

# MEMORANDUM



**To:** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners

**From:** Charlotte Jerrett, Chief Financial Officer  
Jessica Crawford, Legislative Affairs Director

**Date:** July 10, 2017

**Subject:** Legislative and Budget Update

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## **Purpose:**

Staff will provide an update on the 2017 Session and the standard budget overview to the Commission that precedes the annual process of budget development and submission to the legislature. Typically, the Chairman also appoints a Budget Liaison to work with staff through the process. To assist in the industry roundtable discussion that occurs later on the agenda, staff will elaborate on budget information as it pertains to license revenue and revenues derived from private industry sources.

## **Summary:**

The 2017 Legislative Session came to a close on May 8, 2017. Overall, FWC received a total budget of \$367.2 million and 2,118.50 positions funded for 2017/18. The 2018 Legislative Session begins on January 9, 2018, and ends on March 10, 2018. In order to prepare for that budget cycle, staff will present an overview of the state budgetary process (both internal and external), discuss state authorized trust funds and revenue sources, and will review general trends with license sales and revenues. Staff will highlight the federal funding programs derived from excise taxes on shooting, archery, and angling equipment, which are a vital component of FWC's financial structure and mission critical programs.

Staff will also present the timeline and framework for the development of the FY 2018/19 Legislative Budget Request (LBR). Staff will work with the Commission Budget Liaison assigned by the Chairman to provide guidance on the LBR work that will take place throughout the summer. The outcome of the FY 2018/19 LBR development will be presented at the September 2017 Commission Meeting. The FY 2018/19 LBR will be due to the Governor, the Senate President, and the Speaker of the House on September 15, 2017.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

This presentation is for informational purposes and to allow for any direction the Commission may want to provide staff as we work towards the development and submission of FWC's FY 2018/19 Legislative Budget Request.

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