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Memorandum

Date: September 1, 2009

To: Bill Diamond, Senate Chair
Emily Cain, House Chair
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs

Pc: Ryan Low, Commissioner, DAFS
Karin Tilberg, Senior Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

From: Roland D. Martin, Commissioner

Re: High Priority and Mission Critical IF&W Programs

Please accept this memorandum as our response to your August 18, 2009 memorandum in which you requested that we submit a prioritized list of our programs.

The Department's mission, as stated in 12 M.R.S.A, Section 10051 is:

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is established to preserve, protect and enhance the inland fisheries and wildlife resources of the State; to encourage the wise use of these resources; to ensure coordinated planning for the future use and preservation of these resources; and to provide for effective management of these resources.

As you already know, IF&W is one of the smallest state agencies with less than 300 employees. Although we are classified as a General Fund Agency most of our budget income is derived from the sale of licenses and registrations, Federal Funds and Dedicated Funds.

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FY 2010

Budgeted General Fund Revenue:	\$22,279,842
General Fund Beginning Approp:	<u>\$24,330,058</u>
Approp. Over Revenue:	\$ 2,050,216
De-appropriation for additional attrition:	\$ 351,676
De-appropriation for NRSC savings:	\$ 24,003
De-appropriation for longevity:	<u>\$ 78,895</u>
Adjusted approp. over revenue:	\$ 1,595,642

While we are not certain at this time what the adjusted appropriations over revenues (true general funds) will be when everything is said and done, further de-appropriations such as merit step increases, shutdown days, health insurance and costs for retirees opting for retirement incentives could very well decrease the amount of \$1,595,642 significantly.

The attached list of programs shows IF&W's mandated programs in order of priority to our core mission, and also includes the major funding sources used in each program. This list of programs is prioritized from 1 thru 15 and includes programs that are funded by, or in part by, General Funds.

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Program Priorities

1-5 are the most important core programs.

1. **Fish and wildlife conservation** – includes assessment, planning, management and wise use of all fish and wildlife in Maine. These programs are largely (approximately 70%) federally funded. Impacts all of Maine's public. Funds: General Fund License Revenue, Federal Grant Funds, Other Special Revenue Funds.
2. **Fish and wildlife enforcement** – the final arm of effective fish and wildlife management – ensures that effective management is achieved by balancing impacts of public use of resources. Impacts all resource users in the state. Funds: General Fund License Revenue, Federal Grant Funds, Other Special Revenue Funds.
3. **Licensing/Registration** – provides licenses and registrations for all outdoor recreational users – allows IF&W to know numbers of participants and gain revenues from some users of the resources. Provides administrative services for other state agencies such as DHHS (license revocation for non-payment of child support), MRS (sales tax collection on private sales of ATV's, snowmobiles, and boats), Conservation (ATV and snowmobile registrations), Marine Resources (boat registrations), and DEP (Lake and River Protection stickers). This program also provides the administrative process, including the appeal, for license, permit and registration revocations as provided in statute. Funds: General Fund License Revenue, Federal Grant Funds, Other Special Revenue Funds.
4. **Propagation of fish** – provides additional angling opportunity where sustained pressure from public use has otherwise reduced the opportunity or where habitat is not sufficient to support a fishery. Impacts all anglers. Funds: General Fund License Revenue, Federal Grant Funds, Other Special Revenue Funds.

5. **Facilities/engineering** – with 8 fish culture facilities, 8 regional offices, over 70 dams, and many other buildings, this group is essential to keep our necessary facilities together. Funds: General Fund License Revenue, Other Special Revenue Funds.
6. **Search and rescue** – searches by Warden Service for any member of the public lost in Maine's woods and waters. Impacts all lost persons and their loved ones. Funds: General Fund.
7. **ATV** – program to train users of motorized sporting equipment to operate safely and within the law. Impacts all new users and makes all outdoor users more safe by having new users operate their machines in a more safe fashion. Funds: General Fund License Revenue, Other Special Revenue Funds.
8. **Environmental permitting** – provides analyses for DEP and LURC as well as federal processes on the impacts of proposed projects on fish and wildlife resources of the state. This program is largely (approximately 70%) federally funded. Impacts all of Maine's public – from the person proposing a project to the citizens that demand conservation of fish and wildlife. Funds: General Fund License Revenue, Federal Grant Funds, Other Special Revenue Funds.
9. **Public Outreach and Education** – Marketing and outreach efforts to inform the public about IF&W work and activities. Includes mandatory safety education and marketing to resident and non-resident sportsmen who buy licenses and register watercraft. This includes digital and social marketing, video production, media relations, trade shows, and public events. Impacts all forms of media, 490,000 people who buy licenses and more than 800,000 people who recreate outdoors and observe wildlife and nature. It also impacts all Maine citizens from the sportsmen to kayakers, from skiers to snowmobilers, from birders to hikers and campers, and all who live here because of our habitat and natural resources. Funds: General Fund License Revenue, Federal Grant Funds, Other Special Revenue Funds.

10. **Guides licensing** – testing and licensing of all types of guides for professional standards. Impacts licensed guides and public that wishes to hire guides. Funds: General Fund License Revenue.
11. **Fish and wildlife possession** – assessment and permitting of possession of any fish and wildlife for any reason, including exotics. Important to restrict because of the extreme danger of environmental damage to Maine from unrestricted use of, especially, exotic species that can live and propagate in the state. Impacts the public involved in the pet trade, those desiring exotic pets and certain agricultural activities that want biological control agents (i.e. forestry use of beetles). Funds: General Fund License Revenue.
12. **Taxidermy** – licenses people engaged in taxidermy that may have many animals in their possession. Funds: General Fund License Revenue.
13. **Public Health/Animal Diseases** – IF&W coordination with Public Health on issues like Rabies, Lyme Disease and West Nile Virus. Impacts various wildlife conservation issues and policies for public health. Funds: General Fund License Revenue.
14. **Special and miscellaneous permits** – includes permits for bass fishing tournaments, fishing derbies, etc. Impacts public where these events take place, as the permits usually contain conditions that govern the behavior, timing, and conduct of the event. Funds: General Fund License Revenue, Federal Grant Funds.
15. **Animal damage control** – all activities related to the negative interactions of wildlife with the public, from squirrels in the attic to bears in oat fields and beehives. Impacts all public, especially in the rural interface (most of the state). Funds: General Fund License Revenue.