

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION

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Trends in Enforcement at Fish, Wildlife & Parks (22P-02)

Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Audit Objectives (*what the audit intends to accomplish or questions auditors will answer*):

- Is FWP Enforcement Division using all available data to make management decisions on the distribution of resources?
- How do agency structure and culture affect FWP Enforcement's ability to serve increasingly diverse recreationists statewide?

Audit Scope (*the boundary of the audit & subject matter auditors will assess*):

This audit is scoped as an examination of FWP's use of data to drive the enforcement division's decision making and its ability to adapt to changing recreation in the state. This includes:

- Analyze enforcement data from their warden activity tracking system
- Determine trends in how enforcement focuses have shifted over time and compare them to the changing recreational landscape in the state
- Map and review the current distribution of warden resources across the FWP regions in the state
- Review enforcement's working relationships with other FWP departments, local law enforcement, private landowners, and federal land management agencies
- Determine staff perspectives on the changing role of enforcement and its culture through interviews, site visits, and surveys
- Review enforcement HR data and training processes to understand any effects of adjusting to changing recreation in the state
- Speak with recreational stakeholders to determine how enforcement interacts with those various demographics
- Review how other states' enforcement equivalents have adapted to changing recreation in their states