

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Budget Status Report – Week 2

FY 2019/20 Legislative Budget Request

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Senate

The Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government met this week and voted on substantive legislation. The subcommittee expects to work on budget proposals next week.

House

The House Appropriations Committee did not meet this week but the Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources met and voted on appropriations project bills. The subcommittee expects to work on budget proposals next week.

Next Steps

Once the subcommittee budget proposals are complete, the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the House Appropriations Committee will each meet to prepare their respective state budget bills. The substantive bills that are tied to the General Appropriations Act (GAA), are the implementing bill (which gives direction, if needed, as to how funds are to be spent in the GAA) and the conforming bill (which changes specified laws for one year to accommodate funding in the GAA). After the budget bills are approved, bills will be placed on their respective calendars for a floor vote. The House and Senate will each take up their own budget bills. After passage of House and Senate budget bills, they will hold a budget conference to reconcile the differences between their respective budgets. After the Governor completes his line item veto list, the State will then have its beginning budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20.