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Department of Wildlife Resources

Item 383	First Year - FY2021	Second Year - FY2022
Administrative and Support Services (59900)	\$10,332,931	\$10,332,931
General Management and Direction (59901)	\$6,983,303	\$6,983,303
Information Technology Services (59902)	\$3,349,628	\$3,349,628
Fund Sources:		
Dedicated Special Revenue	\$8,829,996	\$8,829,996
Federal Trust	\$1,502,935	\$1,502,935

Authority: Title 29.1, Chapter 1, Code of Virginia.

A. The department shall recover the cost of reproduction, plus a reasonable fee per record, from persons or organizations requesting copies of computerized lists of licenses issued by the department.

~~B. The department shall not further consolidate its regional offices, field offices, or close any of these offices in presently served localities or enter into any lease for any new regional office without notification of the Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources. The department shall not undertake any future reorganization of any division, reporting structures, regional or field offices, or any function it may perform without notifying the Chairmen of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Finance.~~

~~C. B. Funds previously appropriated to the Lake Anna Advisory Committee for hydrilla control and removal may be used at the discretion of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee upon issues related to maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of Lake Anna.~~

~~D.1. C.1. Subject to review and approval by the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Director of the Department of Wildlife Resources, Game and Inland Fisheries may issue to the Department of Transportation an interim permit to relocate the nest and eggs of any state listed threatened bird species from critical areas of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Expansion Project's South Island associated with the ingress and egress to the island; the delivery, assembly, and immediate operations of the tunnel boring machine; or other project critical locations as mutually agreed to by the Commissioner of Highways and the Director, which, if not relocated, would effectively require all substantial construction activities to cease.~~

2. Prior to the issuance of an interim permit as described in section 1, (i) the Director must determine that the Department of Transportation and its design-build contractor have taken all reasonable steps to prevent birds from nesting on the South Island, in accordance with the Colonial Nesting Bird Management Plan dated March 27, 2020, (ii) the Commissioner of Highways must determine that substantial construction activities will have to cease if the nest and eggs are not relocated, and (iii) the Director shall require as a condition of the interim permit that the nest

and any eggs will be relocated under the supervision of the Department of ~~Wildlife Resources~~~~Game and Inland Fisheries~~ to a location acceptable to the Director that is as close as possible to the original nesting location while allowing construction activities to continue.

3. Within 30 days of the adoption by the Board of ~~Wildlife Resources~~~~Game and Inland Fisheries~~ of any regulation governing the take of migratory birds or threatened and endangered species, the Department of Transportation shall apply for a permit covering such take for the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel expansion project.

D. Any references to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries within this Act shall convey to the Department of Wildlife Resources.

E. The Directors of the Departments of Wildlife Resources and Conservation and Recreation shall assess the feasibility of developing the Rapidan Wildlife Management Area into a State Park and provide a copy of its assessment to the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than November 1, 2021. This assessment shall include, but not be limited to, the impact on wildlife currently within the management area; any restrictions of deeds, easements, covenants or grant funding used in the initial acquisition of the wildlife management area; capital costs for developing recreational access and overnight accommodations; ongoing operational costs of the proposed facility; and an anticipated timeline for phased access to public recreational facilities within the existing master planning process.