

### Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

September 17, 2015 12:30 – 2:30 PM Reed Hall

**Meeting Packet** 

Steve Crisafulli Speaker Ben Albritton Chair



#### The Florida House of Representatives

Appropriations Committee

Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

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#### AGENDA 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM Reed Hall

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Agency Legislative Budget Requests and Issues for Possible Reduction

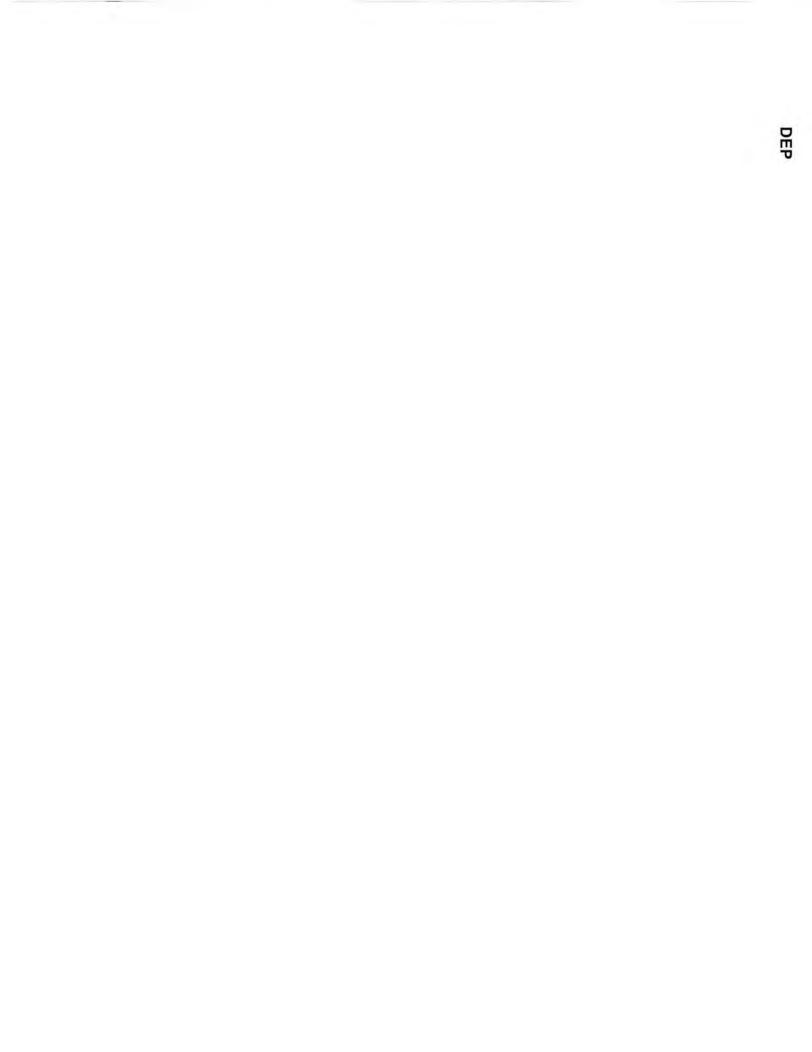
Department of Environmental Protection Jon Steverson, Secretary

Department of Citrus Shannon Shepp, Interim Executive Director

Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Derek Buchanan, Director of Policy & Budget

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Charlotte Jerrett, Chief Financial Officer

III. Closing/Adjourn





**Florida Department of Environmental Protection** 

### House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

### **Legislative Budget Request**

### Jonathan P. Steverson, Secretary September 17, 2015





### **Secretary's Vision and Goals**

Create strong community partnerships, safeguard Florida's natural resources and enhance its ecosystems.

- Focus taxpayer resources on projects that provide a direct benefit to the environment and local communities.
- Establish and consistently use clear metrics to evaluate and strengthen the Department's programs, activities and services.
- Partner with communities and businesses to protect natural resources and promote economic growth.
- Improve the quality of natural resources through long-term planning, restoration and maintenance.
- Empower employees to solve problems through innovation and efficiency.
- Proactively communicate a clear and consistent message both internally and externally.



# The Department's Legislative Budget Request totals just over \$1.5 billion to protect Florida's natural resources.

(This includes \$41.2 million in General Revenue and \$1.46 billion in Trust Funds)

_	Approved Appropriation FY 2015-16	Legislative Budget Request FY 2016-17	Difference	%
Operating Budget	407,464,661	401,936,506	-5,528,155	-1%
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,034,519,895	1,099,752,716	65,232,821	6%
Total	1,441,984,556	1,501,689,222	59,704,666	4%



### **Impacting Communities**

#### **Create New Division of Water Restoration Assistance**

- Consolidates major water-related financial assistance programs into one division within the Department.
  - State Revolving Fund Programs (\$304.5 million)
  - Springs (\$50 million)
  - Water Supply (\$50 million)
  - Beach Restoration (\$25 million)
  - Small County Wastewater Treatment Grants (\$21 million)
  - Nonpoint Source Management Planning Grants (\$13.5 million)
  - Deepwater Horizon Grants (\$6.5 million)



### **Budget Priorities For FY 2016-17**

#### **Major Budget Priorities**

- \$176 million Everglades
  - \$25 million Basin Management Action Plans
- \$50 million Springs
- \$63 million Land Acquisition
- \$50 million Water Supply
- \$45.5 million State Parks
  - \$19 million Repairs, Renovations and Development
  - \$16.5 million Trails, Marketing and IT Investments
  - \$10 million Land Management



# Identified 152 Positions and \$19.7 million in Potential Reductions

- \$19.3 million in Trust Funds and \$.4 million in General Revenue
  - \$2.9 million in recurring fixed capital outlay appropriations
  - \$2.5 million in expenses, other personal services and operating capital outlay across all programs
  - \$0.8 million in transfers to other agencies
  - \$0.3 million in lease savings





### Jonathan P. Steverson, Secretary

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Citrus

# Department of Citrus FY2016-17 Legislative Budget Presentation

Presented to Florida House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee



# **Citrus Legislative Budget Request** FY2016-17

#### **Citrus Advertising Trust Fund:**

Research	\$	8,389
Executive Direction		3,349
Agricultural Products Marketing		30,179
General Revenue Service Charge		1,600
Total CATF		43,517

#### **General Revenue:**

New Varieties Development	650
"Florida Forward" Consumer Campaign	5,000
Florida Citrus Nutrition Influencer Outreach	1,000
"Share the Sunshine" Fresh Fruit Promotion	1,000
Total Gen Rev	7,650

#### **Total Request**

51,167

\$

# **Citrus Advertising Trust Fund**

- Research
  - Scientific Product Research
  - Sponsored Nutrition Research
  - Economic & Market Research
- Executive Direction
  - Agency Administration
  - Support Services
- Agricultural Products Marketing
  - Domestic Retail Marketing
  - Public Relations and Communication
  - International Marketing and Public Relations

\$ 8,389,000

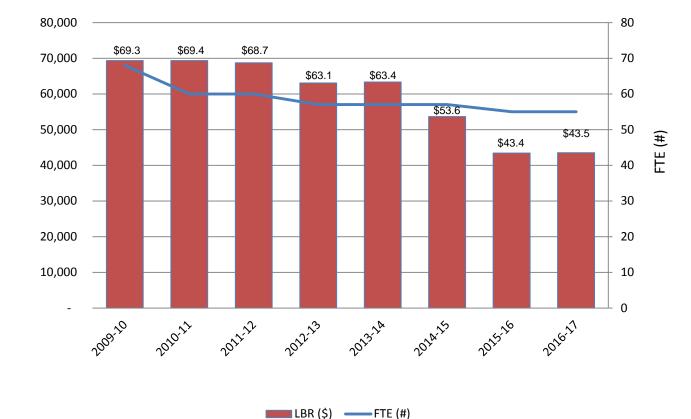
\$ 3,349,000

\$30,179,000



# Citrus LBR FY2010 – FY2017

**Citrus LBR History** 



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# Reductions

- Agency Budget Issue for Possible 5% Reduction
  - Primary funding is from CATF
  - Reduction would not impact General Revenue
  - Proposed reduction would be in Citrus Research
- Other Agency Issues
  - Minor transfers between budget entities and categories
  - Necessary to cover routine operation expenses
  - Total \$500K; No impact to budget bottom line



# **Prioritized Base Budget Increases**

- New Varieties Development Management
   Corporation
- "Florida Forward" Consumer Communication Program
- Florida Citrus Nutrition Influencer Outreach
- "Share the Sunshine" Florida Fresh Fruit Promotion Program
- Fixed Capital Outlay (Water Chiller Replacement)



# **USDA MAP Funding**

- Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) administers the Market Access Program (MAP)
- Provides funding for International Marketing Programs
- FDOC must match 50% of the funding
- Current request is for \$4.4 million
- Could change for FY16-17



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### Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Adam H. Putnam, Commissioner Derek Buchanan, Director of Policy and Budget House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee September 17, 2015

## Department Overview

#### 6 Programs and 16 Services

## Office of the Commissioner and Administration:

- Agricultural Law Enforcement
- Agricultural Water Policy Coordination
- Executive Direction and Support Services
- Division of Licensing
- Office of Energy

#### **Forest and Resource Protection:**

Florida Forest Service

#### Agricultural Management Information Center:

Office of Agricultural Technology Services

#### Food Safety and Quality:

Food Safety Inspection Enforcement

#### **Consumer Protection:**

- Agricultural Environmental Services
- Consumer Services

#### Agricultural Economic Development:

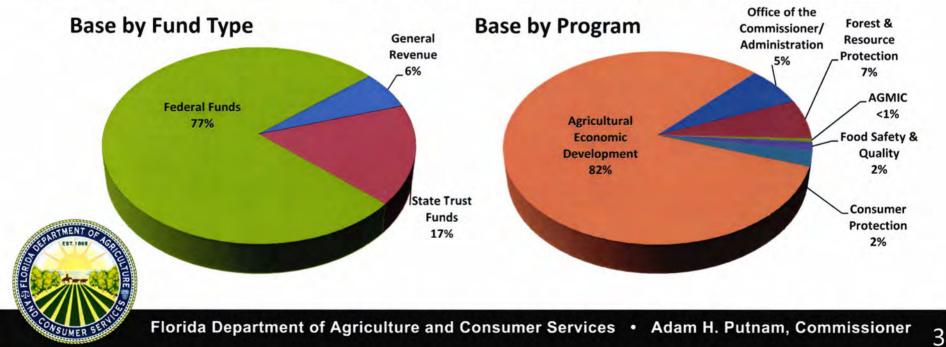
- Fruit and Vegetables Inspection and Enforcement
- Agricultural Products Marketing
- Aquaculture
- Animal Pest and Disease Control
- Plant Pest and Disease Control
- Food, Nutrition and Wellness



## **Budget** Overview

#### Fiscal Year 2016-17 Base Budget

#	Program	FTE	General Revenue	State Trust Funds	Federal Funds	Total
1	Office of the Commissioner & Administration	761.25	29,722,005	64,130,554	3,173,813	97,026,372
2	Forest & Resource Protection	1,178.50	14,551,498	72,777,044	9,214,548	96,543,090
3	Agriculture Management	52.00	757,128	6,674,485		7,431,613
4	Food Safety & Quality	300.00	1,408,713	16,958,860	3,776,055	22,143,628
5	Consumer Protection	469.00	962,311	33,855,218	1,420,352	36,237,881
6	Agricultural Economic Development	853.50	42,541,196	42,770,386	1,098,839,705	1,184,151,287
	Totals	3,614.25	89,942,851	237,166,547	1,116,424,473	1,443,533,871



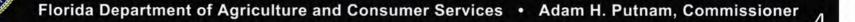
## Legislative Budget Request

LBR Totals for FY 2016-17:

\$244.3 Million:

- \$42.4 Million in General Revenue Funds
- \$86.2 Million in State Trust Funds





## **Highest Budget Priorities**

Our Highest Budget Priorities Primarily Fall Within the Following Service Areas:

- Agricultural Water Policy Coordination
- Florida Forest Service
- Plant Pest and Disease Control
- Animal Pest and Disease Control



Agricultural Products Marketing

## Agricultural Water Policy Coordination

Issues Include:

- \$15 million in Trust Fund Fixed Capital Outlay funding to address agricultural nutrient reduction and water retention projects in the Lake Okeechobee Watershed.
- \$7 million in Trust Fund special category funding to develop and implement agricultural best management practices statewide.
- \$900,000 in Trust and 8 FTEs to address increasing workloads within the Office of Agricultural Water Policy Coordination.
- \$1.5 million in General Revenue funding to continue the Agricultural Water Supply Planning and Conservation Program.



## Florida Forest Service

Issues Include:

- \$2.4 million in General Revenue funding to provide pay increases to our certified firefighter and fire support positions.
- \$5.9 million in Trust funding for firefighting equipment and \$671,000 in General Revenue funding to replace a fixed wing aircraft.
- \$600,000 in General Revenue funding for mobile communication radios.



## Florida Forest Service Continued

- \$25 million in Trust funding to support the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program.
- \$5.8 million in Trust funding for maintenance and repairs of state forest facilities, roads and bridges.
- \$3 million in Trust funding to support reforestation projects on private lands in North Florida.
- \$1 million in Trust funding for additional prescribed fire assistance on public
   conservation lands.



## Plant Pest and Disease Control

Citrus Support:

- \$7.7 million in Trust Fund special category funding to continue the Citrus Health Response Program.
- \$8.5 million in General Revenue special category funding for citrus greening research.
- \$2.5 million of General Revenue transfer funding to support the Citrus Inspection Trust Fund.



## Plant Pest and Disease Control Continued

- \$2.3 million of Trust Fund authority to continue the Giant African Land Snail Eradication Program.
- \$150,000 of General Revenue authority for a mitigation and reduction program for laurel wilt, and its vector, the red bay ambrosia beetle.



## Animal Pest and Disease Control

### Issues Include:

- \$10.3 million in General Revenue funding to construct a new diagnostic laboratory on the site of the Bronson Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory Complex in Kissimmee.
- \$195,000 in Trust funding for replacement laboratory equipment for the Bronson Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.



## Agricultural Products Marketing

 \$4.5 million of General Revenue funding for the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign.



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## Other Budget Issues

- \$3.7 million of Trust Fund fixed capital outlay funding to construct a multi-use facility on the site of the Pompano State Farmer's Market.
- \$4.9 million of Trust and \$330,000 of General Revenue authority to purchase approximately 250 replacement motor vehicles across the department.



**Budget Reduction Issues** 

**Total Reduction Issues:** 

108 FTE

\$13.5 Million:

- \$3.5 Million in General Revenue
- \$10 Million in Trust



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## **Budget Reduction Issues**

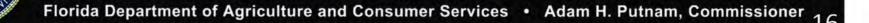
### General Revenue Reductions Include:

- Elimination of 13 law enforcement officers and 3 investigators within the Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement for a total reduction of \$825,000 of General Revenue and \$48,000 of Trust.
- Reduction of the General Revenue School Breakfast Supplement by approximately \$860,000.
- Reduction of the Florida Agricultural Promotion Campaign by \$327,000 of General Revenue
- Reduction of the Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate Program within the Office of Energy by a total of \$302,000 of General Revenue.

## **Budget Reduction Issues**

### Trust Fund Reductions Include:

- Closure of 1 Division of Licensing Regional Office and a reduction in contracted services for a total reduction of approximately \$1.3 million in Trust and 4 FTEs.
- Elimination of 16 FTEs within the Division of Consumer Services' Petroleum Inspection Program for a total reduction of approximately \$819,000 of Trust.
- Elimination of 23 positions within the Florida Forest Service for a total reduction of approximately \$1.6 million in Trust.





**Questions?** 



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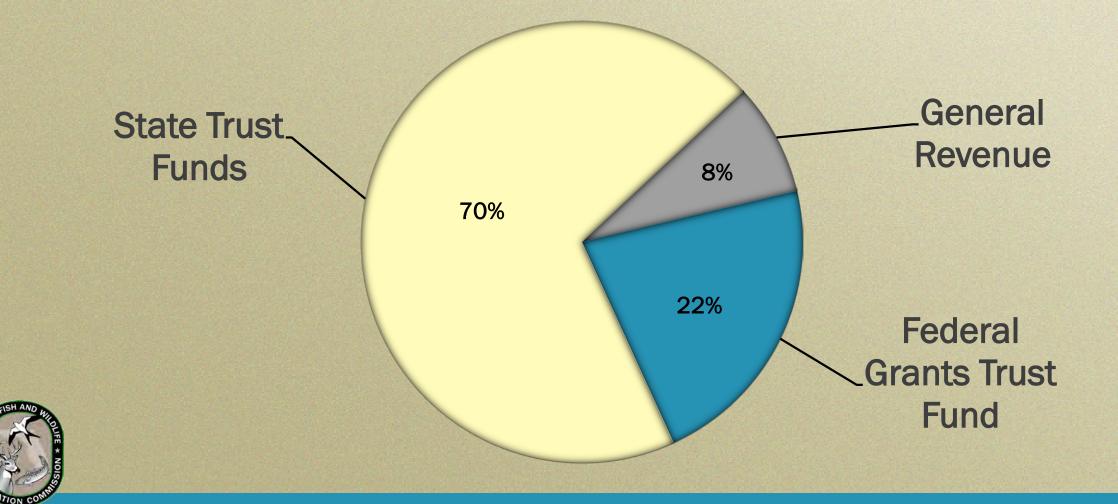


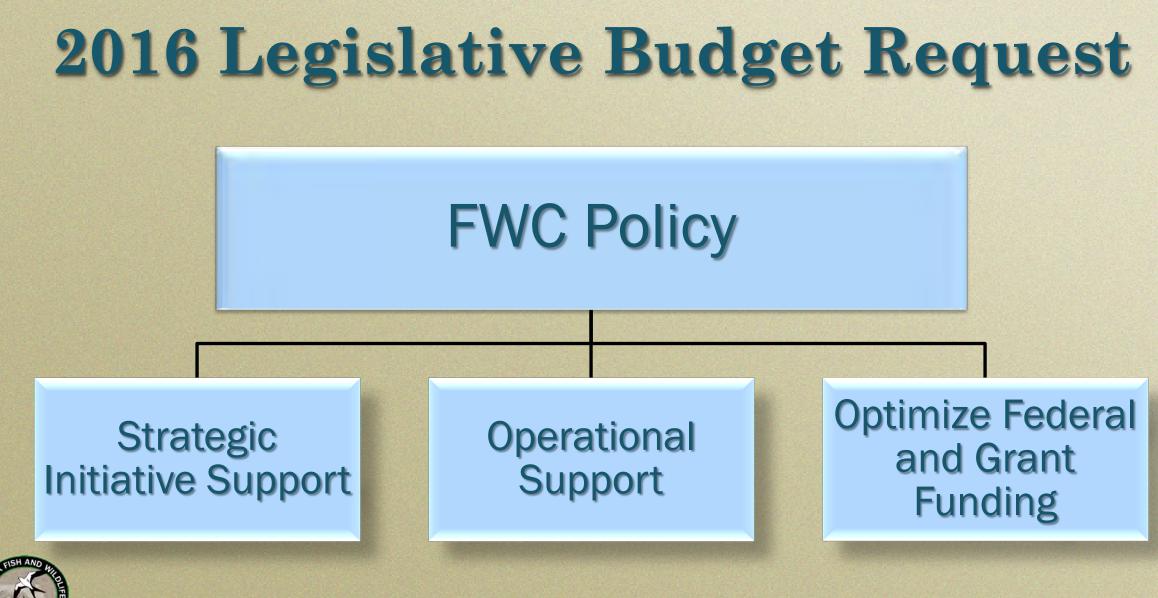
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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

## 2015 - 2016 FWC Budget \$357 Million







## **2016 Legislative Budget Request**

### New Issues \$32,329,968 TOTAL

\$ 7.1M General Revenue Funds
\$25.2M Trust Funds



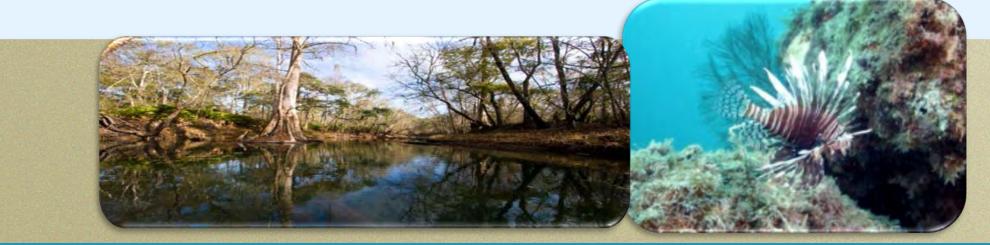
### **Strategic Initiative Support**

- Water and Land Conservation \$19,736,425 TF
- Black Bear Education and Outreach \$125,000 TF
- Derelict Vessel Removal Program \$1,500,000 GR



## **Strategic Initiative Support**

- Lionfish Management \$297,841 GR
- Babcock Ranch Preserve Management & Public Use \$466,270 TF
- Enhanced Wildlife Disease/Public Health Surveillance \$206,715 TF
- Florida Boating Improvement Program \$1,842,600 TF
- Blackwater Hatchery Updates \$300,000 TF



## **Operational Support**

- Agency Fund Shift from Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund to General Revenue - \$5,000,000 GR/(\$5,000,000) TF - \$0
- Statewide Information Technology Upgrades \$863,480 TF
- Recreational Licensing Services Upgrade \$250,000 TF
- Farris Bryant Building Fire Safety Equipment \$250,000 TF
- Southwest Regional Office Parking Lot Repair \$610,161 TF
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Enhancements \$1,000,000 TF





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## **Optimize Federal and Grant Funding**

- Gulf Coast Restoration \$TBD TF
- United States Fish & Wildlife Service Boating Access \$3,900,000 TF
- Artificial Reef Construction and Assessment \$600,000 GR/TF





## Potential 5% Budget Reductions – Schedule VIIIB

### 5% TARGET = \$12.1M





#### Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission 2016/17 Legislative Budget Request

I. Strategic Initiative Support			
Water & Land Conservation	\$	19,736,425	TF
Black Bear Education and Outreach		125,000	TF
Critical Wildlife Area Monitoring Program	\$	74,292	TF
Enhanced Monitoring of Imperiled Species to			
Support Management of Conservation Lands		307,184	TF
Derelict Vessel Removal Program	\$	1,500,000	
Lionfish Management	\$ \$ \$	297,841	
Babcock Ranch Preserve Management & Public Use	\$	466,270	TF
Enhanced Wildlife Disease/Public Health Surveillance	-	206,715	TF
Florida Boating Improvement Program	\$	1,842,600	
Blackwater Fisheries Research and Development			
Center Water Supply Reservoir Renovation		300,000	TF
II. Operational Support			
Agency Fund Shift from MRCTF to GR			
[(\$5,000,000)/\$5,000,000]	\$	0	GR/TF
Statewide Information Technology Upgrades	\$ \$ \$ \$	863,480	TF
Recreational Licensing Services	\$	250,000	TF
Farris Bryant Building Fire Safety Equipment	\$	250,000	TF
Southwest Regional Office Parking Lot Repair	\$	610,161	TF
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Enhancements	\$	1,000,000	TF
III. Optimize Federal and Grant Funding			
Gulf Restoration	\$	TBD	TF
United States Fish & Wildlife Service Boating Access	\$	3,900,000	TF
Artificial Reef Construction and Assessment	\$ \$	600,000	GR/TF

#### Water and Land Conservation \$19,736,425 (\$849,028 NR)

Funding Source: Documentary Stamps

The water and land conservation constitutional amendment dedicates funding to among other things, restoration and improvement of conservation lands including wetlands and forests, fish and wildlife habitat, lands protecting significant water resources, and outdoor recreational lands. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission manages land for the primary purpose of maintaining and enhancing their habitat value for fish and wildlife pursuant to s. 379.212, Florida Statutes. The following requests are for an increase in spending authority from available revenues dedicated to water and land conservation activities that support the funding objectives of this constitutional amendment:

#### Economic Assessments of Conservation Lands and Species \$209,920 (R)

This request is for funding to conduct economic analyses on Florida's conservation lands including all Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and wetlands, and species including managed, imperiled, and exotic species. Analyses on WMAs will estimate the economic value (market and non-market) of recreational activities and natural resources within each WMA and the aggregated value of WMAs. These economic assessments can also lead to identification of regional gaps in recreational opportunities and ecosystem services. This will assist FWC management in prioritizing conservation actions. Analyses on managed and imperiled species will provide estimates of economic benefits from managing and conserving such species and will also conduct benefit-cost analyses to provide justification for such efforts. Analyses on exotic species will identify negative effects of such species on Florida's native species and human health and safety, and estimate the economic damages. The results will guide FWC's leadership and policy to control such species. The funding request would provide funding for 2 OPS Economic Analysts specializing in natural resource economic impact analysis and survey methods. (FWRI)

#### Land Management and Public Use Services \$340,298 (R)

This request is for an increase in recurring spending authority from available funding dedicated to land management activities pursuant to s. 259.032(9)(a), Florida Statutes. Funds will be used to enhance natural resource management and public access of the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) system. This will be accomplished through activities such as prescribed burning, exotic vegetation control, supplemental wildlife plantings, upland and hydrological restoration, plant and wildlife surveys, public access, public use management, site security and signage, and facilities maintenance. (DHSC)

#### Wildlife Management Area (WMA)Enhancements \$15,478,220 (R)

Funds would be used to enhance natural resource management and public enjoyment of the WMA system. This will be accomplished through activities such as prescribed burning, exotic vegetation control, wildlife food plots, plant and wildlife surveys; projects such as the Upland Ecosystem Restoration Project and wetland restoration and management projects; public use programs such as hunting, developing public access (including ADA), human-dimensions studies and stakeholder forums to inform enhancements for public use, managing uses for safe, enjoyable experiences and improving facilities maintenance. During the past two years FWC staff have worked through a process designed to provide a vision for the future for Florida's WMA System. This process led to goals, objectives and strategies designed to increase the WMA System's contribution to the biological diversity and wildlife centric recreation in Florida. In addition, analysis revealed the gaps between where the WMA System is now and where it needs to be in the future to meet the needs of Florida's wildlife and the increasing needs of Florida's citizens. (\$13,078,220 DHSC; \$2,400,000 DHGM)

#### Nonnative Reptile Removal and Control through Incentives and Partnerships

#### \$1,660,768 (\$285,400 NR)

This issue addresses one of the agencies top strategic objectives addressing conflict wildlife. Funds would be provided to support python and large lizard removal in the form of incentives, stipends or contracts; and to enhance inspection resources at Florida ports and common carriers. Over the course of the last five years, populations of pythons, monitor lizards, Argentine black and white tegus and other nonnative fish and wildlife have increased, while the capacity to assess the potential impacts, and mitigate for those impacts by concerted removal efforts has not kept pace. Removal of emerging nonnative fish and wildlife species is crucial to protecting both environmental resources and the tourism economy of Florida. More than 600 species of nonnative fish and wildlife have been introduced into Florida. Predicting the likelihood of establishment and assessing for negative impacts will ensure FWC can respond with appropriate management actions. Working with stakeholders and developing partnerships is crucial to not only reduce these potential negative impacts, but will provide regulatory certainty to the industry without restricting economic activity. In addition to funding incentive programs, this request would provide funds to support the development and implementation of risk screening tools, impact mitigation measures and partnerships. One of the targeted risk mitigation tools that would be funded is enhancing our port and common carrier inspection capabilities (within The Division of Law Enforcement) to provide for inspections where potential prohibited/nonnative wildlife traffic occurs. Targeting illegal shipments helps to provide a level playing field for businesses that are following federal and state regulations. Additionally, increased enforcement provides stability to the marketplace by preventing black market competition which harms legitimate licensed businesses. (\$1,634,928 DHSC; \$150,000 DLE)

#### Landowner Assistance for Public-Private Conservation Partnerships

#### \$1,308,971 (\$475,944 NR)

The Office of Conservation Planning Services (OCPS) coordinates FWC's efforts to provide science-based fish and wildlife conservation information and recommendations to conserve and enhance Florida's fish and wildlife habitat resources. Working with private landowners, staff develops and helps implement comprehensive, habitat-based management plans and incentive programs that conserve Florida's fish, wildlife and habitat resources. Almost 70% of Florida's fish and wildlife habitat occurs on privately-owned lands. Therefore, publicprivate conservation partnerships are critical for the future of Florida's fish and wildlife resources. Conservation Planning Services staff provided fish and wildlife-related technical assistance on approximately 1,000 projects during Fiscal Year 2013-14. However, less than 50% of the demand for these types of services is currently being met with existing staff levels. This request would provide for 12 Biological Scientist IV OPS positions, 12 vehicles and associated operational expenses, and would increase the biological staff resources that deliver technical assistance to private landowners by 50%, allowing FWC to better meet the increasing demand from private landowners for fish and wildlife-related assistance. (DHSC)

#### Comprehensive Mapping and Spatial Analysis support for FWC Managed Lands \$419,592 (R)

This request would establish a multi-faceted mapping and spatial analysis support function for FWC managed lands. Elements to be funded by this request include maintaining and updating the statewide Cooperative Land Cover map (in cooperation with Florida Natural Areas Inventory); spatial modeling of natural resources including imperiled species and their associated habitats, land use change and threat assessments, and upland restoration and enhancement projects and their associated benefits to functioning watersheds; spatial tracking of natural resource management actions including prescribed burning, exotic vegetation control, native plant community restoration, and feasibility analysis of management actions. This request would provide funding for 2 OPS Associate Research Scientists (Land Cover Analyst and Spatial Modeler) and 2 OPS Assistant Research Scientists (Land Cover Analyst and Land Management Analyst). (FWRI)

#### Regional Volunteer Coordinators \$318,056 (\$87,684 NR)

Funding is being requested for five OPS Regional Volunteer Coordinators and associated expenses. During the past two years FWC staff have worked through a process designed to provide a vision for the future for Florida's Wildlife Management Area (WMA) System. This process led to goals, objectives and strategies designed to increase the WMA System's contribution to the biological diversity and wildlife centric recreation in Florida. In addition, volunteers and volunteer coordination was identified as a key strategy to achieve system goals and objectives. Through volunteer projects such as exotic and invasive species removal and monitoring, imperiled species monitoring and habitat improvement, volunteer coordination helps the agency achieve three of their strategic initiatives: Expand Participation in Conservation, Conservation through Innovation and Conflict Wildlife. Coordinators recruit, screen, and assist in training and managing volunteers focused on projects selected for their strategic importance. Volunteers enable FWC to expand projects over larger geographic areas, for longer periods of time, complete them faster and at lower cost. Additionally, biologists can redirect their efforts to other priority tasks. Every dollar invested in current volunteer coordinators has returned \$2.50 in services. (OPAWVS)

### Florida Black Bear Education and Outreach \$125,000 (R)

#### Funding Source: Bear Permit Fees

This request is to utilize funds generated from the sale of bear hunting permits to support efforts to reduce human-bear conflicts. Funding would be used to partner with residents, local governments, and businesses to reduce human-bear conflicts. The majority of the funds would go toward offsetting the cost of bear resistant equipment and other measures focused on resolving issues associated with food attractants and garbage. The remaining funds would be used for other elements of bear population management. Calls regarding conflicts with bears have increased by 400% over the last decade in Florida, as both human and bear populations grow and expand. Bear conflict situations range from nuisance behavior such as knocking over trash cans to property damage and severe human injury. The FWC has a long-standing, proactive approach to bear management and enhanced human-bear conflict efforts will continue to build upon that existing foundation. (DHSC)

#### Critical Wildlife Area Monitoring Program \$74,292 (R)

Funding Source: Vehicle Registration Fees

Critical Wildlife Areas (CWAs) are sites that FWC has established to protect wildlife from disturbance during critical life stages. The majority of CWAs host nesting colonies of imperiled shorebirds, sea birds, and wading birds and are established in high-traffic (recreational) and high-visibility locations where disturbance is most problematic. Monitoring at CWAs helps FWC manage declining populations, provides outreach to the public, and meets goals of the Imperiled Species Management Plan. Use of dedicated seasonal technicians has resulted in improved species conservation and strengthened stakeholder relations. Furthermore, they enhance efficiency by limiting time-consuming and expensive travel by regional staff and the time commitment associated with developing and administrating annual grants. Technician responsibilities include: posting, monitoring, stewarding, outreach, coordination with LE, and data management. This request is for spending authority to support 4 seasonal OPS technicians and operating expenses to: 1) post CWAs seasonally; 2) monitor target species in order to assess effectiveness of management efforts as well as to contribute to population assessments; 3) conduct stewardship activities; 4) conduct outreach activities to foster local support for conservation efforts; and 5) engage stakeholders to improve and maintain relations. Floridians will benefit from improved conservation of some of the most vulnerable concentrations of wildlife in their state. (DHSC)

#### Enhanced Monitoring of Imperiled Species to Support Management of Conservation Lands \$307,184 (\$75,000 NR)

Funding Source: Vehicle Registration Fees

Imperiled species management is a core component of management planning on conservation lands and this request is focused on providing sound scientific information to inform land management. This request will support research and monitoring on both state-listed and federal- listed species, thereby reducing the number of listed species. In addition, this funding will accelerate recovery by addressing critical data gaps to determine how best to manage species and their habitats, to reduce key threats, to promote population increase and to accelerate delisting. This funding will also establish a monitoring program to track population trends both to inform management and to track progress toward recovery and to facilitate reassessment of listing status. Three OPS Biological Scientist II positions are included in this request. (FWRI)

#### Derelict Vessel Removal Program \$1,500,000 (NR)

Funding Source: General Revenue

Our database has currently identified 283 known derelict vessels in the Florida waterways. The funding of this request will reinstate a successful program which provides a continuing mechanism for the removal of derelict vessels from the waterways of the state, helping to maintain a safe and healthy environment for commercial and recreational users of these waterways and those accessing these waterways. With their removal, Florida's waterways can continue to attract boaters and maintain the environmental quality, assuring a clear, safe and healthy waterway free of dangerous debris and hazards from illegal dumping. (DLE)

#### Lionfish Management \$297,841 (NR)

Funding Source: General Revenue

A portion of this request would fund a non-recurring incentive program for the removal of lionfish (\$150,000) by providing partial funding to lionfish tournaments and to provide incentives for a Reef Rangers program. Lionfish are an invasive species that may impact native fish populations and the businesses affiliated with fishing and diving opportunities. The FWC encourages people to remove invasive lionfish using spears and hand-held nets in Florida waters to limit negative impacts to native marine species. Eradication of lionfish is not possible. However, localized removal efforts may be beneficial. Lionfish tournaments not only remove lionfish from the water, but also help raise awareness about invasive species. The Reef Rangers program was created to help facilitate communication between divers participating in lionfish removals. A second portion of this request would fund an adaptive management project (\$150,000) to determine how effective removals might be on selected reefs and to help manage the frequency at which these removals might be needed to protect reef fish diversity. This would help FWC more efficiently utilize funds to focus removals in the areas that they are needed the most. (DMFM)

#### Babcock Ranch Preserve Management and Public Use \$466,270 (\$54,858 NR)

Funding Source: License Fees/Permits

This request would develop and provide public-use opportunities and be used to conduct natural resource management on Babcock Crescent B Ranch. This request is made pursuant to provisions of Section 259.1053(5)(c)(2), F.S. Effective August 2016, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be the lead managing agency, with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as a cooperating agency, responsible for the management of Babcock Crescent B Ranch. Public hunting and other fish and wildlife management activities will be established and implemented by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Permit fees for hunting will be used to cover the costs of administering public hunting, fish and wildlife management, and other land management activities and to help ensure the ranch is financially self-sufficient. (DHSC)

#### Enhanced Wildlife Disease/Public Health Surveillance \$206,715 (\$30,000 NR)

Funding Source: License/Permit Fees

This request provides funding to enhance our existing Wildlife Health program. Diseases are increasingly a threat to wildlife, domestic animal, and human health. Florida is especially at risk for disease introduction due to its geographic location, subtropical climate, exotic species introduction, growing human/domestic animal population, and ever-increasing urban/wildland interface. This funding request includes support for an OPS Veterinarian I who will conduct research and surveillance to assess health risks to Florida's wildlife (and where relevant, threats to domestic animals and public health), implement coordinated efforts at early detection and prevention of disease introduction or spread, provide training to FWC employees to minimize their risk of zoonotic disease, conduct timely investigations of avian and other wildlife mortality events, provide expanded health diagnostic capabilities to the agency, and enhance FWC capacity and readiness to respond appropriately to significant large-scale wildlife health threats. At present, FWC is unable to meet monitoring needs relative to zoonotic diseases such as Avian Influenza and Chronic Wasting Disease and this request will allow us to close that information gap, protect wildlife and minimize public health risks. (FWRI)

#### Florida Boating Improvement Program \$1,842,600 (FCO)

Funding Source: \$1,250,000 fuel taxes; \$592,600 vessel registration fees This request is for fixed capital outlay funding in the amount of \$1,250,000 from the State Game Trust Fund (SGTF) to continue a long term program of providing grants to local governments for boating improvements. Section 206.606(1)(a), Florida Statutes, provides \$1.25 million annually from fuel tax revenues to the SGTF to fund local projects providing recreational channel marking, public launching facilities, derelict vessel removal, and other local boating related activities. Section 328.72(15)(a), Florida Statutes, provides \$592,600 annually from vessel registration revenues to the Marine Resource Conservation Trust Fund. (DLE)

#### Blackwater Fisheries Research and Development Center Water Supply Reservoir Renovation \$300,000 (NR)

Funding Source: License Fees/Permits

This request would provide funding for needed renovations to a 2-acre water supply reservoir at FWC's Blackwater Fisheries Research and Development Center in Holt, Florida. This would include stabilizing the banks, removing 3-feet of sand/clay from the lake bottom, replacing original asbestos piping and valves, and fully lining the reservoir. The repairs would return the reservoir to its original depth, and lining the reservoir would reduce the amount of water currently being withdrawn from the aquifer. Water from the reservoir supplies fish production ponds at the facility. (DFFM)

#### II. Operational Support

#### Agency Fund Shift from MRCTF to General Revenue \$(5,000,000)/\$5,000,000 (R)

Funding Source: General Revenue

This request is for the shift of expenses in the amount of \$5,000,000 to General Revenue from the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund, within the Division of Law Enforcement. In Fiscal Year 08/09 salary budgets of \$5,991,093 and expense budgets of \$1,500,000 were shifted from the General Revenue Fund to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund. In Fiscal Year 09/10 an additional \$7,747,869 was shifted from the General Revenue salary budget to the Marine Resource Conservation Trust Fund. Current projections indicate that the cost to continue the current Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund budget will exceed the annual revenues in FY 2016/17. The 2015 Legislature provided a fund shift from MRCTF to GR in the amount of \$500,000.

#### Statewide Information Technology Services Upgrade \$863,480 (\$591,000 NR)

Funding Source: Administrative Trust Fund

Agency strategic systems and applications (VOIP, Videoconference, GIS, Cloud services) rely on the State's network infrastructure for connectivity,

and the increasing data requirements and connectivity to internet and other Cloud services have strained the slowest remote site connections to the MyFloridaNet (MFN). This funding would provide new circuit construction to reach the lowest entry-point for more capable technology for 22 remote locations and recurring bandwidth upgrade costs. All agency databases hosted at the Agency for State Technology data centers and at our disaster recovery site, are running on older versions of Microsoft SQL Server product (SQL version 2008). This funding for software licensing would allow all SQL database servers to be upgraded to the latest version (currently SQL version 2014), improving and ensuring system reliability, availability and industry support. A total of seven (7) enterprise licenses are required at \$46,714 each. (OIT)

#### Recreational Licensing Issuance Services (RLIS) Increases \$250,000 (R)

Funding Source: Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Permits Increased budget authority is necessary to provide for increases in contract costs from increases in sales transactions. Transactions from license/permit sales and replacement licenses have increased by over 200,000 transactions over the last three years. FWC can no longer absorb these increased costs within existing appropriations. (OLP)

#### Farris Bryant Building Fire Safety Equipment \$250,000 (NR)

Funding Source: Administrative Trust Fund

The Bryant Building was built in 1964 and the attic area has never had a fire sprinkler system installed. The FWC has been cited for a High Hazard violation from the State Fire Marshall during annual Fire Safety inspections. A fire sprinkler system must be installed to meet safety code requirements. (OED)

#### Southwest Regional Office Drainage and Parking Lot Repair \$610,161 (FCO)

Funding Source: Administrative Trust Fund

Correct Lakeland Regional Office parking lot and facility grounds grading to eliminate drainage and runoff issues and alleviate flooding. Resurface and restripe existing parking area to maximize available parking, and increase safety and address ADA parking challenges. (OED)

#### Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Enhancements \$1,000,000 (R)

Funding Source: Documentary Stamps

The Office of Executive Director has determined potential ADA issues throughout the state. We are compiling a list of all known ADA issues in

FWC-owned facilities and are requesting a lump sum of \$1,000,000 to address this problem. The intent is to prioritize this list based on health and safety and most critical issues. There are two critical factors to the timeliness of these renovations/enhancements: 1) FWC will undergo a federal audit in 2017 that will review facilities for ADA compliance; and 2) the agency is exposed to litigation due to non ADA-compliance where public access occurs.

#### III. Optimize Federal & Grant Funding

#### Gulf Coast Restoration Funding \$ TBD GDTF

Funding Source: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Grant Awards

Spending authority is requested to provide for <u>anticipated</u> funding for the following projects:

NRDA – Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area Public Access - \$195,000

NRDA – Escribano Point WMA Hydrologic and Public Access Improvements - \$1,432,000

#### United States Fish and Wildlife Service Boating Access \$3,900,000 (FCO)

Funding Source: federal grants

Included in this request is \$1,900,000 to obligate funds available from US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) through the Sport Fish Restoration Act – Boat Access, to prove funding for various boating access projects. If the apportioned funds are not spent, unobligated funds will be reallocated to other states and future Sport Fish apportionments will be reduced in the State of Florida.

This request also includes funding for one (1) grant that will be submitted to US Fish and Wildlife Service, Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIGP) Tier II project for \$2,000,000 and Tier I projects for \$100,000. Fixed Capital Outlay is required in order to allow sufficient time for the construction of boating access facilities, which require sufficient time for permitting and construction (average 2 to 3 years). (DLE)

#### Artificial Reef Construction and Assessment \$600,000 (FCO)

Funding Source: 50% federal grant, 50% state matching funds This request is for fixed capital outlay spending authority for artificial reef planning, development, assessment, and management. Artificial reefs are manmade structures that are very popular with anglers and divers because they tend to concentrate species of fish of interest to these groups. Revenues to fund this request are from Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration grants from the USFWS and from the sale of recreational saltwater fishing licenses (a portion of which serves as the match required to receive federal funds). According to socioeconomic studies conducted from 1998 to 2011, for every dollar spent on artificial reef construction an average of \$261 is spent annually by those that use artificial reefs. The program has more than 25 years of history working in partnership with local governments, recreational fishing interests, and state universities for local reef development and assessment. Funds are allocated to projects in compliance with federal regulations governing state use of federal aid funds.

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WMA – Wildlife Management Area



#### Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Schedule VIIIB

In preparation for the 2016 Legislative Session, the Governor, House, and Senate instructed state agencies to prepare a list of potential reductions equal to 5% of the adjusted recurring budget for next year. The following list contains the staff recommendations for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The 5% list totals \$12,090,469 of which \$1,453,225 is from General Revenue and \$10,637,244 is from trust funds.

#### Law Enforcement Consolidation (\$71,495) TF

During FY 12/13, 161.5 FTEs were moved from DEP and DACS to FWC to consolidate law enforcement functions for conservation and recreation lands and commercial aquaculture. As planned, this consolidation has resulted in efficiencies and savings to the state by reclassifying supervisory and managerial positions to field officer positions and by eliminating duplicative management functions. Beginning in FY 13/14 state expenditures have been reduced as a result of the consolidation with annual savings estimated at approximately \$500,000. These amounts have been redirected to fill the gap for the approximately \$4.48 million in operating reductions taken by the Division of Law Enforcement since FY 2008/09. This proposed efficiency reduction represents savings from the elimination of duplication in the director's office. (DLE)

#### Eliminate Transfer to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services/IFAS/Invasive Exotic Plant Research funding (\$844,171) IPCTF

This proposal would eliminate the transfer to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to fund invasive exotic plant research at the quarantine lab in Ft. Pierce for insects that must be quarantined before being released. Currently, the agency pays \$844,171 on a recurring basis to help support this program. This reduction is 100% of the total program funding. (DHSC)

#### Reduce Invasive Plant Management Funding (\$3,036,141) IPCTF

This proposal would reduce the agency's ability to manage aquatic and terrestrial invasive plants. A reduction in funding would result in fewer invasive aquatic plant control projects in public waterways and upland invasive plant control projects on public conservation lands. Delays or cancellation of plant control projects can cause geometric increases in growth of invasive plants. This would result in fewer project sites being funded, ultimately resulting in additional sites becoming re-infested after having spent state dollars getting the invasive plants under control. Increasing invasive plant populations can have adverse impacts on recreational activities such as fishing, hunting, boating, swimming, and ecotourism, as well as adversely impacting beneficial native habitat that is critical for the management of fish and wildlife. In addition, excessive invasive plant populations in public waterways can restrict water flow and cause flooding during critical periods resulting in danger to human health and safety. A significant portion of the invasive plant control projects are conducted by contractors in the private sector. (DHSC)

#### Reduce Recreational Saltwater Outreach and Aquatic Education (\$20,000) MRCTF

This proposal would reduce state matching operational funds by 8.5% used for Outreach and Aquatic Education programs under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Grant. Funds for this program support the education of recreational anglers on the importance of personal stewardship and fishery conservation and management actions that can be taken by the individual angler. This proposal would reduce long-term support and recruitment of anglers in Florida. Loss of these state match dollars will result in the loss of \$60,000 of federal grant dollars that would no longer be available to the agency. The recreational saltwater outreach and aquatic education program supports kids' fishing clinics, adult clinics and outreach training, marine fisheries education for Florida teachers, and a large number of public outreach events and publications in partnership with private, local, state, and federal organizations. Therefore, recreational saltwater outreach and aquatic education program activities currently conducted with the \$80,000 funds (\$20,000/state and \$60,000/federal) would be reduced. (DMFM)

#### Eliminate Communication Partnerships with Stakeholders (\$10,000) MRCTF

The Community Relations Office partners with stakeholder organizations to leverage our messaging to the media and other interested parties. If these funds were eliminated (1.6% of total budget), FWC would seek alternative means to bring our message to these groups. (OCR)

#### Eliminate Remote Video Support (\$7,000) SGTF

The FWC has a still and video production team located in Tallahassee. These limited funds provide our team with additional professional videographers to provide support services when needed, as well as the ability to react to unique events in the central and south Florida regions on very short notice. (OCR)

#### Reduce Replacement Equipment (\$133,000) MRCTF/ATF

This reduction would cause the office to extend the operational lifecycle of computers, video and graphics equipment and could reduce our service ability to the Divisions and Regions. It would eliminate replacement of aging and end-of-life network equipment, computers, and video conferencing equipment, extending the replacement lifecycles. Eliminate various software, hardware and services support contracts (Microsoft, Cisco, Polycom). This reduction could potentially affect service delivery. (\$2,800 OCR; \$10,200 FBO; \$120,000 OIT)

#### Reduce Operating Expenses (\$217,000) MRCTF/ATF

A variety of strategies could be implemented to reduce expenditures in the Expense category. This may include reducing office supplies, maintenance, telecommunications and other expenses for office operations. These reductions would reduce the ability to provide administrative and operational services for internal and external customers. (\$62,351 OED; \$102,267 FBO; \$1,382 OSI; \$10,000 OCR; \$41,000 Regional Offices)

#### Reduce OPS Part-Time Staffing (\$26,000) ATF

This proposal would reduce funding for hiring temporary support in times of peak workload and to meet needs for special projects. This reduction would spread workload across existing staff. (FBO)

#### Defer Maintenance at FWRI Headquarters and Field Laboratories (\$94,095) Trust Funds: (\$75,000) MRCTF; (\$19,095) SGTF

FWRI headquarters in St. Petersburg consists of 132,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of specialized laboratories, hazardous waste storage and research facilities. Several smaller laboratories located in Cedar Key, Gainesville, and Tequesta have similar capabilities. FWRI has historically kept maintenance costs well below those for comparable private sector facilities through an aggressive program of preventative maintenance. This reduction would curtail preventative maintenance activities associated with our scientific support facilities. Critical life safety functions would be maintained. (FWRI)

#### Reduce Commercial Saltwater Blue Crab Outreach (\$4,000) MRCTF

This proposal would reduce by one half the number of commercial blue crab outreach education programs undertaken by the Marine Fisheries Services Section. These programs include education regarding new commercial blue crab regulations; publication of SEASTATS (a brochure that discusses the blue crab, and includes information on appearance, including how to distinguish males from females, distribution and habitat, reproduction, molting, feeding, parasites and diseases, and similar species found in Florida waters); and, produces signage to be posted at boat ramps indicating that it is a felony to molest commercial blue crab traps. (DMFM)

#### Eliminate Oceanaria Reimbursements for Manatee Rehabilitation (\$1,254,000) MRCTF

FWC manages the Oceanaria Reimbursement Assistance Program for rescued, rehabilitated, and released Florida manatees since 1991. Since July, 2000, \$1.15 million annually has been available to reimburse the three contracted and federally permitted manatee rehabilitation facilities in Florida: Lowry Park Zoo, Miami Seaquarium, and Sea World Florida. This amount was increased to \$1,254,000 in FY 14-15. These specialized, federally permitted, facilities provide acute-care, veterinarian-based rehabilitation of manatees. Presently, the oceanaria are reimbursed for about 50% of qualified expenses. (FWRI)

#### Reduce Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring and Research (\$145,367) GR

This proposal represents a significant reduction in the annual General Revenue (GR) operating budget for the Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) group and will reduce scientific

sampling that monitors state waters for harmful algae species including: 1) red tide, which causes die offs of fish, manatees, dolphins, and sea turtles and poses risks to public health through consumption of contaminated shellfish; 2) saxitoxin-producing species that pose lethal risks to public health from toxic pufferfish and contaminated shellfish; 3) cyanobacteria (blue green algae) that cause large numbers of fish kills in fresh and saltwater each year, and 4) the assemblage of harmful algal species that are implicated in the "superblooms" and the degradation of the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) including mass mortalities of manatees, birds and dolphins. (FWRI)

#### Reduce Lake Restoration Funding (\$466,006) SGTF

This proposal would decrease funding for aquatic habitat management and restoration projects. A reduction in budget authority would limit maintenance operations on completed lake restoration projects. Reduced funding would also result in fewer aquatic habitat enhancement projects in public waterways, and limit maintenance or repair of water management infrastructure on state owned lands. Engineering services for some lake and wetland projects would be delayed, as would start-up and planning for future restoration projects. Monitoring of aquatic plant and animal communities needed to evaluate present and future restoration activities would be reduced. A significant portion of the aquatic habitat enhancement projects are conducted by private sector contractors. (DHSC)

#### Reduce funding for public access services (\$45,000) LATF

This issue would reduce design and construction services. These services maintain and develop public access on the state's wildlife management system and to provide support throughout the agency with a variety of facility improvement and maintenance projects. This reduction would curtail any new public access projects and maintenance of existing projects. (OPAWVS)

#### Reduce Freshwater Fisheries Operations (\$156,796) SGTF

This proposal would reduce the Division's ability to spend potential proceeds generated from the lands it manages by 45%. Past use of this appropriation has been to spend revenue from the sale of sand at Tenoroc Fish Management Area on Tenoroc land management activities as required by statute. Management activities include, but are not limited to, improving pond access, maintenance of boat ramps, fishing platforms and fish feeders, mowing of grounds, parking areas, and recreational fishing areas, fence and road maintenance and repair, and control of exotic plant communities. Section 259.032(11)(d), Florida Statutes, requires revenue received through leases, sales, and contracts be used to supplement land management operations. (DFFM)

#### Reduce Public-Information Related to Game Wildlife (\$60,000) SGTF/LATF

This reduction would eliminate informational materials that describe public hunting opportunities as well as public service announcements pertaining to alligator safety and mallard/mottled duck hybridization. These materials summarize public hunting opportunities, namely special-opportunity and spring turkey hunts. The televised public service announcements are designed to (1) increase public awareness and cooperation to conserve Florida's unique duck species, Florida's mottled duck, and

(2) promote public safety and increase awareness concerning Florida's alligator population. The proposed reduction in outreach would decrease our efforts to inform the public. (DHGM)

#### Reduce Trap Retrieval Program (\$124,498) MRCTF

This proposal would reduce by approximately one-half the statewide retrieval of lost or abandoned commercial spiny lobster, stone crab, and blue crab traps using competitively-bid, contractual services. Currently \$25 of the commercial license fee for these three fisheries is specified by the Legislature to be spent on trap retrieval of lost or abandoned traps during closed seasons [sec. 379.367(2)(b), sec. 379.365(1)(a) and sec. 379.366(3)(a), F.S., respectively]. This program is designed to ensure that commercial fishing gear does not remain in the marine environment longer than necessary and reduces potential impacts on marine fisheries and their habitat. The trap retrieval program is authorized in s. 379.2424, F.S. (DMFM)

#### Reduce Marine Fisheries Assessment (\$300,000) MRCTF

This reduction will reduce marine fisheries monitoring and assessment efforts that support science-based management of commercial and recreational fisheries. Scientists in this program monitor the abundance of recreational and commercial fishes in six estuaries around the state and conduct detailed studies offshore which inform management actions such as size limits and closed seasons. This information is used to evaluate the effects of current fishery regulations and predict future stock levels for species such as snook, seatrout, red drum, red snapper and gag grouper. (DMFM)

#### Small-Game Management Program (\$201,932) SGTF/LATF

This proposal would nearly eliminate the agency's ability to provide small-game (i.e., quail, squirrel, rabbit, dove, rail, snipe, and woodcock) management, including technical assistance for small-game habitat management to federal, state, and private landowners. It would eliminate cooperative partnership efforts with other management agencies and organizations for mourning doves and bobwhite quail. The reduction would reduce the agency's ability to provide small-game hunting opportunities, including public dove fields which would result in a decrease in agency revenues of about \$40,000 - \$60,000 from dove permits. (DHGM)

#### Eliminate 21 Law Enforcement Officer Positions Eliminate 57 Law Enforcement Officer Positions

#### (\$ 1,307,858) GR (\$3,455,910) MRCTF

This reduction would eliminate law enforcement officer positions. The per-officer savings is \$61,103 including salaries & benefits, incentives, and human resource contract costs. Out of the agency's \$29 million recurring General Revenue (GR) budget, \$26.1 million (90%) supports the Division of Law Enforcement. It is unavoidable to include some portion of law enforcement in any need to significantly reduce agency GR appropriations. Due to the Division of Law Enforcement's primary role of fish, wildlife, state parks, state forests, and boating safety law enforcement patrol, the vast majority of its appropriations are used for salaries of employees that provide or support the patrol function. This reduction would reduce the agency's capacity to provide conservation law enforcement support in a number

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