

Natural Resources

The Governor proposes no specific FY 2002 amendments for Natural Resources agencies. However, Executive Order 74 reductions of \$8.1 million and \$2.2 million for a 2 percent across-the-board cut are reflected in Central Appropriations for distribution to Natural Resources agencies.

Included in the 2 percent reduction is \$654,583, which is to be transferred to the general fund from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The table below shows the impact of the Central Appropriations budget cuts to the Natural Resources agencies. Executive Order 74 actions are detailed in the Central Appropriations section of this report, but actions for achieving the 2 percent across-the-board savings are not specified in the budget.

Natural Resources Central Appropriation Reductions			
Agency	E.O. 74 Actions	2% Across- the-Board	Total
Secretary's Office	\$ 0	\$ 11,055	\$ 11,055
Conservation & Recreation	6,680,000	640,381	7,320,381
Chippokes Plantation	0	5,100	5,100
Marine Resources	101,025	97,765	198,790
Game & Inland Fisheries	0	654,583	654,583
Chesapeake Bay Local Asst.	0	29,924	29,924
Historic Resources	16,608	27,207	43,815
Environmental Quality	1,257,000	705,822	1,963,822
Natural History Museum	<u>0</u>	<u>45,591</u>	<u>45,591</u>
Total	\$ 8,054,633	\$ 2,217,428	\$ 10,272,061

- **Dept. of Conservation and Recreation.**
 - ***Water Quality Improvement Fund.*** The Governor proposes budget language which indicates there will be no deposit to the Water Quality Improvement Fund in FY 2002. The Comptroller had reserved \$2.7 million in January 2001 for this purpose in accordance with the provisions of §10.1-2128 of the Code of Virginia. In preparing the bill to amend FY 2002, the executive department reverted the \$2.7 million to the general fund balance.