

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 6/29/2005

LRB Number 05-2713/1	Introduction Number AB-486	Estimate Type Original
Subject		
Double-created cormorant management		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary:

This bill requires the Department, in cooperation with federal agencies, to administer a program to control and manage double-crested cormorants.

Fiscal Impact:

This bill would have a fiscal effect of an estimated \$250,000 per year for the first four years of a control program, for a total one-time cost of \$1,000,000. The ongoing cost of maintaining cormorant populations at desired levels is estimated at \$50,000 per year in the fifth year of the control program and thereafter. It is assumed the Department would contract for the control efforts.

This estimate assumes the focus of the control program would be to achieve major nesting colony size reductions on the five islands in the Green Bay area with significant cormorant populations. A control program would cost up to \$50,000 per island per year to maintain the desired populations. Once the populations were reduced, it would cost up to \$10,000 per island to maintain the desired populations. Smaller nesting colony size reductions, or control of fewer colonies, would be proportionately less costly.

The U.S. Congress is considering funding a cormorant control program through USDA's Wildlife Services Program. If that funding materializes, it is assumed federal funding would pay for most or all of the control program in Wisconsin. In the absence of such a funding source at this time, however, this fiscal note assumes the cost would be paid using fish and wildlife account segregated funds.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
\$1,000,000 cost over first four years of a control program			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs	50,000	
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$50,000	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S	50,000	
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$50,000	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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