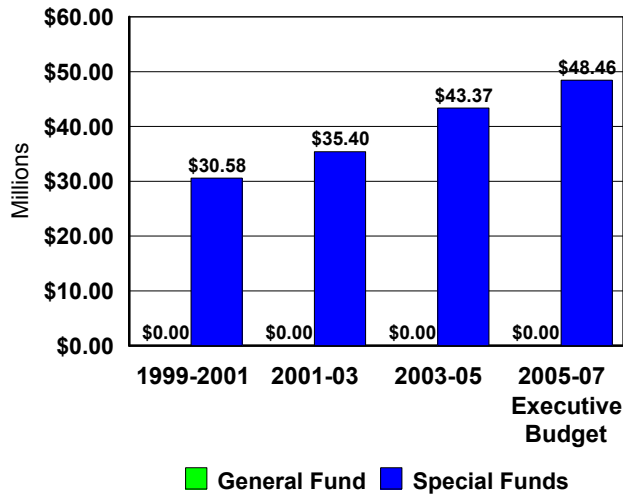


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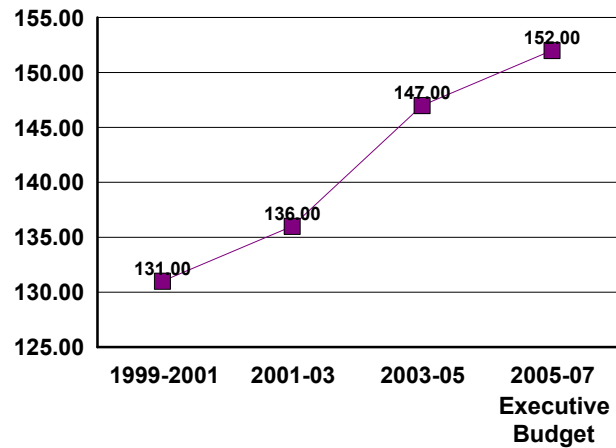
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 Executive Budget	152.00	\$0	\$48,465,166	\$48,465,166
2003-05 Legislative Appropriations	147.00	0	43,365,763	43,365,763 ¹
Increase (Decrease)	5.00	\$0	\$5,099,403	\$5,099,403

¹The 2003-05 appropriation amounts do not include \$200,000 of additional special funds authority and \$350,000 of additional federal funds authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 2003-05 biennium and do not include \$482,000 of capital construction carryover.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



First House Action

Attached is a summary of the first house changes.

**Executive Budget Highlights
 (With First House Changes Noted)**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds 5 FTE positions relating to management of game animals and the licensing of resident and nonresident hunters, including 1 license clerk, 1 wildlife technician, 2 biologist I, and 1 fisheries biologist		\$395,137	\$395,137
2. Provides funding for 2005-07 biennium capital assets, including two storage buildings at the Bismarck shop (\$400,000), fishing area projects (\$870,000), land acquisitions (\$750,000), wildlife management area projects (\$150,000), extraordinary repairs (\$416,116), and equipment over \$5,000 (\$485,000)		\$3,071,116	\$3,071,116
3. Removes funding for 2003-05 biennium capital assets		(\$2,443,944)	(\$2,443,944)
4. Increases funding for grants, primarily due to the receipt of a new federal grant program for nongame wildlife studies		\$1,262,072	\$1,262,072
5. Increases funding from grants, gifts, and donations, primarily due to the receipt of an estate donation for the benefit of fishermen and hunters in North Dakota		\$550,000	\$550,000

6. Increases funding for noxious weed control as a result of higher weed control costs, primarily along Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe	\$50,000	\$50,000
7. Increases operating expenses, primarily due to increases for IT telephone and IT contractual services amounts as the result of higher costs for the use of hunter registration telephone systems	\$245,216	\$245,216

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1062 changes the eligibility for individuals to participate in the deerproof hay yard program so that landowners that allow commercial big game hunting in exchange for compensation and who post that person's land to prohibit big game hunting is not eligible to participate in the program.

House Bill No. 1100 provides for the protection of Game and Fish Department records of personal information obtained from the public and records of sensitive biological data.

House Bill No. 1102 provides that the capture or killing of a black bear or mountain lion shall be reported to the Game and Fish Department within 24 hours and the entire animal must be turned over to the department, and the department shall assess the status of mountain lions in the state and report its findings to the Legislative Council.

House Bill No. 1189 provides an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the game and fish fund to the Game and Fish Department for entering leases with private landowners to provide access for hunting purposes.

House Bill No. 1276 provides for the powers of the game and fish director and guiding on prohibited lands and provides for the licensing and qualifications of guides and outfitters.

House Bill No. 1317 increases the fee for antlered deer hunting licenses from \$20 to \$35 and decreases the fee for antlerless deer hunting licenses from \$20 to \$10.

House Bill No. 1395 increases the per diem for members of the state Game and Fish Advisory Board from \$50 to \$62.50.

House Bill No. 1402 establishes a nonresident wild turkey hunting license with a fee of \$80.

Senate Bill No. 2041 eliminates the requirement that non-Indians must have a state hunting license to hunt on tribal or Indian-owned land.

Senate Bill No. 2100 changes the definition of a resident for game and fish purposes.

Senate Bill No. 2256 creates a new statewide nonresident waterfowl hunting license for an increased fee of \$15, not subject to current zone restrictions.

Senate Bill No. 2290 changes the formula for calculating the annual fee for a shooting preserve license.

Senate Bill No. 2294 increases the fee for resident wholesale bait licenses from \$30 to \$50 and establishes Class A and Class B nonresident wholesale bait vendor licenses.

Senate Bill No. 2334 allow nonresident full-time college students residing in and attending college in North Dakota to purchase fishing and hunting licenses at resident rates.

Senate Bill No. 2338 establishes an aquatic nuisance species program within the Game and Fish Department.

Senate Bill No. 2367 changes the nonresident small game hunting license periods from 2 five-day periods to 2 seven-day periods.

Senate Bill No. 2369 creates a new 10-day nonresident fishing license for \$25.

Senate Bill No. 2376 reduces the minimum acreage for landowner deer licenses from 160 to 140 acres.

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