

## **Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**

### **Budget Status Report – Week 2**

FY 2018/19 Legislative Budget Request

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#### **Senate**

The Senate Committee on Appropriations met this week and voted on substantive legislation. The Senate Subcommittee on Environment and Natural Resources did not meet this week. The subcommittee is waiting for its budget allocation and expects to finish work on preliminary budget proposals within the coming week.

#### **House**

The House Appropriations Committee did not meet this week but the Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources did meet and voted on appropriations project bills. The subcommittee is waiting for its budget allocation and expects to finish work on preliminary budget proposals within the coming week.

#### **Next Steps**

In the coming weeks, House and Senate Appropriation subcommittees will discuss budget proposals. 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 2018/19.