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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**  
**COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**To:** Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair  
Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair, and  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

**From:** Senator Joseph M. Baldacci, Senate Chair *JMB*  
Representative Tiffany Roberts, House Chair, and *TR*  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**Date:** January 27, 2025

**Re:** Supplemental Budget

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The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) Committee is pleased to submit the following report for the proposed 2024-2025 supplemental budget initiatives related to Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (see attached report-back document). The IFW Committee voted unanimously in favor of all initiatives with the exception of one initiative.

A majority of committee members (11 of 12 members present) voted in favor of the initiative relating to dispatch services funding, provided by the Department of Public Safety (Ref. #179). One member voted against this initiative.

- c. Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**Sec. A-14. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Associate position to a Secretary Specialist position.

Ref. #: 166                      One Time                      Committee Vote: 12/12 (1 absent)                      AFA Vote \_\_\_\_\_

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Personal Services	\$1,460	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,460</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Notes:**

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

**Justification:**

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed. This required reorganization is due to the increase in responsibilities to include creating and executing large construction contracts for the division.

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**ATV Safety and Educational Program 0559**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

Ref. #: 182                      One Time                      Committee Vote: 12/12 (1 absent)                      AFA Vote \_\_\_\_\_

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>			
All Other	\$3,443	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,443</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Notes:**

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on initiatives that align Other Special Revenue allocations with the Revenue Forecast.

**Justification:**

This initiative aligns allocation with December 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

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**Endangered Nongame Operations 0536**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 IF&W Resource Biologist positions to 4 IF&W Senior Resource Biologist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 176                      One Time                      Committee Vote: 12/12 (1 absent)                      AFA Vote \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,481	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$24	\$0	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,505</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Ref. #: 177                      One Time                      Committee Vote      12/12 (1 absent)                      AFA Vote                      \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,481	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$24	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,505</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Notes:**

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

**Justification:**

This initiative reorganizes the positions to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: Provides funding for dispatch services provided by the Department of Public Safety.

Ref. #: 179                      One Time                      Committee Vote      11/12 (1 absent, 1 opposed)                      AFA Vote                      \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$324,411	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$324,411</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 1533 establishes the Bureau of Consolidated Emergency Communications, within the Department of Public Safety. The bureau provides consolidated dispatch services to state, county and local governments. The Department of Public Safety calculates user costs by compiling records of dispatch calls, and calculates a percentage of the cost increase to each department.

**Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Associate position to a Office Specialist II position.

Ref. #: 180                      One Time                      Committee Vote      11/11 (2 absent)                      AFA Vote                      \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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Personal Services	\$1,888	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,888</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Notes:**

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

**Justification:**

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

**Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 9 Office Associate II positions to 9 Office Specialist I positions and one Office Associate II position to a Senior Programmer Analyst position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 168	One Time	Committee Vote	11/11 (2 absent)	AFA Vote		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services				\$12,498	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$12,498</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Ref. #: 169	One Time	Committee Vote	11/11 (2 absent)	AFA Vote		
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>				<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services				\$1,265	\$0	\$0
All Other				\$20	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,285</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Notes:**

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

**Justification:**

This initiative reorganizes these positions to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Secretary Associate position to a Secretary Specialist position retroactive to June 2023.

Ref. #: 184	One Time	Committee Vote	11/11 (2 absent)	AFA Vote	
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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$19,435	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$19,435</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Notes:**

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

**Justification:**

This initiative reclassifies the position to align it with the work currently being performed.

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Assistant Superintendent Maine Wildlife Park position from range 18 to range 21 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 185                      One Time                      Committee Vote 11/11 (2 absent)                      AFA Vote \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$2,043	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$33	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,076</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Notes:**

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

**Justification:**

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate pay range for the work being performed.

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 3 Wildlife Keeper positions to 3 Wildlife Care and Education Technician positions and provides funding for related All Other costs

Ref. #: 186                      One Time                      Committee Vote 11/11 (2 absent)                      AFA Vote \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$426	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$7	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$433</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Notes:**

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

**Justification:**

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to a Office Specialist I position.

Ref. #: 187	One Time	Committee Vote	<u>11/11 (2 absent)</u>	AFA Vote	<u>                                </u>	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services				\$1,023	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,023</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Notes:**

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

**Justification:**

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

**Public Information and Education, Division of 0729**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one seasonal Wildlife Keeper position to a full-time Parks Maintenance Coordinator position and eliminates one seasonal Wildlife Keeper position. Provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 188	One Time	Committee Vote	<u>11/11 (2 absent)</u>	AFA Vote	<u>                                </u>	
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>				<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT				(0.615)	0.000	0.000
Personal Services				\$1,606	\$0	\$0
All Other				\$26	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,632</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Notes:**

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

**Justification:**

This initiative reorganizes the position to the appropriate job classification and pay range for work being performed to ensure the safe operations at the Maine Wildlife Park.

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**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one IF&W Resource Biologist position to a IF&W Resource Supervisor position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 171                      One Time                      Committee Vote      11/11 (2 absent)                      AFA Vote                      \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$670	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$670</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Ref. #: 172                      One Time                      Committee Vote      11/11 (2 absent)                      AFA Vote                      \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,565	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$25	\$0	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,590</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Notes:**

Informational only. Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

**Justification:**

This initiative is part of an approved reorganization with the Wildlife Division to create a supervisor in the Wildlife Diversity Section to oversee several biologists focused on bird conservation.

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**Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 IF&W Resource Biologist positions to 4 IF&W Senior Resource Biologist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 173                      One Time                      Committee Vote      11/11 (2 absent)                      AFA Vote                      \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$394)	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>(\$394)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Ref. #: 174                      One Time                      Committee Vote      11/11 (2 absent)                      AFA Vote                      \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	(\$921)	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$15)	\$0	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$936)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Notes:**

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**Justification:**

This initiative reorganizes the positions to the appropriate classification for the work being performed.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$360,991</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$2,159</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$10,374</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL- ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$373,524</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>