

CHAPTER 378

NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE BILL 13-1283

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also SENATOR(S) Schwartz, Aguilar, Baumgardner, Crowder, Giron, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, Newell, Nicholson, Todd.

AN ACT**CONCERNING THE SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) Pursuant to:

(a) Section 24-33-111 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, the species conservation trust fund has been created in the state treasury to fund programs designed to conserve native species that have been listed as threatened or endangered under state or federal law, or are candidate species or are likely to become candidate species as determined by the United States fish and wildlife service;

(b) Section 24-33-111 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, the executive director of the department of natural resources, after consulting with the Colorado water conservation board and its director, the parks and wildlife board, and the director of the division of parks and wildlife, has prepared and delivered to the general assembly a species conservation eligibility list describing programs and associated costs that are eligible to receive funding from the species conservation trust fund; and

(c) Section 24-33-111 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, prior to obligating funds from the species conservation trust fund, the species conservation eligibility list is subject to modification and adoption through the passage of a bill.

SECTION 2. Eligibility list - approval. (1) The general assembly deems the recommended expenditures described in the species conservation eligibility list to be in the interest of the people of the state. The moneys specified in this subsection (1) shall be available in fiscal year 2013-14 and shall remain available for the

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designated purposes until they are fully expended:

(a) The executive director of the department of natural resources is authorized to obligate and expend four million dollars (\$4,000,000) from the species conservation trust fund for the following activities, programs, and species in the following amounts:

PROGRAM / SPECIES	AMOUNT
(I) Selenium Management Program	\$ 500,000
(II) White River Management Plan	\$ 250,000
(III) Instream Flow Water Acquisition	\$ 500,000
(IV) Fountain Creek Fish Passage Project	\$ 250,000
(V) Native Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat Management and Propagation	\$ 10,000
(VI) Native Terrestrial Wildlife Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation	\$ 816,000
(VII) Native Aquatic Wildlife Habitat and Population Management and Propagation	\$ 500,000
(VIII) Native Aquatic Wildlife Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation	\$ 324,000
(IX) Wildlife Disease Management and Landscape Adaptation	\$ 350,000
(X) Natural Areas - Rare Plant Conservation Program and Species Conservation	\$ 500,000
Total authorization:	\$ 4,000,000

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-29-109.3, **amend** (2)(e)(VI)(A) as follows:

39-29-109.3. Operational account of the severance tax trust fund - repeal.

(2) Subject to the requirements of subsections (3) and (4) of this section, if the general assembly chooses not to spend up to one hundred percent of the moneys in the operational account as specified in subsection (1) of this section, the state treasurer shall transfer the following:

(e) To the species conservation trust fund created in section 24-33-111 (2) (a), C.R.S., the following amounts:

(VI) (A) For the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, ~~six million six hundred thousand~~ FOUR MILLION dollars.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 5, 2013