

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
Wildlife claims					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would create an exemption that would allow a landowner who receives only wildlife damage abatement assistance but no wildlife damage payments to not open their property involved in wildlife damage to hunting. Currently, if a landowner receives a wildlife damage claim payment and/or wildlife damage abatement assistance, they must open their property to hunting.

Since this would be a new option for Wisconsin Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) participants, it is difficult to estimate the participation rates and anticipated fiscal effects. At this time the Department can only provide a general estimate of the fiscal affects of this modification. At a minimum, the Department anticipates the following general effects:

- 1) a probable decrease in damage claims paid, due to participants electing the new option to keep land closed;
- 2) an increase in administrative and technical costs associated with materials, due to new participants taking advantage of the damage abatement assistance-only option;
- 3) a decrease in revenue for the damage account because of a decrease in bonus permit sales due to an increase in participants receiving free shooting permits.

Enrolled Acreage and Acres Accessible to Hunters: There were approximately 90,000 acres appraised last year. The Department estimates a reduction in enrollment in the range of 10% and 25%. A 10% reduction in the number of hunter accessible acres means there will be a decrease of 9,000 acres. A 25% reduction will be a decrease of 22,500 acres. This is a very low estimate, as it only takes into consideration field acres appraised and not all acres enrolled in the WDACP.

Shooting Permits: There were 623 deer shooting permits issued in 2002. The cost of administering shooting permits is incurred by counties, but reimbursed by the WDACP program. A 10% increase in participation would cost the WDACP account \$5,900, and a 25% increase in participation would cost the account \$14,500.

Abatement Materials: In 2002, the WDACP spent \$156,700 on abatement materials. A 10% and 25% increase in abatement would cost the WDACP an additional \$15,700 and \$39,200 respectively.

Bonus Permit Sales: In FY 03, bonus permit revenue generated for the WDACP is \$2,256,542. A 10% and 25% reduction in bonus permits will produce an account reduction of \$225,700 and \$564,100 respectively.

Claims Issued: In 2002 the WDACP paid-out \$1,940,598 in claims. A 10% and 25% reduction in claims would save the WDACP approximately \$194,000 and \$485,200, respectively.

Fiscal estimates for cost categories were made for both 10% and 25% participation rates to illustrate a potential range of costs, but 10% is more likely in the initial years of the program. Therefore the 10% estimates are used in the fiscal summary worksheet.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The WDACP balance has been declining by approximately \$500,000 per year for several years. Because of this and the reallocation for Chronic Wasting Disease, it is anticipated the WDACP will have to pro-rate claims beginning in 2004, regardless of whether or not this proposal is implemented.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 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):			
Unpredictable costs associated with updating publications, promulgating rules and correcting manuals.			
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		15,700	
Local Assistance		5,900	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			-194,100
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$21,600	\$-194,100
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S		21,600	-194,100
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			-225,700
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$-225,700
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$-172,500	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$-225,700	\$
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