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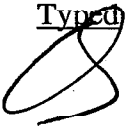

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Budget Drafting Instructions – ALIS Agent Transaction Fee.

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*The Joint Finance Action provides for each agent who sells DNR licenses to collect a \$1.50 transaction fee. However, this doesn't include an increase in license fees and will cost the Fish and Wildlife Account \$3.3 million/year in lost revenues*

**Reference: Fiscal Bureau motion #642**

- ~~Delete the action~~ taken by the Joint Committee on Finance in motion #642 and allocate that money to the programs listed with accompanying document funded within the Fish and Wildlife Account.

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2001-03 Biennial Budget Amendment  
Fish and Wildlife Management Package

This motion provides additional funding for fish and wildlife related areas by eliminating the proposed, unfunded \$1.50 ALIS transaction fee and spending the money on things hunters and fishers want. It affects 4 different areas:

- Fish Management Staffing (LFB Paper 646)
- Wildlife Management Staffing (LFB Paper 647)
- Customer Service and Licensing LTE Funding (LFB Paper 631) (9)(mu)
- Zone T Issuance Fees (Agency Request)
- ALIS Vendor Transaction Fee (JFC Motion 642)

	Topics	LFB Paper And Alt.	2001-02 \$\$	2001-02 FTE	2002-03 \$\$	2002-03 FTE
1.	<p><b>Fish Management Staffing— (4)(mu)</b></p> <p>This proposal includes \$663,100 in FY 02, \$684,300 in FY 03, and 6.00 FTE annually to address the increased workload for the fisheries management program and increasing program-related costs throughout the state.</p> <p>The FTE requested include both fisheries biologists and fisheries technicians to allow the Department to team biologists with technicians in high workload areas of the state.</p> <p>The proposal also includes funding to cover operations cost increases such as those related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LTEs, (\$127,100 in each year) and</li> <li>• Equipment, hatchery maintenance, and computer maintenance and replacement (\$190,600 in 02 and \$213,200 in 03)</li> </ul> <p>The fisheries program has been forced to reallocate funding to cover these costs, that would otherwise be devoted to fisheries habitat improvement projects.</p> <p>Moreover, staffing shortfalls have made it necessary to cut back on important fisheries management activities, reducing the ability of the program to serve the needs of Wisconsin's anglers.</p>	<p>#646 Alt. #2</p> <p>20.370</p> <p>in each fiscal year FY1 P2</p>	\$663,100	6.0	\$684,300	6.0
2.	<p><b>Wildlife Management Staffing— (1)(mu)</b></p> <p>This proposal includes \$368,900 and 6.0 FTE in FY 02 and \$338,400 in FY 03 to address critical staffing needs throughout the state, and provide wildlife managers with sufficient operating funds to carry out high priority wildlife management projects.</p> <p>Of the amount requested, \$203,500 in FY 02 and \$126,000 in FY 03 will go toward support funding for wildlife managers to carry out habitat protection and development activities on both</p>	<p>#647 Alt. #1x2 for FTE portion</p>	\$368,900	6.0	\$338,400	6.0

	public and private land throughout the state.					
3.	<p><b>Customer Service and Licensing LTE Funding-</b></p> <p>Funding for this request is split funded among Conservation Fund Accounts based on use.</p> <p>Similar to increases in cost of postage and printing, <u>LTE costs</u> are driven by customer demand, and increased costs place the Bureau of Customer Service and Licensing's base budget in a chronic deficit situation. <u>LTE hours</u> increased from 43,100 in FY 1999 to 59,300 in FY-2000.</p> <p>Almost 60% of the total increase was due solely to increased boat, snowmobile and ATV registrations. The balance was created by increases in processing recreational licenses and special permits, such as turkey and hunter's choice. Of the total requested, \$237,600 is needed to repair the Bureau's LTE salary base to reflect actual costs incurred.</p> <p>The balance of the request, \$137,400, is to address LTE salary problems. Currently, the Bureau uses a starting salary of \$7.50 per hour. This salary level not only creates high turnover, it also makes it very difficult to award any kind of pay increase to the experienced individuals who do return for future seasons. In addition, much of the vehicle registration work is not clerical in nature; it requires a knowledge worker who knows how to correctly interpret and process registration information. A low salary that is not competitive makes it difficult to attract the workers with the required skill level. The funding requested would allow the average LTE salary to increase from \$8.25 per hour to \$10 per hour.</p>	#631 Alt. #1 Gov's Rec.	\$375,000		\$375,000	
	<p><b>Zone T Issuance Fees--</b></p> <p>If the Transaction Fee is deleted, statutory language is needed to create an issuance fee for Zone T permits. The issuance fee would be retained by agents who issue Zone T permits to hunters using the automated license issuance system (ALIS).</p> <p>Estimated cost is \$325,000 SEG annually which is revenue the agent would retain.</p>	Agency Request		deducted out of license 50\$ issuance fee each time each deer hunting permit loss of revenue to DNR no added cost to licensee		
	<p><b>ALIS Transaction Fee—</b></p> <p>Delete Motion 642 which establishes a \$1.50 agent payment per transaction but does not provide a revenue source. This action costs the Fish and Wildlife Account \$3.3 million a year.</p>	JFC Motion #642 NO to		50 cents		
	<b>Totals</b>		\$1,407,000	12.0	\$1,397,700	12.0

(a) (mu)  
375,000/per year  
LTE funding

Senator Decker  
Representative Gard  
Representative Albers

**NATURAL RESOURCES – FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATION**

**ALIS Agent Transaction Fee**

**Motion:**

Move to create a new \$1.50 transaction fee for any sales provided through DNR's Automated License Issuance System (ALIS), including fish and wildlife approvals and permits and parks admissions fees effective March 1, 2002. Agents would retain the entire fee that they collect. Transaction fees collected by the DNR would be deposited to the conservation fund. The transaction fee would be deducted from the amount of license revenues retained by DNR (the purchaser would not pay the fee).

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**Note:**

Based on the number of ALIS transactions for the license year ending March, 200, under the \$1.50 transaction fee, license agents would receive an estimated \$3.3 million annually upon implementation. Therefore the fish and wildlife account would realize reduced revenues of up to \$3.3 million annually upon implementation with the new license year beginning in 2002. License agents received approximately \$1.2 million in sales commissions for the license year ending March, 2000.

[Change to Base: -\$4,400,000 SEG-REV]



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FOR 2001-03 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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TO 2001 SENATE BILL 55

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1 **3.** Page 177, line 24: increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2001-02 by  
2 \$375,000 and increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2002-03 by \$375,000 to  
3 increase funding for ~~LTE positions~~ <sup>staffing</sup> ~~\*\*\*~~ <sup>for limited term employee</sup>

4 ✓ **4.** Page 480, line 7: substitute "50 cents" for "\$1.50".

5 ✓ **5.** Page 489, line 15: after that line insert:

✓ # 1196gk. CR; 29.566 (1r)

6 <sup>29.566 (1r)</sup> ISSUING PAYMENT FOR SPECIAL DEER HUNTING PERMITS. The  
7 department shall establish a system under which the department pays each agent  
8 appointed under s. 29.024 (6) (a) 2. or 3. a payment of 50 cents each time that the  
9 agent uses the statewide automated system contracted for under s. 29.024 (6) (a) 4.  
10 to issue to an individual one or more deer hunting permits as authorized under s.  
11 29.177. The department shall make these payments by allowing the agent to retain  
12 an amount equal to the payments from the amounts that are collected by the agent  
13 and that would otherwise be remitted to the department."

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14 **6.** Page 489, line 10: substitute "50 cents" for "\$1.50".

15 (END)

D-Note

It reduced the transaction payment from \$1.50  
to 50 cents for the issuance of state park  
admissions as well as fish and game  
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**DRAFTER'S NOTE  
FROM THE  
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