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**FY 2008-09 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation ..... \$293,045,400**

**Changes from FY 2008-09 Year-to-Date:**

Items Included by the House and Senate

- 1. **Law Enforcement.** Both the House and Senate agreed to reduce funding for law enforcement. (1,504,600)  
 The savings was realized from reducing the program's FTE count by 36.0.
- 2. **Fisheries Programs.** The Senate and House agreed to reduce FTEs in various fisheries (2,945,700)  
 programs by 16.0 to realize this savings.
- 3. **Capital Outlays.** The Senate and House agreed on all capital outlay projects. 2,235,700
- 4. **Other Changes.** Other changes agreed to by both the House and Senate include: The 976,900  
 reduction of grants, an increase in restricted funding to State parks, an upgrade of Microsoft  
 products, new forest fire equipment and other adjustments.

***The Governor vetoed funding for snowmobile route from Bellaire to Jordan River Trail.***

Conference Agreement on Items of Difference

- 5. **Transfer from Department of History, Arts, and Libraries.** The Governor recommended the 10,480,500  
 transfer of HAL programs including the State Museum, Mackinac Island State Park, and the  
 State Archives to DNR. Neither the House nor the Senate contained these transfers. The  
 Conference included them and made line-item reductions in due to leadership targets.
- 6. **Forest Recreation.** The Senate reduced funding for State forest campgrounds by \$200,000. 225,500  
 The House bill did not. The Conference agreed to cut funding by \$100,000. The funding  
 increase of \$225,000 reflects this reduction, a transfer of \$162,400 for administration of a  
 snowmobile program, and economic adjustments.
- 7. **Wildlife Management.** The Senate and House reduced funding for the Wildlife Management (1,045,100)  
 program by \$1,044,200 and \$1,240,100, respectively. The Conference agreed to a cut of  
 \$1,045,100, enabling Michigan to keep its split-State status with regard to raising and selling cattle.
- 8. **ORV Safety Training.** The Senate continued funding for this program; the House removed 0  
 \$71,000 in funding for the program. The Conference included the item.
- 9. **Cormorant Control.** The House included funding for a program to control the State's cormorant 0  
 population. The Conference included this program.

***The Governor vetoed this line item.***

- 10. **Administrative Reductions.** The Senate and House reduced GF/GP funding for several (905,100)  
 administrative lines by \$835,100 and \$1,123,500, respectively. The Conference reduced the lines  
 by \$820,100 and included the elimination of an unclassified position to save another \$85,000.
- 11. **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.** Neither the House nor the Senate contained this item 15,000,000  
 which uses a Federal grant to fund a program designed to help restore the Great Lakes. The  
 Conference included the item.
- 12. **DNR/DEQ Consolidation Savings.** The Conference assumed a \$350,000 savings would be 0  
 realized through the consolidation of DNR and DEQ.

***The Governor vetoed this line item.***

Total Changes ..... \$22,518,100

**FY 2009-10 Enacted Gross Appropriation ..... \$315,563,500**

**Changes from FY 2008-09 Year to Date:**Items Included by the House and Senate

1. **Bovine Tuberculosis Reports.** Required the DNR to submit semiannual reports that detail the enforcement actions taken to eradicate bovine tuberculosis, the number of infected deer found, new scientific methods of detecting bovine tuberculosis, and other relevant information. (Sec. 802)
2. **Transfer from Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund.** \$6,000,000 would be transferred from the Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund to the Michigan Conservation and Recreation Fund for appropriations from the game and fish protection account of the latter fund. (Sec. 211)

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3. **Department of History, Arts, and Libraries Boilerplate.** Four sections of boilerplate relating to the parts of History, Arts, and Libraries (HAL) transferred to DNR were included as part of the Governor's Recommendation. Neither the House nor the Senate included these in their respective DNR/DEQ budgets, because they were included in their respective HAL budgets (Sections 502, 503, 505, and 506 of the Senate's HAL budget). The Conference included all of these items. (Sec. 1601, 1602, 1603, and 1605)
4. **Subscriber List to Historical Society of Michigan.** The Senate included section 507 from the HAL budget which would allow the Department to share the subscriber list of the Michigan History Magazine with the Michigan Historical Society. The House and Conference did not include this language.
5. **Various FTE Reports.** The House included two sections which would require the Department to report on a bi-monthly basis the number of FTEs in pay status, and a single, more detailed, report due in March 2010. The Senate did not include this language. The Conference included the language requiring these reports. (Sec. 222 & 223)
6. **Policy Change Reporting.** The Senate included new language requiring the Department to report policy changes made by the Department to comply with each public act affecting the Department that took effect during the year. The House did not contain this language. Both the House and the Senate included language in the section which requires that the Departments not use funds to adopt a rule that disproportionately affects small businesses. The Conference included the House language. (Sec. 217)
7. **Timber Marking.** The House contained language that directs the Department to prescribe appropriate treatment to no less than 58,000 acres of timber at an average rate of 12.5 to 13 cords per acre. The section also required a quarterly report on the number of acres treated. The Senate did not include this section. The Conference included the language. (Sec. 1203)
8. **Intent to Consolidate DNR and DEQ.** The House included language stating intent to consolidate DNR and DEQ with an expected Executive Order from the Governor. The Senate did not include this language. The Conference included language expressing the intent to consolidate DNR and DEQ, making DNR the successor agency to DEQ. (Sec. 228)
9. **Fish Hatchery Closures.** The Senate included language that would require the Department to continue the operation of all six fish hatcheries that were in operation on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The Conference did not include this section.
10. **Snowmobile Route from Bellaire to Jordan River Trail.** The Conference included language requiring the Department to build a snowmobile route from Bellaire to the Jordan River Trail. (Sec. 1204)

***The Governor vetoed this section.***

11. **4-H Youth Program.** The Conference included language that would require that the Department appropriated \$5,000 to the Michigan State University Extension Service – 4-H Youth Programs. (Sec. 226)

***The Governor vetoed this section.***

**Consolidation Savings.** The Conference included language requiring the negative appropriation line-item labeled 'Consolidation Savings' to be satisfied by various administrative savings from the assumed merger of DNR and DEQ. (Sec. 1701)

***The Governor vetoed this section.***

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