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FY 2005 Budget Recommendations

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for
Natural Resources

Utah Department of Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources - Predator Control

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1.0 Summary: Wildlife Resources - Predator Control

UCA 4-23-9(2)(a) requires the Division of Wildlife Resources in its annual budget request to include a request for General Funds equal to 25 percent of the amount of fees and contributions deposited in the Agricultural and Wildlife Damage Prevention Account during the previous fiscal year. The FY 2005 requirement is \$59,600, which is \$17,100 less than FY 2004's appropriation. The Analyst recommends moving the \$17,100 as shown in Section 2.0.

These funds are transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Food.

	Analyst FY 2005 Base	Analyst FY 2005 Changes	Analyst FY 2005 Total
Financing			
General Fund	76,700	(17,100)	59,600
Transfers - Natural Resources	(76,700)	17,100	(59,600)
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Programs			
Predator Control			
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

2.0 Issues: Wildlife Resources - Predator Control

2.1 Base Budget Change

UCA 4-23-9 requires the division to contribute 25 percent of the amount of fees deposited in the Agricultural and Wildlife Damage Prevention Account during the previous fiscal year. The required amount for FY 2005 is \$59,600 or \$17,100 less than is currently in the base for this line item. The Analyst recommends moving the \$17,100 as follows:

- \$10,300 to the Wildlife – Operating budget so intent language requiring a General Fund transfer to the Department of Agriculture and Food can be restored to \$200,000 rather than \$189,700 as passed in FY 2004.
- \$6,800 to the Wildlife License Reimbursement line item. After budget cuts, this line item is \$192,700 short of the amount needed to fully reimburse the division for free/subsidized licenses it is required by law to issue.

General Fund.....(\$17,100)

Previous Budget Action Report

In the 2003 General Session the Legislature transferred \$10,300 from the Wildlife – Operating line item to this line item in order to meet the statutory minimum appropriation. To reduce the impact on the division, the Legislature also reduced by \$10,300 the intent language requiring a separate transfer to the Department of Agriculture and Food.

3.0 Programs: Wildlife Resources - Predator Control

3.1 Predator Control

Recommendation The Analyst recommends the base of **\$59,600**.

	2003	2004	2005	Est/Analyst
Financing	Actual	Estimated*	Analyst	Difference
General Fund	66,400	76,700	59,600	(17,100)
Transfers - Natural Resources	(66,400)	(76,700)	(59,600)	17,100
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Expenditures				
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

*Non-state funds as estimated by agency

Base Change

UCA 4-23-9 requires the division to contribute 25 percent of the amount of fees deposited in the Agricultural and Wildlife Damage Prevention Account during the previous fiscal year. The required amount for FY 2005 is \$59,600 or \$17,100 less than is currently in the base for this line item. The Analyst recommends moving the \$17,100 as follows: \$10,300 to the operating line item; \$6,800 to the reimbursement line item.

General Fund.....(\$17,100)

Purpose

This program accounts for Wildlife Resources' statutorily required share of Agriculture's Predator Control program.

4.0 Additional Information: Wildlife Resources - Predator Control

4.1 Funding History

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated*	Analyst
Financing					
General Fund	65,300	69,200	66,400	76,700	59,600
Transfers	(65,300)	(69,200)			
Transfers - Natural Resources			(66,400)	(76,700)	(59,600)
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Programs					
Predator Control					
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Expenditures					
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

*Non-state funds as estimated by agency.