

SENATE FILE NO. SF0037

Game and fish department funding.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and  
Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing an  
2 appropriation for game and fish department funding;  
3 specifying uses of the funds; providing for future  
4 requested funding; making conforming amendments; and  
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) There is appropriated to the game and fish  
12 commission from the general fund six million one hundred  
13 forty-one thousand dollars (\$6,141,000.00) for the period  
14 commencing July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006. The  
15 funds appropriated under this act shall be placed in a  
16 separate account and notwithstanding W.S. 23-1-501(b) shall

1 not be placed within the game and fish fund created in W.S.  
2 23-1-501(b). The funds may be expended by the game and  
3 fish commission in the manner authorized by law for  
4 expenditures from the game and fish fund subject to the  
5 following:

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7 (i) To fund existing game and fish department  
8 programs, four million five hundred ninety-five thousand  
9 dollars (\$4,595,000.00) of the appropriation under this act  
10 shall be used as follows:

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12 (A) Within the wildlife division:

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14 (I) Four hundred twenty-five thousand  
15 dollars (\$425,000.00) shall be used for the existing  
16 terrestrial native species program. These funds shall be  
17 used for five (5) existing permanent positions and other  
18 program needs;

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20 (II) Two hundred thirty-five thousand  
21 dollars (\$235,000.00) shall be used for the existing trophy  
22 game conflict resolution program. These funds shall be  
23 used for two (2) existing permanent positions and one-half

1 (.5) of an existing at-will contract employee position and  
2 other program needs;

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4 (III) One hundred fifty thousand  
5 dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be used for the existing  
6 terrestrial habitat extension program. These funds shall  
7 be used for two (2) existing permanent positions and one-  
8 half (.5) of an existing at-will contract employee position  
9 and other program needs;

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11 (IV) Eight hundred twenty-five  
12 thousand dollars (\$825,000.00) shall be used for the  
13 existing terrestrial habitat management program. These  
14 funds shall be used for eleven (11) existing permanent  
15 positions and other program needs.

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17 (B) Within the fish division:

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19 (I) One hundred thousand dollars  
20 (\$100,000.00) shall be used for the existing aquatic native  
21 species program. These funds shall be used for one (1)  
22 existing permanent position and other program needs;

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1                   (II) Eight hundred fifty thousand  
2 dollars (\$850,000.00) shall be used for the existing  
3 aquatic habitat management program. These funds shall be  
4 used for ten (10) existing permanent positions, one (1)  
5 existing at-will contract employee position and other  
6 program needs.

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8                   (C) Within the services division:

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10                   (I) Three hundred seventy-five  
11 thousand dollars (\$375,000.00) shall be used for the  
12 existing program to coordinate hunting and fishing  
13 workshops and similar events. These funds shall be used  
14 for five (5) existing permanent positions and other program  
15 needs;

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17                   (II) Six hundred seventy-five thousand  
18 dollars (\$675,000.00) shall be used for existing  
19 publication services. These funds shall be used for four  
20 (4) existing permanent positions and other program needs;

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22                   (III) Eighty-five thousand dollars  
23 (\$85,000.00) shall be used for the existing wildlife  
24 habitat imaging technology program. These funds shall be

1 used for one (1) existing permanent position and other  
2 program needs.

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4 (D) Within the fiscal division:

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6 (I) Six hundred thousand dollars  
7 (\$600,000.00) shall be used for the cost allocations  
8 charged to the game and fish department by other state  
9 agencies;

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11 (II) Two hundred seventy-five thousand  
12 dollars (\$275,000.00) shall be used for the allocation of  
13 the SALECS functions for the programs specified in this  
14 section.

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16 (ii) One million five hundred forty-six thousand  
17 dollars (\$1,546,000.00) of the appropriation under this act  
18 shall be used to fund new or expanded programs. The game  
19 and fish commission is authorized to fund not more than  
20 twenty-four (24) additional full-time positions with the  
21 funds designated under this paragraph. The funds  
22 designated under this paragraph shall be expended only for  
23 the following:

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1                   (A) For the expansion of any of the  
2 programs identified under subparagraphs (i) (A) through (C)  
3 of this subsection, or for the expansion of the aquatic  
4 habitat extension services to landowners to benefit aquatic  
5 wildlife habitat;

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7                   (B) For the creation of new game and fish  
8 department programs specified under this subparagraph:

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10                   (I) Within the fish division, a  
11 program to address issues relating to aquatic nuisance  
12 species which pose a threat to the state's ecosystems;

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14                   (II) Within the office of the  
15 director:

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17                   (1) A program to address issues  
18 relating to energy and transportation infrastructure  
19 development and coordination with wildlife issues.

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21                   (III) Within the services division:

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23                   (1) A program for grants  
24 management.

1           (iii) The game and fish commission shall use  
2 funds appropriated under this act for the programs and  
3 positions specified, including payment of salary and all  
4 employer paid benefits.

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6           (b) The game and fish commission shall submit a  
7 request for continued state general funding of the programs  
8 and positions specified in this act for the fiscal biennium  
9 commencing July 1, 2006. The request for continued state  
10 general funding of these programs shall be submitted in  
11 accordance with and subject to the budgeting process for  
12 state agencies under W.S. 9-2-1001 through 9-2-1014.

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14           **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-1002(a)(iii) and 9-2-1010(a)(iii)  
15 are amended to read:

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17           **9-2-1002. Definitions; powers generally; duties of**  
18 **governor; provisions construed; cooperation with**  
19 **legislature and judiciary; divisions enumerated.**

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21           (a) As used in this act:

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23           (iii) "Entity" means any governmental unit,  
24 special district, corporation, partnership or person which

1 will receive a legislative appropriation, directly or  
2 indirectly, excluding the legislature, the judiciary and  
3 the Wyoming department of transportation, game and fish  
4 department for appropriations other than from the general  
5 fund, counties, municipalities and school districts;

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7 **9-2-1010. Duties of budget division; biennial budgets**  
8 **and appropriations.**

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10 (a) The department through the budget division shall:

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12 (iii) Consult with each entity which will  
13 require a legislative appropriation either directly or  
14 indirectly, excluding the Wyoming highway department, and  
15 excluding the game and fish ~~departments~~ department for  
16 appropriations other than from the general fund, in  
17 submitting budget estimates or requests for funds, or for  
18 instituting, recording and reporting all financial and  
19 budget transactions of the state.

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21 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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23 (END)