

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi [signature]
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: May —4, 2004

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: “Water Pollution Control
Amendment Act of 2004”

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation – Bill Number Not Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2004 through FY 2007 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because there is no net financial impact on the District associated with the provisions of the proposal.

Background

The proposed legislation would prohibit the use of revenues from fishing and hunting licensing schemes for any purpose other than the administration of the District’s Fisheries and Wildlife Division. The Division is responsible for the protection and management of aquatic life in the District of Columbia.

The proposed legislation would adopt the exact language required by CFR § 80.3 as recommended by two federal audits to prevent the diversion of licensing fees from the Division. Failure to amend current D.C. law to include the language required by federal regulations will place the District in jeopardy of losing existing federal funding of nearly \$1 million annually for the management of fishing and aquatic resources.

Financial Plan Impact

The proposed legislation would have no net fiscal impact on the District's budget because it would prevent the diversion of licensing fees from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, but would not alter the amount of revenue received by the District from licensing fees. To the extent that other programs that now receive a portion of the licensing fees collected by the Division through budget allocation no longer receive such revenue, budget reallocation may be required.