

MONTANA

BOARD OF INVESTMENTS

BOARD ADOPTED POLICY

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TITLE: Investment Objectives and Guidelines
Invasive Species Trust Fund

SUPERSEDES: April 20, 2021

BOARD ADOPTION: November 30, 2021

REVIEWED:

I. Appendix I: Trust Funds: Investment Objectives and Guidelines

- A. Schedule I-AH: Investment Objectives and Guidelines Invasive Species Trust Fund.
- B. Approved Date of Schedule: August 19, 2020.
- C. This Schedule is effective upon adoption by the Board and supersedes all previous Investment Objectives and Guidelines for this specific portfolio.

II. Introduction

- A. The purpose of the investment objectives and guidelines is to provide a framework for the Invasive Species Trust Fund account under the guidance of the Board.
- B. The Invasive Species Trust Fund was established under Section 80-7-1016, MCA, as a non-expendable trust to provide funds to the Invasive Species Account. The Invasive Species Account funds projects that prevent or control any nonnative, aquatic invasive species. Deposits to the principal of the trust may include but are not limited to grants, transfers, bequests, or donations from any source. Deposits in the fund may not be appropriated until the balance reaches \$100 million. Earnings will go to an account managed by the Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks to fund projects related to aquatic invasive species.

III. Statement of Purpose

- A. The purpose of these objectives and guidelines is to:
 1. Establish the investment objectives and performance standards of the Invasive Species Trust Fund account.
 2. Provide diversified investment exposure within the guidelines in a prudent and cost-effective manner.

IV. Investment Objective

- A. Strategic
 1. The objective of the Invasive Species Trust Fund portfolio is to attain above benchmark total return within the parameters of the Investment Guidelines set forth below with an emphasis on investment income and preservation of principal.
- B. Performance
 1. Success in achieving this objective will be measured by comparing the risk and return of the account to the Trust Funds Investment Pool (TFIP) benchmark and the Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP) benchmark, each weighted proportionately to the portfolio's holdings, over a five (5) year moving average.

C. Time Horizon

1. Invasive Species Trust Fund is a permanent account. The Board expects to meet or exceed all objectives over a long-term investment horizon. Over shorter periods, the anticipated market volatility, and specific actions, including risk mitigation efforts of the Board may lead to unfavorable, but expected deviation from these objectives.

D. Investment Guidelines

1. The Board will have full discretion to manage the Invasive Species Trust Fund portfolio consistent with the investment guidelines stated below. Compliance with the following guidelines for permitted investments and other restrictions is the sole responsibility of the Staff. Any violations are to be reported to the Board at the next scheduled quarterly Board meeting.

E. Permitted Investments

1. The Invasive Species Trust Fund may only invest in the following:
 - a) TFIP.
 - b) STIP or any cash vehicle at the Custodial Bank.

F. Other Restrictions

1. A maximum of ninety-nine percent (99%) of the market value of the portfolio will be invested in the TFIP.

- G. If at any time, due to market fluctuations or any other circumstances, any of the guidelines are not maintained, Staff will use its best efforts to conform to these limits in a timely manner, while considering current market conditions and the associated costs of rebalancing. At the Board's next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting, the CIO shall inform the Board of any cases that the allocations were outside the limits and either inform the Board of the actions that were taken to return the portfolio back within guidelines or a plan to do so.