

# Budget Brief – NRAS Summary

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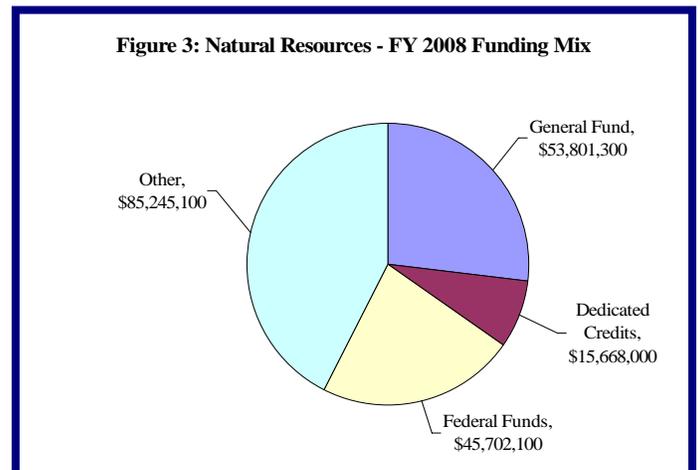
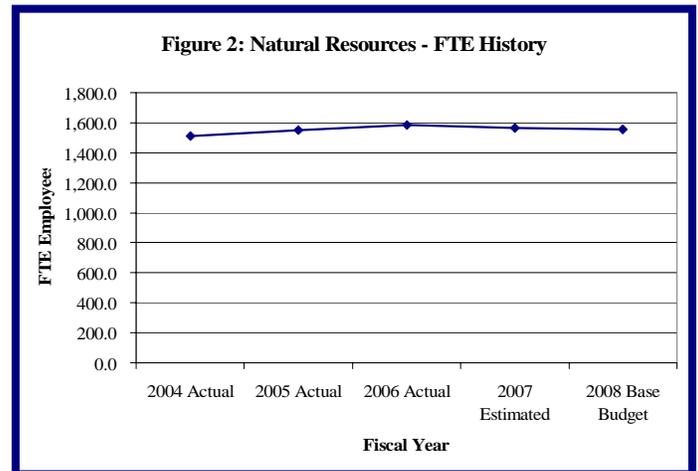
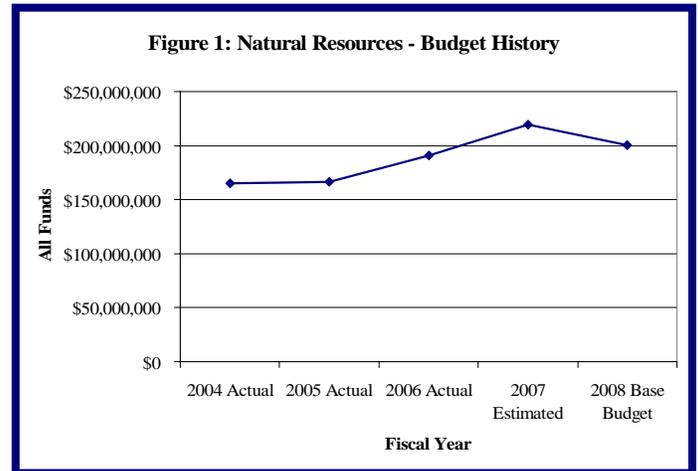
## SUMMARY

The Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (NRAS) reviews and approves the budgets for the following agencies: the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAF), the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), and the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.

### *The Budget Analysis Format*

The budget analyses for the 2007 General Session consist of the following three parts:

- **Compendium of Budget Information (COBI)** provides detailed information at a program level. The COBI was mailed to all Legislators in November 2006 and is also available on the Legislative Fiscal Analyst’s webpage (<http://www.le.utah.gov/asp/lfa/lfareports.asp>).
- **Budget Briefs** (the document you are currently reading) are short documents with light green headers. They present information about a budget area, address issues, provide accountability measures, and a brief funding history. They also contain the Analyst’s recommendations for budget and intent language.
- **Issue Briefs** have light blue headers and are also short documents which discuss issues transcending line items or merit more space than available in a Budget Brief.



**ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Less than one third of the NRAS funding comes from the state General Fund. This has become a serious challenge for some divisions, especially when the Legislature appropriates funding for health, dental, retirement, or compensation increases. The problem is that because the percentage increase is applied to all funding sources, the only additional revenues the agencies receive is in General Funds; for the other funding sources the Legislature can only *authorize* the agencies to spend up to the increased amount (but could not provide the actual funding). For example, if the Legislature approves 1% COLA for a division that receives \$100,000 from the General Fund and \$100,000 from collected fees, that division will receive an increase of \$1,000 from the General Fund but only *authorization* to spend an additional \$1,000 from the fee revenues. The increase from the fee revenue funding source will most likely be obtained by raising the user fees, which in turn will have a negative impact on the users. The division affected the most in this regard is the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) which receives only 11% of its funding from the General Fund. To prevent raising the cost of licenses, the 2006 Legislature provided to DWR an ongoing appropriation of \$2.2 million from the General Fund.

**BUDGET DETAIL**

As a rule, the appropriations from FY 2007 have become the agencies' base budgets for FY 2008 and will be presented to the whole Legislature for voting in the first part of the 2007 General Session. This will be the first of a series of appropriations bills this year. Appropriations subcommittees are encouraged by the Executive Appropriations Committee (EAC) to fund subcommittee priorities through reallocation of base budgets among programs and to prepare a funding priority list for the EAC.

***Base Budget Adoption***

Adoption of a base budget enables programs to continue for the next fiscal year at relatively similar budget level as the current fiscal year. However, the base budget for some agencies has been adjusted due to increases or decreases in federal funds or dedicated credit revenues, program shifts within a line item, etc. The base budgets for the programs are provided in the Budget Detail tables of each Budget Brief.

None of the requests for funding increase are built in the tables and charts of the Budget Briefs.

***Compensation Package Not Discussed***

The Analyst's recommendations do not include personal services. For the sake of fairness, the compensation and benefits increases for all state employees will be addressed by the Executive Appropriations Committee.

***Adoption of Fees***

The current and proposed fees for each agency will be presented in Issue Briefs for approval by the Legislature.

***Intent Language***

Proposed intent language is included in the Budget Briefs of the corresponding line items for Legislative approval.

**BUDGET DETAIL TABLE**

Natural Resources						
Sources of Finance	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2007 Revised	Changes	FY 2008* Base Budget
General Fund	48,197,200	53,801,300	0	53,801,300	0	53,801,300
General Fund, One-time	7,450,500	5,570,700	0	5,570,700	(5,570,700)	0
Federal Funds	38,351,400	44,109,500	(3,129,100)	40,980,400	4,721,700	45,702,100
Dedicated Credits Revenue	16,503,400	13,432,100	1,011,700	14,443,800	1,224,200	15,668,000
Federal Mineral Lease	2,849,300	2,158,500	0	2,158,500	241,500	2,400,000
Restricted Revenue	5,700	0	5,700	5,700	(5,700)	0
GFR - Boating	3,887,200	4,068,900	0	4,068,900	500	4,069,400
GFR - Constitutional Defense	2,013,700	2,030,500	0	2,030,500	0	2,030,500
GFR - Horse Racing	50,000	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000
GFR - Livestock Brand	931,000	916,000	0	916,000	1,500	917,500
GFR - Off-highway Vehicle	3,013,100	3,260,500	0	3,260,500	2,100	3,262,600
GFR - Oil & Gas Conservation Account	2,434,800	2,839,100	0	2,839,100	(87,400)	2,751,700
GFR - Sovereign Land Mgt	6,306,400	4,865,600	0	4,865,600	(1,855,200)	3,010,400
GFR - Species Protection	550,000	568,800	0	568,800	900	569,700
GFR - State Fish Hatch Maint	1,955,000	1,205,000	0	1,205,000	0	1,205,000
GFR - State Park Fees	9,940,400	10,424,700	0	10,424,700	(262,500)	10,162,200
GFR - Wildlife Damage Prev	582,900	611,700	0	611,700	900	612,600
GFR - Wildlife Habitat	1,323,200	2,121,800	0	2,121,800	1,100	2,122,900
GFR - Wildlife Resources	25,891,600	25,937,400	15,000	25,952,400	32,700	25,985,100
GFR - Wolf Depredation & Mgt	0	15,000	(15,000)	0	15,000	15,000
Agri Resource Development	623,700	629,400	(5,700)	623,700	5,700	629,400
Land Grant Mgt Fund	15,073,800	17,539,600	0	17,539,600	(92,400)	17,447,200
OGM Abandoned Mine Reclamation	75,000	0	0	0	0	0
Utah Rural Rehab Loan	18,000	18,000	0	18,000	0	18,000
Water Resources C&D	5,871,700	6,011,800	0	6,011,800	6,100	6,017,900
Water Res Construction	150,000	150,000	0	150,000	0	150,000
Transfers	4,808,000	1,774,700	(99,600)	1,675,100	(18,500)	1,656,600
Transfers - Fed Pass-thru	35,900	0	0	0	0	0
Pass-through	38,100	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Nonlapsing	16,224,300	1,412,700	17,184,800	18,597,500	(17,592,500)	1,005,000
Closing Nonlapsing	(18,620,400)	(657,900)	(347,100)	(1,005,000)	161,400	(843,600)
Lapsing Balance	(5,446,300)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,088,600</b>	<b>\$204,865,400</b>	<b>\$14,620,700</b>	<b>\$219,486,100</b>	<b>(\$19,069,600)</b>	<b>\$200,416,500</b>
<b>Agencies</b>						
Natural Resources	148,923,600	158,364,700	9,267,500	167,632,200	(13,202,700)	154,429,500
Public Lands Office	2,083,500	2,733,300	1,179,300	3,912,600	(1,178,200)	2,734,400
Agriculture	25,007,700	26,227,800	4,173,900	30,401,700	(4,596,300)	25,805,400
School & Institutional Trust Lands	15,073,800	17,539,600	0	17,539,600	(92,400)	17,447,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,088,600</b>	<b>\$204,865,400</b>	<b>\$14,620,700</b>	<b>\$219,486,100</b>	<b>(\$19,069,600)</b>	<b>\$200,416,500</b>
<b>Categories of Expenditure</b>						
Personal Services	89,449,200	100,536,900	(2,138,800)	98,398,100	(183,400)	98,214,700
In-State Travel	1,347,800	1,571,800	(47,000)	1,524,800	7,600	1,532,400
Out of State Travel	561,300	652,300	(8,900)	643,400	1,600	645,000
Current Expense	48,535,000	48,115,100	(2,770,400)	45,344,700	(5,181,300)	40,163,400
DP Current Expense	2,454,300	14,493,200	(11,003,800)	3,489,400	(76,700)	3,412,700
DP Capital Outlay	104,900	310,700	(239,400)	71,300	(22,000)	49,300
Capital Outlay	10,345,700	11,492,500	14,901,600	26,394,100	(4,494,600)	21,899,500
Other Charges/Pass Thru	38,283,800	27,654,900	15,942,200	43,597,100	(9,110,800)	34,486,300
Cost Accounts	6,600	38,000	(24,800)	13,200	0	13,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,088,600</b>	<b>\$204,865,400</b>	<b>\$14,610,700</b>	<b>\$219,476,100</b>	<b>(\$19,059,600)</b>	<b>\$200,416,500</b>
<b>Other Data</b>						
Budgeted FTE	1,584.0	1,591.5	(25.5)	1,566.0	(9.0)	1,557.0
Retained Earnings	(2,840,300.0)	(1,842,900.0)	(430,200.0)	(2,273,100.0)	36,900.0	(2,236,200.0)
Vehicles	896.0	898.0	0.0	898.0	0.0	898.0

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