

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: 2015-2017 Governor's Biennial Budget Update

FOR: February 2015 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Joe Polasek, Director, Bureau of Management and Budget

SUMMARY:

The Governor's two-year DNR budget is \$554.3 million for 2015-16 and \$550.3 million for 2016-17. In total, the two-year budget includes a decrease of about \$45 million over the 2013-15 Biennial Budget. The Budget includes a variety of items which have both positive and negative impacts on the final overall number. For example, one of the larger items included is a two year decrease of \$27.9 million related to debt service reestimates.

However, the Budget does include a variety of other initiatives such as funding to maintain Park, Forest, Fisheries and Law Enforcement operations.

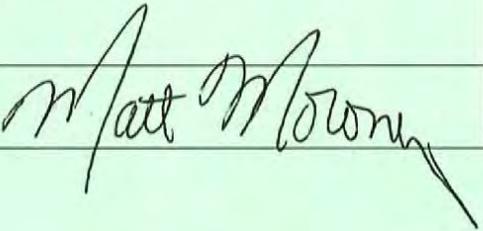
This budget in total reflects a 3.9% decrease from the 2014-15 base budget.

This budget includes a net decrease of 67.09 FTE to the Department's base staffing complement, bringing overall staffing to 2,574.95.

RECOMMENDATION: Information only

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (check all that are applicable):

- Background memo
- Background Summary Tables
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Approved by	Signature	Date
Joe Polasek, Bureau Director		02-10-15
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Cathy Stepp, Secretary		2/10/15