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Background:

In 1994, the Commission requested that a review of the Department's effectiveness on 14 key issues raised by the regional wildlife councils be conducted by a Management Assistance Team. A report outlining the findings and recommendations was submitted to the Commission. Notable recommendation included: Create an office of Director Support that would evaluate and improve management systems and improve effectiveness; Dissolve the Natural Resources Policy Bureau (NRPB); Shift more authority and responsibility from the Bureaus to the Regions; Operate more efficiently; Implement a policy that says "all that benefit should pay and all that pay should benefit". Overall the study found the Department to be in good shape but the agency needed re-structuring and needed to become more efficient. As a result of the 1994 study, the Department has made good progress in implementing many of the recommendations. The Directors office has been re-organized with an additional Deputy Director, Special Assistant and Assistant Director, NRPB has been devolved and personnel transferred to other Bureaus, we are in the process of de-centralizing and transferring more responsibility to the Region, we are evaluating the efficiency of the Department and documenting areas of efficiency and deficiency. The Department is also critically looking for alternative funding sources to implement the "all that benefit should pay and all that pay should benefit" philosophy.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

NONE as this is information only.

Public Involvement Process:

NONE

Staff Recommendation:

NONE

Justification:

NONE

