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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

TO: Senator Peggy Rotundo, Senate Chair
Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Joseph M. Baldacci, Senate Chair
Representative Tiffany Roberts, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

DATE: March 18, 2025

RE: Recommendations on the Governor's Proposed Biennial Budget, LD 210

On Wednesday, March 5th, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife met to review the items within the Governor's Proposed Biennial Budget (LD 210) pertaining to the agencies under the IFW Committee's jurisdiction.

A majority of initiatives received unanimous support from members present and voting. Those that did not are listed below.

Though not required, the committee opted to vote on reclassifications, reorganizations and range change initiatives. All of these initiatives received unanimous support from members present and voting.

A majority of committee members voted Part NNN in *with changes*, to reflect license fee increases proposed in LD 77 (as amended). The IFW Committee voted OTP-A/ONTP on LD 77 on March 5 and committee members who voted to move Part NNN into the budget hope the fees in this part will be changed to match those within the amended LD 77.

The committee was also divided in its support for the following:

- **Boating Access Sites initiative, ref. #2302**
11 voted in, 1 voted out (1 member absent)
- **Endangered Nongame Operations/Resource Mgmt Services initiative, ref. #s 2261, 2214 & 2215**
6 in, 6 out (1 member absent)
- **Endangered Nongame Operations/Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations initiative, ref. #s 2264 & 2252**
8 in, 4 out (1 member absent)
- **Enforcement Operations – IF&W initiative, ref. #2273**
10 in, 2 out (1 member absent)
- **Enforcement Operations – IF&W initiative, ref. #2278**
8 in, 4 out (1 member absent)
- **Enforcement Operations – IF&W initiative, ref. #2280**
8 in, 4 out (1 member absent)
- **Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations initiative, ref. #2244**

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- 11 in, 1 out (1 member absent)
- **Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations initiative, ref. #2245**
8 in, 4 out (1 member absent)
- **Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations initiative, ref. #2253**
8 in, 3 out (2 members absent)
- **Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations/Licensing Services/Resource Mgmt Services initiative, ref. #s 2255, 2187 & 2228**
8 in, 3 out (2 members absent)
- **Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement initiative, ref. #2334**
6 in, 6 out (1 member absent)
- **Licensing Services – Inland Fisheries and Wildlife initiative, ref. #2182**
5 in, 6 out (2 members absent)
- **Licensing Services – Inland Fisheries and Wildlife initiative, ref. #2183**
6 in, 5 out (2 members absent)
- **Licensing Services – Inland Fisheries and Wildlife initiative, ref. #s 2188 & 2189**
8 in, 3 out (2 members absent)
- **Office of the Commissioner – IFW initiative, ref. #s 2146 & 2147**
9 in, 2 out (2 members absent)
- **Office of the Commissioner – IFW initiative, ref. #2148**
10 in, 1 out (2 members absent)
- **Office of the Commissioner – IFW initiative, ref. #2164**
10 in, 1 out (2 members absent)
- **Division of Public Information and Education initiative, ref. #2315**
8 in, 3 out (2 members absent)
- **Resource Mgmt Services – IFW initiative, ref. #2204**
8 in, 3 out (2 members absent)
- **Resource Mgmt Services – IFW initiative, ref. #s 2210 & 2211**
10 in, 1 out (2 members absent)
- **Resource Mgmt Services – IFW initiative, ref. #s 2212 & 2213**
7 in, 4 out (2 members absent)
- **Resource Mgmt Services – IFW initiative, ref. #s 2225 & 2226**
9 in, 2 out (2 members absent)
- **Resource Mgmt Services – IFW initiative, ref. #s 2231-33**
8 in, 3 out (2 members absent)
- **Resource Mgmt Services – IFW initiative, ref. #s 2234 & 2235**
10 in, 1 out (2 members absent)

Please find attached the report showing the committee's votes regarding all budget initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sen. Joseph M. Baldacci
Senate Chair

Rep. Tiffany Roberts
House Chair

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Commissioner Judy Camuso, DIFW
Maureen Dawson, Principal Analyst, OFPR
Michael Russo, Legislative Analyst, OFPR

Sec. A-39. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$360,976	\$374,630	\$432,846	\$456,120
All Other	\$354,439	\$355,085	\$355,085	\$355,085
Capital Expenditures	\$1,942,500	\$262,500	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,657,915	\$992,215	\$787,931	\$811,205

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,361	\$4,361	\$3,816	\$3,816
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,361	\$4,361	\$3,816	\$3,816

Justification:

The purpose of the Administrative Services program is to provide for centralized services in areas common to all divisions including the design, maintenance and repair of department owned facilities including but not limited to regional headquarters, hatcheries, dams and boat access sites.

Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Associate position to a Secretary Specialist position.

Ref. #: 2174

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote:

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$9,181	\$9,859
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,181	\$9,859

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed. This required reorganization is due to the increase in responsibilities to include creating and executing large construction contracts for the division.

Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Chief Planner position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 40% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 30% General Fund within the Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 30% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Boating Access Sites program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2175

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$40,076	\$41,822
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$40,076	\$41,822

Justification:

This initiative transfers and reallocates the funding sources to fit more appropriately with the work being performed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0530
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$360,976	\$374,630	\$482,103	\$507,801
All Other	\$354,439	\$355,085	\$355,085	\$355,085
Capital Expenditures	\$1,942,500	\$262,500	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,657,915	\$992,215	\$837,188	\$862,886

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,361	\$4,361	\$3,816	\$3,816
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,361	\$4,361	\$3,816	\$3,816

ATV Enforcement Fund Z276

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History	History	2025-26	2026-27
	2023-24	2024-25		
All Other	\$124,960	\$124,947	\$124,947	\$124,947
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$124,960	\$124,947	\$124,947	\$124,947

Justification:

The ATV Enforcement Fund provides for personnel services costs, safety and education programs and the purchase of equipment or machinery related to the enforcement of ATV laws.

ATV Enforcement Fund Z276

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of 2 Game Warden positions from Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% General Fund Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and one position 50% Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Other Special Revenue Funds and one position 50% ATV Enforcement Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2331

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$65,895	\$68,542
All Other	\$480	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$66,375	\$69,042

Justification:

The United States Coast Guard recreational boating program provides funding to each state to support their recreational boating safety and enforcement activities through a formula based largely upon the number of registered watercraft in each state which has remained steady at approximately 120,000 per year. Due to increasing personnel costs the grant can no longer support the existing positions and other programmatic costs.

ATV Enforcement Fund Z276

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds, and 2 fish stocking tanks.

Ref. #: 2332

One Time

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$98,000	\$98,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$98,000	\$98,000

Justification:

Capital equipment needs reflect the replacement of older equipment which has become unsafe or unreliable.

ATV ENFORCEMENT FUND Z276
PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$65,895	\$68,542
All Other	\$124,960	\$124,947	\$125,427	\$125,447
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$98,000	\$98,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$124,960	\$124,947	\$289,322	\$291,989

ATV Safety and Educational Program 0559

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History	History		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$23,170	\$23,170	\$23,170	\$23,170
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,170	\$23,170	\$23,170	\$23,170
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History	History		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$92,624	\$92,643	\$70,974	\$71,038
All Other	\$54,531	\$49,399	\$49,916	\$49,917
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$147,155	\$142,042	\$120,890	\$120,955

Justification:

The ATV Safety and Educational Program ensures that persons aged ten to sixteen are in compliance with the law requiring them to complete a training program approved by the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife in order to operate such vehicles in the State of Maine. Training in the safe operation of ATVs is available as part of this program.

ATV Safety and Educational Program 0559

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

Ref. #: 2289

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$28,676	\$28,774
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		\$28,676	\$28,774

Notes:

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on initiatives that align Other Special Revenue allocations with the Revenue Forecast.

Justification:

This initiative aligns allocation with December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

ATV SAFETY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM 0559
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$23,170	\$23,170	\$23,170	\$23,170
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,170	\$23,170	\$23,170	\$23,170
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$92,624	\$92,643	\$70,974	\$71,038
All Other	\$54,531	\$49,399	\$78,592	\$78,691
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$147,155	\$142,042	\$149,566	\$149,729

Boating Access Sites 0631

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$173,616	\$173,616	\$173,616	\$173,616
Capital Expenditures	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$748,616	\$748,616	\$173,616	\$173,616
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$70,323	\$71,588	\$76,574	\$80,163
All Other	\$122,233	\$122,233	\$122,233	\$122,233
Capital Expenditures	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$457,556	\$458,821	\$198,807	\$202,396

Justification:

The Boating Access Program was established to increase public access to boat launch sites and to acquire and develop access sites to Maine public waters. The program is funded by a share of the gasoline tax and proceeds from the sales of the Sportsman license plates.

Boating Access Sites 0631

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase and improve land and facilities for boat launch sites throughout the State.

Ref. #: 2299	One Time	Committee Vote: <u>12/12</u>	AFA Vote: _____
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			2025-26 2026-27
Capital Expenditures			\$575,000 \$575,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL			\$575,000 \$575,000
Ref. #: 2300	One Time	Committee Vote: <u>12/12</u>	AFA Vote: _____
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			2025-26 2026-27
Capital Expenditures			\$265,000 \$265,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL			\$265,000 \$265,000

Justification:

Provides funding to purchase and improve land and facilities for boat launch sites throughout the State. Federal funds come from grant awards from the U.S. Department of the Interior. Matching funds come from the Land for Maine's Future awards.

Boating Access Sites 0631

Initiative: Establishes one Parks Maintenance Coordinator position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2302

Committee Vote: 11/12 in favor

AFA Vote: _____

1 opposed

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$92,784	\$99,488
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$242,784	\$249,488

Justification:

This position would be responsible for federally mandated property use compliance certification.

Boating Access Sites 0631

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Chief Planner position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 40% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 30% General Fund within the Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 30% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Boating Access Sites program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2303

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$40,077	\$41,818
All Other	\$959	\$1,001
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$41,036	\$42,819

Justification:

This initiative transfers and reallocates the funding sources to fit more appropriately with the work being performed.

BOATING ACCESS SITES 0631
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$92,784	\$99,488
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$242,784	\$249,488
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$173,616	\$173,616	\$173,616	\$173,616
Capital Expenditures	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$748,616	\$748,616	\$748,616	\$748,616
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$70,323	\$71,588	\$116,651	\$121,981
All Other	\$122,233	\$122,233	\$123,192	\$123,234
Capital Expenditures	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$457,556	\$458,821	\$504,843	\$510,215

Camp North Woods Fund Z193

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Justification:

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is dedicated to providing opportunities to youth in the outdoors, where they can learn lifelong skills and the importance of sustaining Maine's natural resources.

CAMP NORTH WOODS FUND Z193
PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$32,800	\$34,801	\$39,245	\$42,189
All Other	\$4,731	\$4,731	\$4,731	\$4,731
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,531	\$39,532	\$43,976	\$46,920
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$453,957	\$466,412	\$518,926	\$549,738
All Other	\$584,925	\$584,982	\$584,982	\$584,982
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,038,882	\$1,051,394	\$1,103,908	\$1,134,720
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$195,607	\$199,943	\$218,793	\$231,416
All Other	\$126,077	\$126,072	\$126,072	\$126,072
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$321,684	\$326,015	\$344,865	\$357,488

Justification:

The Endangered Nongame Operations Program provides management of nongame wildlife and endangered species to maintain and enhance various species of fish and wildlife as well as the ecosystems upon which they depend. Nongame wildlife includes all unconfined terrestrial, freshwater and saltwater species that are not ordinarily collected, captured or killed for sport or profit.

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position and 2 IF&W Resource Biologist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2261

Committee Vote:

6 in favor
6 opposed

AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$54,466	\$58,880
All Other	\$1,303	\$1,409
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$55,769	\$60,289

Justification:

This initiative creates 3 new positions to provide permanent capacity for the department to 1) acquire and conserve lands, 2) to assist DEP, landowners, and developers with avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating impacts to wildlife and habitats, and 3) to provide technical assistance to municipalities to incorporate wildlife habitat considerations into comprehensive plans.

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 IF&W Resource Biologist positions to 4 IF&W Senior Resource Biologist positions and reduces All Other to fund these positions.

Ref. #: 2262

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote:

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Personal Services

2025-26**2026-27**

\$6,821

\$7,087

All Other

(\$6,821)

(\$7,087)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$0

\$0

Ref. #: 2263

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services

2025-26**2026-27**

\$6,824

\$7,085

All Other

(\$6,824)

(\$7,085)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$0

\$0

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the positions to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Transfers one IF&W Resource Supervisor position from the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, General Fund to the Endangered Nongame Operations program, Federal Expenditures Fund.

Ref. #: 2264

Committee Vote:

8 in favor
4 opposed

AFA Vote:

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

2025-26**2026-27**

1.000

1.000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$0

\$0

Justification:

This initiative transfers the position to align it with the work being performed.

ENDANGERED NONGAME OPERATIONS 0536**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$32,800	\$34,801	\$39,245	\$42,189
All Other	\$4,731	\$4,731	\$4,731	\$4,731
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,531	\$39,532	\$43,976	\$46,920
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$453,957	\$466,412	\$525,747	\$556,825
All Other	\$584,925	\$584,982	\$578,161	\$577,895
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,038,882	\$1,051,394	\$1,103,908	\$1,134,720
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$195,607	\$199,943	\$280,083	\$297,381
All Other	\$126,077	\$126,072	\$120,551	\$120,396
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$321,684	\$326,015	\$400,634	\$417,777

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	127.000	127.000	127.000	127.000
Personal Services	\$14,973,957	\$15,395,430	\$18,231,182	\$19,147,047
All Other	\$4,041,694	\$4,601,726	\$4,305,476	\$4,305,476
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$19,015,651	\$19,997,156	\$22,536,658	\$23,452,523
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.232	1.232	1.232	1.232
Personal Services	\$839,002	\$852,170	\$969,745	\$1,023,891
All Other	\$583,770	\$583,765	\$583,980	\$583,981
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,422,772	\$1,435,935	\$1,553,725	\$1,607,872
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$276,858	\$279,056	\$299,958	\$314,871
All Other	\$412,616	\$945,954	\$938,446	\$938,438
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$689,474	\$1,225,010	\$1,238,404	\$1,253,309

Justification:

The Maine Warden Service enforces Title 12, Chapters 901-939, enforces all rules promulgated by the Commissioner, and enforces the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The Maine Warden Service also enforces the Maine boat laws and recreational vehicle laws (snowmobile and ATV). The Maine Warden Service is, by statute, responsible for searches for persons presumed lost or drowned in the fields, forests and inland waters of the State of Maine. Game Wardens of the Maine Warden Service are uniformed law enforcement officers with full police powers and statewide jurisdiction.

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: Provides funding for dispatch services provided by the Department of Public Safety.

Ref. #: 2273

Committee Vote: 10 in favor
2 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	\$351,840	\$448,580
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$351,840	\$448,580

Justification:

Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 1533 establishes the Bureau of Consolidated Emergency Communications, within the Department of Public Safety. The bureau provides consolidated dispatch services to state, county and local governments. The Department of Public Safety calculates user costs by compiling records of dispatch calls, and

calculates a percentage of the cost increase to each department.

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of 2 Game Warden positions from Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% General Fund Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and one position 50% Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Other Special Revenue Funds and one position 50% ATV Enforcement Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2274

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	(\$124,129)	(\$130,746)
All Other	(\$905)	(\$953)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$125,034)	(\$131,699)

Ref. #: 2275

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$58,234	\$62,204
All Other	\$424	\$453
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$58,658	\$62,657

Justification:

The United States Coast Guard recreational boating program provides funding to each state to support their recreational boating safety and enforcement activities through a formula based largely upon the number of registered watercraft in each state which has remained steady at approximately 120,000 per year. Due to increasing personnel costs the grant can no longer support the existing positions and other programmatic costs.

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Game Warden Specialist position from 50% Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund to 70% Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund and 30% Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Other Special Revenue Funds and reduces funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2276

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$28,579	\$30,252
All Other	(\$28,579)	(\$30,252)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Revenue for this program is derived from rafter head fees. The number of rafters has declined to approximately 45,000 per year which is an insufficient number of rafters keep pace with rising personal services costs.

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Associate position to a Office Specialist II position and reduces All Other funding.

Ref. #: 2277

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

2025-26**2026-27**

\$7,180

\$11,145

All Other

(\$7,180)

(\$11,145)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL\$0\$0**Notes:**

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: Establishes one Game Warden Sergeant position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2278

Committee Vote:

8 in favor
4 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

2025-26**2026-27**

1.000

1.000

Personal Services

\$129,511

\$140,133

All Other

\$952

\$1,030

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL\$130,463\$141,163**Justification:**

This position will be responsible for being the statewide point of contact for the enforcement efforts around the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds, and 2 fish stocking tanks.

Ref. #: 2279 One Time Committee Vote: 12 / 12 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$119,000	\$119,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$119,000	\$119,000

Justification:

Capital equipment needs reflect the replacement of older equipment which has become unsafe or unreliable.

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide central fleet management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 2280 Committee Vote: 8 in favor
4 opposed AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$217,333	\$307,591
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$217,333	\$307,591

Justification:

Central Fleet Management (CFM) within DAFS centrally procures, distributes and disposes of passenger and light truck vehicles. CFM handles many aspects of vehicle service including writing vehicle specifications, ordering vehicles, providing drivers with maintenance schedules, service assistance, fueling resources, insurance protection, and accident information processing. Central Fleet is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through daily and long-term rental billings to departments and agencies. CFM expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including fuel and vehicle purchase price. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0537
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	127.000	127.000	128.000	128.000
Personal Services	\$14,973,957	\$15,395,430	\$18,266,941	\$19,188,444
All Other	\$4,041,694	\$4,601,726	\$4,838,890	\$5,020,250
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$19,015,651	\$19,997,156	\$23,105,831	\$24,208,694
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.232	1.232	1.232	1.232
Personal Services	\$839,002	\$852,170	\$845,616	\$893,145
All Other	\$583,770	\$583,765	\$583,075	\$583,028
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,422,772	\$1,435,935	\$1,428,691	\$1,476,173
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$276,858	\$279,056	\$487,703	\$517,208
All Other	\$412,616	\$945,954	\$939,822	\$939,921
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$119,000	\$119,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$689,474	\$1,225,010	\$1,546,525	\$1,576,129

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	56.000	57.000	57.000	57.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.731	1.731	1.731	1.731
Personal Services	\$4,226,393	\$4,628,332	\$5,123,547	\$5,426,166
All Other	\$1,604,866	\$1,929,807	\$1,929,807	\$1,929,807
Capital Expenditures	\$161,625	\$12,750	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,992,884	\$6,570,889	\$7,053,354	\$7,355,973
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$1,659,288	\$1,510,804	\$1,660,952	\$1,756,301
All Other	\$1,044,708	\$746,411	\$746,411	\$746,411
Capital Expenditures	\$34,875	\$38,250	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,738,871	\$2,295,465	\$2,407,363	\$2,502,712
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$100,513	\$104,822	\$105,456	\$112,783
All Other	\$158,364	\$158,364	\$158,364	\$158,364
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$258,877	\$263,186	\$263,820	\$271,147
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY				
All Other	\$12,800,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$12,800,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000

Justification:

The Fisheries & Hatcheries program works to ensure that all species of inland fish in the State of Maine are maintained and perpetuated for their intrinsic, ecological and economic value. In addition, this program works to ensure that inland fisheries are available for recreational, scientific and educational use.

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Provides funding for operating expenses in the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations - Lake and River Protection Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Ref. #: 2243

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$203,762	\$203,762
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$203,762	\$203,762

Justification:

Revenue for this account is derived from the sale of lake and river protection stickers and will be used for aquatic invasive species surveillance as well as for equipment and material needs.

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position to a IF&W Resource Supervisor position and reallocates the cost from 70% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 30% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund to 100% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2244

Committee Vote: 11 in favor
1 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$41,354	\$45,113
All Other	\$1,118	\$1,214
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$42,472	\$46,327

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Resource Biologist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2245

Committee Vote: 8 in favor
4 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$108,937	\$117,764
All Other	\$2,628	\$2,842
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$111,565	\$120,606

Justification:

This position will implement aquatic invasive fish and wildlife field work programs including monitoring, assessment and remediation of threats.

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one IF&W Resource Supervisor position from 80% General Fund and 20% Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% General Fund within the same program and reduces funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2246	Committee Vote: <u>12/12</u>	AFA Vote: _____
GENERAL FUND		2025-26 2026-27
Personal Services		\$31,278 \$32,591
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<u>\$31,278</u> <u>\$32,591</u>

Ref. #: 2247	Committee Vote: <u>12/12</u>	AFA Vote: _____
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		2025-26 2026-27
Personal Services		(\$31,278) (\$32,591)
All Other		(\$755) (\$787)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		<u>(\$32,033)</u> <u>(\$33,378)</u>

Justification:

A portion of this position was previously funded through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Marine Resources (DMR). DMR now has their own position to perform the work this position was previously doing for them.

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Reduces funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Executive II position to a Public Service Manager II position and transfers and reallocates the cost from 38% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 32% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Federal Expenditures Fund to Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2248	Committee Vote: <u>12/12</u>	AFA Vote: _____
GENERAL FUND		2025-26 2026-27
Personal Services		\$43,395 \$47,074
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<u>\$43,395</u> <u>\$47,074</u>

Ref. #: 2249	Committee Vote: <u>12/12</u>	AFA Vote: _____
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		2025-26 2026-27

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$47,728	\$51,851
All Other	\$1,142	\$1,241
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$48,870</u>	<u>\$53,092</u>

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 7 IF&W Resource Technician positions to 7 IF&W Resource Biologist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2250 Committee Vote: 12/12 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$26,905	\$37,480
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$26,905</u>	<u>\$37,480</u>

Ref. #: 2251 Committee Vote: 12/12 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$26,910	\$37,479
All Other	\$644	\$897
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$27,554</u>	<u>\$38,376</u>

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Transfers one IF&W Resource Supervisor position from the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, General Fund to the Endangered Nongame Operations program, Federal Expenditures Fund.

Ref. #: 2252 Committee Vote: 8 in favor
4 opposed AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Justification:

This initiative transfers the position to align it with the work being performed.

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Establishes 2 Fish Culturist Assistant Supervisor positions.

Ref. #: 2253

Committee Vote:

8 in favor
3 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

2025-26 2026-27

2.000 2.000

\$191,454 \$205,972

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$191,454 \$205,972

Justification:

This initiative would add a Fish Culturist Assistant Supervisor position to each of the Grand Lake Stream and Palermo fish hatcheries to mirror the organizational structure at the department's other facilities.

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds, and 2 fish stocking tanks.

Ref. #: 2254

One Time

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Capital Expenditures

2025-26 2026-27

\$7,500 \$42,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$7,500 \$42,000

Justification:

Capital equipment needs reflect the replacement of older equipment which has become unsafe or unreliable.

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 3 snowmobiles, 3 all-terrain vehicles, 2 trailers, one electrofishing control box, and 2 boats.

Ref. #: 2255

One Time

Committee Vote:

8 in favor
3 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

2025-26 2026-27

Capital Expenditures	\$13,875	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$13,875	\$0

Justification:

Equipment needs reflect new items that are needed in order to perform work that cannot be done with existing equipment.

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Chief Planner position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 40% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 30% General Fund within the Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 30% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Boating Access Sites program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2256

Committee Vote: 12 / 12

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$53,436	\$55,762
All Other	\$1,290	\$1,347
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$54,726	\$57,109

Justification:

This initiative transfers and reallocates the funding sources to fit more appropriately with the work being performed.

FISHERIES AND HATCHERIES OPERATIONS 0535
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	56.000	57.000	58.000	58.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.731	1.731	1.731	1.731
Personal Services	\$4,226,393	\$4,628,332	\$5,416,579	\$5,749,283
All Other	\$1,604,866	\$1,929,807	\$1,929,807	\$1,929,807
Capital Expenditures	\$161,625	\$12,750	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,992,884	\$6,570,889	\$7,346,386	\$7,679,090
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	5.000	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$1,659,288	\$1,510,804	\$1,789,026	\$1,901,393
All Other	\$1,044,708	\$746,411	\$749,487	\$749,896
Capital Expenditures	\$34,875	\$38,250	\$21,375	\$42,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,738,871	\$2,295,465	\$2,559,888	\$2,693,289
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$100,513	\$104,822	\$224,469	\$243,069
All Other	\$158,364	\$158,364	\$365,117	\$365,395
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$258,877	\$263,186	\$589,586	\$608,464
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$12,800,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$12,800,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000

Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement Z427

Initiative: Provides funding for operating expenses for the Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement program and recognize the revenue increase from the sale of fishing licenses.

Ref. #: 2334

Committee Vote:

6 in favor
6 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

All Other

	2025-26	2026-27
	\$1,262,371	\$1,265,807
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,262,371	\$1,265,807

Justification:

Funds for this program are to be used for the conservation and enhancement of inland freshwater fisheries resources around the State.

Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement Z427

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds, and 2 fish stocking tanks.

Ref. #: 2335

One Time

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

Capital Expenditures

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

	2025-26	2026-27
	\$244,835	\$234,705
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$244,835	\$234,705

Justification:

Capital equipment needs reflect the replacement of older equipment which has become unsafe or unreliable.

**INLAND FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT Z427
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$1,262,371	\$1,265,807
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$244,835	\$234,705
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$1,507,206	\$1,500,512

Landowner Relations Z140

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Personal Services	\$99,149	\$103,985	\$112,656	\$121,635
All Other	\$51,162	\$51,162	\$51,162	\$51,162
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$150,311	\$155,147	\$163,818	\$172,797
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Personal Services	\$13,164	\$13,446	\$15,010	\$15,685
All Other	\$116,290	\$116,292	\$116,298	\$116,298
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$129,454	\$129,738	\$131,308	\$131,983

Justification:

The Landowner Relations Program was established to encourage landowners to allow outdoor recreationists access to their property to hunt, fish or engage in other outdoor recreational pursuits, foster good relationships between landowners and outdoor recreationists, and promote high standards of courtesy, respect and responsibility by outdoor recreationists in their relations with landowners.

LANDOWNER RELATIONS Z140**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Personal Services	\$99,149	\$103,985	\$112,656	\$121,635
All Other	\$51,162	\$51,162	\$51,162	\$51,162
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$150,311	\$155,147	\$163,818	\$172,797
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Personal Services	\$13,164	\$13,446	\$15,010	\$15,685
All Other	\$116,290	\$116,292	\$116,298	\$116,298
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$129,454	\$129,738	\$131,308	\$131,983

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
Personal Services	\$1,075,733	\$1,121,130	\$1,282,241	\$1,364,151
All Other	\$666,466	\$676,466	\$676,466	\$676,466
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,742,199	\$1,797,596	\$1,958,707	\$2,040,617
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$76,328	\$76,328	\$76,328	\$76,328
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$76,328	\$76,328	\$76,328	\$76,328
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$211,140	\$223,616	\$248,294	\$264,863
All Other	\$373,168	\$373,195	\$373,195	\$373,195
Capital Expenditures	\$280,000	\$180,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$864,308	\$776,811	\$621,489	\$638,058

Justification:

The Licensing Services program is responsible for the administration and issuance of over 500,000 licenses, stamps and permits and the registration of 70,000 all terrain vehicles, 80,000 snowmobiles and 120,000 boats. The program accomplishes the sale of these licenses, permits and registrations through its work with over 750 sales agents located throughout Maine.

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for repairs to an aviation hanger and a storage garage at the Greenville Regional facility.

Ref. #: 2181

One Time

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Capital Expenditures

2025-26

2026-27

\$550,000

\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$550,000

\$0

Justification:

The two buildings on the Greenville campus are in need of extensive repairs to protect their structural integrity. Roofing, windows, doors, insulation, and concrete repairs are included in this initiative.

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of one excavator.

Ref. #: 2182

One Time

Committee Vote:

5 in favor
6 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Capital Expenditures

2025-26**2026-27**

\$0

\$230,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$0

\$230,000

Justification:

This machine is critical to maintaining the department's statewide infrastructure and will replace the existing 2002 model year excavator which has become unreliable with excessive repair costs.

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the construction of a heated garage bay and bunkroom at the Strong regional facility.

Ref. #: 2183

One Time

Committee Vote:

6 in favor
5 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Capital Expenditures

2025-26**2026-27**

\$0

\$260,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$0

\$260,000

Justification:

The heated garage bay will provide proper storage for items a recent insurance inspection has identified as unallowable inside the office space. The bunkroom is necessary for overnight stays by staff from other regions when assisting with research and programs.

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 9 Office Associate II positions to 9 Office Specialist I positions and one Office Associate II position to a Senior Programmer Analyst position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2184

Committee Vote:

11
11

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

2025-26**2026-27**

\$10,404

\$11,391

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$10,404

\$11,391

Ref. #: 2185

Committee Vote:

11
11

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**2025-26****2026-27**

Personal Services	\$5,803	\$6,030
All Other	\$92	\$96
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,895	\$6,126

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes these positions to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds, and 2 fish stocking tanks.

Ref. #: 2186 One Time Committee Vote: 12/12 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$9,500	\$52,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$9,500	\$52,500

Justification:

Capital equipment needs reflect the replacement of older equipment which has become unsafe or unreliable.

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 3 snowmobiles, 3 all-terrain vehicles, 2 trailers, one electrofishing control box, and 2 boats.

Ref. #: 2187 One Time Committee Vote: 8 in favor
3 opposed AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$4,625	\$31,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,625	\$31,000

Justification:

Equipment needs reflect new items that are needed in order to perform work that cannot be done with existing equipment.

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 2188

Committee Vote: 8 in favor
3 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND		2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$53,977	\$53,977
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<u>\$53,977</u>	<u>\$53,977</u>

Ref. #: 2189

Committee Vote: 8 in favor
3 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		2025-26	2026-27
All Other		\$33,741	\$33,741
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		<u>\$33,741</u>	<u>\$33,741</u>

Justification:

This provides funding for MOSES support services and end user services provided by the Office of Information Technology due to rate increases.

LICENSING SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0531
PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,075,733	\$1,121,130	\$1,292,645	\$1,375,542
All Other	\$666,466	\$676,466	\$730,443	\$730,443
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,742,199	\$1,797,596	\$2,023,088	\$2,105,985
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$76,328	\$76,328	\$76,328	\$76,328
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$76,328	\$76,328	\$76,328	\$76,328
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$211,140	\$223,616	\$254,097	\$270,893
All Other	\$373,168	\$373,195	\$407,028	\$407,032
Capital Expenditures	\$280,000	\$180,000	\$564,125	\$573,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$864,308	\$776,811	\$1,225,250	\$1,251,425

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund 0829

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Personal Services	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
All Other	\$871,906	\$871,906	\$871,906	\$871,906
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$873,406	\$873,406	\$873,406	\$873,406

Justification:

The Outdoor Heritage Fund was established to provide funding for projects that would perpetuate Maine's outdoor heritage. The Outdoor Heritage Fund awards grants semi-annually to natural resource agencies for conservation and recreation projects that meet the guidelines stated in the Outdoor Heritage Fund's strategic plan. The fund is governed by a Board of seven members and is funded through the sale of special lottery tickets.

**MAINE OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND 0829
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Personal Services	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
All Other	\$871,906	\$871,906	\$871,906	\$871,906
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$873,406	\$873,406	\$873,406	\$873,406

Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$607,572	\$622,191	\$721,383	\$750,065
All Other	\$3,230,638	\$3,469,059	\$3,269,799	\$3,269,799
Capital Expenditures	\$537,035	\$0	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,375,245	\$4,091,250	\$3,991,182	\$4,019,864
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$427,950	\$434,103	\$461,685	\$488,858
All Other	\$1,137,782	\$1,137,782	\$1,137,782	\$1,137,782
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,565,732	\$1,571,885	\$1,599,467	\$1,626,640

Justification:

The Commissioner's Office is responsible for the administration and management of the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, develops and implements long range plans for the management and use of the state's fish and wildlife resources and the use of recreational vehicles. The office is also responsible for the development, coordination, maintenance and evaluation of the Department's comprehensive fish and wildlife programs.

Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 2146

Committee Vote:

9 in favor

2 opposed

AFA Vote:

GENERAL FUND

All Other

2025-26

2026-27

\$103,514

\$146,808

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$103,514

\$146,808

Ref. #: 2147

Committee Vote:

9 in favor

2 opposed

AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

2025-26

2026-27

\$22,115

\$24,188

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$22,115

\$24,188

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers' expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the repair of department-owned dams.

Ref. #: 2148

One Time

Committee Vote:

*10 in favor
1 opposed*

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Capital Expenditures

2025-26

2026-27

\$2,500,000

\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$2,500,000

\$0

Notes:

See Part Y

Justification:

This initiative will address department-owned dam infrastructure improvement needs. The top three priorities are: Spicer Pond, Stowers Meadow, and Orange River.

Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position.

Ref. #: 2164

Committee Vote:

*10 in favor
1 opposed*

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

2025-26

2026-27

1.000

1.000

\$144,655

\$156,912

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$144,655

\$156,912

Justification:

This is professional services work in directing and managing a variety of administrative and financial management functions for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Responsibilities include directing and overseeing assigned programs; analyzing and evaluating policies, programs, and procedures; solving management problems; developing and recommending new or revised administrative policies and procedures; advising executive department management; working with the Legislature by providing testimony, work session support, and analysis; and special projects that may be assigned.

Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 2167

Committee Vote: 11/11 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$586,021	\$588,729
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$586,021	\$588,729

Justification:

This provides funding for MOSES support services and end user services provided by the Office of Information Technology due to rate increases.

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0529
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$607,572	\$622,191	\$866,038	\$906,977
All Other	\$3,230,638	\$3,469,059	\$3,959,334	\$4,005,336
Capital Expenditures	\$537,035	\$0	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,375,245	\$4,091,250	\$4,825,372	\$4,912,313
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$427,950	\$434,103	\$461,685	\$488,858
All Other	\$1,137,782	\$1,137,782	\$1,159,897	\$1,161,970
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,565,732	\$1,571,885	\$4,121,582	\$1,650,828

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$572,105	\$614,741	\$675,006	\$718,774
All Other	\$600,012	\$601,237	\$601,237	\$601,237
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,172,117	\$1,215,978	\$1,276,243	\$1,320,011

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.230	1.230	1.230	1.230
Personal Services	\$620,767	\$648,184	\$678,088	\$719,537
All Other	\$869,809	\$870,085	\$870,085	\$870,085
Capital Expenditures	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,590,576	\$1,518,269	\$1,548,173	\$1,589,622

Justification:

The Public Information and Education Division administers programs to increase the public's knowledge and understanding of inland fisheries and wildlife resources through public education, promotion, and dissemination of information.

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides funding for operating expenses in the Public Information and Education, Division of program, Youth Conservation Education Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Ref. #: 2311

Committee Vote:

11/11

AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$73,700	\$73,700
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$73,700	\$73,700

Justification:

Revenue for this account is derived from the auction of 10 moose permits annually. The amount raised from this auction has been steadily increasing each year.

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Secretary Associate position to a Secretary Specialist position.

Ref. #: 2312

Committee Vote:

11/11

AFA Vote:

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$6,334	\$9,845
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,334	\$9,845

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative reclassifies the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Assistant Superintendent Maine Wildlife Park position from range 18 to range 21 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2313

Committee Vote: 11/11

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$10,760	\$11,602
All Other	\$174	\$188
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,934	\$11,790

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate pay range for the work being performed.

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 3 Wildlife Keeper positions to 3 Wildlife Care and Education Technician positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2314

Committee Vote: 11/11

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$9,106	\$11,232
All Other	\$146	\$180
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$9,252	\$11,412

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Establishes one Public Relations Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2315

Committee Vote: 8 in favor
3 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$89,978	\$96,353
All Other	\$1,451	\$1,555
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$91,429	\$97,908

Justification:

This position will be based at the Maine Wildlife Park and will be responsible for hiring, training, and supervising 6-8 seasonal contract employees who serve customers in the gatehouse and nature store and will provide customer service to park visitors. This position would also be responsible for year-round coordination of the volunteer program.

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to a Office Specialist I position.

Ref. #: 2316

Committee Vote: 11 | 11

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$4,452	\$4,903
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,452	\$4,903

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Relations Specialist position to a Public Relations Representative position and reallocates the cost from 100% General Fund to 90% General Fund and 10% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2317

Committee Vote: W/11

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

2025-26 **2026-27**

(\$2,569) (\$2,756)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

(\$2,569) (\$2,756)

Ref. #: 2318

Committee Vote: W/11

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services

2025-26 **2026-27**

\$9,843 \$10,618

All Other

\$159 \$172

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$10,002 \$10,790

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed and reallocates the funding sources to fit more appropriately with the work being performed.

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Reduces funding for the approved reorganization of one seasonal Wildlife Keeper position to a full-time Parks Maintenance Coordinator position and eliminates one seasonal Wildlife Keeper position and reduces funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2319

Committee Vote: W/11

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

2025-26 **2026-27**

1.000 1.000

POSITIONS - FTE COUNT

(1.230) (1.230)

Personal Services

(\$12,731) (\$9,125)

All Other

(\$204) (\$146)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

(\$12,935) (\$9,271)

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes this position to the appropriate job classification and pay range for work being performed to ensure the safe operations at the Maine Wildlife Park.

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds, and 2 fish stocking tanks.

Ref. #: 2320

One Time

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$110,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$110,000	\$0

Justification:

Capital equipment needs reflect the replacement of older equipment which has become unsafe or unreliable.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION, DIVISION OF 0729
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$572,105	\$614,741	\$683,223	\$730,766
All Other	\$600,012	\$601,237	\$601,237	\$601,237
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,172,117	\$1,215,978	\$1,284,460	\$1,332,003

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000	8.000	8.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.230	1.230	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$620,767	\$648,184	\$785,044	\$840,217
All Other	\$869,809	\$870,085	\$945,511	\$945,734
Capital Expenditures	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$110,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,590,576	\$1,518,269	\$1,840,555	\$1,785,951

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$1,838,430	\$1,920,454	\$2,172,465	\$2,294,876
All Other	\$1,649,814	\$1,650,844	\$1,650,844	\$1,650,844
Capital Expenditures	\$47,300	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,535,544	\$3,621,298	\$3,823,309	\$3,945,720
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	59.000	59.000	59.000	59.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.356	1.356	1.356	1.356
Personal Services	\$4,551,425	\$4,680,914	\$5,147,075	\$5,437,958
All Other	\$3,913,581	\$3,901,746	\$3,901,746	\$3,901,746
Capital Expenditures	\$141,900	\$150,000	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,606,906	\$8,732,660	\$9,048,821	\$9,339,704
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$548,476	\$682,802	\$752,220	\$799,359
All Other	\$1,602,772	\$1,747,956	\$1,747,956	\$1,747,956
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,151,248	\$2,430,758	\$2,500,176	\$2,547,315

Justification:

The Bureau of Resource Management is responsible for the management of the State's inland fisheries and wildlife resources and the development of rules governing the effective management of these resources. The Bureau maintains and enhances the State's wildlife resources and habitats through acquisition and habitat improvement, manages wildlife sanctuaries and management areas, coordinates animal damage control functions and controls the importation and transportation of wildlife species and associated parasites and diseases within Maine.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for operating expenses in the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Black Bear Research and Management Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Ref. #: 2203

Committee Vote: 11/11

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$84,986	\$84,986
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$84,986	\$84,986

Justification:

Revenue for this account is derived from the sale of nonresident late season bear hunting permits and from the sale of bear trapping permits and will be used to fund ongoing operational expenses for the program.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for operating expenses in the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Moose Research and Management Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Ref. #: 2204

Committee Vote: 8 in favor
3 opposed

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

2025-26 **2026-27**

\$69,627 \$69,627

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$69,627 \$69,627**Justification:**

Revenue for this account is derived from the sale of nonresident moose hunting permits and will be used to fund ongoing operational expenses for the program.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase land for wildlife habitat.

Ref. #: 2205

One Time

Committee Vote: 10 / 10

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Capital Expenditures

2025-26 **2026-27**

\$1,935,990 \$1,935,990

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$1,935,990 \$1,935,990

Ref. #: 2206

One Time

Committee Vote: 10 / 10

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Capital Expenditures

2025-26 **2026-27**

\$500,000 \$500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$500,000 \$500,000**Justification:**

These funds are needed to purchase land for wildlife habitat and to provide conservation act grants that come from various federal grants. Matching funds come from the sale of duck stamps, deer hunting permits, and private donations.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 9 Office Associate II positions to 9 Office Specialist I positions and one Office Associate II position to a Senior Programmer Analyst position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2207

Committee Vote: 10/10

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$59,350	\$63,856
All Other	\$1,420	\$1,528
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$60,770	\$65,384

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes these positions to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the reconstruction of the Swan Island pier.

Ref. #: 2208

One Time

Committee Vote: 10/10

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$150,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$150,000	\$0

Ref. #: 2209

Committee Vote: 10/10

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$350,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$350,000	\$0

Justification:

This initiative will fund replacement of the Swan Island pier to make it safe for use by the public and to allow habitat management and other maintenance activities to occur on the Wildlife Management Area.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes 2 IF&W Senior Resource Biologist positions and reduces All Other to fund these positions.

Ref. #: 2210

Committee Vote: 10/10

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

All Other

GENERAL FUND TOTAL**2025-26****2026-27**

\$68,792

\$74,164

(\$68,792)

(\$74,164)

\$0

\$0

Ref. #: 2211

Committee Vote:

10/10

AFA Vote:

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

All Other

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL**2025-26****2026-27**

2.000

2.000

\$160,526

\$173,056

(\$160,526)

(\$173,056)

\$0

\$0

Justification:

This initiative creates 2 new positions to provide adequate staffing to ensure the department can 1) meet new federal requirements to inspect and address encroachment issues on Wildlife Management Areas and 2) meet new state requirements to expand wildlife research and monitoring programs to include birds and bats in the Gulf of Maine in order to minimize impacts from Off Shore Wind development.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Resource Biologist position and reduces All Other to fund this position.

Ref. #: 2212

Committee Vote:

7 in favor
4 opposed

AFA Vote:

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

All Other

GENERAL FUND TOTAL**2025-26****2026-27**

\$32,679

\$35,327

(\$32,679)

(\$35,327)

\$0

\$0

Ref. #: 2213

Committee Vote:

7 in favor
4 opposed

AFA Vote:

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

All Other

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL**2025-26****2026-27**

1.000

1.000

\$76,258

\$82,437

(\$76,258)

(\$82,437)

\$0

\$0

Justification:

This initiative creates one new position to manage and maintain the department's wildlife species and habitat data sets that are used to make recommendations to private landowners, municipalities, land trusts, developers, and DEP on ways to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to at-risk wildlife.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position and 2 IF&W Resource Biologist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2214

Committee Vote:

6 in favor
6 opposed

AFA Vote:

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT**

Personal Services

All Other

2025-26**2026-27**

3.000

3.000

\$249,403

\$269,356

\$6,017

\$6,501

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$255,420

\$275,857

Ref. #: 2215

Committee Vote:

6 in favor
6 opposed

AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services

All Other

2025-26**2026-27**

\$28,664

\$30,902

\$686

\$739

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$29,350

\$31,641

Justification:

This initiative creates 3 new positions to provide permanent capacity for the department to 1) acquire and conserve lands, 2) to assist DEP, landowners, and developers with avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating impacts to wildlife and habitats, and 3) to provide technical assistance to municipalities to incorporate wildlife habitat considerations into comprehensive plans.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one IF&W Resource Supervisor position to a Public Service Manager II position and transfers cost from General Fund to Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program. Reduces All Other to fund this position.

Ref. #: 2216

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote:

GENERAL FUND**POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT**

Personal Services

All Other

2025-26**2026-27**

(1.000)

(1.000)

\$3,212

\$5,080

(\$3,212)

(\$5,080)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$0

\$0

Ref. #: 2217

Committee Vote:

12/12

AFA Vote:

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT****2025-26****2026-27**

1.000

1.000

Personal Services	\$7,498	\$11,864
All Other	(\$7,498)	(\$11,864)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative is part of an approved reorganization within the Bureau of Resource Management to create a Deputy Wildlife Division Director to provide increased capacity to manage complex program and administrative requirements.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one IF&W Resource Biologist position to a IF&W Resource Supervisor position and reduces All Other to fund this position.

Ref. #: 2218

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$2,987	\$3,336
All Other	(\$2,987)	(\$3,336)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Ref. #: 2219

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$6,972	\$7,788
All Other	(\$6,972)	(\$7,788)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative is part of an approved reorganization with the Wildlife Division to create a supervisor in the Wildlife Diversity Section to oversee several biologists focused on bird conservation.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 IF&W Resource Biologist positions to 4 IF&W Senior Resource Biologist positions and reduces All Other to fund these positions.

Ref. #: 2220

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	(\$1,982)	(\$765)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,982)	(\$765)

Ref. #: 2221

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	(\$4,621)	(\$1,782)
All Other	(\$112)	(\$43)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$4,733)	(\$1,825)

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the positions to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position to a IF&W Resource Supervisor position and reallocates the cost from 70% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 30% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund to 100% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2222

Committee Vote: 11/11

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	(\$31,790)	(\$34,368)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$31,790)	(\$34,368)

Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Reduces funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Executive II position to a Public Service Manager II position and transfers and reallocates the cost from 38% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 32% Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, Federal Expenditures Fund to Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2223

Committee Vote: 11/11

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

2025-26	2026-27
(\$50,191)	(\$54,368)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

(\$50,191)	(\$54,368)
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Ref. #: 2224

Committee Vote: 11/11

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

All Other

2025-26	2026-27
(1,000)	(1,000)

(\$63,576)	(\$68,866)
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(\$1,535)	(\$1,663)
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

(\$65,111)	(\$70,529)
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Justification:

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Resource Technician position and reduces All Other to fund a portion of the position.

Ref. #: 2225

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

All Other

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

2025-26	2026-27
\$46,193	\$49,886
(\$46,193)	(\$49,886)

\$0	\$0
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9 in favor
2 opposed

Ref. #: 2226

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

All Other

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

2025-26	2026-27
1,000	1,000

\$46,200	\$49,890
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\$1,114	\$1,203
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\$47,314	\$51,093
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Justification:

This initiative would create a position needed to coordinate the work of the Wildlife Conflict Program. This program helps Maine residents reduce property damage from wildlife, assists with the surveillance of and response to wildlife diseases, and responds to public safety issues with wildlife. This program significantly reduces the burden of Game Wardens and Wildlife Biologists in responding to approximately 10,000 wildlife conflict calls annually.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 21 all-terrain vehicles, 28 snowmobiles, one snowmobile trailer, 2 boat trailers, 3 outboard motors, 2 boats, 8 trap nets, one electrofishing backpack, 10 electric utility vehicles, 2 one-ton trucks, 2 2-ton trucks, 4 truck beds, and 2 fish stocking tanks.

Ref. #: 2227 One Time Committee Vote: 12/12 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Capital Expenditures

2025-26 2026-27

\$21,000 \$115,500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$21,000 \$115,500

Justification:

Capital equipment needs reflect the replacement of older equipment which has become unsafe or unreliable.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 3 snowmobiles, 3 all-terrain vehicles, 2 trailers, one electrofishing control box, and 2 boats.

Ref. #: 2228 One Time Committee Vote: 8 in favor
3 opposed AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Capital Expenditures

2025-26 2026-27

\$0 \$93,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$0 \$93,000

Justification:

Equipment needs reflect new items that are needed in order to perform work that cannot be done with existing equipment.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Chief Planner position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 40% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 30% General Fund within the Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 30% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Boating Access Sites program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2229 Committee Vote: 12/12 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	(\$40,075)	(\$41,820)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$40,075)	(\$41,820)

Ref. #: 2230

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$93,514)	(\$97,582)
All Other	(\$2,257)	(\$2,356)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$95,771)	(\$99,938)

Justification:

This initiative transfers and reallocates the funding sources to fit more appropriately with the work being performed.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager II position, one Resource Management Coordinator position and 5 Biologist II positions from the Natural Areas program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Resource Management Services - IF&W program within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. This initiative also transfers All Other for the Natural Areas program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Ref. #: 2231

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$411,325	\$433,940
All Other	\$66,242	\$66,242
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$477,567	\$500,182

8 in favor, 3 opposed (Ref #5 2231-33)

Ref. #: 2232

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$165,940	\$178,911
All Other	\$110,609	\$110,919
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$276,549	\$289,830

Ref. #: 2233

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$279,806	\$301,652
All Other	\$395,612	\$396,135
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$675,418	\$697,787

Notes:

Accompanying language portion in LD 402.

Justification:

This initiative transfers the Natural Areas program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine natural areas program.

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes 10 seasonal IF&W Resource Technician positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2234

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

POSITIONS - FTE COUNT

Personal Services

All Other

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

↑
 10 in favor
 1 opposed
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2025-26	2026-27
5.000	5.000
\$230,260	\$254,980
(\$230,260)	(\$254,980)
\$0	\$0

Ref. #: 2235

Committee Vote: _____

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Personal Services

All Other

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

2025-26	2026-27
\$230,190	\$254,910
\$5,530	\$6,124
\$235,720	\$261,034

Justification:

This initiative funds a portion of the statewide Wildlife Conflict Program using a combination of state and federal funding. This program helps Maine residents reduce property damage from wildlife, assists with the surveillance of and response to wildlife diseases, and responds to public safety issues with wildlife. This program significantly reduces the burden of Game Wardens and Wildlife Biologists in responding to approximately 10,000 wildlife conflict calls annually.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0534
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	4.000	4.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.000	0.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$1,838,430	\$1,920,454	\$2,843,875	\$3,020,268
All Other	\$1,649,814	\$1,650,844	\$1,332,963	\$1,294,313
Capital Expenditures	\$47,300	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,535,544	\$3,621,298	\$4,326,838	\$4,314,581
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	59.000	59.000	67.000	67.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.356	1.356	1.356	1.356
Personal Services	\$4,551,425	\$4,680,914	\$5,987,701	\$6,361,796
All Other	\$3,913,581	\$3,901,746	\$3,771,278	\$3,748,814
Capital Expenditures	\$141,900	\$150,000	\$2,306,990	\$2,144,490
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,606,906	\$8,732,660	\$12,065,969	\$12,255,100
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	5.000	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$548,476	\$682,802	\$1,060,690	\$1,131,913
All Other	\$1,602,772	\$1,747,956	\$2,298,867	\$2,299,443
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,151,248	\$2,430,758	\$3,859,557	\$3,931,356

Search and Rescue 0538

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$401,385	\$407,716	\$483,183	\$495,976
All Other	\$120,220	\$120,220	\$120,220	\$120,220
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$521,605	\$527,936	\$603,403	\$616,196

Justification:

The Search and Rescue program was established for the purpose of actively searching for any person who is lost, stranded or drowned in the woodlands or inland waters in the state.

SEARCH AND RESCUE 0538**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$401,385	\$407,716	\$483,183	\$495,976
All Other	\$120,220	\$120,220	\$120,220	\$120,220
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$521,605	\$527,936	\$603,403	\$616,196

Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition and Management 0561

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000
Capital Expenditures	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,325,000	\$3,325,000	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$83,085	\$83,085	\$83,085	\$83,085
Capital Expenditures	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$163,085	\$163,085	\$83,085	\$83,085

Justification:

The purpose of the Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition and Management Fund program is to acquire waterfowl habitat that supports waterfowl management goals and objectives and, where feasible, improve habitat and species abundance to enhance, restore or create new opportunities.

Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition and Management 0561

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase land for wildlife habitat.

Ref. #: 2293	One Time	Committee Vote: 10/10	AFA Vote: _____
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
Capital Expenditures			
		2025-26	2026-27
		\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL		\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
Ref. #: 2294	One Time	Committee Vote: 10/10	AFA Vote: _____
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Capital Expenditures			
		2025-26	2026-27
		\$80,000	\$80,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		\$80,000	\$80,000

Justification:

These funds are needed to purchase land for wildlife habitat and to provide conservation act grants that come from various federal grants. Matching funds come from the sale of duck stamps, deer hunting permits, and private donations.

**WATERFOWL HABITAT ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT 0561
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000
Capital Expenditures	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,325,000	\$3,325,000	\$3,325,000	\$3,325,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$83,085	\$83,085	\$83,085	\$83,085
Capital Expenditures	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$163,085	\$163,085	\$163,085	\$163,085

Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0539

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.308	0.308	0.308	0.308
Personal Services	\$85,407	\$86,412	\$94,536	\$101,276
All Other	\$43,773	\$43,772	\$43,798	\$43,798
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$129,180	\$130,184	\$138,334	\$145,074

Justification:

The Whitewater Rafting Fund mitigates environmental problems and any adverse effect on competing uses of rivers, promotes safety, education, and enforcement of whitewater rafting laws and department rules. This program dedicates sixty-five percent (65%) of the revenue from fees and surcharges paid by whitewater rafting outfitters and guides to stay with Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for administration of the whitewater rafting laws and rules.

Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0539

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Game Warden Specialist position from 50% Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund to 70% Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund and 30% Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Other Special Revenue Funds and reduces funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2285

Committee Vote: 12/12

AFA Vote: _____

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$28,579)	(\$30,252)
All Other	(\$210)	(\$223)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$28,789)	(\$30,475)

Justification:

Revenue for this program is derived from rafter head fees. The number of rafters has declined to approximately 45,000 per year which is an insufficient number of rafters keep pace with rising personal services costs.

WHITEWATER RAFTING - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0539
PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.308	0.308	0.308	0.308
Personal Services	\$85,407	\$86,412	\$65,957	\$71,024
All Other	\$43,773	\$43,772	\$43,588	\$43,575
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$129,180	\$130,184	\$109,545	\$114,599

Whitewater Rafting Fund 0533

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$18,404	\$18,404	\$18,404	\$18,404
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$18,404	\$18,404	\$18,404	\$18,404

Justification:

The Whitewater Rafting Fund mitigates environmental problems and any adverse effects on competing uses of rivers, promotes safety, education, and enforcement of whitewater rafting laws and department rules. This program returns ten percent (10%) of the revenue collected from fees and surcharges paid by whitewater rafting outfitters and guides to be credited back to the county in which the river is located.

WHITEWATER RAFTING FUND 0533**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$18,404	\$18,404	\$18,404	\$18,404
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$18,404	\$18,404	\$18,404	\$18,404

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$46,333,520	\$48,024,635
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$21,308,400	\$21,709,226
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$15,851,984	\$13,504,156
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$86,693,904	\$86,438,017

PART Y
Committee vote
9/9

PART Y

Sec. Y-1. Transfer to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of funding unmet capital construction and repair needs for state dams.

PART Y SUMMARY

This Part provides one-time funding to support unmet capital construction and repair needs for state dams.

PART LLL

Sec. LLL-1. 12 MRSA §10202, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. N, §1, is further is amended to read:

9. Fiscal Stability Program. The Fiscal Stability Program is established to ensure that the general public and hunters and anglers share the cost of the fish and wildlife conservation programs of the department. To achieve this goal, beginning with the ~~2026-2027~~2028-2029 biennial budget and for each biennial budget thereafter, the biennial budget submitted by the executive branch must include an additional General Fund appropriation of 18% in excess of the department's requested biennial budget.

PART LLL
Committee vote
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PART LLL SUMMARY

This Part amends the fiscal stability program to begin in the 2028-2029 biennium.

PART MMM

Sec. MMM-1. Transfer of funds; Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account. On or before August 1, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$100,000 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations program, General Fund account for the purchase of one replacement aircraft engine and propeller. On or before August 1, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$100,000 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations program, General Fund account for the purchase of one replacement aircraft engine and propeller.

Sec. MMM-2. Transfer of funds; Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account. On or before August 1, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$125,000 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations program, General Fund account for the purchase of boat/motor/trailer replacements. On or before August 1, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$125,000 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations program, General Fund account for the purchase of boat/motor/trailer replacements.

Sec. MMM-3. Transfer of funds; Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account. On or before August 1, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$250,000 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Administrative Services IFW, General Fund account for the upgrade of regional offices for ADA compliance and energy efficiency. On or before August 1, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$200,000 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Administrative Services IFW, General Fund account for the upgrade of regional offices for ADA compliance and energy efficiency.

**PART MMM
SUMMARY**

PART mmm
Committee vote: 10/10

This Part transfers funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations program, General Fund account for the purchase of replacement aircraft engines and propellers, and boats/motor/trailer replacements in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27. This Part also transfers funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Administrative Services IFW, General Fund account for the upgrade of regional offices for ADA compliance and energy efficiency in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27

PART NNN

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Committee vote:
7 in favor
4 opposed

Sec. NNN-1, 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶D, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c.494, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

D. A resident combination hunting and fishing license is \$43 ~~\$50.00~~ and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3.

Sec. NNN-2. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶E, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

E. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is \$43 ~~\$50.00~~ and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3.

Sec. NNN-3. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶J, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

J. A nonresident combination hunting and fishing license is ~~\$150~~ \$157.00.

→ Note: "in favor" members vote
to move Part NNN into the
budget with changes

→ To match the fee changes voted on
in LD 77 (as amended)

Sec. NNN-4. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§7, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 245, §3, is further amended to read:

B. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$50.00

Sec. NNN-5. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2023, c. 49, §2 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

5. Fee. The fee for a super pack license is ~~\$207~~ \$214.00 for residents and ~~\$182~~ \$189.00 for a person holding 2 or more lifetime licenses.

Sec. NNN-6. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2023, c. 228, §§11 and 12, is further amended to read:

6. Schedule of fees. The fees for fishing licenses are as follows.

A. A resident fishing license is ~~\$25~~ \$32.00.

B. A resident combination hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$50.00.

C. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$50.00.

D. Repealed, Laws 2013, c. 538 § 41, eff. Jan. 1, 2015.

E. A 3-day fishing license for a resident or nonresident, valid for the 72-hour period specified on the license, is ~~\$23~~ \$30.00.

F. A nonresident 7-day fishing license, valid for 7 days from date indicated on license, is ~~\$43~~ \$50.00.

G. A nonresident 15-day fishing license, valid for 15 days from date indicated on license, is ~~\$47~~ \$54.00.

H. A nonresident season fishing license for persons 16 years of age or older is ~~\$64~~ \$71.00.

I. Repealed, Laws 2017, c. 427 § 18, eff. Jan. 1, 2019.

J. A one-day fishing license for a resident or nonresident, valid for the 24-hour period indicated on license, is ~~\$11~~ \$18.00.

PART NNN SUMMARY

This Part increases fishing license fees, assessed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, by \$7.

Recommended changes to Part NNN, to be consistent with the fishing license fee increases voted in LD 77, as amended

12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶D, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

D. A resident combination hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$48 and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3.

12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶E, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

E. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$48 and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3.

12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶J, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

J. A nonresident combination hunting and fishing license is ~~\$150~~ \$169.

12 MRSA §11109, sub-§7, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 245, §3, is further amended to read:

B. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$48;

12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2023, c. 49, §2 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

5. Fee. The fee for a super pack license is ~~\$207~~ \$212 for residents and ~~\$482~~ \$187 for a person holding 2 or more lifetime licenses.

12 MRSA §12501, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2023, c. 228, §§11 and 12, is further amended to read:

6. Schedule of fees. The fees for fishing licenses are as follows.

A. A resident fishing license is ~~\$25~~ \$30.

B. A resident combination hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$48.

C. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is ~~\$43~~ \$48.

E. A 3-day fishing license for a resident or nonresident, valid for the 72-hour period specified on the license, is ~~\$23~~ \$30.

F. A nonresident 7-day fishing license, valid for 7 days from date indicated on license, is ~~\$43~~ \$62.

G. A nonresident 15-day fishing license, valid for 15 days from date indicated on license, is ~~\$47~~ \$66.

H. A nonresident season fishing license for persons 16 years of age or older is ~~\$64~~ \$83.

J. A one-day fishing license for a resident or nonresident, valid for the 24-hour period indicated on license, is ~~\$14~~ \$18.