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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY**

**LD 1614 PART 2 BUDGET BILL**

**FY 04 - 05**

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2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill  
Departmental Impact Form  
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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Quality Assurance and Regulation, Division of

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0393 01

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>-3000</u>	<u>-3000</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides for the transfer of technology funds between General Fund accounts to consolidate purchases within the Department.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Over the past biennium, the Department has been authorized several new positions. As each piece of legislation was written, funding for operating costs of the position were included. The funds also included the purchase of a computer, if required. In this Department, all computer purchases are consolidated in the Office of the Commissioner and handled by the Agency Technology Officer, who prepares the biennial budget for the department's needs. This adjustment transfers the budgeted on-going replacement costs out of various GF accounts and into the budget of the Technology Officer in order to consolidate purchasing.

**Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?**      (Yes) X      (No)  
(please explain below)

This change will continue forward into ensuing years as part of the base budgets.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No)  
(please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Agricultural, Natural and Rural Resources, Office of

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0830 01 Pages in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>-1000</u>	<u>-1000</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides for the transfer of technology funds between General Fund accounts to consolidate purchases within the Department.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Over the past biennium, the Department has been authorized several new positions. As each piece of legislation was written, funding for operating costs of the position were included. The funds also included the purchase of a computer, if required. In this Department, all computer purchases are consolidated in the Office of the Commissioner and handled by the Agency Technology Officer, who prepares the biennial budget for the department's needs. This adjustment transfers the budgeted on-going replacement costs out of various GF accounts and into the budget of the Technology Officer in order to consolidate purchasing.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

This change will continue forward into ensuing years as part of the base budgets.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Harness Racing Commission

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0320 01

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides funds for the management initiated reclassification of one Accountant II position to a Staff Accountant and one Clerk Typist II position to an Account Clerk II position.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

The work performed by these two positions has changed significantly over the past two years. This action will properly classify the positions to reflect the work performed.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_

(please explain below)

The increased cost will carry forward into ensuing years, but the offset from the All Other line category will also continue.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Harness Racing Commission

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0320 01

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FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>-25000</u>	<u>-25000</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for a reduction in the funds for testing programs.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

This reduction will further reduce the amount of tests that can be run on samples.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

This change reduces the base budget of this account in ensuing years.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Market and Production Development, Division of

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0833 01 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>-1500</u>	<u>-1500</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the transfer of technology funds between General Fund accounts to consolidate purchases within the Department.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

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Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

This change will continue forward into ensuing years as part of the base budgets.



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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Market and Production Development, Division of

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0833 01 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

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FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>-30000</u>	<u>-30000</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for a reduction in the funds available for marketing activities.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

This reduction further decreases the ability of the Division to market agricultural products.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

This change reduces the base budget of this account for ensuing years.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Office of the Commissioner

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0401 01 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>5500</u>	<u>5500</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the transfer of technology funds between General Fund accounts to consolidate purchases within the Department.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Over the past biennium, the Department has been authorized several new positions. As each piece of legislation was written, funding for operating costs of the position were included. The funds also included the purchase of a computer, if required. In this Department, all computer purchases are consolidated in the Office of the Commissioner and handled by the Agency Technology Officer, who prepares the biennial budget for the department's needs. This adjustment transfers the budgeted on-going replacement costs out of various GF accounts and into the budget of the Technology Officer in order to consolidate purchasing.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

This change will continue forward into ensuing years as part of the base budgets.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Office of the Commissioner

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0401 01 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>-3500</u>	<u>-3600</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides for the deappropriation of funds to be used as the funding source to continue the State-Federal Coordinator position in the Governor's Office. This position was requested in the fiscal year 2002-03 emergency budget bill.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) -- BE SPECIFIC:**

This reduction in All Other reduces the funds available to the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner for their activities.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) Yes (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

This change will be a permanent reduction in the base budget for this account.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Agricultural, Natural and Rural Resources, Office of

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0830 01 Page # in Bill: 71

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Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides funds for a reclassification approved by the Bureau of Human Resources.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

This requests changes the base budget of this account for ensuing years.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0816 01 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>-4284</u>	<u>-2222</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for a decrease in the funds available for pay food storage costs.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

This General Fund appropriation is expended almost entirely on the cost of storing donated commodities. Any reduction to the budget will mean that the program has to decline donated food. The donated commodities are distributed to hungry people through the food pantries and Community Action Programs across the state.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

This change reduces the base budget of this account in ensuing years.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Maine Milk Commission

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0188 01 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>	
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides for a one-time appropriation of funds to be transferred to the Maine Milk Pool.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

This initiative is part of the Governor's Dairy Relief Package.

**Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?**

(Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) X  
(please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Maine Milk Commission

Account Number(s): 010 01A 0188 01 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>950000</u>	<u>950000</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides funds for the repayment of principal and interest on a two-year loan from the Finance Authority of Maine.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

As part of the Governor's Dairy Relief Package, the Department of Agriculture borrowed \$1.8 million from the Finance Authority of Maine. This initiative provides the funds to repay the principal and interest of that loan.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) X  
(please explain below)

The loan had a two-year payback period.

**The following items  
do not impact the General Fund  
and are not scheduled for the Public Hearing.**



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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Agricultural, Natural and Rural Resources, Office of

Account Number(s): 013 01A 0830 03 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>147316</u>	<u>145462</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the allocation of funds provided from a pass-through grant from Environmental Protection for non-point source programs.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Through a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture will receive funding to support the non-point source program in the four watershed areas of the State. The funds will be expended in the form of grants to the local soil and water conservation districts to carry out the hands-on work on behalf of the Departments.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

It is anticipated that this joint venture will continue into the future years.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Agricultural, Natural and Rural Resources, Office of

Account Number(s): 014 01A 0830 01 (Nutrient Management Fund) Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>43000</u>	<u>43000</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the allocation of funds to support the Maine Compost School.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

The Department has recently taken over the administration of the Maine Compost School. This adjustment allocates the funds received from registration fees for the school in order to allow the fees to be used for the expenses associated with the schools.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_

(please explain below)

This change will be on-going in the ensuing years.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Market and Production Development, Division of

Account Number(s): 013 01A 0833 01 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>1000000</u>	<u>1000000</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the allocation of funds for the Senior FarmShare program that is funded through a USDA grant.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

The Department has received funding for this program for the past two fiscal years and Congress has authorized continued funding in the Farm Bill.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

Congress has authorized continued funding for this program in the Farm Bill.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Market and Production Development, Division of

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Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>1000000</u>	<u>2000000</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the allocation of funds for the Farmland Protection Cooperative Agreement with USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Account Number(s): 013 01A 0816 01 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e. (-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>12000</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the increased allocation for on-going federal grants.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

The Department of Agriculture has several on-going federal grants whose federal apportionment has increased beyond the base year funding level. This request increases the base year to reflect the current level of federal funding.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_

(please explain below)

This change increases the base year budget for ensuing years.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Plant Industry, Division of

Account Number(s): 013 01A 0831 04 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>7000</u>	<u>7000</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the increased allocation for on-going federal grants.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

The Department of Agriculture has several on-going federal grants whose federal apportionment has increased beyond the base year funding level. This request increases the base year to reflect the current level of federal funding.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_

(please explain below)

This change increases the base year budget for ensuing years.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Plant Industry, Division of

Account Number(s): 013 01A 0831 04

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>73366</u>	<u>73366</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the creation of one Entomologist II and associated All Other. Funding provided for this initiative is from a Homeland Security Grant.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?

(Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) X  
(please explain below)

At this point in time, this grant has not been identified as on-going.

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Animal Health and Industry, Division of

Account Number(s): 013 01A 0394 01

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>71040</u>	<u>71040</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the allocation of funds for the Homeland Security Grant received from USDA.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

The Department has received a Homeland Security Grant from USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. It is anticipated that this will be an on-going program.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) X  
(please explain below)

No, not at this point in time, though it is anticipated that this will be an on-going grant.



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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

Program Name: Office of the Commissioner

Account Number(s): 014 01A 0401 01

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FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>-13580</u>	<u>-13580</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative: **Deallocates funds through the transfer of certain All Other functions.**

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Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

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Department/Agency Name: Agriculture, Food and Rural ResourcesProgram Name: Beverage Container Enforcement FundAccount Number(s): 014 01A 0971 01 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_FY 2003-04FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e. (-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>2573</u>	<u>2590</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides for the reclassification of a vacant Management Analyst I position to a Computer Programmer position and a vacant half-time Compliance Officer position to a half-time Paralegal position to better reflect the needs of the program.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?

(Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

This change will be on-going into ensuing years.

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Departmental Impact Form  
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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Forest Policy & Management

Account Number(s): 010 04A 0240 51 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

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FY 2004-05

**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e. (-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>(6.000)</u>	<u>(6.000)</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$634,789</u>	<u>\$683,565</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Authorization to transfer Personal Services and All Other allotment from the Forest Practices account to the Forest Policy and Management account.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Combine the Forest Practices account with the Division of Forest Policy and Management – currently both share the same mission and management – no cost.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?

(Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) X  
(please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Forest Practices - Conservation

Account Number(s): 010 04A 0861 02 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>(-6.000)</u>	<u>(-6.000)</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>-\$634,789</u>	<u>-\$683,565</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Authorization to transfer Personal Services and All Other allotment from the Forest Practices account to the Forest Policy and Management account.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Combine the Forest Practices account with the Division of Forest Policy and Management – currently both share the same mission and management – no cost.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) X \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: General Services

Account Number(s): 010 04A 0222 11

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**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>-\$3,500</u>	<u>-\$3,600</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Deappropriation from All Other line category.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Deappropriation from rents line of All Other. Savings are a result of renegotiated lease.

**Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?**

(Yes)            (No) X

(please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Forest Policy & Management

Account Number(s): 010 04A 0240 51

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**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0,000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Forester I upgrades.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Range change upgrades for Forester I positions approved through arbitration. This is to be funded by moving All Other to Personal Services. (FY04 \$19,486, FY05 \$19,369)

**Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?**

(Yes) X

(No)

Ongoing costs

(please explain below)

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill**  
**Departmental Impact Form**  
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**Department/Agency Name:** Conservation

**Program Name:** Forest Policy & Management

**Account Number(s):** 010 04A 0861 02

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**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e. (-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>	0	0
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Forester I upgrades approved through arbitration.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Range change upgrades for Forester I positions approved through arbitration. This is to be funded by moving All Other to Personal Services. (FY04 \$5,496, FY05 \$5,403)

**Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?**

(Yes) X

(No)

Ongoing costs

(please explain below)

2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill  
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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Parks General Operations

Account Number(s): 010 04A 0221 33 Page # in Bill:         

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e. (-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$125,370</u>	
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

Capital equipment from FY03 in the amount of \$125,370 was deferred until FY04.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Provides Capital funds for the State Park system. Purchases were deferred and the capital funds were given up in FY03 in order to meet the budget shortfall. This will provide for only high priority emergency capital replacements.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes)          (No) X  
(please explain below)



**The following items  
do not impact the General Fund  
and are not scheduled for the Public Hearing.**

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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Forestry Policy & Management

Account Number(s): 013 04A 0240 51 Page # in Bill:           

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FY 2004-05

**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e. (-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$309,959</u>	<u>\$316,159</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$309,959</u>	<u>\$316,159</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Authorization to transfer All Other allotment from one federal account to another.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Transfer the Northern Forest Lands Study to the Division of Forest Policy and Management - no cost. When the Study was first established, it was set up under the Commissioner's Office to assure it got the proper level of oversight. Since the actual Study has now been completed subsequent activities in this account such as Rural Development through Forestry, Forest Legacy, and Forest Stewardship are overseen by the Division of Forestry Policy and Management.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes)            (No) X  
(please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Forest Policy & Management

Account Number(s): 013 04A 0240 51 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$158,693</u>	<u>\$166,772</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$158,693</u>	<u>\$166,772</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Authorization to establish 3 limited period positions- 1 Clerk Typist II and 2 Forester I's.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Establish 3 limited period positions, one Clerk Typist II and 2 Forester I's within the Division of Forest Policy & Management to work on two forest landowner assistance programs, the Forest Land Enhancement Program and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Up to \$1 million per year is anticipated in Federal grants to support these programs.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_

This federal program is authorized for the next five years. (please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Snowmobile Trail Fund

Account Number(s): 014 04A 0224 81 Page # in Bill:         

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FY 2004-05

**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e. (-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>-\$35,375</u>	<u>-\$35,831</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>-\$35,375</u>	<u>-\$35,831</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides for the transfer of one Planning and Research Assoc. II position from the Snowmobile Trail Fund to the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Moves ½ a P&R II to the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes)                  (No) X  
(please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Off Road Recreational Vehicles

Account Number(s): 014 04A 0224 81, 014 04A 0224 83

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FY 2003-04

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Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>(1.000)</u>	<u>(1.000)</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>\$60,240</u>	<u>\$47,442</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>\$60,240</u>	<u>\$47,442</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides for the allocation of funds for transfer of one limited-period part-time Planning and Research Assoc. II position to the Snowmobile Trail Fund from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund and provides for the allocation necessary to increase one Planning and Research Associate II position by .5 headcount to change from limited-period part-time to limited-period full time.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Increase a P&R II from LPPT to LPFT, and moves the entire position to the Snowmobile Trail Fund, and splits the funding between Snowmobile Trail Fund and the ATV Recreation Management Fund.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?

(Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) X  
(please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Boating Facilities Fund

Account Number(s): 014 04A 0226 31 Page # in Bill:           

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FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		<u>\$6,500</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		<u>\$6,500</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

Description of Initiative:

New capital equipment.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Capital (\$6,500 in FY05) in the Boating Facilities Fund program to purchase new truck body to put to retrofit a new leased vehicle for appropriate field operations.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?

(Yes)            (No) X  
(please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Public Reserved Lands Management Fund

Account Number(s): 014 04A 0239 22

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**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>\$37,000</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>\$37,000</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides for new capital equipment.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Capital in Public Lunds. In FY04 the fund will be used to purchase a boat, motor, and trailer, a snowmobile and ATV. In FY05 it will be used to purchase a snowmobile and ATV. This equipment is necessary to manage the additional public lands acquired by the State.

**Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?**

(Yes)            (No) X  
(please explain below)

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill  
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**Department/Agency Name:** Conservation

**Program Name:** Public Reserved Lands Management Fund

**Account Number(s):** 014 04A 0239 22

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**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>\$35,375</u>	<u>\$35,831</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>\$35,375</u>	<u>\$35,831</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides for the transfer of one Planning and Research Associate II position from the Snowmobile Trail Fund to the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Moves a P&RII from Snowmobile Trail Fund to Public Reserved Lands.

**Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?**

**(Yes)** X

**(No)** \_\_\_\_\_

Ongoing position count.

(please explain below)



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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Public Reserved Lands Management Fund

Account Number(s): 014 04A 0239 22

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FY 2003-04

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**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>(-0.500)</u>	<u>(-0.500)</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>- \$30,566</u>	<u>- \$31,858</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>- \$30,566</u>	<u>- \$31,858</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides for the allocation of funds for transfer of one limited-period part-time Planning and Research Associate II position to the Snowmobile Trail Fund from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund and provides for the allocation necessary to increase one Planning and Research Associate II position by .5 headcount to change from limited-period part-time to limited-period full-time.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Increases a LPPT P&R II to a LPFT position, and transfers it from Snowmobile Trail Fund to the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes)

(No) X

Ongoing position count.

(please explain below)

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill  
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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Northern Forest Lands Study

Account Number(s): 013 04A 0222 12 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>-\$309,959</u>	<u>-\$316,159</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>-\$309,959</u>	<u>-\$316,159</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Authorization to transfer All Other allotment from one federal account to another federal account.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Transfer the Northern Forest Lands Study to the Division of Forest Policy and Management - no cost. When the Study was first established, it was set up under the Commissioner's Office to assure it got the proper level of oversight. Since the actual Study has now been completed subsequent activities in this account such as Rural Development through Forestry, Forest Legacy, and Forest Stewardship are overseen by the Division of Forestry Policy and Management.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) X  
(please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Public Reserved Lands Management Fund

Account Number(s): 014 04A 0239 22 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>\$65,977</u>	<u>\$67,788</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>\$65,977</u>	<u>\$67,788</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides for reclassification of Forester II's and Planning & Research Assoc. I, and upgrades of Forester I's.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Provides increased allocation to fund the reclassification of 3 Forester II's to Resource Management Coordinators and a Planning and Research Assoc. I to GIS Coordinator in Public Lands approved by the Bureau of Human resources, and upgrades of Forester I's approved through arbitration.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_

Ongoing costs.

(please explain below)

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill**  
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**Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Forest Policy & Management

Account Number(s): 013 04A 0240 51

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$2,732</u>	<u>\$2,686</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$2,732</u>	<u>\$2,686</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Forester I upgrades approved by the Bureau of Human Resources.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Range change upgrades for Forester I positions approved through arbitration.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?

(Yes) X

(No) \_\_\_\_\_

Ongoing costs

(please explain below)

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill**  
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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Snowmobile Trail Fund

Account Number(s): 014 04A 0224 81

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**FY 2003-04**

**FY 2004-05**

**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>\$23,786</u>	<u>\$15,240</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>	<u>\$23,786</u>	<u>\$15,240</u>
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Provides funds for the upgrade of Supervisor Snowmobile/ATV Program, and Clerk Typist III to a Planning and Research Assistant.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Upgrade Supervisor Snowmobile/ATV Program, and Clerk Typist III to a Planning and Research Assistant approved by Bureau of Human Resources.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) X (No) \_\_\_\_\_

Ongoing costs.

(please explain below)

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill**  
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Department/Agency Name: Conservation

Program Name: Forestry Policy & Management

Account Number(s): 013 04A 0240 51 Page # in Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

**Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$112,486</u>	<u>\$112,599</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):**

<u>General Fund</u>		
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$112,486</u>	<u>\$112,599</u>
<u>Other Special Revenue funds</u>		
<u>Other (please specify)</u>		

**Description of Initiative:**

Authorize a limited period position.

**Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:**

Establish a limited period position of Public Service Coordinator III to lead and direct the new Future Forest Economy program for which we have a \$450,000 federal grant. The program will promote, coordinate, and package economic development, incentives and marketing strategies to attract and retain forest products businesses.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) X  
 (please explain below)

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Department/Agency Name: Baxter State Park Authority

Program Name: Baxter State Park Authority

Account Number(s): 0253

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FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

General Fund		
Federal Funds		
Other Special Revenue funds	(.462)	(.462)
Other (please specify)		

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

General Fund		
Federal Funds		
Other Special Revenue funds	11826	13240
Other (please specify)		

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

General Fund		
Federal Funds		
Other Special Revenue funds		
Other (please specify)		

Description of Initiative: Reclassifies an Assistant Park Ranger position to a Groundskeeper position and lengthens the position from 14 to 26 weeks.

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Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain below)

## TESTIMONY SIGN IN SHEET

COMMITTEE ON Appropriations and Financial Affairs

L.D. # OR CONFIRMATION: \_\_\_\_\_ LD 1614 Part 2 Budget Bill

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ 5-May-03

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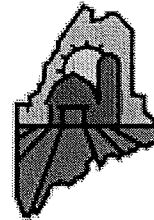
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TO: Members of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; Senator Bruce Bryant; Representative Linda Rogers McKee, Members of the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;

FROM: Robert W. Spear, Commissioner

DATE: May 5, 2003

SUBJECT: Agriculture's Part II Budget Package

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Maine Milk Commission:

a) General Fund: Request for \$2,400,000 in the All Other line category in FY04 for the Dairy Relief Package.

b) General Fund: Request for \$950,000 in All Other each year for the repayment of the loan from Finance Authority of Maine that was obtained as part of the Dairy Relief Package.

Quality Assurance and Regulation:

a) General Fund: Request to move \$3,000 of All Other allotment each year into the Commissioner's Office to consolidate computer purchases.

b) General Fund: Request to reclassify two positions. Net savings of \$11,435 and \$11,366 in the Personal Services line category. ***The Department requests that this item be amended by replacing the Initiative text with "Provides for the deappropriation on funds from realized program efficiencies due to new technology." And that the line category be changed from Personal Services to All Other. The dollar amount would remain the same.***

Amendment Requested. Other Special Revenue Funds: ***The Department requests to add a second request to eliminate a ½ Clerk Typist II in order to increase a ½ Paralegal to full-time, split-funded position. (see attachment.)***

Agricultural, Natural and Rural Resources:

a) General Fund: Request to move \$1,000 of All Other each year into the Office of the Commissioner to consolidate computer purchases.

b) Federal Fund: Request to increase the allocation by \$147,316 and \$145,462 for a pass-through grant from the Department of Environmental Protection. All Other line category.

c) Other Special Revenue: Request to increase the allocation by \$43,000 in All Other each year in order to accept funds and disburse them for the Maine Compost School program. This is in the All Other line category.

d) General Fund: Request to move All Other to Personal Services to fund an approved reclassification.

e) ***This entry should be under the Division of Plant Industry:*** The request moves revenue collected on the Honey Bee License from the Other Special Revenue account and puts it in the General Fund. It is budgeted at \$8,000 per year. The Department has submitted the statutory language change (copy attached).

Harness Racing:

- a) General Fund: Request to reclassify two positions. Net cost is zero.
- b) General Fund: Reduces the All Other line category by \$25,000 per year. Will effect the testing programs.

Market and Production Development:

- a) General Fund: Request to move \$1,500 of All Other each year into the Office of the Commissioner to consolidate computer purchases.
- b) Federal Fund: Request to increase the account for federal grant received for the Senior FarmShare Program for \$1,000,000 each year in the All Other line category.
- c) Federal Fund: Request request to increase the account for federal grant received for the Farmland Protection Program. It increases the Capital Expenditures line category by \$1,000,000 in FY04 and by \$2,000,000 in FY05. This will be used in conjunction with Land for Maine's Future Board funding to purchase Conservation Easements.
- d) General Fund: Reduces the All Other line category by \$30,000 each year. This reduction will eliminate the ability to run television ads for the "get real. Get Maine!" promotion. It will also eliminate other marketing activities.

TEFAP (Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program):

- a) Federal Fund: Request to increase the allocation by \$10,000 and \$12,000 to bring it up to the level of the federal grant award. All Other line category.
- b) General Fund: Reduces the All Other line category by \$4,284 in FY04 and by \$2,222 in FY05. This cut will impact the amount of food that can be accepted into the program because it reduces the funds available to pay for storing the food.

Plant Industry:

- a) Federal Fund: Request to increase the allocation by \$7,000 per year to bring it up to the level of the federal grant award (grant from USDA.) All Other line category.
- b) Federal Fund: Request to increase the allocation for a Homeland Security Grant from USDA. This one asks for an Entomologist II position and some All Other funding. \$73,366 each year, total.

Animal Health and Industry:

- a) Federal Fund: Request to increase the allocation for a Homeland Security Grant from USDA. \$71,040 per year. All Other line category.

Commissioner's Office:

- a) General Fund: Request to increase \$5,500 per year in the All Other line category to consolidate computer purchases. This is offset by decreases in other accounts.
- b) Other Special Revenue Funds: Request to deallocate (\$13,580) from both years from rental revenue. **The Department asks that this request be deleted. This was a two-part request and the other piece was not recommended by the Administration.**
- c) General Fund: Request to reduce the account by \$3,500 and \$3,600 in the All Other line category to help balance the budget.

Beverage Container Enforcement Fund:

- a) Other Special Revenue Funds; Request to reclassify two positions. The cost is \$2,573 and \$2,590. It will be funded by the revenue generated within this account. Personal Services line category.

Goal	To protect the public health, the environment and the welfare of animals.
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Objective	Reduce the percentage of Maine people reporting food borne illness and financial losses due to substandard commercial transactions caused from food establishments and other businesses.
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Program: Quality Assurance and Regulation 0000

Ensure that a safe, high quality, and adequate food supply is maintained, that weighing and measuring devices used in commerce are correct, and that standards used in law enforcement are accurate.

#### Current Performance Targets

Current Performance Measures		Units of Measure	Baseline	2003-04	2004-05
1	Number of retail food establishment licenses issued.			5,250	5,250
2	Number of food safety inspections conducted			3,000	3,500
3	Percent of citizens surveyed who feel that state and federal food safety programs ensure a safe food supply for Maine.			75 percent	80 percent
4	Percent of clients who rate the service received from the Division as "good" or higher			75 percent	80 percent
5					
6					

Initiative: Provides for the elimination of one 1/2 Clerk Typist II in order to create a full-time split-funded Paralegal position with the Beverage Container Enforcement Fund.

#### Performance Measures Affected

		Incremental Change	
		2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Budget
3	Percent of citizens surveyed who feel that state and federal food safety programs ensure a safe food supply for Maine.	2 percent	2 percent
4	Other Special Revenue Funds		
	Positions - Legislative Count	(0.500)	(0.500)
	Positions - FTE Count		
	Personal Services	5,194	5,706
	All Other		
	Capital Expenditures		
Total		5,194	5,706

Title 7, Chapter 521, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS (HEADING: PL 1985, c. 572 (new))

Chapter 521: LICENSING REQUIREMENTS (HEADING: PL 1985; c. 572 (new))

**§2701. Licensing**

All persons owning honeybees within the State shall annually notify the commissioner of the keeping of bees and the location of the bees and shall forward to the commissioner for deposit with the Treasurer of State an annual license fee not to exceed \$2 per colony for all bees kept on June 15th of each year. A license may be issued for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year period. Licenses for a period in excess of one year may be issued only with the agreement of or at the request of the applicant. The fee for a 2-year license is 2 times the annual fee. The fee for a 3-year license is 3 times the annual fee. Fees must be established by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. No license fee returned may be less than \$2 per beekeeper. License fees accrue as undedicated revenue to the General Fund. ~~as a dedicated revenue to the Division of Plant Industry to fund the cost of apiary inspection and licensing.~~ [1999, c. 401, Pt. H, §2 (amd).]

Between 14 and 30 days prior to June 15th annually, the commissioner shall cause notice of the annual notification and license fee requirement to be published at least twice in the state newspaper and in other newspapers or journals of general circulation adequate to provide reasonable notice throughout the State. [1985, c. 572 (new).]

**§2754. Registration fees**

A registration fee not to exceed \$2 per colony for all bees to be shipped or moved into the State must be forwarded to the commissioner for deposit with the Treasurer of State. Fees must be established by rule in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. The fees accrue as undedicated revenue to the General Fund. ~~dedicated revenue to the Division of Plant Industry to fund the cost of apiary inspection and licensing.~~ [1999, c. 401, Pt. H, §3 (amd).]

**TESTIMONY OF PATRICK MCGOWAN  
COMMISSIONER  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
SUPPORTING  
AN ACT TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND  
ALLOCATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND  
TO CHANGE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LAW NECESSARY TO THE  
PROPER OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS  
ENDING JUNE 30, 2004 AND JUNE 30, 2005**

**BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS AND  
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, AND AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND  
FORESTRY**

**HEARING DATE: May 5, 2003, 2:00 P. M**

Good afternoon Senator Cathcart, Representative Brannigan, Senator Bryant, Representative Mckee, Members of the Appropriations and Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committees. I am Patrick McGowan, Commissioner of the Department of Conservation. I am pleased to be here to testify on and answer questions about the portions of the Part II draft bill which pertains to the Department of Conservation.

In the General Fund, in **Forest Policy and Management** we are combining the Forest Practices account into the Forest Policy and management account by transferring the 6 positions and All Other in to Forest policy and Management. Currently both share the same mission and management. This is revenue neutral to the General Fund. FY04 \$634,789; FY 05 \$683,565.

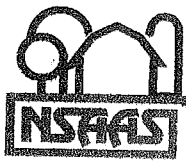
The second item in this account is funding of Forester I upgrades which were given as a result of an arbitrators ruling. We will self-fund from All Other.

The third item is in **Forest Practices** and is the companion piece to combining this program with Forest Policy and Management. ( FY04 - \$634,789; FY 05 -\$683,565)

The fourth item also in Forest Practices appropriates funds for the approved reclasses. This is also self-funded.

The fifth item is in **Parks General Operations** in which we are requesting funding for \$ 125,370 in Capital funds for the State Park system. Purchases were deferred and \$125,370 of Capital funds were given up in FY03 in order to meet the budget shortfall. Since we have already given up all of our capital requests in Parks' General Fund, this will provide for only high priority emergency capital replacements in FY 04

Finally, in **General Services**, we are deappropriating \$3500 in FY 04 and \$3600 in FY 05 from our All Other rents line. These savings are the result of a renegotiated lease.



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To: Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Fiscal Affairs

From: Marge Kilkelly, Director NSAAS

May 5, 2003

RE: Dues for 2003-04

Thank you for the opportunity to bring before you some information regarding the work of the Council of State Governments Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship. Two years ago when this appropriation was initially suggested I promised, then as a member of NSAAS to provide a ROI for those funds. As the former Chair and now staff I believe that we have a strong track record of accomplishments for Maine and am pleased to report on that to you. The dues that were allocated last year were \$20,000. That amount was reduced to \$5,000 by the administration as part of the first budget adjustment.

Rural Maine, Rural Northeast, Rural America are taking hits on a daily basis. We are constantly expected to use urban policy solutions to respond to rural peoples concerns; and worse, when that doesn't work somehow it is our fault. Rural does not mean small scale urban, it is different. Folks who work in natural resource based industries, who live among the resources that support them do not go to work because it is what they do, they go to work because it is who they are, it where they have come from both as people and culture.

The rural economy is invisible to the uninformed. Driving by BIW it is obvious that Maine people work and support their families from that enterprise; what is not so obvious is that many thousands of Maine folks support their families in agricultural enterprises off the beaten track, outside of view and away from the traffic of Route 1. Our economy is as strong as our weakest link, efforts at economic development in our more populated areas will only succeed if there is also a strong rural economy that holds its population, creates and maintains jobs, pays taxes and keeps our land open for the billion dollar a year recreation industry and the multi billion dollar a year tourist industry- no one takes scenic drives through tract housing, on purpose!

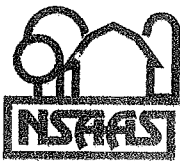
The agricultural sector of our economy is at a critical juncture, and I believe that the next 3 to 5 years will either see it survive and thrive or disappear. As farms are lost, we lose the critical mass of business necessary to support the vets, feed stores, feed mills, farm machinery businesses, and hardware stores; not to mention every other service that all families depend upon. Often the results are that rural folks move to urban areas looking for work, taxing already stressed services and the state suffers from the loss of revenue from the rural industries. Niche market opportunities in Ag and other natural resource sectors are less likely to succeed without those essential support services. If there is no dairy farmer to buy hay from, no large animal vet in the area and no feed store; the opportunity for success as a small goat, equine, llama, alpaca breeder is in jeopardy.

NSAAS was conceived in 1997 as a way for legislators in the northeast to communicate common issues, share common solutions and become a single voice advocating for the needs of agriculture in the Northeast. So what have we done; what are we doing?

- Developed policy actions for the 2002 Farm Bill that resulted in more regional equity particularly for conservation programs than ever before.
- Implemented, with the Maine Farm Bureau and the Maine School Food Service Directors Assoc. a model Farm to School program that links farmers with schools and provides market opportunities, not to mention good, local fresh produce for our children; this program has also been presented to the northeast Ag in the Classroom representatives and is being touted in other Northeast states.
- Coordinated an effort with Maine Potato Board, SWCD's and other groups to develop a common Northeast response to the proposed rules implementing the EQIP section of the Farm Bill. (Attached) this effort alone, if successful will result in millions of dollars being available to our farmers for locally led conservation/ water quality projects at a 75% cost share.
- Working to resolve the poultry processing dilemma facing farmers in the region, recently I received information about a model program in Kentucky that used state and federal grant to create a mobile poultry processing vehicle that met federal standards. I am now communicating with those parties to be able to share the information with local farmers. I have contacted the federal delegation to assist in either applying for a two-year waiver or changing the current rules that make poultry processing for sale a great difficulty.
- Developed an online newsletter, NSAAS News Gleanings to keep ag legislators and other interested parties apprised of regional and national news
- Gather information and share it among legislators, for example, sharing bills responding to dairy issues among states; market access, creative projects and any opportunities where we, the northeast, can work together to access the 58 million consumers within a days drive of any part of the northeast and convince them that it is within their grasp to keep agriculture and the unique rural culture of the northeast not only alive, but vibrant.
- Implemented a first, of what is to be an annual Northeast Ag Day in Washington to highlight our rural interests to congress and showcase our diverse agriculture products.

I am convinced that by working together as a region we can influence federal policy and create state policies that are complementary and beneficial to all not always competitive and divisive.

I understand, better than many who will come before you the immense challenge that you face. As you create a budget for this year I would ask you to again invest \$5,000 in order for Maine to remain a member in NSAAS, to continue to work with our neighbors to create a loud, single Northeast voice that says that agriculture and our rural communities are important sectors of our economy. I will again pledge to you a ROI of those hard-earned taxpayer dollars that you can point to with pride.



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## <sup>1</sup>School Farm Market Nutrition Program Proposal

Building on success is the most productive process for sound public policy. Looking at a problem through a lens of how is it similar to other issues and how have we successfully addressed those issues moves us more quickly down the road. This proposal looks at the issues of getting local farm products to schools, educating students about ag in their own regions and providing better quality, fresher foods for our children. It builds on the success of the Senior and WIC Farm market Nutrition Programs.

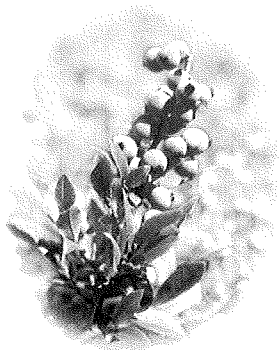
The Farm Market Nutrition Programs for Seniors and Low Income families provide an innovative public private partnership between USDA and family farms. The programs are a critical bridge between low-income families and elders and local agriculture producers. The small amount of funding that is provided to each recipient is a ticket to Farmers Markets and Farm Stands within their communities. Once participants access those venues, they become aware of products that are locally available and not only return to utilize their own funds for purchases but also become ambassadors and neighborhood marketers for the producers.

The benefits of this investment are as broad as they are deep. A trip to the Farm Market becomes a welcome adventure for moms with young children or elders who have little or no expendable money for recreation. Elders enjoy memories of gardens long gone and children learn about how food is grown. With a national population an average of 5 generations removed from growing their own food, supermarkets importing products and creating a season-less system, this is a critical aspect of interaction between producers and the public, and provides an added benefit of agriculture education.

A School Farm Market Nutrition Program would allocate a farm share to each eligible school, based on a formula of X per student. To be eligible a school would need to be a participant in the national school lunch program and agree to create a student Farm to School advisory committee.

The Committee would be responsible for learning about local agriculture and advising how to use the funds allocated for this project. The students would learn about local agriculture and take that knowledge home to parents and to other students. The students might recommend a particular focus on items from a variety of farms or a food item that could be ranked by all the students. The options for involvement are endless as are the educational opportunities; science, math, art, history/local culture, home ec etc. Teachers could use the project as part of field trips to the farms where purchases are made for a real hands on "this is where YOUR food comes from lesson. Menus could be expanded to include the name of the farms in the area and the foods available. Those menus are on thousands of refrigerators all year long and are a great communication tool.





# *Wild Blueberry Commission* OF MAINE

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## **Written Testimony Regarding The Governor's Draft Part II Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources Budget**

**May 5, 2003**

*Via Fax & Mail*

**TO: Senator May R. Cathcart, Chair  
Representative Joseph C. Brannigan, Chair  
Distinguished Members of The Joint Standing Committee on  
Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

**CC: The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and  
Forestry**

**FROM: David K. Bell, Executive Director  
Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine**

On behalf of Maine's 560 Wild Blueberry growers, I am writing to you to request that the dedicated honey bee hive registration and license fees remain dedicated and be used to split fund the intermittent entomologist position (bee inspector) contained in the Department of Agriculture's FY 04/05 budget.

The Wild Blueberry Commission, Pomological Society, Maine Beekeepers Association and the Department of Agriculture worked closely with the 118<sup>th</sup> Legislature (Appropriations and Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry committees) to make bee hive registration fees dedicated funds in coordination with an increase in the registration fees with the understanding that the revenues generated would be used to support the bee inspection program. Farmers pay these fees as commercial pollinators include the cost of the fees in their pollination fees. Maine beekeepers pay the fees too.

We fully understand the budget situation that the State of Maine faces and the hard decisions that individual departments, the Appropriations Committee, the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee and the Governor need to make. We ask that the honey bee registration fees remain dedicated and that the projected revenues for FY 04/05 be factored into the general fund appropriation for the intermittent bee inspector.

Maintaining the dedication of bee registration fees will maintain the support of farmers. Should there be a proposal to increase the bee registration fees in the future, it is unlikely there will be support from farmers if the fees go directly to the general fund especially if base line bee inspection needs are being compromised.

Thank you for addressing our concerns.

*Wild Blueberries* THE OFFICIAL BERRIES OF MAINE

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 16, 2003

The Honorable Ann M. Veneman  
Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Veneman:

We write today to express our concerns with the proposed rule for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), which was published February 10, 2003, in the Federal Register. We are greatly concerned that the USDA is not taking into account regional equity in implementing this important program.

Although agriculture continues to be one of the Northeast region's top employers, Northeastern producers face unique and difficult challenges that threaten the future of farming in the region. The Northeast region is dominated by small to mid-size family agricultural operations that face higher feed, energy, and transportation costs than producers in other region's of the country. Compounding those challenges are fluctuations in land values and recent regional climate instability.

EQIP is one of the few programs in the 2002 Farm Bill that producers in the Northeast can utilize. Therefore, it is especially important that these rules be written to give all producers, no matter where they live, an equal opportunity to compete for these funds. When the 2002 Farm Bill was being drafted, many Northeastern farmers believed that the bill would make it easier for their region to compete for assistance funds. With the inclusion of regional equity provisions, the 2002 Farm Law codifies Congress's intent to ensure that agriculture conservation programs are accessible to all regions. Unfortunately, the proposed EQIP rules perpetuates regional inequities in our nation's farm assistance programs.

First, we are concerned that the concept of "locally-led conservation" will be supplanted by the four "National Priorities and Measures" that NRCS intends to use as a framework for allocating EQIP funds to each state. While it is commendable that the EQIP rules propose to tackle some of the most pressing environmental concerns facing our nation's farmers, the National Priorities should not preclude states from designating EQIP funds to projects that are identified as local priorities. Regional equity needs to be an explicit part of the prioritization process and funding decisions. At a minimum the rule should be changed to state that, "National objectives and measures will be used as guidance in conjunction with state and local priorities and measures."

Second, the preamble of the proposed rules states that NRCS will fund most structural practices at no more than 50 percent cost-share. This is less than the historical 75 percent cost-

share which was explicitly reauthorized by the Farm Bill. Such a broad limitation on the cost-share will negatively impact small and medium-sized farms, which are the least able to meet this new cost-share requirement. Moreover, the higher cost share may conflict with the "locally-led conservation practices" that many states have established with the understanding that the cost share would remain at 75 percent. Raising the cost-share ceiling will help our small and medium-sized producers benefit from the program while making good faith efforts to improve agricultural practices.

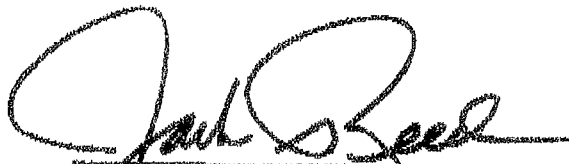
Finally, Section 1466.10 (d) of the proposed rule states that "a participant will be eligible for cost-share or incentive payments for irrigation related structural and land management practices only on land that has been irrigated for three of the last five years prior to application for assistance." This requirement will eliminate from program eligibility many Northeastern farmers who have been encouraged by NRCS and other conservation-minded organizations to increase their rotations to a three-year rotation. Further, rotational crops that are grown during the two years that the land is not used are often not irrigated crops. Not only will this requirement make it impossible for many of our region's growers to participate in the program, but, ironically, the same practices that the NRCS encouraged to build soil health and to increase soil moisture holding capacity would now prohibit producers from being eligible for cost-share assistance under this proposed rule.

When the 2002 Farm Bill was being drafted, Congress explicitly endorsed the concepts of regional equity and locally-led conservation. We encourage you to make the appropriate changes to provide regional equity to all farmers who supply this nation with agricultural products, while allowing them the opportunity to safeguard their land for the future.

Sincerely,

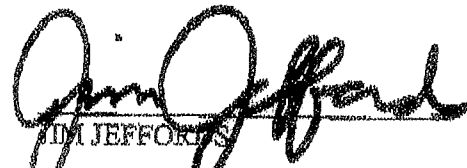
  
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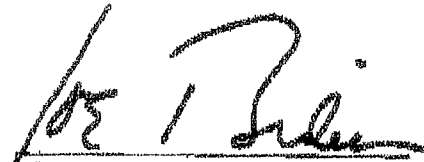
  
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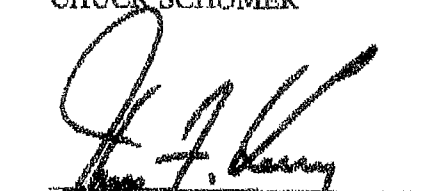
  
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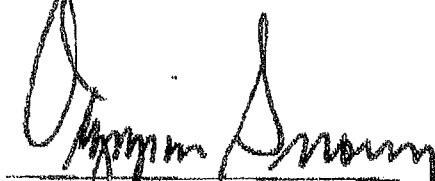
  
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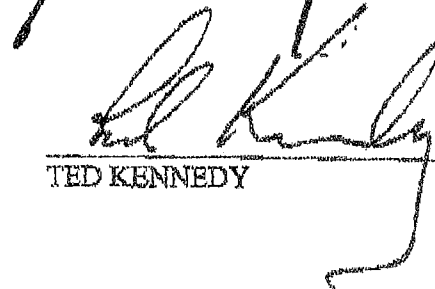
  
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March 13, 2003

Alan V. Sokolow, Director  
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Dear Alan:

I appreciated the opportunity to briefly meet you, at Marge Kilkelly's presentation to our Legislature's Agriculture Committee, and to thank you for the work that Marge is doing on behalf of Maine farmers.

As a long-time student of how governments work, and don't work, I am convinced that organizations such as the Council of State Governments are critical to our nation's future. Congress and the entire federal government are geared to provide one-size-fits-all programs, right down to the size of our toilet tanks. Sanity (along with insanity) is alive and well in the state governments, but we badly need organizations such as CSG to pull things together between states, and to express our regional concerns to Washington.

It is most encouraging for us in Maine to have Marge Kilkelly as a vital part of your Eastern Regional Conference. To have her working on agriculture is close to a Godsend.

The Agricultural Council of Maine (AGCOM), of which I am the Immediate Past President, is extremely grateful for the extent to which Marge's time and resources are available to assist with our concerns, tying them in with similar concerns in other states and helping take our message to Washington. To the extent that our Maine Association of Conservation Districts and I can be helpful in helping obtain these resources, please don't ever hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William Bell  
Executive Director

cc: Russell Libby, AGCOM President  
David Bell, Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine  
Tim Hobbs, Maine Potato Board

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## COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

TO: Sen. Mary Cathcart, Chair  
 Rep. Joseph Brannigan, Chair  
 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Sen. Bruce Bryant, Chair  
 Rep. Linda Rogers McKee, Chair  
 Sen. Richard Kneeland, Budget Subcommittee  
 Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

DATE: May 9, 2003

RE: Part 2 Budget - Provisions Pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Department of Conservation

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The Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee has reviewed the provisions in the Part 2 budget that pertain to the 2 departments that we oversee. Although we regret the additional cuts in programs within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, we do not have alternatives to propose. We accept the budget as proposed with changes suggested by the department. The department is withdrawing its request to deposit fees collected from beekeepers into the General Fund. These fees will remain as dedicated revenue and be used to split fund an Entomologist I position between the General Fund and the Other Special Revenue account. The attached sheet provides the specifics on this change and other changes described in Commissioner Spear's memo accompanying his testimony on May 5, 2003. These changes have no net impact on the General Fund as proposed in the Governor's Part II budget.

We support the provisions pertaining to the Department of Conservation in the Governor's Part 2 budget. On the attached worksheets are 3 corrections that need to be incorporated into the final budget bill.

DEPT/AGENCY	PROGRAM	FUND NAME	INITIATIVE	DRAFT BILL PART	TYPE OF ADJUSTMENT	2004 APPRO/ALLOC	2005 APPRO/ALLOC	2004 REVENUE/TRANSFERS	2005 REVENUE/TRANSFERS	POLICY COMM	ONE-TIME (OT) or ON-GOING (OG)
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF											
DIVISION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND REGULATION 0393											
	General Fund	Transfers technology funds between General Fund accounts to consolidate purchases within the Department.	A	Transfer-GF	(3,000)	(3,000)				ACF	OG
*corr.	General Fund	Provides for the management initiated reclassification of one Clerk Typist II position to a Receptionist position and one Senior Administrative Secretary position to a Lead Data Entry Specialist position. <i>All Other</i>	A	Reclass-GF	(11,435)	(11,366)				ACF	OG
OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND RURAL RESOURCES 0830											
	General Fund	Transfers technology funds between General Fund accounts to consolidate purchases within the Department.	A	Transfer-GF	(1,000)	(1,000)				ACF	OG
	Federal Expenditures Fund	Provides funds provided from a pass-through grant from Environmental Protection for non-point source programs.	A	Allocate	147,316	145,462				ACF	
	Other Special Revenue	Provides funds to support the Maine Compost School.	A	Allocate	43,000	43,000				ACF	
	General Fund	Appropriates funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.	B	Reclass-GF	0	0				ACF	
Insert	General Fund	Amends the law to provide for registration fees charged for bees shipped or moved into the State to be credited to the GF.	G	Revenue				8,000	8,000	ACF	
HARNESS RACING COMMISSION 0320											
	General Fund	Provides funds for the management initiated reclassification of one Accountant II position to a Staff Accountant and one Clerk Typist II position to an Account Clerk II position.	A	Reclass-GF	0	0				ACF	OG
	General Fund	Deappropriates funds for testing programs.	C	Reduction	(25,000)	(25,000)				ACF	OG
DIVISION OF MARKET AND PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT 0833											
	General Fund	Transfers technology funds between General Fund accounts to consolidate purchases within the Department.	A	Transfer-GF	(1,500)	(1,500)				ACF	OG
	Federal Expenditures Fund	Provides funds for the Senior Farm Share Program that is funded through a USDA grant.	A	Allocate	1,000,000	1,000,000				ACF	
	Federal Expenditures Fund	Provides funds for the Farmland Protection Cooperative Agreement with USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service.	A	Allocate	1,000,000	2,000,000				ACF	
	General Fund	Deappropriates funds for marketing activities.	C	Reduction	(30,000)	(30,000)				ACF	OG
FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 0816											
	Federal Expenditures Fund	Increases allocation for on-going federal grants.	A	Allocate	10,000	12,000				ACF	
	General Fund	Deappropriates funds to pay food storage costs.	C	Reduction	(4,284)	(2,222)				ACF	
DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY 0831											
	Federal Expenditures Fund	Increases allocation for on-going federal grants.	A	Allocate	7,000	7,000				ACF	
	Federal Expenditures Fund	Provides for the creation of one Entomologist II and associated all other. Funding provided for this initiative is from a Homeland Security grant.	A	Allocate	73,366	73,366				ACF	
DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND INDUSTRY 0394											
	Federal Expenditures Fund	Provides funds for the Homeland Security Grant received from USDA.	A	Allocate	71,040	71,040				ACF	
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER 0401											
	General Fund	Transfers technology funds between General Fund accounts to consolidate purchases within the Department.	A	Transfer-GF	5,500	5,500				ACF	OG

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Proposed Amendment

*May 5, 2003*

1) Remove the request to move \$8,000/ year of Other Special Revenue to the General Fund (Honey Bee Licenses).

2) Insert a request to split-fund the intermittent Entomologist I in the Division of Plant Industry between the General Fund and the Other Special Revenue account.

**DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY 0831**

Initiative:

Provides for the split-funding of one Entomologist I position between the General Fund and the Other Special Revenue account.

	FY04	FY05
General Fund		
Headcount FTE	-.132	-.132
Personal Services	-7271	-7898
All Other	-729	-102
Total	-8000	-8000
Other Special Revenue Funds		
Headcount FTE	.132	.132
Personal Services	7271	7898
All Other	-7271	-7898
Total	0	0



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cut		Other Special Revenue	Reduces funding through the transfers of rental revenue and maintenance costs of the Cony Road Facility from the Commissioners Office to the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation and establishes a part-time Storekeeper II position.	A	Transfer	(13,580)	(13,580)			ACF	
		General Fund	Deappropriates funds to help offset the budget shortfall.	A	Deapprop	(3,500)	(3,600)			ACF	OG
		BEVERAGE CONTAINER ENFORCEMENT FUND 0971									
		Other Special Revenue	Provides for the reclassification of a vacant Management Analyst I position to a Computer Programmer position and a vacant half-time Compliance Officer position to a half-time Paralegal position to better reflect the needs of the program.	A	Reclass	2,573	2,590			ACF	
		Maine Milk Commission 0188									
		General Fund	One-time appropriation of funds to be transferred to the Maine Milk Pool.	C	Appropriate	2,400,000	0			ACF	OG
		General Fund	Appropriates funds for the repayment of principal and interest on a two-year loan from FAME.	C	Appropriate	950,000	950,000			ACF	OG
		BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY									
		BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY 0253									
		Other Special Revenue	Reclassification of Assistant Park Ranger to Groundskeeper and lengthen position from 14 to 26 weeks	A	Reclass	11,826	13,240			ACF	
		Other Special Revenue	Appropriates funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.	B	Reclass	3,832	4,034			ACF	
		CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF									
		FOREST POLICY AND MANAGEMENT - DIVISION OF 0240									
		Federal Expenditures Fund	Transfers All Other to the Forest Policy and Management Program	A		309,959	316,159			ACF	
		General Fund	Transfers 6 positions, Personal Services and All Other from the Forest Practices account to the Forestry Policy and Management Account.	A	Transfer-GF	634,789	683,565			ACF	OG
corr.		Federal Expenditures Fund	Provides funds to establish one Clerk Typist <del>III</del> and 2 Forester <del>HS</del> II IS	A	Allocate	158,693	166,772			ACF	
		General Fund	Appropriates funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.	B	Reclass-GF	0	0			ACF	
		Federal Expenditures Fund	Appropriates funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.	B	Reclass	2,732	2,686			ACF	
corr.		Federal Expenditures Fund	Allocates funds for the continuation of one Public Service Coordinator <del>II</del> project position created to direct the Future Forest Economy project. III	C	Allocate	112,486	112,599			ACF	
		FOREST PRACTICES 0861									
		General Fund	Transfers 6 positions, Personal Services and All Other from the Forest Practices account to the Forestry Policy and Management Account.	A	Transfer-GF	(634,789)	(683,565)			ACF	OG
		General Fund	Appropriates funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.	B	Reclass-GF	0	0			ACF	
		OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PROGRAM 0224									
		Other Special Revenue	Transfers one Planning & Research Associate II from the Snowmobile Trail Fund to Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.	A		(35,375)	(35,831)			ACF	
corr.		Other Special Revenue	Provides funds for transfer of one limited period part time Planning & Research Associate II to the Snowmobile Trail Fund from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund and Allocates necessary to increase one Planning and Research Associate II by .5 headcount to change from limited period part time to limited period full time.	A		60,240	\$62,819 47,442			ACF	
		Other Special Revenue	Allocates funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.	B	Reclass	23,786	15,240			ACF	
		BOATING FACILITIES FUND 0226									
										ACF	

DEPT/AGENCY	PROGRAM	FUND NAME	INITIATIVE	DRAFT BILL PART	TYPE OF ADJUSTMENT	2004 APPRO/ ALLOC	2005 APPRO/ ALLOC	2004 REVENUE/ TRANSFERS	2005 REVENUE/ TRANSFERS	POLICY COMM	ONE-TIME (OT) or ON-GOING (OG)
		Other Special Revenue	Provides funds for new capital equipment.	A	Allocate	0	6,500			ACF	
		<b>LAND MANAGEMENT &amp; PLANNING 0239</b>									
		Other Special Revenue	Provides funds for new capital equipment.	A	Allocate	37,000	12,000			ACF	
		Other Special Revenue	Transfers one Planning & Research Associate II from the Snowmobile Trail Fund to Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.	A		35,375	35,831			ACF	
		Other Special Revenue	Provides funds for transfer of one limited period part time Planning & Research Associate II to the Snowmobile Trail Fund from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund and Allocates necessary to increase one Planning and Research Associate II by .5 headcount to change from limited period part time to limited period full time.	A		(30,566)	(31,858)			ACF	
		Other Special Revenue	Appropriates funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.	B	Reclass	65,977	67,788			ACF	
		<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - CONSERVATION 0222</b>									
		Federal Expenditures Fund	Transfers All Other to the Forest Policy and Management Program	A		(309,959)	(316,159)			ACF	
		General Fund	Deappropriates funds to help offset the budget shortfall.	A	Deapprop	(3,500)	(3,600)			ACF	OG
		<b>PARKS GENERAL OPERATION 0221</b>									
		General Fund	Appropriates funds associated with the FY03 deappropriation to delay capital purchases.	C	Deapprop	125,370				ACF	OG

## LURC service fee statutory amendment

12 M.R.S.A. Section 685-E (Exceptions).

Amend statute to read:

(Add as paragraph 2)

Towns and plantations in LURC jurisdiction that elect not to administer land use controls at the local level receive Commission services, including planning, permitting, and compliance. Beginning with the State's fiscal year 2003-2004, towns and plantations will be assessed a fee equal to .01% of the most recent equalized state valuation established by the State Tax Assessor for each town and plantation. A warrant will be issued to each town and plantation no later than March 1 of each year, and shall be payable on demand. Interest charges on unpaid fees will begin on May 1 of each year, and shall be compounded monthly at the interest rate for unpaid property tax as established by the State Assessor for the Unorganized Territory. For any assessment that remains unpaid as of September 1 of the year in which it is due, State revenue sharing to the town or plantation will be reduced by an amount equal to any unpaid warrant amount plus any accrued interest, until the total amount is paid. These fees shall be allocated to the General Fund.

LURC Statement of Fact and Fiscal Note

Unorganized Territory (UT) taxpayers have been paying for planning, permitting and enforcement services since the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission's (LURC) inception in 1971. Towns and Plantations have sprung up in LURC jurisdiction since then, taking them out of the UT tax system. Even though they receive the same services, are often more densely populated than the rest of the jurisdiction, and represent a significant portion of the workload of the agency, there is currently no mechanism in place for payment of their share of the cost. LURC is proposing an assessment of .01% of the equalized state valuation for each town and plantation in LURC jurisdiction. This rate is equivalent to the payment UT taxpayers are charged for similar services. Funds received from this assessment would go to the general fund.

This is anticipated to add an additional \$60,000 to the General Fund.

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FROM: Sen. Bruce Bryant, Chair *BB*  
Rep. Linda Rogers McKee, Chair *LR*  
Sen. Richard Kneeland, Budget Subcommittee  
Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

DATE: May 9, 2003

RE: Part 2 Budget – Recommendation to Restore an Environmental Specialist Position in the Department of Conservation, Maine Land Use Regulation Commission

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The Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee has discussed a proposal to restore an Environmental Specialist II position that was eliminated in the Part I budget. Imposing a .01% assessment on municipalities and plantations that use the services of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission will generate revenue of approximately \$60,000 each year. The assessment is fair. Restoration of this field position is essential to maintaining services to all people who reside or have projects in LURC jurisdiction.

The costs associated with restoring the Environmental Specialist II position are \$53,139 in FY '04 and \$55,526 in FY'05. We respectfully request that you include this recommendation in the committee amendment to the Part 2 Budget. This recommendation is the unanimous vote of all 12 members of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee present and voting May 12, 2003.




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COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 29, 2003  
TO: Members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee  
FROM: Will Harris, Director   
General Services  
Department of Conservation  
RE: RESPONSE TO APPROPRIATIONS REGARDING LURC  
COVERAGE OF TOWNS AND PLANTATIONS

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In response to Representative Cowger's question as whether any of the towns or plantations listed under the LURC fee proposal already have a Planning Board or Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), the answer is that our review shows that only Monhegan Island Plantation has a planning board. None of the communities have a CEO. The Monhegan Island planning board is an informal entity, because LURC still has the legal responsibility for oversight over its planning and zoning. Any of the towns and plantations now served by LURC may remove themselves from LURC jurisdiction by adopting their own comprehensive plan, ordinances and zoning map (they may choose to mirror LURC standards) and having the LURC Board approve the plan. The Town of Brighton Plantation Left LURC in 1995 and the Town of Caswell left LURC in 1999.





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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 29, 2003  
TO: Members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee  
FROM: Will Harris, Director *W.H.*  
General Services  
Department of Conservation  
RE: TOWNS AFFECTED BY LURC SERVICES

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As requested in yesterday's work session, I have attached a list of the towns affected by the proposed LURC service fee and the amount they would be charged based on the .01% of equalized valuation formula. The amounts to be charged are in the shaded column.

Atts.

# Impact of LURC Proposal on affected Towns and Plantations

Town or Plantation in LURC Jurisdiction	2002 Equalized State Valuation	2002 Mil Rate	Proposed Fee for LURC's Planning and CEO Services	Effective Mill Rate
Baring	\$9,250,000	15.70	\$925	15.80
Beaver Cove	\$31,900,000	5.40	\$3,190	5.50
Carroll Plt.	\$10,000,000	18.40	\$1,000	18.50
Cary Plt	\$6,650,000	21.60	\$665	21.70
Chester (Portion*)		12.85	\$0	12.95
Codyville** Plt	\$3,350,000	6.90	\$335	7.00
Coplin Plt	\$14,000,000	11.00	\$1,400	11.10
Cyr Plt	\$7,400,000	18.50	\$740	18.60
Dallas Plt	\$45,450,000	8.33	\$4,545	8.43
Dennistown Plt	\$5,500,000	6.00	\$550	6.10
Drew Plt	\$4,350,000	18.60	\$435	18.70
Garfield Plt	\$4,850,000	14.80	\$485	14.90
Glenwood Plt	\$4,600,000	9.18	\$460	9.28
Grand Lake Stream Plt	\$16,800,000	13.00	\$1,680	13.10
Hamlin	\$11,800,000	16.00	\$1,180	16.10
Hammond Twp	\$5,700,000	21.00	\$570	21.10
Highland Plt	\$5,650,000	18.05	\$565	18.15
Kingsbury Plt	\$6,900,000	4.90	\$690	5.00
Lake View Plt	\$34,000,000	3.73	\$3,400	3.83
Lakeville	\$31,350,000	5.95	\$3,135	6.05
Lincoln Plt.	\$26,300,000	19.36	\$2,630	19.46
Macwahoc Plt	\$6,350,000	11.85	\$635	11.95
Magalloway Plt	\$8,300,000	4.00	\$830	4.10
Matinicus Isle Plt	\$13,500,000	5.29	\$1,350	5.39
Monhegan Island Plt	\$35,100,000	8.90	\$3,510	9.00
Moro Plt	\$6,200,000	15.40	\$620	15.50
Mount Chase	\$18,250,000	17.60	\$1,825	17.70
Nashville Plt	\$19,550,000	5.80	\$1,955	5.90
Osborn	\$7,350,000	11.30	\$735	11.40
Oxbow Plt	\$6,300,000	18.25	\$630	18.35
Pleasant Ridge Plt	\$20,700,000	5.80	\$2,070	5.90
Rangeley Plt.	\$87,550,000	4.65	\$8,755	4.75
Reed Plt	\$11,150,000	20.80	\$1,115	20.90
Sandy River Plt	\$33,250,000	6.40	\$3,325	6.50
Seboeis Plt	\$5,600,000	13.10	\$560	13.20
St. John Plt	\$12,150,000	14.00	\$1,215	14.10
The Forks Plt	\$16,050,000	12.40	\$1,605	12.50
Webster Plt	\$3,850,000	24.00	\$385	24.10
West Forks Plt	\$12,000,000	11.25	\$1,200	11.35
Winterville Plt	\$14,550,000	13.90	\$1,455	14.00
<b>T&amp;P Mill Rate Average</b>	<b>\$623,550,000</b>	<b>12.35</b>	<b>62355.00</b>	<b>12.45</b>
Statewide Average				17.04

\* A portion of the Town of Chester Annexed in 19\_\_

\*\* 2001 Mil rate- 2002 rate not yet reported