

# Natural Resources

## DIVISION OF STATE LANDS

	1999-2001 Actuals	2001-03 Legislatively Adopted at Close of Session	2001-03 Legislatively Approved through Fifth Special Session	2003-05 Governor's Balanced
General Fund	\$34,381	\$133,727	\$129,255	\$30,336
Lottery Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds	12,629,929	13,049,454	14,216,514	15,429,625
Federal Funds	904,528	1,525,308	2,472,125	1,614,737
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	77,010,736	31,800,000	49,500,000	34,800,000
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$90,579,574</b>	<b>\$46,508,489</b>	<b>\$66,317,894</b>	<b>\$51,874,698</b>
Positions	78	81	81	83
Full-time Equivalent	75.79	74.25	80.50	81.83

### Overview

The Division of State Lands carries out State Land Board policy. The State Land Board consists of the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the State Treasurer. The Board manages the Common School Fund (CSF), valued at about \$640 million in October 2002. The State Treasurer invests CSF money for the Board. The fund includes land deeded in trust for education when the state was founded. It also includes unclaimed or forfeited property and certain lands set by law. The Division distributes CSF earnings to schools twice a year.

The Division's goals are to produce income for the CSF and to protect the land and water of the state. The Division also manages the state's removal-fill law and wetlands programs. It manages the South Slough National Estuarine Research and Reserve (SSNERR) and the Natural Heritage Advisory Council (NHAC). SSNERR was the first national estuarine research reserve named in the nation; it is a natural site for the public to explore and learn about estuaries. The 1997 Legislature made SSNERR an asset of the CSF. NHAC oversees the Natural Heritage Plan and data bank. It registers and dedicates natural heritage conservation lands. It also advises the Board and others of sites for natural heritage conservation lands. In summary, the division:

- Manages and regulates rangeland, state wetlands, and removal and fill work such as gravel mining.
- Leases state mineral and waterways.
- Manages unclaimed property, estate administration, and forfeitures.
- Supports the Natural Heritage Advisory Council.

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## Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget is \$51.9 million total funds. This includes \$34.8 million nonlimited distribution to schools, which is a nine percent increase from the amount budgeted during the 2001 Legislative Session. It is, however, about 30 percent less than the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session, which includes a one-time increased infusion of \$17.7 million to schools. The market value of the fund has diminished as the stock market has declined.

The balanced budget continues the CSF programs at, or above, 2001-03 biennium levels. The budget adds positions to oversee waterway leases, to manage rangeland, to improve unclaimed property management, and to assist the Department of Transportation with projects. The budget maintains basic support for NHAC, and continues current programs at the SSNERR.

## Revenue

General Fund supports NHAC and is a small fraction of the total agency budget. Most of the funding comes from operations and investment incomes. Operations generate revenues from the sale of timber, leases and royalties, land sales, permit fees, unclaimed property, donations, and publications. Investment income is from interest and capital gains earnings on the CSF. Federal Funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration partially supports the South Slough.