

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$200,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....	200,000
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Reduction .....	None

**ANALYSIS**

The Department of Motor Vehicles is prohibited by law from creating deficiencies. The emergency fund is available only to General Fund agencies. The Department of Motor Vehicles is supported from special funds and is not eligible to use the emergency fund. We believe this large agency should have recourse to an additional appropriation in case of unforeseen emergencies. It is anticipated approximately \$15,000 will be expended from the deficiency created in the 1951-52 Fiscal Year. The increase of \$100,000 for the Fiscal Year 1952-53 is due to an earlier date of occupancy of the new building than was anticipated by the Department of Finance when the budget was prepared. The director of the Department of Motor Vehicles anticipates that he will occupy the new quarters on August 1, 1952. The amounts in the 1952-53 Budget were based on occupancy as of January 1, 1953. The following additional amounts will be necessary if the occupancy occurs as of August, 1952:

Telephone and telegraph line mileage cost .....	\$3,100
Light, heat, and water .....	11,880
Building maintenance .....	34,491
Rent .....	76,087
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Total .....	\$125,558

We recommend approval of the above increase.

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

ITEM 195 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 628  
Budget line No. 48

*For Support of Department of Fish and Game From the Fish and Game Preservation Fund*

Amount requested .....	\$5,662,105
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year .....	5,521,360
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Increase (2.5 percent) .....	\$140,745

**Summary of Increase**

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages .....	\$104,576	\$104,576	---	637	43
Operating expense .....	90,175	90,175	---	637	44
Equipment .....	-60,436	-60,436	---	637	45
Plus:					
Decreased reimbursements	6,430	6,430	---	637	48
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Total increase .....	\$140,745	\$140,745	---		

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$5,662,105
Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....	5,662,105
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Reduction .....	None

## ANALYSIS

The 1952-53 Fiscal Year Budget of the Department of Fish and Game, which was established by Chapter 715 of the Statutes of 1951, represents a continuation of almost the exact level of service that was provided in the 1951-52 Fiscal Year by its predecessor agency, the Division of Fish and Game of the Department of Natural Resources. No additional positions are contemplated. However, there are included six positions which were established during the current fiscal year in order to provide administrative assistance to the newly appointed director of the department. The total increase is \$140,745, or 2.5 percent, from \$5,521,360 estimated to be expended during the current fiscal year to \$5,662,105 proposed for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year.

The increase represents merely merit salary adjustments for existing positions and increases in operating expenses due to the anticipation of a continued rise in the costs of services, materials, and supplies. Actually, the total request is merely an upset figure for the purposes of inclusion in the Governor's Budget since it is anticipated that a plan for reorganization of the department on a regional or district basis will be presented to the Legislature at the 1952 Session in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 195 of the Statutes of 1951. The plan for reorganization will include the necessary changes in the budget such as additional personnel, additional operating expenses, and additional equipment or reductions in these items, as the case may be. In view of the anticipated reorganization, we are inclined to withhold any detailed recommendation with regard to this budget as it now stands since, in any case, it would have to be changed when we have had an opportunity to examine the new plan.

However, we have examined very carefully the equipment requests of the new Department of Fish and Game. The total of the requests as originally presented was \$512,471. This was reduced to \$397,599 as shown in the budget through joint conferences by the staffs of the Department of Fish and Game, the Division of Budgets and Accounts, and the Legislative Auditor.

We wish to call attention to the condition of the Fish and Game Preservation Fund from which the Department of Fish and Game receives its support. As of July 1, 1952, the accumulated surplus in this fund is estimated to be \$4,780,053 to which will be added estimated revenues from all sources, exclusive of federal funds, in the sum of \$5,481,560, making a grant total of \$10,261,613 available for expenditure. Estimated expenditures for all purposes, exclusive of capital outlay, for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year are \$6,596,114. This would leave a balance as of June 30, 1953, of \$3,665,499, or approximately \$1,100,000 less than the accumulated surplus available at the beginning of the fiscal year. As previously mentioned, this figure does not include expenditures for capital outlay for which a program is not available at this time. Consequently, if any money is appropriated for that purpose, the accumulated surplus will be still less than the figure mentioned. We would like to point out, also, that as of July 1, 1950, the accumulated surplus was \$5,838,627; as of July 1, 1951, the surplus was \$6,124,499; as of July 1, 1952, the surplus is estimated to be \$4,780,053; as of July 1, 1953, the estimated surplus will be approximately \$3,665,499 as noted above. The trend, therefore, is steadily downward, and if the reorganization plan involves any substantial increases in expenditures, the surplus could be wiped out in

just a few years, which would indicate that either additional revenues will have to be found or reductions in over-all operating costs will have to be made to prevent the possibility of a deficit.

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

ITEM 196 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 638  
Budget line No. 44

*For Support of Game Management in Cooperation With the Federal Government as Provided by the Pittman-Robertson Act, From the Fish and Game Preservation Fund*

Amount requested .....	\$388,280
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year .....	266,942
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Increase (45 percent) .....	\$121,338

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$388,280
Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....	388,280
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Reduction .....	None

**ANALYSIS**

Game management in cooperation with the Federal Government is based on the Pittman-Robertson Act by which the Federal Government provides 75 percent of the funds and the State 25 percent of the funds for a program of construction and improvements for better game management operation. For the 1952-53 Fiscal Year, it is estimated that the Federal Government will provide increased funds to the extent of 45 percent over the funds estimated to be provided for the current fiscal year. Consequently, the State must provide a similar increase which amounts to \$121,338. State participation will increase from \$266,942 estimated to be expended during the current fiscal year to \$388,280 proposed in the 1952-53 Fiscal Year.

Approval of this item is recommended.

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

ITEM 197 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 639  
Budget line No. 21

*For Support of Fisheries Management in Cooperation With the Federal Government From the Fish and Game Preservation Fund*

Amount requested .....	\$42,140
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year .....	42,140
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Increase .....	None

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$42,140
Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....	42,140
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Reduction .....	None

**ANALYSIS**

Fisheries management in cooperation with the Federal Government is provided under the Dingell-Johnson Act by which the Federal Government shares 75 percent of the total cost and the State 25 percent. No

increase in federal funds is contemplated for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year over the current level. Consequently, there is no increase in the amount necessary to provide the State's share.

Approval of this item is recommended.

**Department of Fish and Game  
PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION**

ITEM 198 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 639  
Budget line No. 37

*For Support of Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission From the Fish and Game Preservation Fund*

Amount requested .....	\$15,100
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year.....	15,100
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Increase .....	None

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$15,100
Legislative Auditor's recommendation.....	15,100
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Reduction .....	None

**ANALYSIS**

The Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission is a research body jointly supported by the States of Washington, Oregon, and California in order to promote cooperation and uniformity among the three states in the methods and practices connected with the marine fisheries industries in each state. Financial cooperation is on the basis of the estimated value of the yearly catch of each state. The total cost of the commission is anticipated to remain at the same level as in the current fiscal year, namely, \$25,000. The value of the catch of each state is also estimated to remain at the same level as in the current fiscal year. Consequently, California's share for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year will be the same as in the current year, \$15,100.

We recommend approval of this item.

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

ITEM 199 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 641  
Budget line No. 7

*For Support of Marine Research Committee From the Fish and Game Preservation Fund*

Amount requested .....	\$99,386
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year.....	140,000
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Decrease (29 percent) .....	\$40,614

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$99,386
Legislative Auditor's recommendation.....	99,386
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Reduction .....	None

**ANALYSIS**

The Marine Research Committee, which was established by Chapter 1276 of the Statutes of 1947 for purposes of promoting research in the development of commercial fisheries and of marine products susceptible of being made available to California, was supported by a privilege tax of fifty cents per ton on sardines. This privilege tax was due to expire in September of 1951. The Legislature, by Chapter 1108 of the Statutes of 1951, extended this taxing authorization to December 31, 1955. The expenditures proposed for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year, which amount to \$99,386, are based on the anticipated yield of this special privilege tax. This represents a reduction in expenditure of \$40,614, or 29 percent, from the \$140,000 estimated to be expended during the current fiscal year.

It should be pointed out that in prior fiscal years the Marine Research Committee employed directly five positions needed to man a research vessel. In the budget originally presented for the current fiscal year, these positions were transferred into the roster of the Department of Fish and Game with the understanding that of the money appropriated to Marine Research Committee support, an amount sufficient to continue to defray the salaries of these positions would be paid to the Department of Fish and Game on a contractual basis. It will be noted that for the current fiscal year the expenditure of \$140,000 does not include a contractual allocation for these positions with the Department of Fish and Game.

For the 1952-53 Fiscal Year, the same situation occurs in that the total sum of \$99,386 proposed to be expended by the Marine Research Committee does not indicate any part as being allocated to the Department of Fish and Game for contractual services to cover the salaries of these positions. Consequently, it may be said that the total expenditures on behalf of the program of the Marine Research Committee will actually be approximately \$15,000 greater than the sum shown. This is based on an estimate of the salaries and wages of these five positions.

Revenue anticipated for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year from the special sardine privilege tax is \$80,000 of which \$2,000 is allocated to the Department of Fish and Game for administrative overhead and \$78,000 is available to the Marine Research Committee. The deficit between expenditures and revenue will probably come from a surplus previously available for this purpose. In view of the importance of this project as indicated by the decreasing sardine catch, and despite the fact that some of the expenditures appear to be coming out of the regular support budget of the Department of Fish and Game, we recommend approval of the item as requested.

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

ITEM 200 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 642  
Budget line No. 7

*For Support of Wildlife Conservation Board From the Wildlife Restoration Fund*

Amount requested .....	\$46,386
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year .....	45,156
Increase (2.7 percent) .....	\$1,230

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$46,386
Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....	46,386
Reduction .....	None

**ANALYSIS**

The Wildlife Conservation Board, which was created for the purpose of formulating an over-all plan of area and facility acquisition and development leading to the increased production of fish and game, originally predicated its work upon a fund of \$9,000,000 which was provided out of horse racing income. In the early part of 1951, it appeared that by the end of the 1951-52 Fiscal Year the board would have completed its work by having allocated all of the \$9,000,000 then available, and consequently, we recommended in our analysis of the 1951 Budget that this board be discontinued. However, the Legislature, by Chapter 1401 of the Statutes of 1951, provided an additional \$3,000,000, from the same source, at the rate of \$1,000,000 annually for further expansion of the program. Therefore, it now appears that the board will be required to continue in operation in order to allocate the additional funds.

During the current fiscal year, the position of wildlife projects coordinator was created to head the staff of the board. The continuation of this position accounts for the increased over-all cost of operation. Originally the work performed by this coordinator was performed under a contract arrangement. We recommend approval of the item as requested.

**Department of Natural Resources  
DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION**

ITEM 201 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 644  
Budget line No. 30

*For Support of Departmental Administration From the General Fund*

Amount requested .....	\$262,833
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year .....	209,622
Increase (25.4 percent) .....	\$53,211

**Summary of Increase**

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages .....	\$41,051	\$41,051	---	645	52
Operating expense .....	720	720	---	645	73
Equipment .....	-6,299	-6,299	---	646	6
Decreased reimbursement from special fund agen- cies .....	101,281	101,281	---	646	21
<b>Total increase .....</b>	<b>\$53,211</b>	<b>\$53,211</b>	<b>---</b>		

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amount budgeted .....	\$262,833
Legislative Auditor's recommendation .....	262,833
Reduction .....	None