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	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Approved	FY 2009 Approved
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>				
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	274.5	274.5	274.5	274.5
Personal Services	10,975,800	12,326,700	13,256,700	12,841,200
Employee Related Expenditures	4,791,800	6,713,100	6,798,100	6,473,400
Professional and Outside Services	520,400	330,400	455,400	380,400
Travel - In State	229,800	308,000	312,000	312,000
Travel - Out of State	89,300	30,700	30,700	30,700
Other Operating Expenditures	3,482,200	7,013,300	9,727,300	9,574,400
Equipment	811,400	746,700	2,057,400	1,809,100
<b>OPERATING SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>20,900,700</b>	<b>27,468,900</b>	<b>32,637,600</b>	<b>31,421,200</b>
<b>SPECIAL LINE ITEMS</b>				
Lower Colorado Multispecies Conservation	0	350,000	350,000	350,000
Performance Incentive Pay Program	346,800	346,800	346,800 <sup>1/</sup>	346,800 <sup>1/</sup>
Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Act	2,080,000	2,808,000	2,808,000 <sup>2/</sup>	2,808,000 <sup>2/</sup>
Watercraft Grant Program	0	0	250,000	250,000
Watercraft Safety Education Program	0	0	1,275,000	1,175,000
Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Enhancement	0	3,500,000	0	0
<b>AGENCY TOTAL</b>	<b>23,327,500</b>	<b>34,473,700</b>	<b>37,667,400<sup>3/4/</sup></b>	<b>36,351,000<sup>3/4/</sup></b>
<b>FUND SOURCES</b>				
General Fund	0	3,500,000	0	0
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>				
Game and Fish Fund	21,220,400	27,409,800	31,096,000	30,026,600
Game, Non-Game, Fish and Endangered Species Fund	156,100	328,200	333,100	323,200
Watercraft Licensing Fund	1,932,700	3,176,300	6,178,900	5,941,800
Waterfowl Conservation Fund	18,300	43,400	43,400	43,400
Wildlife Endowment Fund	0	16,000	16,000	16,000
<b>SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>23,327,500</b>	<b>30,973,700</b>	<b>37,667,400</b>	<b>36,351,000</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>23,327,500</b>	<b>34,473,700</b>	<b>37,667,400</b>	<b>36,351,000</b>
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	21,838,000	30,162,200	27,726,700	27,359,200
Federal Funds	22,681,200	25,365,800	25,773,100	25,793,300
<b>TOTAL - ALL SOURCES</b>	<b>67,846,700</b>	<b>90,001,700</b>	<b>91,167,200</b>	<b>89,503,500</b>

**AGENCY DESCRIPTION** — The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) manages Arizona wildlife populations through the operation of hunting and fishing license programs, enforcement actions for the unlawful taking of game, and wildlife habitat protection and development. A 5-member commission appointed by the Governor oversees department operations.

- <sup>1/</sup> The \$300,000 from the Game and Fish Fund and \$46,800 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for the Performance Incentive Pay Program Special Line Item shall be used for Personal Services and Employee Related Expenditures associated with the department's Performance Incentive Pay Program in accordance with Laws 1999, Chapter 138. This appropriation is a continuing appropriation and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- <sup>2/</sup> In addition to the \$2,808,000 for the Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Act Special Line Item, the lump sum appropriation includes \$40,000 for cooperative fish and wildlife research which may be used for the purpose of matching federal and apportionment funds. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- <sup>3/</sup> The shooting range appropriation of \$100,000 in FY 2008 and FY 2009, included in the lump sum appropriation, is a continuing appropriation and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations, until December 31, 2009. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- <sup>4/</sup> General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

<b>PERFORMANCE MEASURES</b>	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2008 Approved
• % of the public surveyed rating watercraft safety as “good” or “excellent”	66	79	72	80
• % of anglers surveyed reporting they were satisfied with their angling experiences	77	79	75	75

### Operating Budget

The budget provides \$32,637,600 and 274.5 FTE Positions for the operating budget in FY 2008 and \$31,421,200 and 274.5 FTE Positions in FY 2009. These amounts consist of:

	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Game and Fish Fund	\$27,988,000	\$26,918,600
Game, Non-Game, Fish, and Endangered Species Fund	333,100	323,200
Watercraft Licensing Fund	4,257,100	4,120,000
Waterfowl Conservation Fund	43,400	43,400
Wildlife Endowment Fund	16,000	16,000

These amounts fund the following adjustments:

#### Statewide Adjustments

The budget provides an increase of \$587,200 in FY 2008 and a decrease of \$(178,000) in FY 2009 for statewide adjustments. These amounts consist of:

Game and Fish Fund	509,400	(191,300)
Game, Non-Game, Fish, and Endangered Species Fund	4,900	(5,000)
Watercraft Licensing Fund	72,900	18,300

*(Please see the Statewide Adjustments section at the end of this Appropriations Report for details. The annualization of these adjustments for FY 2009 will be addressed in the 2008 budget process.)*

#### One-Time Reductions

The budget provides a decrease of \$(1,083,800) in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to reflect one-time funding. This amount consists of:

Game and Fish Fund	(633,800)	(633,800)
Watercraft Licensing Fund	(450,000)	(450,000)

These amounts reflect the following adjustments:

- A decrease of \$(160,000) from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to reflect one-time funding made for Operating Under the Influence (OUI) watercraft enforcement equipment.
- A decrease of \$(290,000) from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to remove a one-time

appropriation for additional funding to Boating Safety Education and OUI outreach.

- A decrease of \$(476,700) from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to delete a one-time appropriation for fleet vehicle purchases.
- A decrease of \$(95,000) from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to reflect one-time funding to purchase computers.
- A decrease of \$(62,100) from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to remove a one-time appropriation for aircraft engine replacement.

#### One-Time Increases

The budget provides an increase of \$1,230,700 in FY 2008 and an increase of \$831,300 in FY 2009 for several one-time funding items. These amounts consist of:

Game and Fish Fund	685,500	368,600
Watercraft Licensing Fund	545,200	462,700

These amounts would reflect the following adjustments:

- An increase of \$170,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and an increase of \$100,000 in FY 2009 for the department’s shooting range grants program. Funds from this program are used for the development, maintenance, and operation of shooting ranges.
- An increase of \$75,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 to plan and design the renovation of the Silver Creek and Bubbling Ponds hatcheries. Both facilities will be renovated to increase fish production capacity.
- An increase of \$153,700 in FY 2008 and an increase of \$55,300 in FY 2009 to replace field operations equipment including ATV’s, travel trailers, and printers. These amounts consist of:

Game and Fish Fund	110,500	38,600
Watercraft Licensing Fund	43,200	16,700
- An increase of \$175,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and an increase of \$150,000 in FY 2009 to replace 3 watercraft used for law enforcement patrols.

- An increase of \$250,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to construct 2 radio towers along the Colorado River. The new towers will provide radio coverage for law enforcement officers in remote wilderness areas.
- An increase of \$77,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and an increase of \$46,000 in FY 2009 to upgrade radio tower base station equipment at a total of 11 locations statewide.
- An increase of \$180,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for computer replacements. This funding will allow the department to replace computers on a 3-year lifecycle.
- An increase of \$50,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for the replacement of network file servers. Funds will be used to purchase 10 servers in each year, allowing the agency to replace all its network servers.
- An increase of \$100,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 for consulting services regarding the department's automated accounting system. The consultant will provide an outline for migration from the current system to a new release.

**Operating Related Costs**

**Motor Pool**

The budget provides an increase of \$1,337,200 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and an increase of \$1,251,900 in FY 2009 for motor pool vehicle fleet costs. These amounts would fund the following adjustments:

- A one-time increase of \$1,184,200 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and \$1,071,300 in FY 2009 to replace 41 vehicles in the department's vehicle fleet in FY 2008 and 37 in FY 2009. The average cost per vehicle is \$28,900.

The department intends to replace 2 multi-passenger vehicles, 5 half-ton trucks, and 71 three-quarter ton trucks. The cost of equipping vehicles with law enforcement equipment and extended warranties is included in the request.

- Ongoing funding of \$153,000 in FY 2008 and \$180,600 in FY 2009 for increased motor pool operations and maintenance costs. The department will utilize the additional funding for increased fuel, repair, and maintenance costs.

**Shooting Range**

The budget provides an increase of \$500,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to finance on-going operational costs of the clay target facility at the

Ben Avery Shooting Range. The operational budget of the clay target center is projected to be \$1,054,400 in FY 2008 and \$1,159,400 in FY 2009. The remaining funding required for operation of the center is provided through the federal Pittman-Robertson Act. Previously, the clay target facility had been operated by a private vendor until the contract expired on September 17, 2006.

**Salary Reclassification**

The budget provides an increase of \$643,000 in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for a compensation reclassification of the department's non-wildlife series employees. This amount consists of:

Game and Fish Fund	523,000	523,000
Watercraft Licensing Fund	120,000	120,000

The department reports that the non-wildlife series comprises a total of 118 appropriated employees, who would each receive an average increase of \$5,449.

**Operating Expenses**

The budget provides an increase of \$168,900 in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for increased travel and operating expenses. This amount consists of:

Game and Fish Fund	104,400	104,400
Watercraft Licensing Fund	64,500	64,500

The additional funding will be used by the department for increased costs of utilities, postage, landscaping, office supplies and equipment and in-state travel.

**Employee Development**

The budget provides an increase of \$10,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for employee training and development.

**Watercraft Cost Transfer Increase**

The budget provides an increase of \$25,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and \$50,000 in FY 2009 due to additional retirement benefit costs.

**Remote Internet Connections**

The budget provides an increase of \$30,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for broadband internet connections to remote wildlife management area offices. The high speed connections will replace dial-up connections used to connect to the department's computer network.

**Wildlife and Habitat Projects**

**Urban Fishing Program**

The budget provides an increase of \$25,500 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and an increase of \$37,000 in FY 2009 to expand the department's urban fishing program. In FY 2008 and FY 2009, the department

will begin stocking trout, catfish, sunfish, and bass in lakes located in Chandler, Glendale, Gilbert, and Peoria.

### **North Kaibab Deer Project**

The budget provides a one-time increase of \$200,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for the north Kaibab deer habitat restoration project. The project will encompass 24,000 acres and will restore areas burned during the 1996 Bridger Complex wildfire.

### **Grassland Restoration**

The budget provides a one-time increase of \$100,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for grassland restoration in Region III (Kingman) and Region VI (Mesa). A private contractor will be retained by the department to cut and clear approximately 400 acres each year of invasive shrub species.

### **Fishing Management**

The budget provides an increase of \$120,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and an increase of \$142,000 in FY 2009 for fish population improvements. Funding will be provided to remove aquatic vegetation, improve riparian habitats, purchase fish, increase lake oxygen levels, and replace fish distribution equipment. Of the total amount in FY 2009, \$22,000 is designated as one-time funding.

### **Lower Gila Wildlife Area**

The budget provides a one-time increase of \$75,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to provide funding for the Lower Gila Wildlife Area. The department will use the additional funding to increase irrigation for small-game animal crops, and to provide visitor amenities which will include informational kiosks, restrooms, and refuse pickup.

## **Grant Programs**

### **Wildlife Nature Festival**

The budget provides an increase of \$50,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for the Arizona Wildlife Nature Festival Program. The increase will provide funding to wildlife-oriented festivals, expositions, and workshops through a competitive grant process.

### **Hunting Club Grant Program**

The budget provides an increase of \$50,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to a grant program for Arizona hunting clubs. The grants will be awarded through a competitive bidding process to an estimated 10 to 15 clubs each year for hunter recruitment, retention, and promotion.

### **Boating Safety Grants**

The budget provides an increase of \$325,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and an increase of \$450,000 in FY 2009 for the boating safety grant program.

Grants will be provided annually on a competitive basis to watercraft agencies and other governments and organizations for boating safety education.

## **Watercraft Licensing Projects**

### **Online Watercraft Registration**

The budget provides an increase of \$450,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and an increase of \$370,000 in FY 2009 for the online watercraft registration application process. Funding will be used to offset the cost of providing licensing services online, eliminating the \$3 convenience fee charged to customers.

### **Boating Facilities**

The budget provides an increase of \$175,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and an increase of \$105,000 in FY 2009 for boating facilities improvements. Funding will be provided for establishing a Clean Marina Program, publication of a boating facilities guide, and installing standardized launch ramp signage at high-traffic areas, which will provide information regarding boating laws and safety information.

### **Watercraft Compliance Survey**

The budget provides a one-time increase of \$100,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for a watercraft compliance research survey. The survey will be used to determine current compliance rates with boating laws and regulations, and how an increase in the level of enforcement would affect boater's compliance.

### **Life Jacket Loaner Program**

The budget provides a one-time increase of \$50,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for a life jacket loaner program. This program will make personal flotation devices available to the public at no cost.

## **Special Line Items**

### ***Lower Colorado Multi-Species Conservation***

The budget provides \$350,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund for the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) in FY 2008 and FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2007.

The \$350,000 payment represents the department's share of Arizona's payment for the plan. This amount will fund approximately 25% of the state's annual payment. Currently, the total payment to MSCP is \$1,400,000. The Central Arizona Water Conservation District pays the remaining \$1,050,000 share of the state's obligation under the plan. The total payment, including the state share, will be adjusted for inflation in future years.

Annual payments for the plan are made to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The bureau uses the monies received from state payments to implement conservation measures under the MSCP agreement.

The MSCP is an agreement between Arizona, California, Nevada, Indian Tribes, and water and utility companies to protect species classified as threatened or endangered, and to prevent any additional species from being added to these lists. The MSCP implementation plan lasts for 50 years, is estimated to cost \$626 million, and is administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

**Performance Incentive Pay Program**

The budget provides \$346,800 for the Performance Incentive Pay Program in FY 2008 and FY 2009. This amount consists of:

Game and Fish Fund	300,000	300,000
Watercraft Licensing Fund	46,800	46,800

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2007.

These monies fund the department’s performance incentive pay plan. Employee distributions are based on 50% work unit performance measures and 50% on agencywide performance measures. These measures are determined by internal and external customer surveys, cycle times, and other quantifiable data.

**Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Act**

The budget provides \$2,808,000 from the Game and Fish Fund for the Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Act in FY 2008 and FY 2009. This amount is unchanged from FY 2007. These monies fund the state’s 25% match for federal aid matching funds for wildlife restoration projects.

**Watercraft Grant Program**

The budget provides \$250,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund for the new Watercraft Grant Program Special Line Item in FY 2008 and FY 2009.

The program will award grants through a competitive grant process to Arizona watercraft enforcement agencies. These grants would be used by agencies to expand Operation Under the Influence (OUI) enforcement efforts, such as purchasing equipment, paying officer overtime, or funding prevention and education programs.

**Watercraft Safety Education Program**

The budget provides \$1,275,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund for the new Watercraft Safety Education Program Special Line Item in FY 2008 and \$1,175,000 in FY 2009. These amounts fund the following adjustments:

**OUI Reduction Program**

The budget provides an increase of \$1,000,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for the Watercraft OUI Reduction Program. This program would fund a public education campaign using television, radio, billboards and print media to reduce the number of boaters who consume alcohol while operating watercraft.

**Boating Safety Program**

The budget provides an increase of \$275,000 from the Watercraft Licensing Fund in FY 2008 and an increase of \$175,000 in FY 2009 for the Boating Safety Education Program. Of the funding provided in FY 2008, \$100,000 is for one-time start-up costs, while the remaining \$175,000 is for ongoing operating costs.

This funding would expand a statewide marketing campaign designed to promote a boating education class and an internet-based education program. Department data indicate that 78% of all boaters involved in accidents have never received any formal boating education.

In FY 2007, the department received a one-time allocation of \$290,000 for Boating Safety Education and OUI outreach. (*See Operating Section above for additional details*).

**Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Enhancement**

The budget provides no funding for the Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Enhancement program in FY 2008 and FY 2009. This amount reflects the following adjustment:

**Wildlife Habitat Restoration Projects**

The budget provides a decrease of \$(3,500,000) from the General Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to reflect a one-time appropriation for wildlife habitat restoration.

Laws 2006, Chapter 372 appropriated \$3,500,000 from the General Fund in FY 2007 to fund wildlife habitat restoration and improvement projects.