

# Budget Brief – DNR Species Protection

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## SUMMARY

The purpose of this program is to take action to prevent the listing of any plant or animal species and to pursue actions that will allow the delisting of threatened or endangered species in Utah. For detailed information on this line item, please see Compendium of Budget Information for the 2007 General Session, page 18.

## ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### *Completion of Projects*

In 2006 the Endangered Species Program initiated three projects for land and water rights acquisition but in order to complete the transactions they will need additional one-time funds. The Program administration has requested for FY 2007 a supplemental appropriation of \$414,200 from the Species Protection restricted account. The Analyst recommends the Committee fund this request.

## ACCOUNTABILITY DETAIL

### *Listed Species*

**GOAL:** to recover species and remove from Endangered Species List, as well as to help counties, cities, and private entities comply with Endangered Species Act.

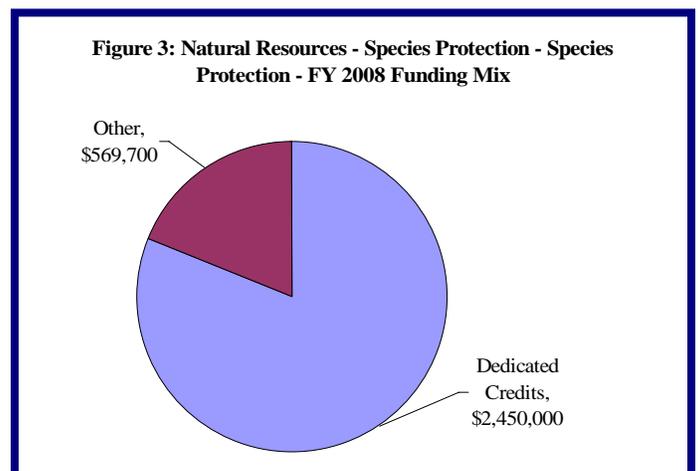
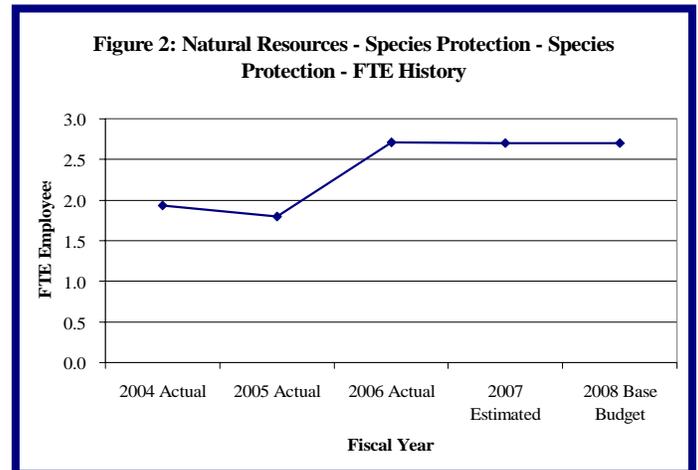
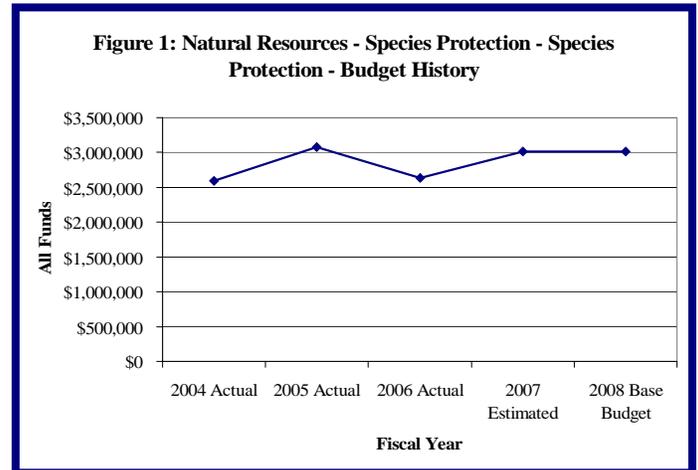
### **RESULTS:**

- Funded recovery programs for 7 listed fish, allowing continued historical and future water use in Colorado, Virgin and Provo River Basins.
- Resolving prairie dog issues affecting Cedar City Golf Course, Panguitch City Cemetery, and housing/economic development in Iron County.
- State water rights system protected from federal preemption.
- Tortoises, prairie dogs and several listed fishes are increasing in numbers.

### *Sensitive Species*

**GOAL:** to restore species and habitats and avoid new Endangered Species Act listings.

**RESULTS:** No new animals listed in Utah since 2000



**BUDGET DETAIL**

**Budget Recommendation**

The Analyst recommends for FY 2008 a base budget for the Species Protection program of \$3,019,700, as detailed in the "Budget Detail Table." The Analyst also recommends a supplemental appropriation of \$414,200 from the Species Protection restricted account for completion of projects.

**Intent Language**

*It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Natural Resources report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and the Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on or before their November, 2007 meeting, providing detailed information on how funds are expended for the Colorado River, June Sucker, and Virgin River plans, including detailed information on contracts issued, deliverables required, and deliverables accomplished..*

**BUDGET DETAIL TABLE**

Natural Resources - Species Protection - Species Protection						
	FY 2006	FY 2007		FY 2007		FY 2008*
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Base Budget
Dedicated Credits Revenue	2,450,000	2,457,200	(7,200)	2,450,000	0	2,450,000
GFR - Species Protection	550,000	568,800	0	568,800	900	569,700
Closing Nonlapsing	(359,700)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,640,300</b>	<b>\$3,026,000</b>	<b>(\$7,200)</b>	<b>\$3,018,800</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$3,019,700</b>
<b>Programs</b>						
Personal Services	248,700	266,100	4,000	270,100	2,100	272,200
In-State Travel	10,200	17,400	(7,200)	10,200	0	10,200
Out of State Travel	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
Current Expense	2,374,100	2,737,000	(7,200)	2,729,800	(1,200)	2,728,600
DP Current Expense	6,300	5,500	2,200	7,700	0	7,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,640,300</b>	<b>\$3,026,000</b>	<b>(\$7,200)</b>	<b>\$3,018,800</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$3,019,700</b>
<b>Other Data</b>						
Budgeted FTE	2.7	3.0	(0.3)	2.7	0.0	2.7

\*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.