

# Budget Brief – DNR Species Protection

NUMBER: NRAS-BB-08-02

## 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 2008 General Session, page 16.

## ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### *Utah Lake Carp Removal*

The largest impediment to the restoration of Utah Lake and the recovery of the endangered June Sucker is the common carp. The Species Protection Program is requesting for FY 2009 a one-time appropriation of \$300,000 from the Species Protection restricted account. The funding may be needed as a match to federal or private contributions as well as for oversight of the removal efforts. The Analyst recommends the Subcommittee fund this request.

### *PCB Monitoring*

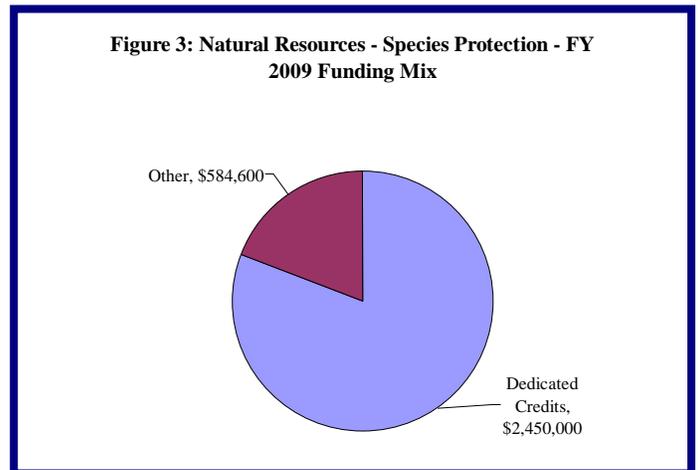
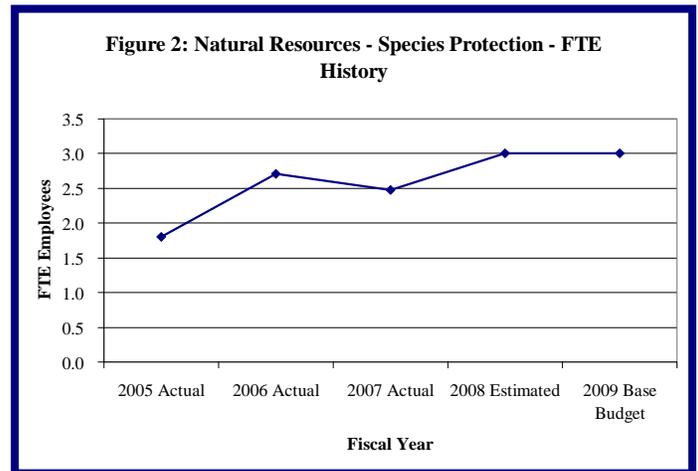
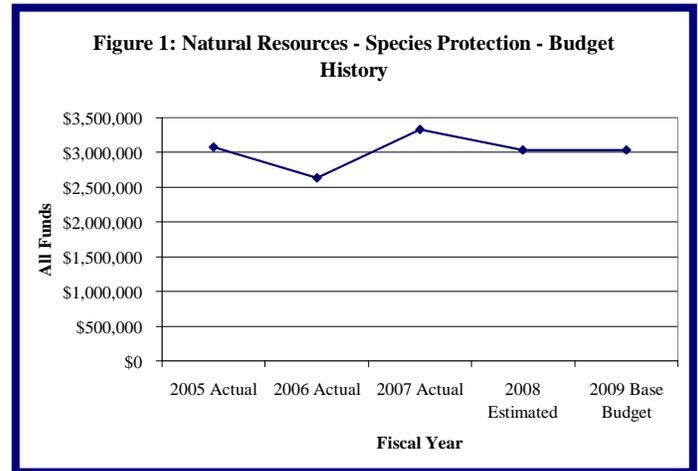
The Program is requesting funding to survey Utah Lake sediments for PCB (Polychlorinated Biphenyls) contaminants in an effort to map the magnitude of the contamination. The work will be performed by the Division of Water Quality. In addition, a portion of the funding will be used by the Division of Wildlife Resources to collect and analyze June Sucker eggs for PCB contamination. The Analyst recommends the Subcommittee provide for FY 2009 a one-time appropriation of \$50,000 from the Species Protection restricted account.

### *Snake Valley Baseline Inventory*

To be able to assess the potential impacts from the groundwater withdrawal proposed by the Southern Nevada Water Authority, there needs to be a baseline conditions established in the West Desert. The Program is requesting for FY 2009 a one-time appropriation of \$200,000 from the Species Protection restricted account for the baseline inventory. The Analyst recommends the Subcommittee fund this request.

### *Field Studies Curriculum, Pilot Project*

The data on distribution and abundance for many of the sensitive species in Utah is either lacking or not current. This could limit conservation opportunities and even leave the State vulnerable for additional federal listings under the Endangered Species Act. The Program is



requesting funding for the start of a pilot project in partnership with a college or university to establish a field studies curriculum directed toward gathering data on the distribution and abundance of sensitive species in Utah. The Analyst recommends the Subcommittee provide for FY 2009 a one-time appropriation of \$50,000 from the Species Protection restricted account for the pilot project.

**BUDGET DETAIL**

***Budget Recommendation***

The Analyst recommends for FY 2009 a base budget for the Species Protection program of \$3,034,600, as detailed in the “Budget Detail Table.”

The Analyst does not recommend any supplemental Appropriations for FY 2008.

***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, 2008 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						
Sources of Finance	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2008 Revised	Changes	FY 2009* Base Budget
Dedicated Credits Revenue	2,450,000	2,450,000	0	2,450,000	0	2,450,000
GFR - Species Protection	983,000	584,600	0	584,600	0	584,600
Lapsing Balance	(106,300)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,326,700</b>	<b>\$3,034,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,034,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,034,600</b>
<b>Categories of Expenditure</b>						
Personal Services	238,600	287,100	9,700	296,800	0	296,800
In-State Travel	9,800	10,200	400	10,600	0	10,600
Out of State Travel	3,400	1,000	2,800	3,800	0	3,800
Current Expense	3,064,300	2,728,600	(15,900)	2,712,700	0	2,712,700
DP Current Expense	10,600	7,700	3,000	10,700	0	10,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,326,700</b>	<b>\$3,034,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,034,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,034,600</b>
<b>Other Data</b>						
Budgeted FTE	2.5	2.7	0.3	3.0	0.0	3.0