

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) is responsible for managing Montana's fish, wildlife and recreational resources and providing outdoor recreational opportunities. Department divisions, and fiscal and staffing resources, are shown below.

<u>Bureau/Division</u>	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Staff (FTEs)</u>	
	<u>FY 96</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>FY 96</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Administration and Finance Division	3,783,000	10.0%	50.1	9.2
Field Services Division	3,453,000	9.1	36.1	6.7
Fisheries Division	6,916,000	18.3	107.6	19.8
Law Enforcement Division	5,582,000	14.7	96.2	17.7
Wildlife Division	7,906,000	20.9	96.9	17.9
Parks Division	5,094,000	13.5	86.4	15.9
Conservation Education Division	1,910,000	5.0	22.3	4.1
Department Management	<u>3,213,000</u>	<u>8.5</u>	<u>46.9</u>	<u>8.6</u>
TOTAL	\$37,857,000	100.0%	542.4	100.0%

source: LFA, 1995.

The Environmental Quality Council reviewed the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks for possible inclusion in this study. Due primarily to time and staff limitations, the Council decided to not conduct a formal review of the department's compliance and enforcement programs and efforts. A detailed analysis for the department is not included in this report.

Instead, the EQC sent the department the standard list of questions and on several occasions, various program staff provided oral and written testimony and responses to specific requests. The contemporary issue of greatest concern to the Council was that of illegal fish and wildlife introductions in Montana. The discussion of that issue is included in the EQC working files and is available on request.