 will be the first full fiscal year where the new fees will be in effect. | 8,057,500 |
| 3. Great Lakes Research Vessel. The Governor, House, and Senate included \$1.0 million in GF/GP revenue, \$500,000 Game and Fish, and \$500,000 in expected private funds for the replacement of the <i>Chinook</i> , the DNR's fish research vessel on Lake Huron. | 2,000,000 |
| 4. Economic Adjustments. Includes a negative \$1,073,900 Gross and a negative \$80,900 GF/GP for OPEB and \$6,667,800 Gross and \$335,800 GF/GP for other economic adjustments. | 5,593,900 |
| 5. Other Changes. Other changes include technical revenue adjustments, \$2.0M in additional restricted funding for State Parks operations, an increase of \$350,000 in restricted funds for the purchase of wildfire equipment, capital outlay adjustments, and removal of FY 2013-14 one-time expenditures. | 4,395,100 |

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| 6. Invasive Species Initiative. The Governor included \$4.0 million in ongoing and \$2.0 million in one-time GF/GP funding for a new initiative to combat invasive species. 16.0 FTEs were also included. The Senate further increased funding by \$170,000. The House and Conference included a total of \$5.0 million. | 5,000,000 |
| 7. Non-Motorized Trail Initiative. The Conference included GF/GP funding intended to increase non-motorized trail development throughout the State. The House did not include this funding. | 2,500,000 |
| 8. State Park Repair and Maintenance. The Conference removed \$3.5 million in unavailable restricted funds and included \$2.5 million in private funds and \$3.75 million GF/GP. The House included \$1,375,000 in GF/GP. | 2,750,000 |
| 9. Michigan Conservation Corps/Summer Youth Initiative. The Governor included additional GF/GP for this program. The Senate removed this program, the House kept it at current-year levels. The Conference included \$1.0 million for the program. | (1,500,000) |
| 10. Cormorant Population Mitigation. The Senate and Conference included additional funding for the management of cormorants. This would bring total funding for the program to \$150,000. | 50,000 |
| 11. Forestry Funding Changes. The Governor and Senate transferred \$4.0 million in Forest Dev. Fund from Wildfire Protection to Forest Management and Timber Market Dev. The shortfall in Wildfire Protection was backfilled with GF/GP. The House did not include this item. The Conference reduced the increase by \$80,000. | 3,920,000 |
| 12. Other Projects. The Senate and Conference included \$2.0 million for a grant to the River Raisin National Battlefield Foundation, \$280,000 for a feasibility study of deepening the Saginaw River and \$1.0 million for repair of dikes on the Flint River. The Conference included two new projects: \$1.0 million for public safety land improvements for the City of Alma/Alma College, and \$1.0 million for improvements to the Hart-Montague Trail. | 5,280,000 |

Total Changes	\$41,546,500
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FY 2014-15 Conference Report Ongoing/One-Time Gross Appropriation	\$384,685,400
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Amount Over/(Under) GF/GP Target: \$0

Changes from FY 2013-14 Year-to-Date:Items Included by the Senate and House

1. **Communication with the Legislature.** The Governor removed and Conference retained a prohibition on taking disciplinary action against employees who communicate with the Legislature. (Sec. 212)
2. **Waterways Report.** The Governor removed and Conference retained a report on projects completed during the fiscal year. (Sec. 223)
3. **Land Transaction Report.** The Governor removed and Conference retained a report on land transactions from the previous year. (Sec. 408)
4. **Invasive Species Order Report.** The Governor removed and Conference retained a report on invasive species order actions taken against swine raised under the husbandry of Michigan residents. (Sec. 503)
5. **Cervid Fee Report.** The Governor removed and Conference retained a report on Cervid inspection fees. (Sec. 504)
6. **Water Control Structure Certification.** The Governor removed and Conference retained a prohibition on impeding the certification of water control structures. (Sec. 602)
7. **Recreation Opportunities.** The Governor removed and Conference retained a requirement that the Legislature be notified of any intent to reduce recreation opportunities. (Sec. 702)
8. **Timber Marking.** The Governor removed and Senate retained two sections that prescribed minimum amounts of timber to be prepared and marked for harvest, and that a sufficient number of foresters are hired to do so. (Sec. 802 & 805)

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9. **Performance Benchmarks.** The House included new language requiring proposals for new or increased programs to include performance benchmarks. The Conference included a modified version of this section. (Sec. 204)
10. **Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps.** The Senate and Conference included a new section requiring the DNR to work with the MCCC steering committee to plan for a MCCC outside of State government. (Sec. 250)
11. **Invasive Species Initiative.** The Senate included a new section earmarking \$3,770,000 of this program for grants. The House included \$4.4M and the Conference included \$3.6M. (Sec. 251)
12. **Oil and Gas Lease Report.** The Governor, Senate, and Conference removed a report on certain types of gas leases where acreage held in a producing unit is less than ¼ of the lease acreage. The House retained this section (Sec. 409 of House Bill)
13. **Cormorant Report.** The Governor and House removed a quarterly report on Cormorant control efforts. The Senate and Conference retained the report and expanded it to put additional conditions on the program. (Sec. 603)
14. **Pure Michigan Trails.** The Senate and Conference included a new section which would earmark \$200,000 for the Pure Michigan Trails program if Senate Bills 873 through 877 are enacted. (Sec. 704)
15. **Burt Lake Trail Connector.** The Senate included a new section earmarking \$100,000 for this trail. The Conference did not include this section. (Sec. 705 of Senate Bill)
16. **Horseback Interests.** The Governor and House removed and Senate and Conference retained a requirement that the DNR work with horseback interests. (Sec. 804)
17. **Gas and Oil Lease Development.** The Senate and Conference included a new section requiring the DNR to develop a plan to motivate gas and oil lessees to undertake warranted new operations. (Sec. 808)
18. **Forestry Best Practices Management Audit.** The House and Conference included a new section requiring DNR to work with landowners to audit statewide best practices. (Sec. 809)
19. **Saginaw River.** The Senate included a feasibility study of deepening the Saginaw River. (Sec. 1201)

Date Completed: 6-9-14

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