

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1382

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR DEPREDATION FUNDS; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS; REQUIRING A REPORT REGARDING BIG GAME DEPREDATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. In addition to any other appropriation provided by law, there is hereby appropriated to the Department of Fish and Game the following amounts to be expended according to the designated programs and expense classes from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY	TOTAL
I. ADMINISTRATION:				
FROM:				
Fish and Game				
Fund	\$85,600	\$180,600	\$7,161,400	\$7,427,600
Fish and Game (Other)				
Fund	15,500	126,600		142,100
Fish and Game (Federal)				
Fund	<u>65,100</u>	<u>34,200</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>1,299,300</u>
TOTAL	\$166,200	\$341,400	\$8,361,400	\$8,869,000
II. ENFORCEMENT:				
FROM:				
Fish and Game				
Fund	\$213,500	\$538,700	\$5,800	\$758,000
Fish and Game (Other)				
Fund	<u>2,300</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,900</u>
TOTAL	\$215,800	\$540,300	\$5,800	\$761,900

	FOR	FOR	FOR		
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL		
	COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	TOTAL	
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4	III. FISHERIES:				
5	FROM:				
6	Fish and Game				
7	Fund	\$188,600	\$350,100	\$202,000	\$740,700
8	Fish and Game (Other)				
9	Fund	151,100	1,803,200		1,954,300
10	Fish and Game Set-Aside				
11	Fund	2,500			2,500
12	Fish and Game Set-Aside (Other)				
13	Fund	109,200			109,200
14	Fish and Game Expendable Trust				
15	Fund		1,600	70,000	71,600
16	Fish and Game (Federal)				
17	Fund	<u>179,300</u>	<u>587,900</u>	<u>38,500</u>	<u>805,700</u>
18	TOTAL	\$630,700	\$2,742,800	\$310,500	\$3,684,000
19	IV. WILDLIFE:				
20	FROM:				
21	Fish and Game				
22	Fund	\$349,500	\$67,800		\$417,300
23	Fish and Game (Other)				
24	Fund	37,900	450,000		487,900
25	Fish and Game Set-Aside				
26	Fund	2,200	1,600,000		1,602,200
27	Fish and Game Set-Aside (Other)				
28	Fund	9,000	1,600		10,600
29	Fish and Game Expendable Trust				
30	Fund	1,900			1,900
31	Fish and Game (Federal)				
32	Fund	<u>243,300</u>	<u>57,400</u>		<u>300,700</u>
33	TOTAL	\$643,800	\$2,176,800		\$2,820,600
34	V. COMMUNICATIONS:				
35	FROM:				
36	Fish and Game				
37	Fund	\$34,600	\$761,400		\$796,000

	FOR	FOR	FOR	
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	
	COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	TOTAL
4 Fish and Game (Federal)				
5 Fund	<u>20,000</u>	<u>1,600</u>		<u>21,600</u>
6 TOTAL	\$54,600	\$763,000		\$817,600
7 GRAND TOTAL	\$1,711,100	\$6,564,300	\$8,677,700	\$16,953,100

8 SECTION 2. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In addition to any other authorization  
 9 provided by law, the full-time equivalent position authorization provided  
 10 to the Department of Fish and Game is hereby increased by three (3.00) for the  
 11 period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

12 SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR DEPREDATION FUNDS. There is  
 13 hereby reappropriated to the Department of Fish and Game any unexpended and  
 14 unencumbered balances appropriated to the Department of Fish and Game in the  
 15 Wildlife Program from the Expendable Big Game Depredation Fund in an amount  
 16 not to exceed \$1,800,000 from the Expendable Big Game Depredation Fund, to  
 17 be used for nonrecurring expenditures related to the payment of depredation  
 18 claims for fiscal year 2024 for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30,  
 19 2025. The Office of the State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation  
 20 amount, by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services  
 21 Office prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

22 SECTION 4. REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS. There is  
 23 hereby reappropriated to the Department of Fish and Game any unexpended  
 24 and unencumbered balances appropriated to the Department of Fish and Game  
 25 for funds related to deferred maintenance projects, salmon and steelhead  
 26 habitat restoration projects, the construction of the Hayspur hatchery res-  
 27 idence, and the Albeni Falls mitigation projects to be used for nonrecurring  
 28 expenditures related to the payment of depredation claims for fiscal year  
 29 2024 for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The Office of the  
 30 State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation amount, by fund, expense  
 31 class, and program, with the Legislative Services Office prior to processing  
 32 the reappropriation authorized herein.

33 SECTION 5. REPORT ON BIG GAME DEPREDATION. The Department of Fish and  
 34 Game shall provide a report on funds included in Section 1 of this act and any  
 35 other appropriations for fiscal year 2025 used for big game depredation and  
 36 big game depredation prevention. The report shall include utilization data  
 37 for state funds expended for depredation purposes, regional data for reports  
 38 of big game depredation, data regarding contributing factors to big game  
 39 depredation rates (i.e. predator activity, herd size, weather conditions),  
 40 and the agency's response to claimants. The purpose of this report shall aid  
 41 in providing a clearer understanding to policy makers about big game depre-  
 42 dation throughout the state of Idaho and strategies to address depredation.

1 The report shall be submitted to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee  
2 and the Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division no  
3 later than January 6, 2025.

4 SECTION 6. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
5 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
6 July 1, 2024.