

# Michigan Department of Natural Resources



# Agenda

- Economic Impact
- FY 2015 Budget Update
- FY 2016 Executive Budget



# Economic Impact



# Fishing

- 1.2 million anglers - ranks fifth in the nation
- Value \$2.5 billion to Michigan's economy
- Produces 37,989 direct jobs
- Anglers fish more than 11,000 lakes, 3,000 miles of Great Lake shoreline and 20,000 miles of trout/salmon streams-most diverse freshwater fishing in world



# Hunting

- 760,000 hunters - Michigan ranks third in the nation behind Texas and Pennsylvania
- Hunting generates 34,473 direct jobs and produces \$2.3 billion for Michigan's economy
- Hunters have access to 4.5 million acres of public hunting lands managed by the DNR including 187 state game areas and seven managed waterfowl areas



# Recreation

- DNR-managed recreation facilities are the backbone of Michigan's \$17 billion tourism industry that supports 161,000 direct jobs - six of the state's top 10 tourist destinations are managed by DNR
- Facilities include:
  - 102 state parks (22 million state park visits)
  - Over 1,300 boating access sites and 80 public harbors support \$3.9 billion boating industry
  - 138 state forest campgrounds



# Recreation

- More than 12,000 miles of trails - positions Michigan as “The Trail State”
- 2,600 miles of rail trails (most in nation)
- Bicycling provides \$668 million per year to Michigan’s economy



# Recreation

- Over 200,000 snowmobilers – ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in nation
- Snowmobilers produce \$1 billion to Northern Michigan economies (when it snows)
- Over 200,000 off-road vehicle (ORV) riders
- ORV and snowmobile trails are regularly cited as among the best in their class



# Resource-Based Industry

- 4 million acres of DNR-managed forest support \$16 billion timber industry and 31,000 direct jobs
- 926,000 cords of certified timber harvested from DNR-managed lands in FY 2014
- 5.4 million seedlings planted on DNR-managed forest lands in FY 2014



# FY 2015 Budget Update



# FY 2015 Strategic Investments

- ✓ Forest fire and forest management
- ✓ Conservation officer academy
- ✓ Fisheries research vessel
- ✓ Invasive species
- ✓ Non-motorized trail development



# FY 2015 General Fund Reductions

- Non-motorized trails \$1,250,000
- Wildfire protection \$500,000
- State parks maintenance \$250,000
- Total reductions \$2,000,000



# FY 2015 – Align Spending Authority with Restricted Revenue

- Forest Development Fund                   \$4,000,000
  - Increased timber harvest on state forest land
- Federal Pittman-Robertson               \$3,150,000
  - Increased firearm and ammunition sales
- Belle Isle Park Subaccount               \$1,000,000
  - Authority to spend revenue generated at the park
- Deer Range Improvement Fund         \$150,000
  - Sufficient fund balance exists



# FY 2016 Executive Budget Recommendation



# FY 2016 General Fund Reductions



# Expand recreational shooting opportunities

- **Objective:** Construct safe and accessible shooting ranges in 12 priority areas throughout the state - \$4 M (\$250,000 GF)
- **Outcomes:**
  - Increase outdoor recreation participation
  - Increase participation in fee-based outdoor recreation activities



# Questions?

