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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

His Excellency Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD), to **Retroactively** amend Fiscal Committee item #21-343, approved November 19, 2021, and Governor and Council item #64, approved November 22, 2021, by extending the end date from April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and to accept and expend \$50,732 of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) for the purpose of continuing to fund a feasibility study to evaluate improvements and upgrades at the state fish hatcheries, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2024. **Funding Source: 100% Federal Fund Transfer from Other Agency.**

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

ARPA Fish Hatchery Feasibility Study						
03-75-75-752020-24840000						
Fiscal Year 2024						
Class	Expense Account	Class Description	Revenue Account	Current Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
00D		FEDERAL FUNDS TRANSFER FROM OTHER AGENCY	488544-69	\$37	50,732	50,769
Total				\$37	50,732	50,769
Expense						
046	500464	CONSULTANTS	488544-69	\$37	50,732	50,769
Total				\$37	50,732	50,769

EXPLANATION

This item is **Retroactive** due to the timing of the expiration of the MOA between the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and NHFGD, which was April 1, 2023, to utilize these funds for the stated purpose. A retroactive amendment for NHDES to continue utilizing these ARPA funds required Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval. This step was a necessary precursor to amending the expiration and use of remaining funds in the MOA between NHFGD and NHDES.

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

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Pursuant to US Treasury 31 CFR Part 35, RIN 1505-AC77, the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act includes New Hampshire State funding for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects. NHFGD will use these funds to amend a contract with a qualified consultant to examine and recommend ways that the Powder Mill Fish Hatchery can comply with federal water quality permits. It will also investigate the capacity and modernization opportunity at the other fish hatcheries around the state.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

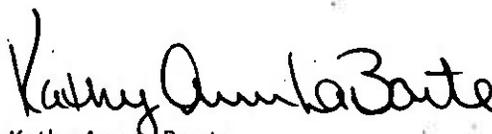
Class 046 – Consultants – these funds are being budgeted in an existing class 046, Consultants, to continue a contract with a consultant to conduct the study.

In the event that Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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October 21, 2021

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

His Excellency Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD), to accept and expend \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) for the purpose of funding a feasibility study to evaluate improvements and upgrades at the state fish hatcheries, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through April 1, 2023. **Funding Source: 100% Federal Fund Transfer from Other Agency.**
2. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 124:15, and contingent upon approval of Requested Action #1, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD) to create class 046, Consultants, for the purpose of hiring an outside consultant to conduct a feasibility study at the Department's Powder Mill Fish Hatchery, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through April 1, 2023. **Funding Source: 100% Federal Fund Transfer from Other Agency.**

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

ARPA Fish Hatchery Feasibility Study

ARPA Fish Hatchery Feasibility Study						
03-75-75-752020-24XX0000						
Fiscal Year 2022						
Class	Expense Account	Class Description	Revenue Account	Current Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
000		FEDERAL FUNDS TRANSFER FROM OTHER AGENCY	488544	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)
Total				\$0	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)
Expense						
046	500464	CONSULTANTS	488544	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total				\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

EXPLANATION

Pursuant to US Treasury 31 CFR Part 35, RIN 1505-AC77, the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act includes New Hampshire State funding for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects. NHFGD will use these funds to enter into a contract with a qualified consultant to examine and recommend ways that the Powder Mill Fish Hatchery can comply with federal water quality permits. It will also investigate the capacity and modernization opportunity at the other fish hatcheries around the state.

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

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Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 046 – Consultants – these funds are being budgeted in class 046, Consultants, to cover a significant contract with a consultant to conduct the study.

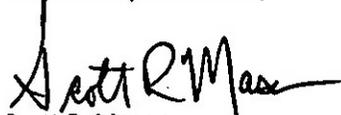
The following information is provided in accordance with the Comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981:

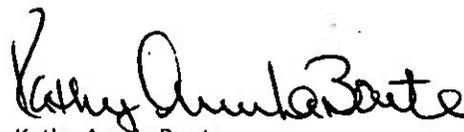
- 1) *List of Personnel involved:*
No new staffing requirements
- 2) *Nature, need and duration:*
The period of performance runs until April 1, 2023.
- 3) *Relationship to existing agency programs:*
This work is to study the existing hatchery system to meet the requirements of the discharge limits set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- 4) *Has similar program been requested of the Legislature and denied?* No
- 5) *Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request?*

It was not known that these funds would be available at the time the agency established its FY22/FY23 biennial budget.
- 6) *Can portions of the grant funds be utilized for other purposes?*
These funds can only be used for the purpose of the grant award.
- 7) *Estimate the funds required to continue these positions:*
N/A.
- 8) *Geographic Area Served:*
Statewide
- 9) *Sources of Funds:*
American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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