

2021 Operating Budget Requests

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Agenda



2021 Legislative Session Overview

Department Budget Overview

**OFM Budget Savings and Reductions
Assignment for SFY21**

2021 Second Supplemental

2021 Operating Budget Requests

- **Maintenance Level**
- **Performance Level**





2021 Legislative Session Overview

2021 Legislative Session

- **105 days** – long session, with focus on developing biennial budget
- **Revenue outlook** – \$7B less than expected
- **Potential special session** – narrowly focused on COVID-19 economic response
- **Natural resource agency focus** on keeping our programs whole
- **Nov Election** – many retirements and competitive legislative districts

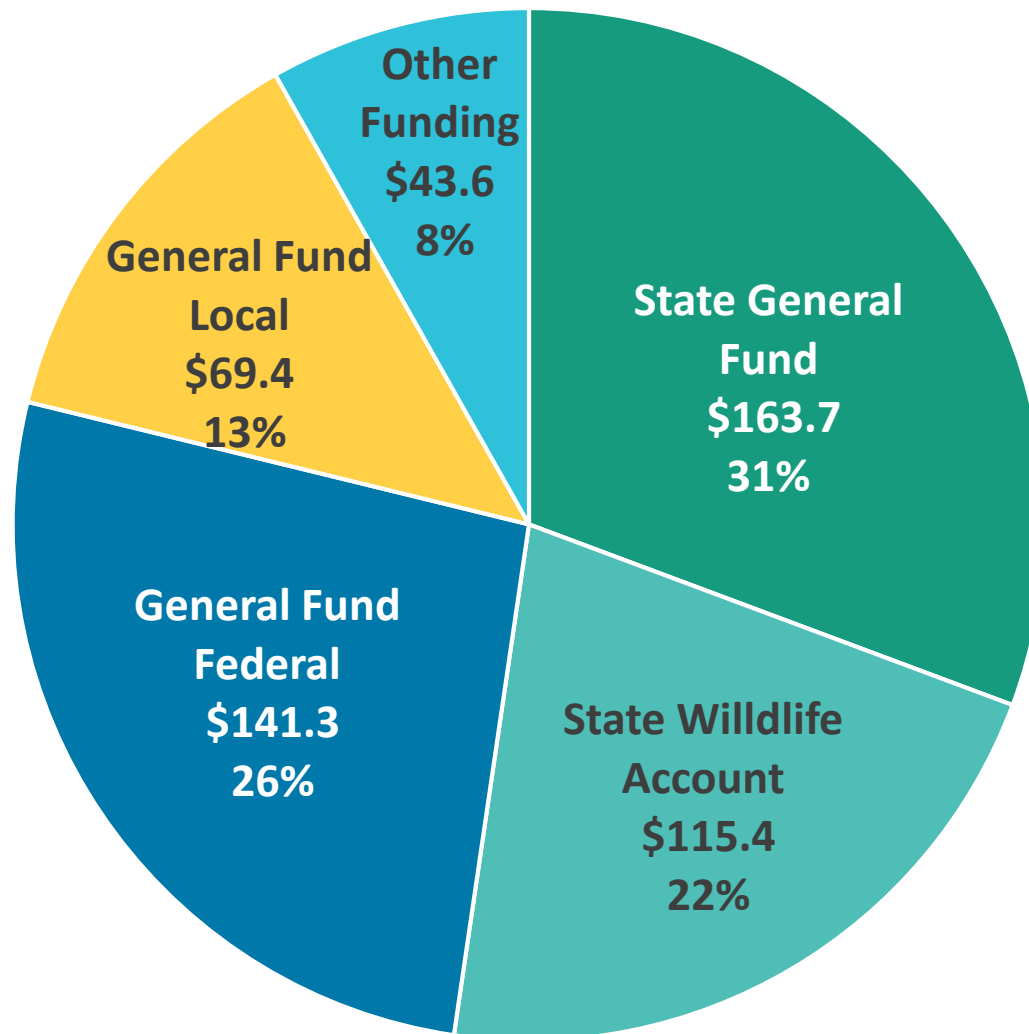




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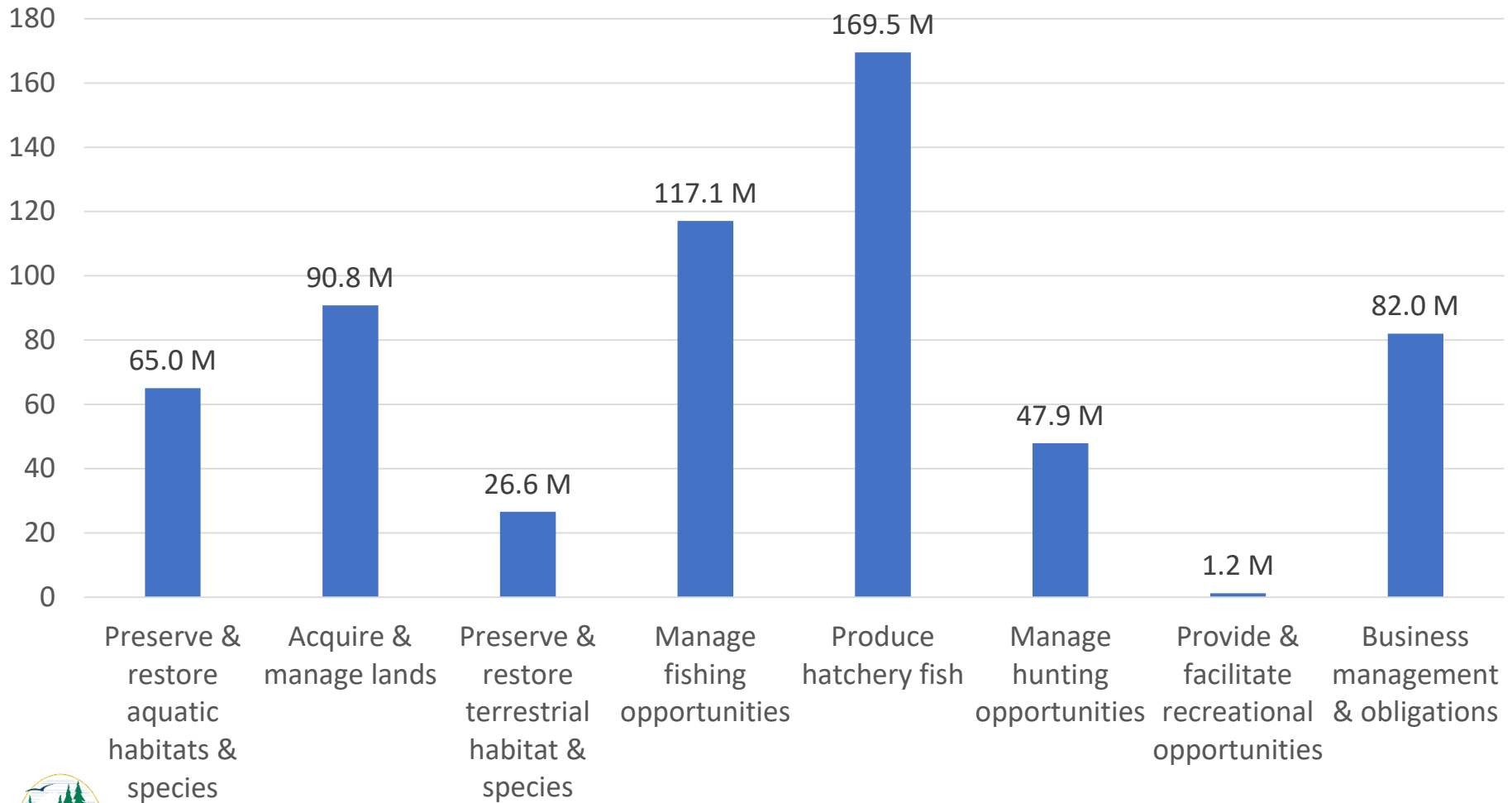
2019-21 Operating Budget

(dollars in millions)



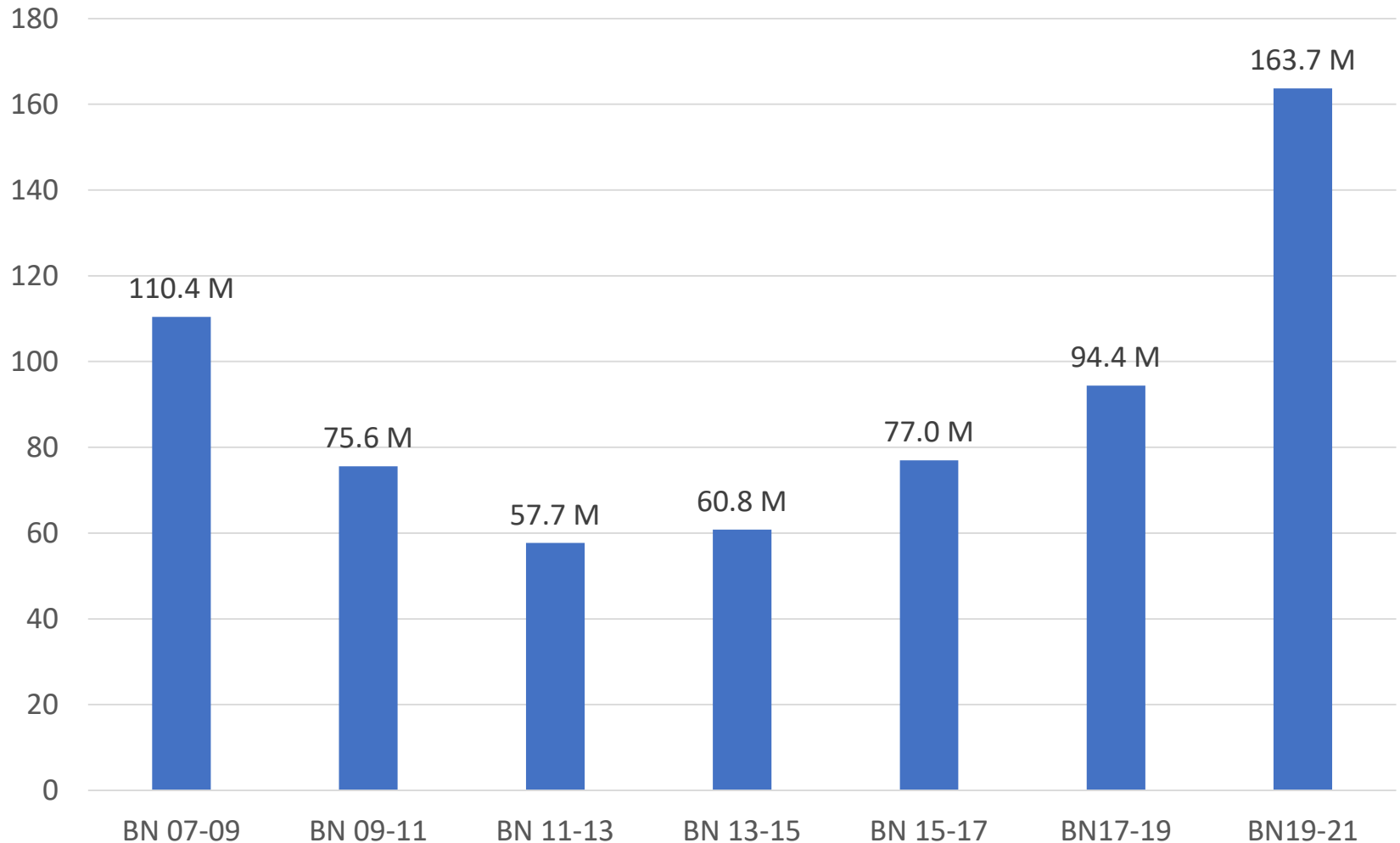
2017-19 Biennium Spending by Activity

(dollars in millions)



WDFW General Fund Appropriations

(dollars in millions)



Anticipated 2021-23 Carry-Forward

	17-19 BN	19-21 BN	CF Level Changes	Anticipated 21-23 BN
General Fund - State	\$93,243	\$161,487	\$(15,197)	\$146,290
State Wildlife Acct	\$112,612	\$115,447	\$4,682	\$120,129
Total General Fund + State Wildlife	\$205,855	\$276,934	--	\$266,419

Expiration of one-time funding

- 2019 SRKW investments – (\$8.2M)
- 2020 Provisos- (\$3.5 M)
 - (CR Pinniped, Green Crab, Net Ecological Gain, etc.)

Resolution of Structural Deficit

- \$14.7M swap WL-S for GF-S
- Reversal of one-time investment from 2019 - (\$24M)





OFM Budget Savings Exercise

OFM Guidance

\$1.9B savings target statewide (15% reduction)

- Identify under-expenditures, premium adjustments and efficiencies
- Focus on General Fund accounts, but consider all accounts for savings
- Use other funds in lieu of General Fund
- Reduce, delay or eliminate programs
- Identify programs or services that do not meet your core mission
- Look for opportunities to immediately realize savings through program changes that you anticipate proposing in your 2021–23 budget requests



Our Approach: Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Savings

Submitted \$12.8M budget savings list to OFM on June 1

- Prioritized one-time and non-FTE reductions wherever possible
- Examined new 2020 supplemental budget appropriations
- Included flexible, non-GFS fund sources
- Identified potential, low-impact fund transfer
- Used 2018 zero-based budgeted and new 2020 strategic plan to guide efforts



WDFW's \$12.8M one-time reductions for SFY21

- Savings from SFY2020
- Reduce/Eliminate 2020 Supplemental Provisos
- New savings (hiring freeze, contract freeze)
- Access positive fund balance on one-time basis, diminish future opportunities





Operating Budget Requests

Three levels for budget

- Carryforward level – technical only
(No requests)
- Maintenance level – for increased costs
- Performance level – budget requests



Two budget requests in September

Second Supplemental

- For last minute, retroactive and emergent changes (“onetime”)
- Through June 30, 2021

21-23 Biennial Budget Request

- July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023
- May include cut packages
- Instructions from OFM later this month





2021 Second Supplemental Operating Budget Requests

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- SB 5481 Interest Arbitration \$264k
- IT Reclass Appeals, \$98k
- Wildfire Habitat Recovery, \$100k (placeholder)





Maintenance Level Requests

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Maintenance level is for areas where costs are increasing in ways we don't control

- ~\$5M - \$6M of requests



Maintenance Level Requests

Many of these will go away by July/August

- Police RMS & CAD Replacement Project Completion
- IT Reclass Appeals (also 2021 SUPP)
- Office of Administrative Hearings
- Interest Arbitration (E2SSB 5481) (also 2021 SUPP)
- Lease Rate Adjustments
- Maintain Technology Access
- Operation and Maint. (O&M) from Capital Budget
- Equipment Replacement (working to identify items)
- Utility Rate Adjustments
- Wildfire Habitat Recovery
- NPDES (ECY rate change after July 2020)
- Minimum Wage (L&I, COLA adjustments in Sept 2020)
- PILT (wait for CFL budget to see if it covers OST bills)





Performance Level Requests

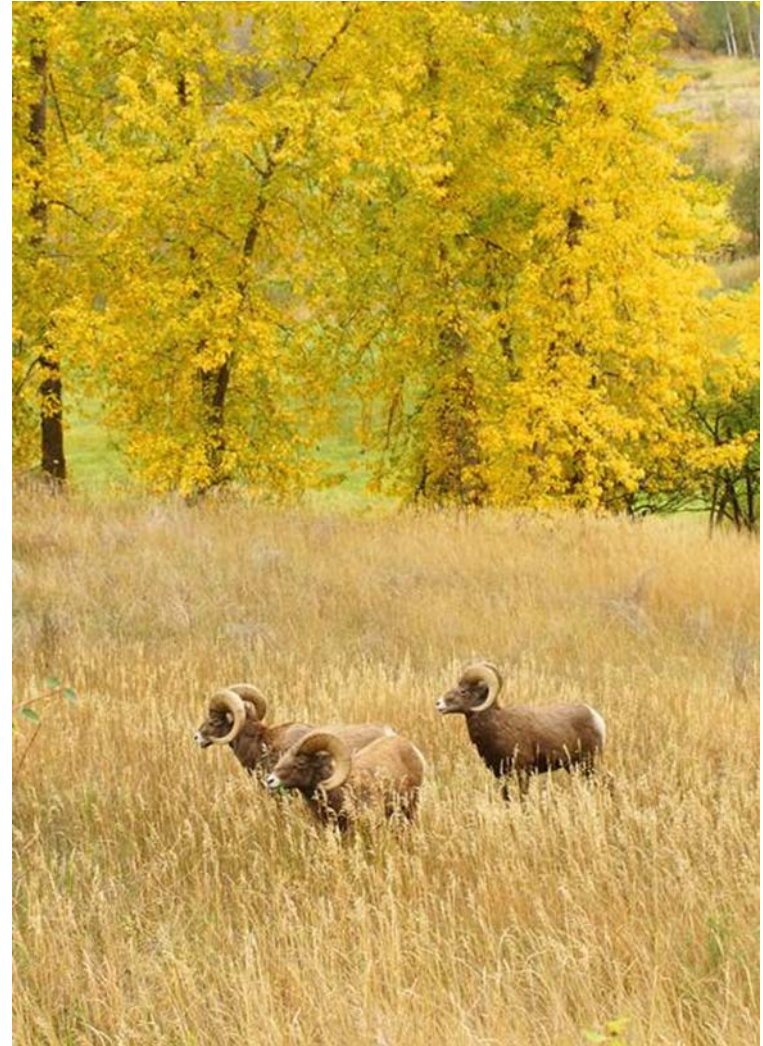
Performance Level Requests: Overview

- The following list is conceptual
- It's too early for us to have vetted dollar amounts
- We wanted to talk to you before beginning public engagement process



Performance Level Requests: Overview

- Between \$10M - \$15M
- Emergent needs, continuing one-time funding, job creation, & following through on commitments
- Likely to receive guidance from OFM for reduction packages



Performance Level Requests: Decisions Packages

- Aquatic Invasive Species
 - Monitoring and Enforcement
- Columbia River Policy
 - License Buyback and Alternative Gear
- Diversity Species Recovery
 - Monitoring, Restoration, and Policy work



Performance Level Requests: Decisions Packages

- Enforcement
 - Increasing officer support statewide
- Fish Passage Barrier Removal
 - Rulemaking, inventory, staff support
- HPA Landowner Assistance
 - HPA Compliance Inspectors



Performance Level Requests: Decisions Packages Contd.

- Monitoring Fisheries
 - Increased coastal and Puget Sound fisheries monitoring
 - North of Falcon commitments
 - Quicksilver
- Produce Hatchery Fish
 - Hatchery maintenance and marking trailers
- Wild Fish for SRKW
 - SRKW Task Force ongoing work (Forage fish monitoring, Reintroduction to Upper Columbia, Northern Pike suppression, etc.)



Performance Level Requests: Decisions Packages Contd.

- Supporting Local Governments
 - GMA expertise and HPA support statewide
- Wildlife Rehabilitation
 - Epidemiologist and wildlife rehab funding pass-thru
- Marine Mammal Management
 - Pinniped management
 - SRKW outreach and effectiveness reporting



Performance Level Requests: Decisions Packages Contd.

Potential Special Session Packages:

- Stewarding WDFW Lands
 - Lands showcase and O&M; Job partnerships
- Evergreen Jobs
 - “Nature in the City” and “Backyard Wildlife Sanctuaries” Pilots
 - Net Ecological Gain
- Expedite Restoration Projects
 - ACOE streamlined permitting
 - FHEP and FEMA streamlined permitting



Next Steps

- Outreach
 - Director's Office Webinar
 - Advisory Groups
 - Tribes
- Budget and Policy Advisory Group, July 28
- F&W Commission Approval, July 31-Aug 1
- WDFW submittal to OFM, September
- Governor's Budget, December
- Legislature, January-April, 2021



Questions?

