

**IN THE NARRATIVES THAT FOLLOW:**

(★) Indicates that Governor Gregoire has tentatively chosen to include the item in her 2012 supplemental budget proposal in November.

**ALSO NOTE:**

- ▶ Many items will require notice to clients or providers.
- ▶ Many items will require legislation.
- ▶ Impact descriptions, dollar amounts and effective dates are preliminary and subject to revision due to caseload forecast changes and other adjustments. Numbers have been rounded and may not exactly match numbers in the listing of *General Fund Reduction Alternatives* beginning on page 27.
- ▶ Unless otherwise noted, all dollar amounts are General Fund-State.
- ▶ Dates for eliminations and reductions in services vary. Dates may vary for elimination and an alternative reduction, too, for the same program or service.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Eliminate funding to county fairs (★) \$3.0 million**

Terminates funding to county fairs to pay for premiums (prize money). Achieves savings by reducing state funding transferred into the Fair Fund. Preserves funding for community and youth fairs.

**Eliminate international marketing program \$1.6 million**

Cuts program that helps Washington farmers and ranchers to sell crops and agricultural products on international markets.

**Alternative: Reduce by 50 percent \$773,000**

**Eliminate invasive knotweed control program \$758,000**

Terminates grants to local entities to combat invasive knotweed, which if left unchecked harms native plants and fish species.

**Alternative: Shift program to the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account and Freshwater Aquatic Weeds Account (★) \$758,000**

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Reduce administrative/operations grants to conservation districts (★) \$1.4 million**

Reduces administrative and operations grants to conservation districts by 57 percent to encourage districts to pursue local assessments. To date, only 15 of 47 conservation districts have implemented local assessments to fund district administration and projects.

### DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

**Reduce staff funded through General Fund-State (★) \$2.6 million**

Holds vacant 14 state-funded positions in a number of programs, including air quality, water resources, water quality and administration. Will reduce capacity for motor vehicle emission testing, stream-flow monitoring, water quality permit administration and water resources management.

**Reduce state subsidy of agricultural burning program (★) \$222,000**

Shrinks state subsidy for permitting of agricultural burning. Reduction can be made up through fee increases recommended by the Agricultural Burning and Research Task Force.

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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**Replace hydraulic project permit General Fund-State support with alternative funding (★) \$1.9 million**

Cuts GF-S funding and explores other ways of supporting this program, which helps protect fish from impacts of projects in rivers and streams.

**Close hatcheries and fisheries \$1.6 million**

Closes the Samish and Nemah hatcheries, which will halt production of all fall Chinook salmon in the Nooksack/Samish region and about 40 percent of Chinook and chum salmon production in Willapa Bay. Reduces the Puget Sound sea urchin and sea cucumber fishery and closes all state commercial salmon and sturgeon fisheries in Grays Harbor.

**Shift hatchery operations to the State Wildlife Account (★) \$1.5 million**

Shifts 22 percent of hatchery operations to the State Wildlife Account on a one-time basis to continue fish production for commercial and recreational fisheries.

**Reduce salmon recovery and habitat protection \$1.2 million**

Reduces summer chum recovery efforts in Hood Canal and Grays River, along with several salmon monitoring activities. Delays hydraulic project permit processing, which will reduce fish protection and delay the start of projects. Also cuts technical assistance to salmon recovery groups.

**Reduce senior management (★) \$1.1 million**

Eliminates six division and regional managers at headquarters and regional offices.

**Reduce payment in lieu of taxes payments to local governments (★) \$772,000**

Rolls back payments to counties to 2009 levels. Counties receive payments from the department in lieu of property taxes that would be assessed if the land were privately owned.

**Eliminate Puget Sound toxic sampling in fish \$714,000**

Terminates sampling of Pacific herring and English sole for toxic contaminants, which will hamper the state's ability to track progress in reducing toxics in sediments.

**Alternative: Shift program to the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (★) \$714,000**

**Reduce shellfish harvest and management \$536,000**

Reduces clam and oyster seed planting on public beaches by 30 percent, resulting in a 20 percent reduction in recreational harvest within two to three years. Eliminates two Puget Sound crab and shrimp managers, which will delay openings for winter crab fisheries and lowered catch limits.

**Implement cost recovery for energy project habitat technical assistance (★) \$486,000**

Allows entering into cost-reimbursement agreements for technical assistance to energy project developers to protect fish and wildlife habitat.

**Shift equipment purchases to the Fish and Wildlife Equipment Revolving Fund (★)** **\$355,000**  
Shifts a portion of GF-S equipment purchases to this revolving fund.

**Eliminate ballast water inspections in Puget Sound and the Columbia River** **\$352,000**  
Terminates ballast water inspections of commercial vessels entering the state, which will hamper the ability to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels.

**Alternative: Shift program to the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (★)** **\$352,000**

**Suspend agricultural damage payments (★)** **\$300,000**  
Suspends payments to compensate landowners for confirmed damage to agricultural crops caused by wildlife (primarily deer and elk).

## **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Capture fire suppression savings (★)** **\$2.0 million**  
Takes savings from lower-than-expected wildland firefighting costs for the 2011 season.

**Switch correctional camp work to state trust lands (★)** **\$300,000**  
Focuses work by correctional camp crews on silviculture activities on state trust lands instead of recreation and local government sites.

**Use existing funds for Agriculture College Trust management (★)** **\$270,000**  
Due to the current fund balance, the agency will not require state support for land and timber management activities on the Agriculture College Trust lands.

## **STATE PARKS**

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**Reduce state support by 10 percent** **\$1.7 million**  
Holds vacancies, cuts park maintenance and cancels a contract with local sheriffs for ocean beach enforcement.