



FY 2018 / FY 2019 BUSINESS CASE

Agency: Department of Natural Resources – Recovery Programs Office

Request Title: ESMF Program: Increasing effectiveness

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Duration of Funding: FY 2018 one-time FY 2019 one-time FY 2019 ongoing

Appropriation Code: RGA

Project/Program Name: Endangered Species Mitigation Fund

Total Amount Requested: \$250,000

Funding Type Requested: Restricted – Species Protection

Detailed Description of the Request and Why it is Important:

An increase in the Species Protection Restricted Account appropriations authorization to address emerging issues. Due to increased brine shrimp harvest efficiencies, the Species Protection restricted account has been able to support onetime appropriations for carp harvest on Utah Lake. The targets for carp harvest are nearly met, and it is unlikely that further funding for this activity will be needed. Since establishment of the Endangered Species Mitigation Fund (ESMF) by Utah Code 63-34-14 allocations from the brine shrimp restricted account have remained relatively flat although costs for activities to prevent species listings and our obligations to getting species recovered and off the endangered species list have increased each year. Environmental groups are now focusing on three newer groups of species by petitioning the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to consider species listings: 1) plant; 2) mollusks, and 3) insects. Other than a few mollusks, our office is the only entity in the State trying to take proactive action to prevent new listings. In the current Fish and Wildlife Service species listing workplan, by 2023 they will be making listing determinations for 6 plants, 4 mollusks, and 3 insects. This ongoing funding is to meet this new demand and address future insect (pollinators) listing petitions that we understand are in the works by some environmental groups.

If this Project/Program is not funded, Identify Alternative Solutions:

We could move funding from other priority projects to prevent listings and projects to get species removed from federal protection, but in the end without additional capacity we'll start to see new species federally listed under the Endangered Species Act.

How will you Measure Success if this Project/Program is funded:

Success will be tracked by the number of species that we prevent from being added to the list of federally protected species.

FY2019 Budget Increase Summary

Financing		FY 2019	Expenditures		FY 2019
General Fund			Personal Services		
School Funds			In-State Travel		
Transportation Fund			Out-of-State Travel		
Federal Funds			Current Expense		
Dedicated Credits			DP Current Expense		\$250,000
Restricted Funds		\$250,000	DP Capital		
Transfers (specify)			Capital Outlay		
Other (specify)			Pass Thru/Other		
Beginning Balance			Total Expenditures		\$250,000
Total Financing		\$250,000	FTE's:		0