

Budget Savings Options 2025

Dollars in Thousands

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

5354

Agency Priority H, M, L	Impact 1-5	Program/Activity	GF-S					Other Funds					FTE Change					Brief Description and Rationale	Effective Date (MM/YY)	Impacts of Reductions and Other Considerations	Law/Reg. Change Required (cite)	
			FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY28	FY 29	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY28	FY 29	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY28	FY 29					
L	1	Transfer Available Fund Balance from Limited Fish and Wildlife Account (104) to Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Account (24N)		(2,250)	(1,600)													This account has available one-time fund balance that can be taken without impacts to ongoing efforts. Mechanically, this is a revenue transfer from 104 to 24N, a reduction in 001-1 expenditure authority, an increase in 24N-1 expenditure authority.	07/25	One-time Funds need to be (trackably) kept within the agency to avoid diversion issues for \$25M+/year federal grants.	Revenue transfer in back of budget.	
L	1	Transfer Available Fund Balance from Recreational Fisheries Enhancement (04M) to Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Account (24N)		(300)														This account has available one-time fund balance that can be taken without impacts to ongoing efforts. Mechanically, this is a revenue transfer from 04M to 24N, a reduction in 001-1 expenditure authority, an increase in 24N-1 expenditure authority.	07/25	One-time Funds need to be (trackably) kept within the agency to avoid diversion issues for \$25M+/year federal grants.	Revenue transfer in back of budget.	
L	1	Transfer Available Fund Balance from Warm Water Game Fish Account (071) to Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Account (24N)		(930)	(180)													This account has available one-time fund balance that can be taken without impacts to ongoing efforts. Mechanically, this is a revenue transfer from 071 to 24N, a reduction in 001-1 expenditure authority, an increase in 24N-1 expenditure authority.	05/25	One-time Funds need to be (trackably) kept within the agency to avoid diversion issues for \$25M+/year federal grants.	Revenue transfer in back of budget.	
M	3	Reduce number of advisory group.		(69)	(69)	(69)	(69)								(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	WDFW has 51 advisory groups on its website. Some of these are inactive. This proposal reduces the number of advisory groups.	07/25	Ongoing WDFW have many stakeholder groups who needs to have their input to help the Department in implementing rules and setting seasons.	
M	1	Reduce out-of-state travel		(250)	(250)	(250)	(250)											Reduces out-of-state travel to those that are necessary for the mission. Most out-of-state travel is restricted in this proposal.	07/25	Ongoing This made lead to long-term negative outcomes as this will limit the Department's ability to participate in inter-State coordination and learning.		
M	1	Reduce in-state travel		(535)	(535)	(535)	(535)											Although the Department spends millions per year on in-state travel, the Department's mission requires extensive travel across the state as 90% of our staff are in the field. This reduces discretionary in-state travel while preserving WDFW's ability to do our mission.	07/25	Ongoing Reducing meetings across the state may lead to disequitable outcomes as the Department will have less ability to be within communities where impacts are had.		
H	3	Reduce Hunting - Opportunity. Western Washington Pheasant Program			(320)	(320)	(320)								(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	This reduces hunting opportunity in Western Washington for pheasants. Eastern Washington pheasant is maintained.	07/26	Ongoing This would also eliminate the sale of the Western Washington Pheasant hunting license. Revenue loss is \$300,000 per year.	Law change to eliminate Western Washington Pheasant License.
M	1	Reduce facilitation services		(121)	(121)	(121)	(121)											The Department contracts with external facilitators for meetings, workgroups, and public meetings. This would reduce these services.	07/25	Ongoing The Department will invest in facilitation training for internal WDFW staff.		
M	1	Reduce Motorpool Fleet		(154)	(154)	(154)	(154)											The majority of WDFW's staff are field staff and require either WDFW-owned vehicles or leasing with DES-motorpool. This eliminates the use of underutilized vehicles.	07/25	Ongoing		
H	4	HS - Hatchery Investment Strategy		(113)	(113)	(113)	(113)								(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	This is a new policy-level line-item. The Department feels strongly that current existing work needs to be maintained. Therefore WDFW prefers to send this money back to invest into maintaing our existing work.	07/25	Ongoing	
H	4	LM - Invest in Lands Stewardship		(492)	(492)													This is a new policy-level line-item. While we are showing reductions here, we have recommended buying this back below.	07/25	One-time. Need to coordinate with DNR and Parks push.		

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H	4	PS - Fish Passage and Screening Capacity		(318)	(318)	(318)	(318)								(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	This is a new policy-level line-item. The Department feels strongly that current existing work needs to be maintained. Therefore WDFW prefers to send this money back to invest into maintaing our existing work.	07/25	Ongoing	
H	4	ER - Reduce Emissions, Build Resilience							(840)	(840)					(1.0)	(1.0)			This is a new policy-level line-item. The Department feels strongly that current existing work needs to be maintained. Therefore WDFW prefers to send this money back to invest into maintaing our existing work.	07/25	One-time	
H	4	TB - Managing Emergent Toxic Threats							(973)	(973)	(973)	(973)			(4.0)	(4.0)	(4.0)	(4.0)	This is a new policy-level line-item. The Department feels strongly that current existing work needs to be maintained. Therefore WDFW prefers to send this money back to invest into maintaing our existing work.	07/25	Ongoing	
H	4	HC - Hatchery Conservation Programs (OG)		(121)	(89)	(89)	(89)								(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	This is a new policy-level line-item. The Department feels strongly that current existing work needs to be maintained. Therefore WDFW prefers to send this money back to invest into maintaing our existing work.	07/25	Ongoing	
H	4	AGO - Environmental Crimes (proviso #8)		(639)	(639)	(639)	(639)												Zero out remaining dollars after Book 2 cuts.	07/25	Ongoing	
H	4	ALEA grant program							(450)	(450)	(450)	(450)							Passthrough to numerous non-profits.	07/25	Ongoing	
H	4	Reduce European Green Crab Response		(1,700)	(1,700)	(1,700)	(1,700)								(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	Reduce a quarter of European Green Crab efforts.	07/25	Ongoing	
H	4	Reduce Enforcement Officers		(2,002)	(2,002)	(2,002)	(2,002)								(9.0)	(9.0)	(9.0)	(9.0)	Reduce number of enforcement officers. 8 officers and 1 sereant.	07/25	Ongoing	
H	4	Reduce Biodiversity				(2,000)	(2,000)								(10.0)	(10.0)	(10.0)	(10.0)	Make one-time cut in Biodiversity in Book 2 budget ongoing	07/25	Ongoing	
H	4	Reduce Administrative and Management Staff		(250)	(250)	(250)	(250)								(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	While the Department is below the WMS % control point for the state, this position would eliminate 1.0 FTE WMS.	07/25	Ongoing	
H	4	Carbon reduction Travel Pilot		(800)															Intentional pilot to reduce travel in efforts of achieving carbon emission reductions. Capture GFS savings one-time	07/25	Onetime	

Priority:

L = Low priority agency activity or program
M = Medium priority agency activity or program
H = High priority agency activity or program

Impact:

1 = Allows continuation of the program/activity at a reduced level
2 = Eliminates the ability to perform program objectives
3 = Eliminates agency function
4 = Long term implications (moves the problem to next biennium)
5 = Short term (reduction to one time increase)