

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

Bill Number: 2424 S HB AMS AWNPN S5129.3	Title: State-tribe coop./wildlife	Agency: 477-Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Differences between 2424 SHB AMS and 2424 SHB:

Section 1:

- Elaborates on the goals and provisions of the cooperative agreement between the Department and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR).
- Clarifies legislative intent to affirm the goals and provisions of the 1998 cooperative agreement.
- Directs the Department to review and recommend modifications to the policies and practices implemented under the cooperative agreement.

Section 2:

- Requires the Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) approval for a plan of engagement.
- Requires the Department to submit to the Commission for their approval agreed upon recommendations that include: updates or modifications to management strategies; updates or modifications to the "Wildlife Protection and Preservation" section; challenges to implementing the "Problem Wildlife" section and solutions for landowners with problems involving dangerous wildlife or wildlife depredation, and management of gray wolf and other species listed under the state endangered species act since adoption of the 1998 agreement.
- Requires the report to Legislature after approval by the CTCR and ratification by the Commission.
- Removes the June 30, 2025 deadline for the report to legislature.

New Description:

Differences in the bill version do not change the fiscal impact for WDFW.

Section 1 affirms the state's commitment to the cooperative agreement between CTCR and the Department, specifically around cooperative wildlife management on a portion of land ceded to the United States by the Colville tribes, often referred to as "the north half." It also directs the Department to review and recommend modifications as necessary to the policies and practices implemented under the cooperative agreement, including management of the gray wolf in the "north half."

Section 2 requires Commission approval of a plan to engage in government-to-government discussions with the CTCR to update the 1998 cooperative fish and wildlife management agreement to include recommendations on existing management, modifications to the Wildlife Protection and Preservation section of the agreement, identification of challenges in implementing problem and/or dangerous wildlife protocols, and recommendations for gray wolf and other state endangered species. Section 2 also requires approval by the Commission and the CTCR which will increase the need for public engagement and Commission discussion.

Section 2(3) directs the Department to report to Legislature.

No fiscal impact. The work required does not have significant impact on current operations.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.