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 Restructuring of hunting and fishing licenses

Proposed law restructures the recreational fishing and hunting licenses. Effective June 1, 2019.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does not anticipate any implementation costs for the associated restructuring project.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be an increase in revenues to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) as a result of the proposed legislation. The legislation takes effect on June 1, 2019, so increased revenues in FY 19 will be minimal. There are currently 117 licenses offered and the proposed legislation provides for 39 different licenses. The revenues are generated to various statutory dedications which provide funding to the department for administrative and programatic costs. Over the past five years, revenue collections have averaged \$22.96 M annually. The department anticipates collecting approximately \$6.8 M in additional statutorily dedicated revenue annually. The statutorily dedicated funds that will be impacted are listed on page 2 with the anticipated revenue change.

Additionally, the department anticipates an increase of approximately \$1.4 M in federal funds annually beginning in FY 22. LDWF receives funds from the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. Based on a 3 year average, each fishing license generates \$8.97 in federal funds and each hunting license generates \$38.22 in federal funds annually. The amount of funding the state receives is partially based on the number of certified license holders. In order to count an individual as a certified license holder, the price of the license must be a minimum of \$5. Due to the lag time in data collection, beginning in FY 22, the new license structure will be taken into account. The department anticipates generating approximately \$1.4 M annually beginning in FY 22. This will be a result of the hook and line license and the disabled or retired military hunt/fish combo license fees being raised from \$2.50 to \$5.00.

Explanation continued on page 2

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CONTINUED EXPLANATION from page one:

The Conservation Fund - \$4,984,953 - This fund currently receives revenues from 98 various licenses. Over the past five years, the fund has averaged collections of approximately \$18.8 M annually. Under the proposed legislation the fund will now receive revenues from 37 licenses. The main source of funding currently comes from fees for licenses associated with hunting and fishing. Although several licenses are being eliminated and one is being reduced, the net increase is a result of increased license fees and the addition of new licenses.

The Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account - Indeterminable Increase - This account currently receives \$5 from the sale of each resident crab trap license and \$20 from the sale of each non-resident crab trap license. Over the past five years, the account has averaged collections of approximately \$32 K annually. Under the proposed legislation, the licenses will be known as resident and non-resident crab fishing license, and the account will receive \$2.50 from each license sold. Because this will encompass other methods of taking crabs as opposed to just trapping crabs, the department cannot determine the impact but anticipates there to be an increase.

The Charter Boat Fishing Fund - \$149,310 - The proposed legislation creates this statutorily dedicated fund, however the department currently allocates \$5 per resident and non-resident charter 3-day passenger licenses to this program. Over the past five years, the department has allocated an average of approximately \$259 K annually. Under the proposed legislation the license will be known as resident and non-resident charter 5-day passenger licenses, and the established fund will receive \$7.50 for each license sold.

The Wildlife Habitat & Natural Heritage Trust - \$1,455,611 - This trust currently receives 25% of the fees collected from all basic hunting licenses sold including resident and nonresident military hunting licenses. Over the past five years, the trust has earned approximately \$832 K annually. Under the proposed legislation, the trust will continue to collect 25% of sales of basic hunting licenses which will have an increased license fee, as well as senior and retired military basic hunting licenses, and the dedication of all revenues generated from WMA access permit licenses to the fund. The department anticipates collecting \$1.46 M in additional revenue from the basic hunting licenses and WMA access permits, however cannot determine the increase that will be generated from the sale of retired and senior military basic hunting licenses.

The LA Duck, License, Stamp & Print Fund - \$209,217 - This fund currently receives \$5.50 from the sale of each resident, non-resident, non-resident student, and resident/non-resident military duck license. Over the past five years, the program has averaged collections of approximately \$459 K annually. Under the proposed legislation, the fund will receive \$7.50 from the sale of each resident and non-resident waterfowl license.

The LA Wild Turkey Fund - \$32,507 - This fund currently receives \$5.50 from the sale of each resident and non-resident turkey license. Over the past five years, the fund has averaged collections of \$82 K annually. Under the proposed legislation, the fund will receive \$7.50 from the sale of each resident, non-resident, and senior/military turkey license.

The Lifetime License Endowment Fund - Indeterminable - This fund currently receives revenues from the sale of 19 different recreational lifetime licenses. Over the past five years, the fund has averaged collections of approximately \$539 K annually. Under the proposed legislation, there would be 3 different recreation lifetime licenses with increased associated costs. The department cannot determine the number of lifetime licenses that will be purchased under the new license structure.

The Natural Heritage Account - (\$14,696) - This account currently receives revenues from the sale of Wild Louisiana Stamps. Over the past five years, the account averaged collections of approximately \$14 K annually. Under proposed legislation, the new fee structure would eliminate this license and the account would no longer receive revenue from this source.

The Fur Public Education & Marketing Fund - (\$15,600) - This fund currently receives \$20 from the sale of each resident trapping license (age 15 and up) and \$55 from the non resident trapping license. Over the past five years, the fund averaged collections of approximately \$15 K annually. Under the proposed legislation, the new fee structure would eliminate these licenses, and trappers would be covered under the basic fishing license, therefore this fund would no longer receive revenue from this source.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
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