



Proposed Initiatives 2016 Legislative Session





Summary of Proposed Initiatives

Seeking Commission approval to pursue the following legislation:

- FY-17 Operating Budget – Agenda Item # 20
- Includes Budget Expansion to hire twelve additional employees
 - 10 Game and Fish Officers
 - 2 Information Technology (IT) employees
- Inclusion of license stamp fees into cost of licenses



Request for Budget Expansion

- Field Operations Division
 - 10 additional Full-Time Employees (FTE)
 - \$963,000
 - District Officers only – no corporals, sergeants, captains or above
- Information Services Division
 - 2 additional FTE
 - \$220,000
 - Specializing in Cyber Security
 - Specializing in Quality Assurance



Consolidation of License Stamp Fees

- Applies to Game Hunting, Fishing and Combination Game Hunting and Fishing Licenses;
- And the Habitat Stamp and the Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV) fee
 - HMAV already required
 - Habitat Stamp required for hunting USFS or BLM
 - Intended to reduce confusion
 - Reduce non-compliance issues



Continuing the Process

- With Commission approval - submit budget request to Dept. of Finance and Administration (DFA) and the Legislative Finance Counsel (LFC) for reconciliation
 - Will require Agency involvement during legislative process
- With Commission approval – draft bill language for license consolidation & move to executive branch for additional vetting/approval
 - Upon executive branch approval seek sponsors and draft bill language



Proposed Motion

“Move to approve the
Department’s 2016
legislative initiatives.”





Discussion

