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Transfers Between Appropriations (Natural Resources -- Departmentwide)

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CURRENT LAW

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has 2,515.6 authorized base positions in nine budgetary programs. 2017 Wisconsin Act 59 reorganized DNR with the aim of grouping similar departmental functions into the same budgetary programs.

GOVERNOR

Make various transfers between appropriations of program revenue (PR), segregated (SEG), and federal (FED) funds to correct or clarify provisions of Act 59 and to further align DNR staffing and program funding. Transfer appropriations to a different departmental division, as shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1

DNR Appropriation Transfers Among Divisions

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Annual Amount</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>
Nonferrous mining reg.	\$76,300	--	PR	Env. Management	External Services
Ferrous mining reg.	95,800	1.0	PR	Env. Management	External Services
Beach monitoring	24,700	--	SEG (CF)*	Env. Management	External Services
Aquatic invasive donations	68,500	--	SEG (CF)*	External Services	Env. Management

* Conservation fund

Further, transfer funding associated with Karner blue butterfly recovery from the Division

of Forestry to the Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to align with other endangered resources programs. Transfer \$9,900 conservation SEG in Karner blue butterfly habitat conservation plan fees and \$28,900 conservation SEG in forestry operations for Karner blue butterfly staffing costs.

Additionally, transfer \$400,000 environmental fund SEG (nonpoint account) for the Wisconsin Waters Initiative within the Division of External Services from a nonpoint source operations appropriation to a general operations appropriation. (The Wisconsin Waters Initiative is an ongoing DNR effort by which the agency makes accessible various information relating to surface water programs, permitting, and watershed management.)

Transfer 1.0 position from water quality to watershed management to reconcile position listings in the state personnel management and budget systems. Transfer \$19,300 nonpoint SEG from watershed management to water quality to correct erroneous transfers under 2017 Act 59. Transfer 1.0 position from law enforcement to parks and recreation. Finally, transfer positions between appropriations as shown in Table 2 to realign position funding with employee responsibilities:

TABLE 2

DNR Position Transfers Among Programs or Divisions

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>
Attorney	\$14,200	0.10	SEG	Water Quality	Legal Services
Program Specialist	42,500	0.50	SEG	External Services	Drinking/Groundwater
Grant Specialist	72,100	1.00	SEG	Recycling	Comm. Financial Assist.
Business Specialist	69,000	0.66	SEG	Human Resources	Customer Services
Mechanic	62,700	1.00	SEG	Fleet Services	Forestry
Customer Services Rep.	45,800	1.00	SEG	Fisheries	Customer Service
Sr. Customer Services Rep.	54,300	1.00	FED	Technology Services	Customer Service
Wildlife Biologist	26,800	0.50	FED	Customer Service	Wildlife Management
Sr. Customer Services Rep.	42,600	0.50	SEG	Wildlife Management	Customer Service
Internal Services Supervisor	72,100	1.00	SEG	Property Services	Land Leaders
Info. Systems Development Spec.	39,300	0.50	FED	Administration	External Services
Tribal Liaison	27,400	0.25	SEG	Air Management	Administration
Tribal Liaison	27,400	0.25	SEG	Fisheries	Administration
Tribal Liaison	54,900	0.50	SEG	Wildlife Management	Administration
Customer Services Rep.	<u>91,600</u>	<u>2.00</u>	SEG	Law Enforcement	Customer Services
Total	\$742,700	10.76			

MODIFICATION

Approve the Governor's recommendation. Renumber five statutory appropriations to accomplish certain transfers as follows: (a) renumber 20.370(2)(gt) for Karner Blue Butterfly conservation plan fees to 20.370(1)(gt); (b) renumber 20.370(9)(ks) for voluntary contributions for aquatic invasives research to 20.370(4)(ks); (c) renumber 20.370(4)(aw) for beach monitoring to 20.370(9)(aw); and (d) renumber 20.370(4)(gh) to 20.370(9)(gh), and renumber 20.370(4)(gi) to 20.370(9)(gi) to budget mining regulation with the Division of External Services.

Explanation: DNR and the administration indicate that these changes are intended to align budgetary authority with programmatic responsibilities. The bill's appropriations schedule reflects these changes. However, the transfers would also require a renumbering for each of the statutory appropriations indicated. The modification would accomplish this intent.

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