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FISH/WILDLIFE CONSERV COMM										77000000
PGM: HABITAT/SPECIES CONSR										77350000
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NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRON										14
<u>BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</u>										<u>1406.00.00.00</u>
PROTECTION OF NATURAL SYSTEMS										4400000
INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT										4400500
SPECIAL CATEGORIES										100000
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INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL TF -STATE		2,000,000						2,000,000-		2030 1

AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

2012-2013 BUDGET YEAR NARRATIVE:

IT COMPONENT? NO

Request:

This request is for recurring spending authority to manage and control invasive aquatic plants in public waterways and upland invasive plants on public conservation lands.

Current Situation:

Since FY 2008-09 there have been declines in documentary stamp tax revenues which have resulted in invasive aquatic plant management program reductions of approximately 42%. Related delays and cancellations of plant control projects can cause geometric increases in growth of invasive plants. Excessive invasive plant populations have adverse impacts on recreation such as fishing, hunting, boating, swimming, ecotourism as well as negatively impacting beneficial native habitat that is critical for the management of fish and wildlife. These impacts can adversely affect the economy of communities in close proximity to these resources, including freshwater fishing opportunities which currently have a \$2.4 billion economic impact that supports 23,480 jobs (National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Related Recreation report funded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service 2006 survey data).

In addition, excessive invasive plant populations in public waterways can restrict water flow and cause flooding during critical periods resulting in danger to human health and safety. A significant portion of the invasive plant control projects are conducted through private contractors. Recent projections indicate the documentary stamp revenue source has increased sufficiently to support this request.

Explanation of Costs:

Fund	Category	Amount
Invasive Plant Control TF	102334	\$ 2,000,000

Benefits:

The Commission's Invasive Plant Management Program will be able to reinstate invasive plant management projects in public lakes, rivers, and conservation areas. These projects will maximize benefits of previous expenditures by allowing for increased maintenance control in areas previously managed. The result will be an increase in the total area managed for

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the protection of fish and wildlife habitat, ensuring more fishing, hunting, boating, swimming, and ecotourism activities. It will also ensure more protection from potential flooding in the event of a natural disaster. Additional funding will put more contractors to work thus helping stimulate Florida's economy.

Activities: Control Invasive Aquatic Plants in Public Waterways - ACT3810
 Invasive Upland Plants on Public Conservation Lands - ACT3820

Amended 2012-13 Narrative after December 9, 2011

This request is withdrawn based on the October 2011 outcome of the Office of Economic and Demographic Research consensus estimating conference on documentary stamp revenues. The original post-session 2011 estimate for invasive plant management revenues in FY 2012-13 was \$32.2 million. This estimate was reduced to \$27 million during the October 2011 conference. The new estimate leaves insufficient funds available to support the original request.

Summary: This request is withdrawn.

LAKE RESTORATION PROJECTS		4404200
SPECIAL CATEGORIES		100000
LAKE RESTORATION		101012

STATE GAME TRUST FUND	-STATE	1,000,000		1,000,000-	2672	1
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

2012-2013 BUDGET YEAR NARRATIVE:

IT COMPONENT? NO

Request:

This request is for increased spending authority from available revenues dedicated to lake restoration pursuant to s. 201.15(7), Florida Statutes. These funds will be used to conduct lake restoration and enhancement activities on high priority lakes and wetlands within the state.

Current Situation:

The enabling statutory language for the Commission's lake restoration program provides that up to \$9.3 million of state

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LAKE RESTORATION PROJECTS										4404200

documentary stamp proceeds may be used to fund this program. Due to declines in doc stamp revenues, the spending authority allocation available to support actual lake restoration has fallen to \$3.8 million. At the same time, lake and wetland habitats are increasingly threatened by constant inputs of nutrients and sediments which impairs water quality, reduces desirable aquatic vegetation, and negatively impacts user experiences and outdoor recreation dependent businesses. The Commission is facing an emerging backlog of unfunded lake restoration projects, and is struggling to protect taxpayer investments in previously funded projects that require continued maintenance and monitoring.

Recent projections indicate the documentary stamp revenue source has increased sufficiently to support this request. Projects funded by this request will further efforts to improve user and business-based outdoor recreation by restoring degraded lakes and wetlands, improving fish and wildlife habitat, and enhancing public access and opportunity. All of the spending authority in this request will be used on aquatic habitat restoration and enhancement projects, a significant portion of which is conducted by private sector contractors.

Explanation of Costs:

State Game Trust Fund	Category	Amount
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Lake Restoration	101012	\$ 1,000,000
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Benefits:

Approval of this request will allow the Commission to proceed with lake restoration and enhancement projects within the state that could not otherwise be undertaken due to lack of funding. These projects further state efforts to improve user and business-based outdoor recreation by restoring degraded lakes and wetlands and improving habitat for fish and wildlife.

Activity: Manage and Restore Freshwater and Marine Habitats - ACT3600

Amended 2012-13 Narrative after December 9, 2011

This request is withdrawn based on the October 2011 outcome of the Office of Economic and Demographic Research consensus estimating conference on documentary stamp tax revenues. The original post-session 2011 estimate for lake restoration revenues in FY 2012-13 was \$7.1 million. This estimate was reduced to \$5.9 million during the October 2011 conference. The new estimate leaves insufficient funds available to support the original request.

Summary: This request is withdrawn.

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NON-CONSERVATION AND RECREATIONAL										
LANDS (CARL) WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT										
AREAS										6300000
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND										
PUBLIC RECREATION PROGRAMS										6303000
SPECIAL CATEGORIES										100000
NON-CARL WILDLIFE MGMT										100340
STATE GAME TRUST FUND	-STATE	2,000,000	1,000,000					1,000,000-	2672	1

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 2012-2013 BUDGET YEAR NARRATIVE:

IT COMPONENT? NO

Request:
 This issue is for increased recurring spending authority from available management funds pursuant to s. 259.032(11)(b), Florida Statutes. Funding will be used to improve public hunting programs and conduct natural resource management on wildlife management areas including activities such as prescribed burning, exotic vegetation control, wildlife food plots, plant and wildlife surveys, public access, public use management, site security and signage, and facilities maintenance.

The Commission receives Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) management funding for approximately 1.4 million acres within the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) system for which it has lead management responsibility. To fund management on the remaining 4.5 million acres of within the WMA system, the Commission relies on funding derived from Section 201.15(5), Florida Statutes, which provides a funding mechanism for the management of these lands based on revenues derived from the sale of documentary stamps. Due to declines in doc stamp revenues, the spending authority allocation available to support natural resource management and public access has been reduced.

About 4.5 million acres of WMAs not funded by CARL are comprised of lands managed by various governmental agencies and private landowners where wildlife management and public hunting is provided through cooperative partnerships with the Commission. These cooperative WMAs provide a broad diversity of outdoor recreational opportunities for Florida's resident and non-resident population. These factors combine to focus more interest and pressure on maintaining, enhancing, and even expanding public recreational opportunities on WMAs statewide.

Recent projections indicate the documentary stamp tax revenue source has increased sufficiently to support this request, which will fund land management and facility operations at 171 sites within the WMA system. Specific uses for these funds include long term projects devoted to enhanced management for game and non-game wildlife, development and implementation of imperiled species conservation strategies, implementation of the Commission's Wildlife Legacy Initiative on public lands, public use and amenity development, and critical land management activities such as mechanical vegetation treatment and prescribed burning. This request will also fund the necessary supplies, expenses,

