

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission Annual meeting



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Budget Overview**

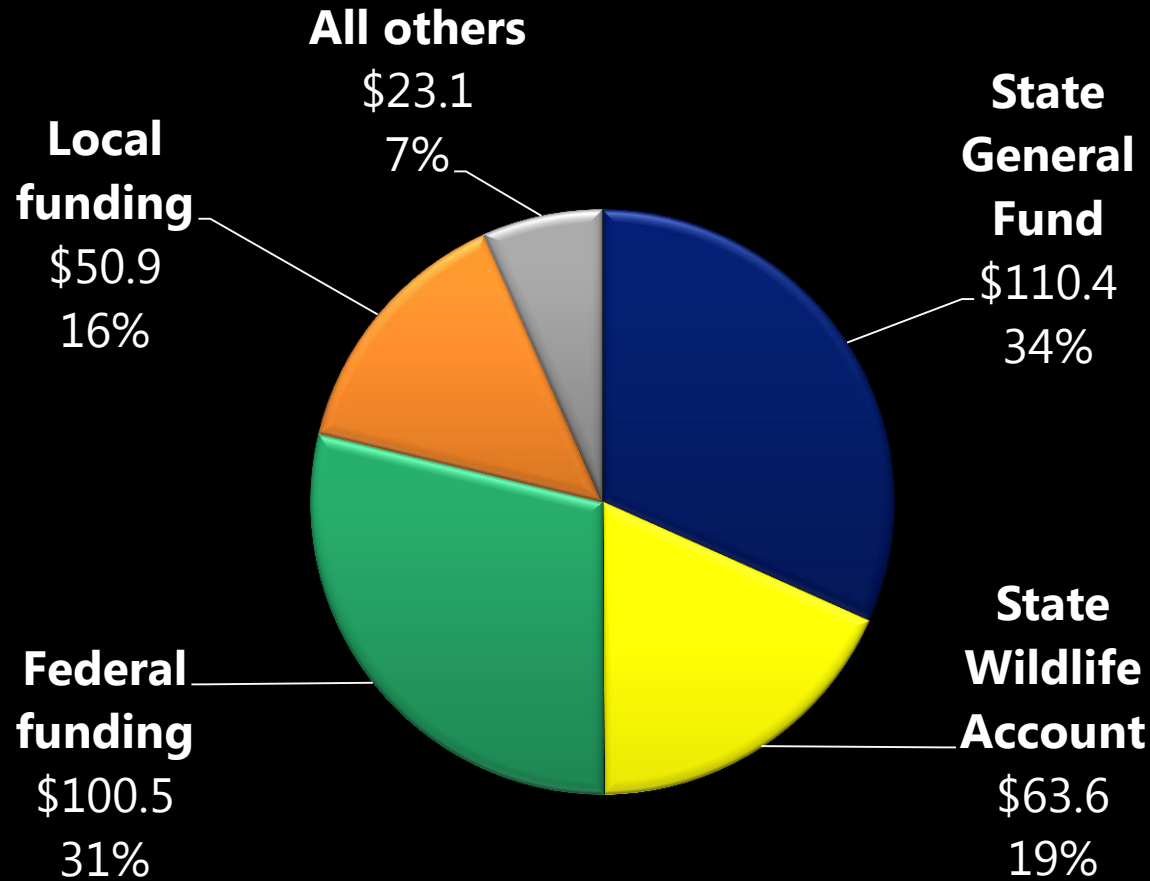
Phil Anderson | Director



2007-09 Operating Budget

Dollars by fund source in millions

Total
\$348 million
Workforce
1,548 FTEs

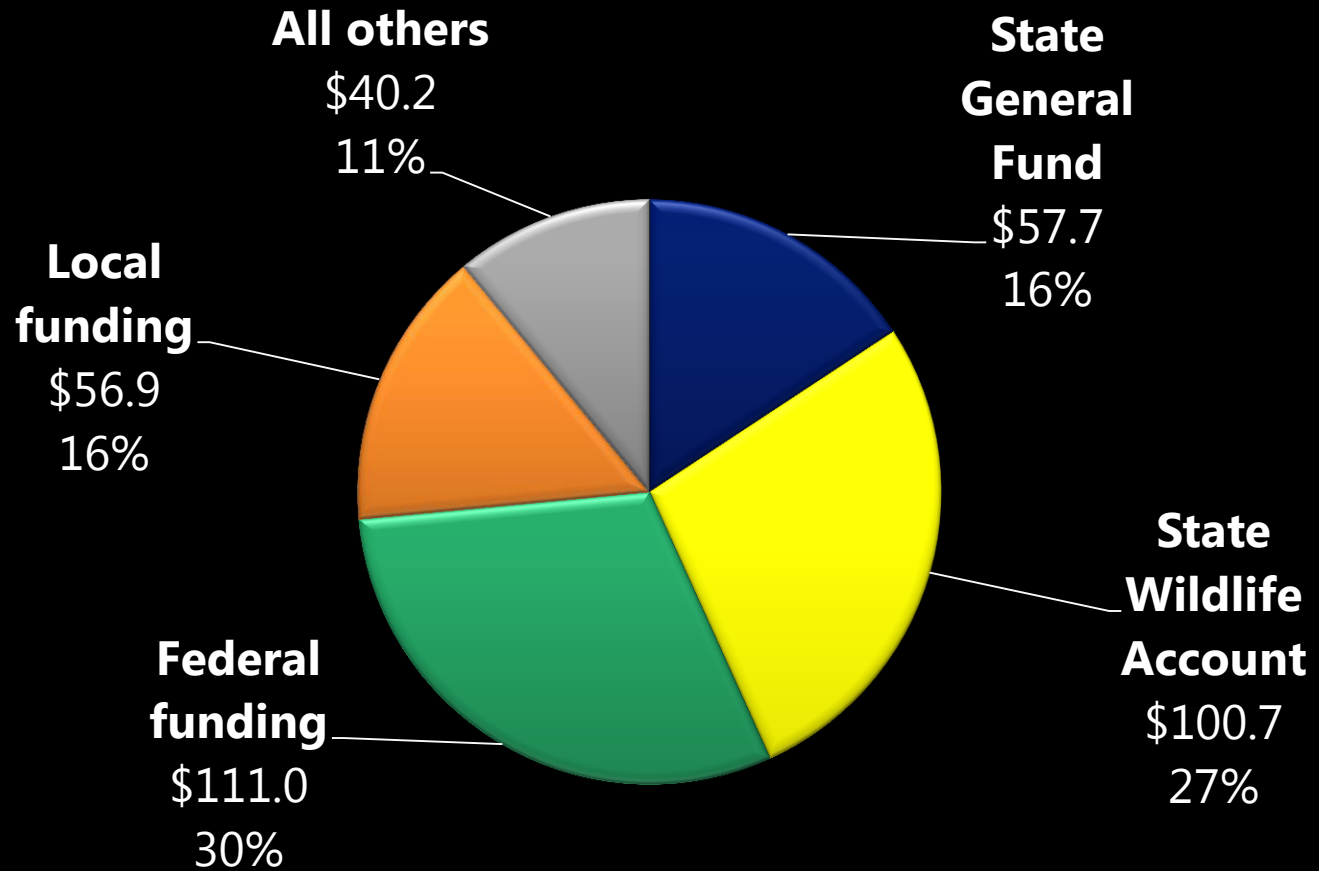




2011-13 Operating Budget

Dollars by fund source in millions

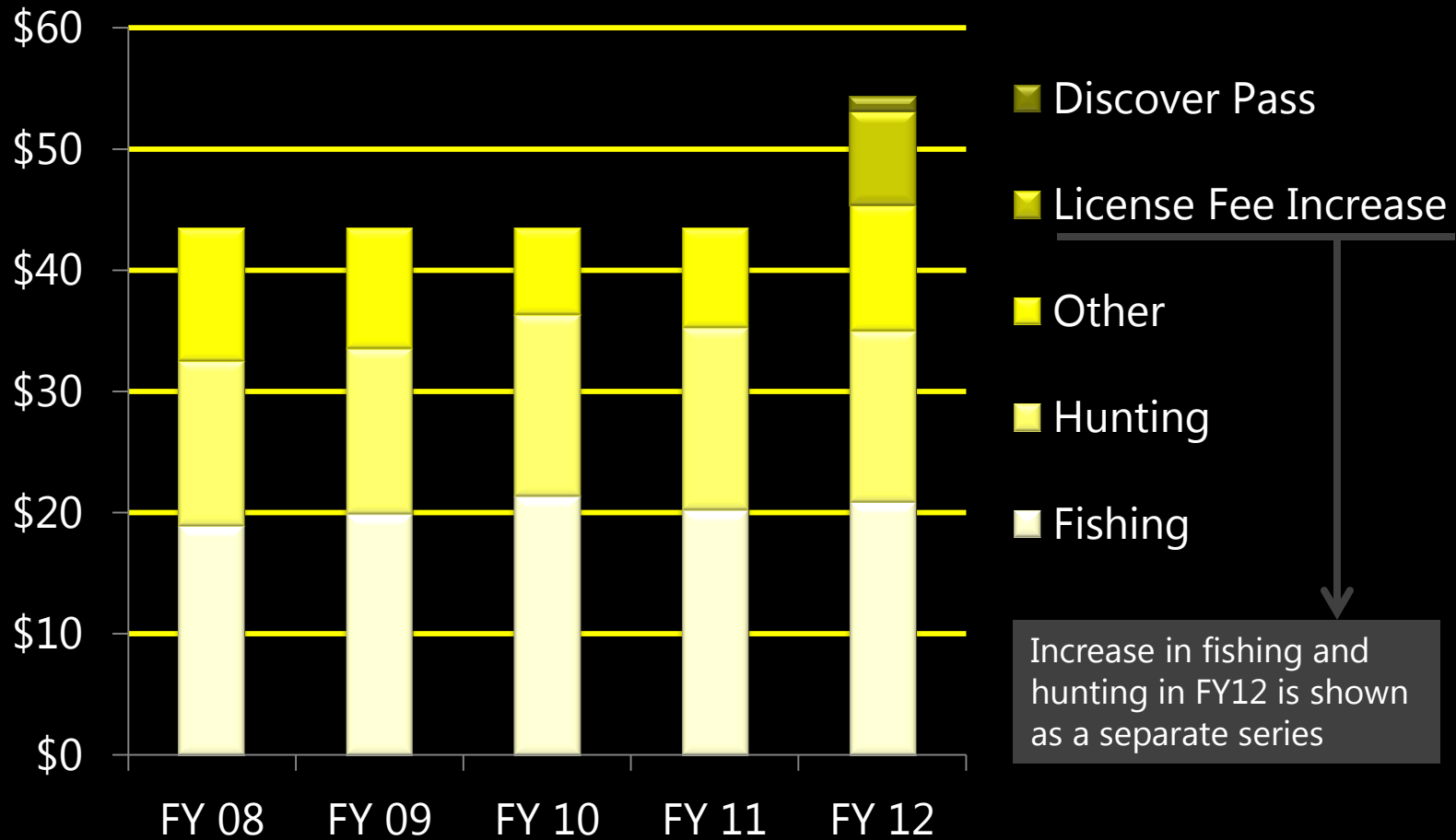
Total
\$367 million
Workforce
1,465 FTEs





WDFW Revenue Collection

Dollars in millions





Federal Budget Issues

- Congressman Dicks is retiring:
Significant leadership and advocacy role lost, which will have significant implications for federal funding of natural resource priorities
- Upcoming federal budget cuts:
Federal agencies talking about 10-20%
- Federal agency strategy is to first cut pass through funds to States



Dungeness Crab Fishery



State Director MOU
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Tri-State Committee

**State
Authority**

**MSA
Authority**



Dungeness Crab Fishery

PSMFC Sponsored Tri-State Management MOU for the Dungeness Crab Fishery

- The Directors of the three states agreed to take mutually supportive action to further the management and maximize the sound ecological and biological utilization of the resource
- The intent of the MOU has been implemented through the Tri-State Committee and facilitated by PSMFC



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MSA - Authority of States to Manage Dungeness crab Fishery

- The States may adopt and enforce State laws in the EEZ adjacent to that State in any Dungeness crab fishery
- Any law or regulation adopted by a State for a Dungeness crab fishery shall apply equally to vessels engaged in the fishery in the EEZ and in the waters of the State, and without regard to the State that issued the permit under which a vessel is operating



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MSA Limitation on Enforcement of State Limited Access Systems

- Any law of the State that establishes or implements a limited access system may not be enforced against a vessel that is otherwise legally fishing in the EEZ adjacent to that State and that is not registered under the laws of that State



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Limited Entry 200

- In response to the limitations of the MSA, working with the Tri-State Committee, the States have each implemented regulations that restrict the geographic area where their licenses are valid to those waters adjacent to their state including the EEZ



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State Management Authority under MSA - SUNSET

- This section shall have no force or effect on and after September 30, 2016
- Initial adoption of this section was significantly influenced by strong industry support for State management
- Renewal of this section will also be dependent on coastwide industry support



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Statement of Concern

- Washington and Oregon each implemented of pot limit programs that considered out of state landings (e.g., total pounds landed regardless of the port of landing counted toward the pot limit awarded to the permit holder).
- California's pot limit regime, currently under consideration, only counts landings made into California.
- Unequal treatment based on port (state) of landing is causing extreme concern among permit holders in Washington and Oregon