

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

March 20, 2023
01:00 PM

Hearing Room E

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Michael Dembrow, Co-Chair
Sen. Dick Anderson
Sen. Lew Frederick

Rep. Khanh Pham, Co-Chair
Rep. Paul Holvey
Rep. Bobby Levy
Rep. Emerson Levy
Rep. Mark Owens

STAFF PRESENT:

April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office
Lilah Walsh, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

00:00:17 [Meeting Called to Order](#)
00:00:18 Representative Pham, Presiding Co-Chair
00:00:36 April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:01:36 [Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant - WaterSmart](#)
00:01:50 April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:02:30 Craig Smith, Senior Policy Analyst, Department of Fish and Wildlife
00:05:21 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:05:44 Mr. Smith
00:05:58 Sione Filimoehala, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
00:06:14 Ms. McDonald
00:06:32 MOTION: Senator Dembrow moves the federal grant application to the Full
Committee with the LFO recommendation to approve the request
00:06:37 VOTE: 8-0-0
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Dembrow, Frederick; Reps. Holvey, B Levy, E Levy, Owens,
Pham
Motion Carries

00:06:50 [SB 5509 Department of Fish and Wildlife](#)
00:07:30 Curt Melcher, Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife

00:18:57 Rep. Holvey
00:19:29 Mr. Melcher
00:32:50 Sen. Frederick
00:32:55 Mr. Melcher
00:34:11 Sen. Frederick
00:34:55 Mr. Melcher
00:37:29 Rep. B Levy
00:37:59 Mr. Melcher
00:39:28 Rep. B Levy
00:39:58 Mr. Melcher
00:40:38 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:40:52 Mr. Melcher
00:41:35 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:41:57 Mr. Melcher
00:43:06 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:43:15 Mr. Melcher
00:43:46 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:44:10 Rep. B Levy
00:44:15 Mr. Melcher
00:44:46 Rep. B Levy
00:44:54 Mr. Melcher
00:45:31 Rep. B Levy
00:45:37 Mr. Melcher
00:47:11 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:47:19 Mr. Melcher
00:57:00 Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator, Department of Fish and Wildlife
01:05:14 Rep. Owens
01:05:42 Ms. Reif
01:05:55 Rep. Owens
01:06:09 Ms. Reif
01:06:24 Rep. Owens
01:06:29 Ms. Reif
01:07:14 Rep. Owens
01:08:28 Co-Chair Pham
01:08:46 Ms. Reif
01:10:11 Rep. Owens
01:11:17 Ms. Reif
01:16:33 Co-Chair Dembrow
01:16:40 Ms. Reif
01:17:50 Brian Wolfer, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator, Department of Fish and Wildlife
01:20:19 Rep. B Levy
01:20:21 Mr. Wolfer
01:20:38 Rep. B Levy

01:21:03 Mr. Wolfer
01:21:29 Rep. B Levy
01:21:54 Sen. Frederick
01:23:35 Mr. Wolfer
01:24:49 Rep. Owens
01:25:36 Mr. Wolfer

01:26:37 Meeting Adjourned