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Department of Natural Resources Parks

- DNR recommended cutting \$450,000 in funding for park rangers in Dillingham, Sitka, and Valdez.
- DNR has an RFP out (with no funding) inviting persons to maintain Sitka parks in exchange for fees. Proposals are due July 3, 2015.
- If no responsive bids, parks go into passive management with outhouses boarded up, etc.

Department of Natural Resources Recorders Office

- DNR recommended cutting \$284,200 from the agency budget by closing single staffed offices in Homer, Ketchikan, Valdez, and Sitka.
- Businesses and individuals are supposed to use efiling to record deeds or security interests, etc.
- This is an access issue for the average resident who may not have the software or be familiar with the e-filing process.

Department of Transportation Airport Use / Maintenance

- DOT recommended cutting a maintenance position at the Sitka Airport.
- The airport still qualifies as a 24/7 emergency or diversion airport.
- Parking and access issues remain, etc.
- Best solution is a new airport master plan.

Department of Transportation 50-50 Harbor Grant Program

- The legislature approved funding at \$5.9 million for Ketchikan's Hole in the Wall Harbor and the Seward Harbor.
- Sitka's Crescent Harbor project was the next runner up for funding.
- Sitka should reapply for FY17 funds. If it scores at the top, the project could be funded next fiscal year.

Department of Corrections Community Jails

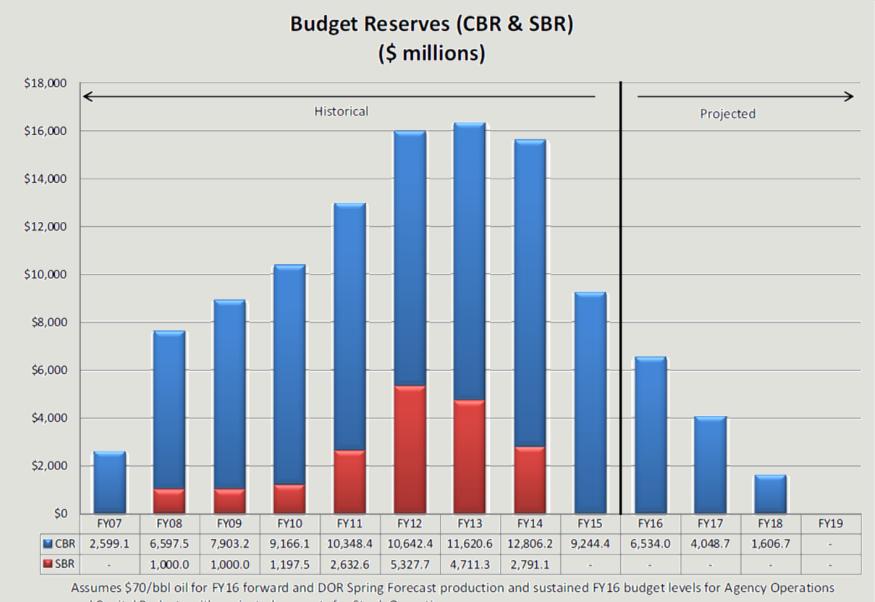
- The DOC Community Jails program funds jails in fifteen different communities.
- It was cut 33.25% or around \$3 million.
- Sitka took a \$300,000 cut or about 45% from the current year's funding level.

Mt. Edgecumbe High School Pool

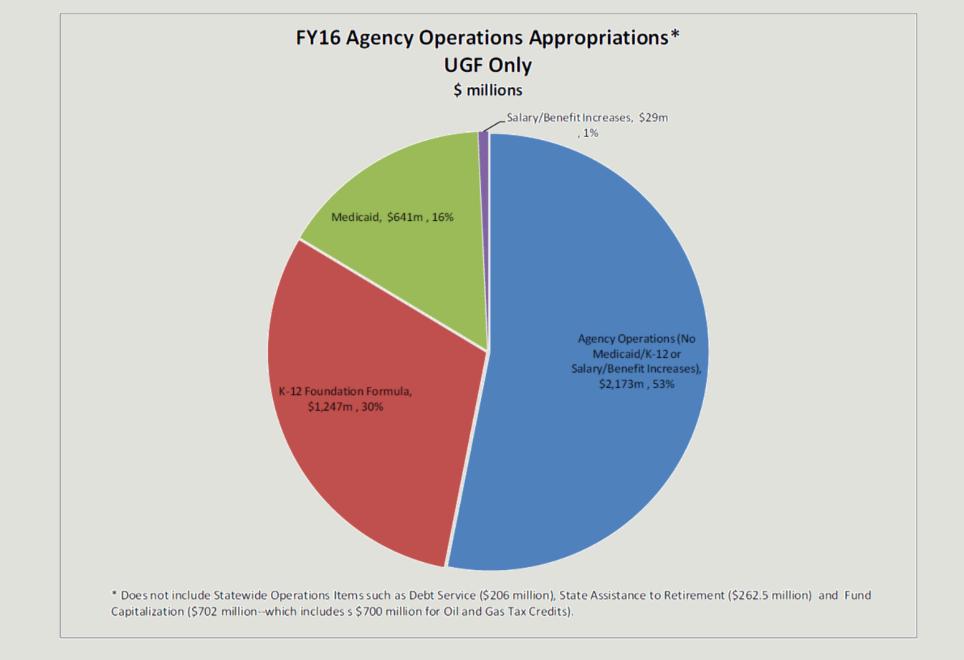
- This is a new 25 meter pool with space for aquatic therapy. Final design features will be determined in the procurement process with the contractor and interested parties.
- The pool will be available for students, state and federal agencies, SEARHC, Sitka Hospital, Sitka residents, etc.
- Anticipate support for training of Troopers and USCG.
- Bids were opened May 18, 2015. DOT says award status is pending.
- Funding includes \$20 million in bond funds and \$6.9 million in state capital budget general funds.

Alaska Marine Highway System Funding

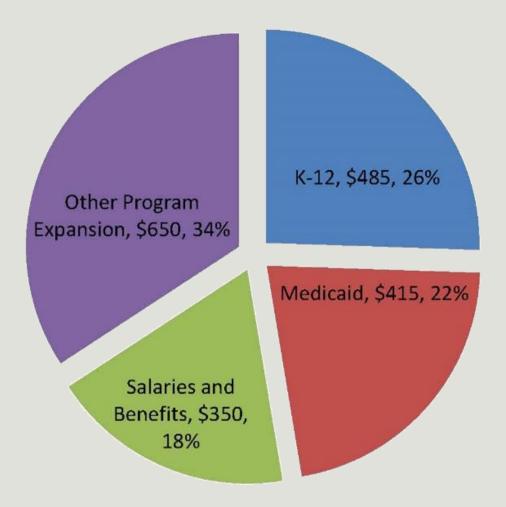
- The total general fund operating budget reduction for AMHS compared to FY 15 is \$2.7 million.
- It took use of \$5.5 million in one-time funds from the FY15 fuel trigger and \$1.75 million added back during the special session to get there.
- The one-time funds are going to service up north. Cuts next year will be difficult to fill.



and Capital Budgets with projected amounts for Stwd. Operations.

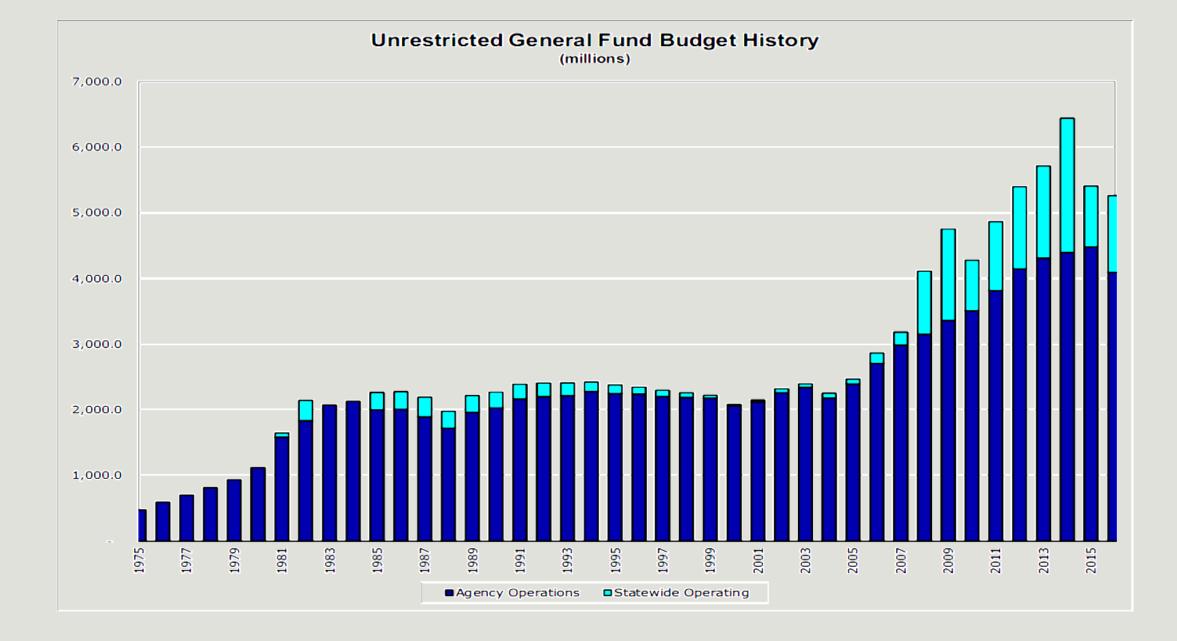


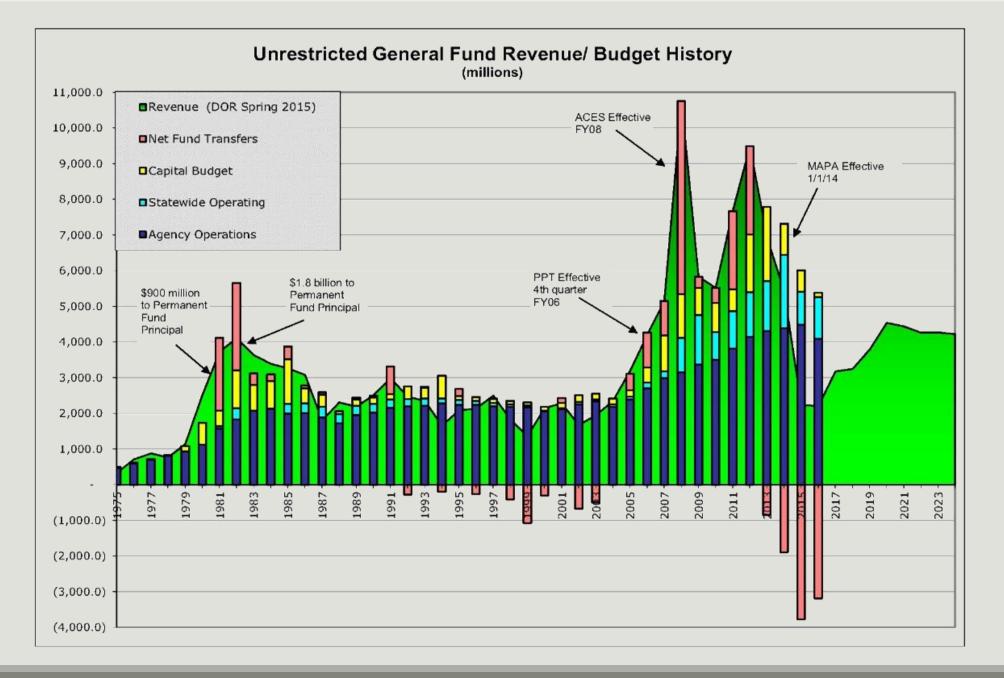
Cost Drivers--Agency Operations Contribution to Budget Increases FY06 to FY15 (\$ millions) \$1.9 Billion Total UGF Increase

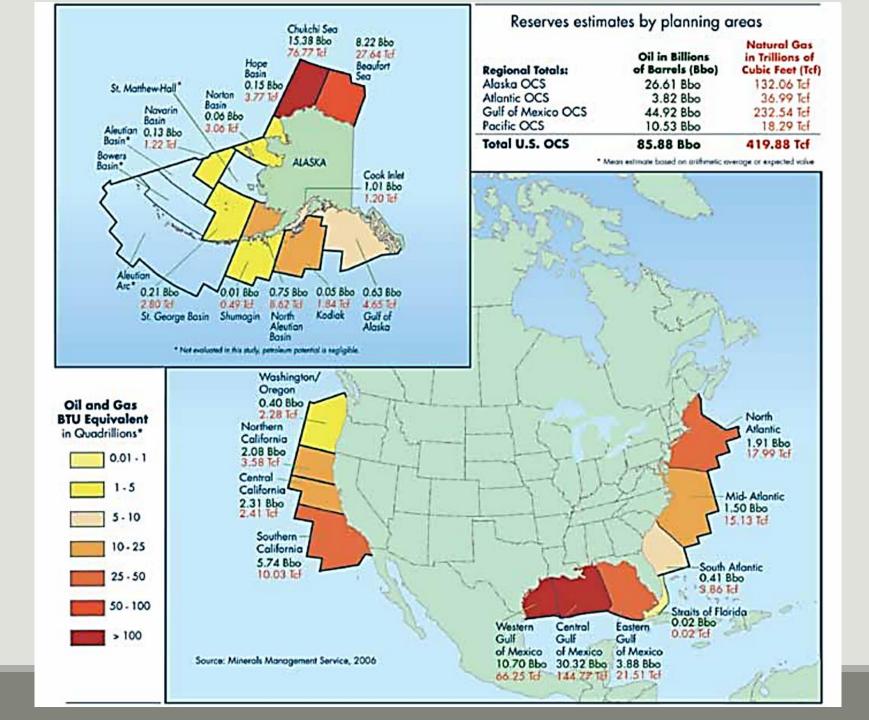


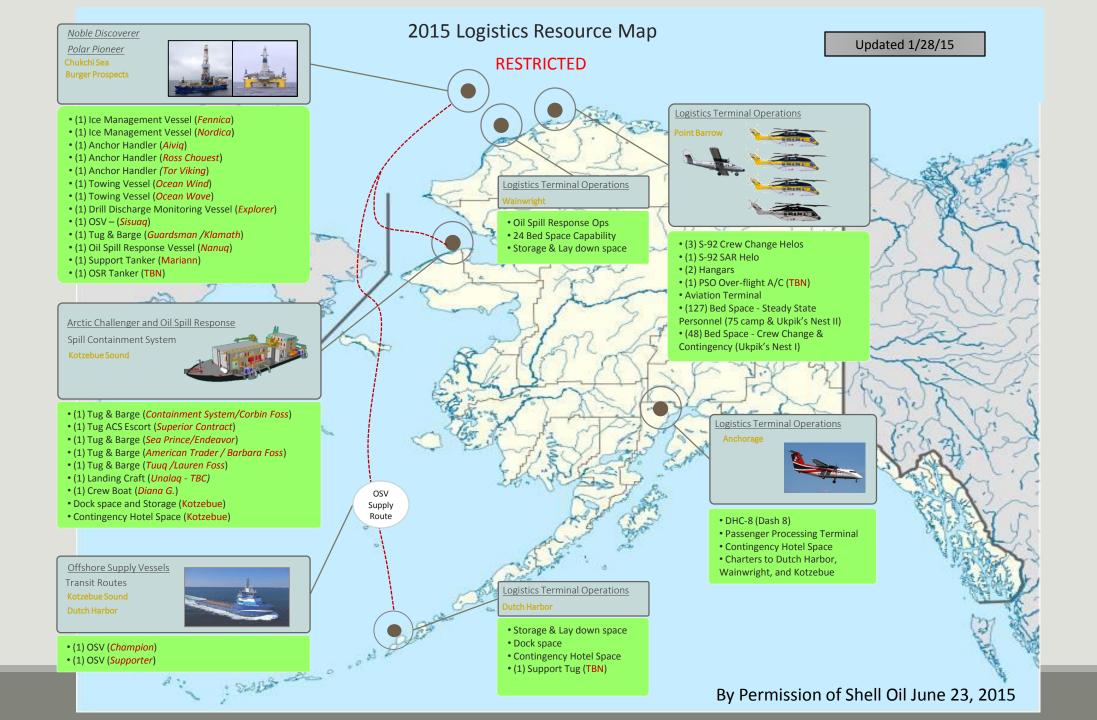
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		FY15 BUDGET	FY16 BUDGET	Change in UGF			
		Unrestricted General Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	\$	%		
1	TOTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS	5,405.4	5,261.7	(143.7)	-2.7%		
2	Agency Operations	4,479.0	4,091.0	(388.0)	-8 .7%		
3	Current Fiscal Year Appropriations (Includes Fiscal Notes)	4,503.0	4,091.0	(412.0)	-9.1%		
4	Agency Operations (Non-Formula)	2,283.4	2,025.5	(257.9)	-11.3%		
5	K-12 Foundation Formula and Pupil Transportation	1,244.6	1,247.5	2.8	0.2%		
6	Other Formula Programs	975.0	818.1	(156.9)	-16.1%		
7	Revised Programs Legislatively Approved						
8	Fiscal Notes (FY15 notes are included in Management Plan)	-	-				
9	Vetoes (non-additive)		-				
10	Duplicated Authorization (non-additive)	-	-				
11	Supplemental Operating Appropriations	<u>(24.0)</u>	<u>0.0</u>	24.0	-100.0%		
12	Statewide Operations	926.4	1,170.7	244.3	26.4%		
13	Current Fiscal Year Appropriations	919.9	1,170.7	250.8	27.3%		
14	Debt Service	218.8	206.2	(12.6)	-5.8%		
15	Fund Capitalization	682.5	702.0	19.5	2.9%		
16	Local Government Support	52.0	-	(52.0)	-100.0%		
17	Oil & Gas Production Tax Credits	625.0	700.0	75.0	12.0%		
18 19	Other Fund Capitalization Retirement Costs: Actuarial Recommendation	5.5 5.2	2.0 262.5	(3.5) 257.3	-63.6% 4908.4%		
20	Retirement Costs: Additional Contributions	5.2	202.0	201.0	4500.470		
21	Judgments, Claims and Settlements	13.4		(13.4)	-100.0%		
22	Vetoes (non-additive)	-	-	(10.1)	100.070		
23	Duplicated Authorization (non-additive)	-	-				
24	Supplemental Statewide Appropriations	6.5		(6.5)	<u>-100.0%</u>		
25	Debt Service	(5.4)	-	5.4	-100.0%		
26	Other Special	11.9	-	(11.9)	-100.0%		









Thank you for your time.

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