

# NATURAL RESOURCES

## Department of Agriculture

#### European gypsy moths

Begin efforts to eradicate and monitor nonnative European gypsy moths, which threaten forests and the timber, nursery and Christmas tree industries. (\$238,000 General Fund-State; \$715,000 General Fund-Federal)

## Department of Ecology

#### Oil spill prevention

Expand oil spill planning efforts to address tar sands oil transported into the state. Increases the tax on oil transported by rail and vessel and expands the tax to include oil transported by pipelines to maintain oil spill prevention and preparedness programs to protect water and lands. (\$979,000 Oil Spill Prevention Account)

# Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Patrol

# Wildfire suppression

Cover the unanticipated costs of responding to and fighting wildfires across the state. Fires occurred on over 404,000 acres, making 2017 the second-largest fire season in more than 15 years. (\$42.5 million GF-S; \$10.9 million Disaster Response Account; \$6.7 million GF-F; \$520,000 other funds)

## **Department of Natural Resources**

#### Wildfire preparation and response

Increase the state's ability to respond to wildland fires. This includes \$2.6 million to replace obsolete radios used in firefighting; \$792,000 to improve tracking systems for wildfire and forest health data and costs; \$287,000 for additional training for DNR and fire service personnel; \$291,000 to hire 1.5 permanent fire management staff to improve response capabilities for large fires; and \$75,000 to begin the replacement of aviation fuel trucks. (\$2.1 million GF-S; \$2.1 million Forest Fire Protection Assessment Account)

#### Earthquake and tsunami hazards

Enhance efforts to develop high-quality earthquake and tsunami hazard maps, including completing tsunami evacuation maps for all coastal communities. (\$543,000 GF-S)

## Department of Fish and Wildlife

# Southern Resident killer whale recovery

Accelerate efforts to recover Southern Resident killer whale populations, which are at their lowest levels in more than three decades. Important components include funding two additional enforcement officers to enforce vessel regulations; increasing chinook salmon production at state hatcheries; completing inventories of water

pump and irrigation diversions in Puget Sound, Methow and Wenatchee drainages; and offering public education and outreach. Completes design and construction of the Samish hatchery river intake to comply with fish passage and screening requirements. Makes improvements at other hatcheries to increase chinook salmon production. (\$3.1 million GF-S; \$5.7 million state bonds)

#### Forest health treatments

Complete forest thinning on an estimated 4,000 acres of department-owned and -managed lands to support healthy forest habitats and reduce the risk of wildfires. (\$2.0 million GF-F; \$3.1 million other funds)

### Wildfire recovery

Conduct restoration activities on state wildlife areas damaged by wildfires in summer 2017.
Replaces structures at the Scatter Creek Wildlife Area destroyed by wildfire. (\$613,000 GF-S; \$1.1 million state bonds)