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Introduction

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The vast majority of fish and wildlife habitat is on non-Federal lands. Partnerships with Native American tribes, state and local governments, nongovernmental organizations, and private citizens are a critical part of our mission. Programs such as Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Partners in Flight, and individual partnership activities are the primary mechanisms for assisting voluntary habitat development on non-Service lands and fostering conservation practices throughout the Region.

The Service manages the 93 million acre National Wildlife Refuge System of more than 530 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. The Service also manages 78 ecological services field stations, 66 National Fish Hatcheries and 64 fishery resource offices.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts.

The Service also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state wildlife agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the nation's wildlife management efforts, funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges, and related projects across America.

The Service employs approximately 7,500 people at facilities across the United States. The Service is a decentralized organization with a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., seven geographic regional offices, and nearly 700 field units.

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Regional Highlights

Great Lakes - Big Rivers

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin

Regional Vision Statement

“We will work shoulder to shoulder with states, tribes and our many other partners to achieve our goal of making the Region a better place for fish and wildlife and the people who enjoy them.”

2000 Regional Facts

- Employment: 990 people
- Managed Acres: 1.28 million
- The Fiscal Year 2000 Budget for Regional Service activities totals \$74.3 million
- More than 94,000 school children participated in Service educational programs
- More than 7.8 million people visited Refuges throughout Region 3 to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs, and view wildlife
- Region 3 is the national lead coordinator for recovery efforts of the Bald Eagle and Gray Wolf

Refuge Program Facts

- 52 National Wildlife Refuges
- 12 Wetland Management Districts
- More than 280,000 acres in waterfowl production areas
- The System will celebrate ***“A Century of Conservation”*** on March 14, 2003

Other Regional Programs and Offices

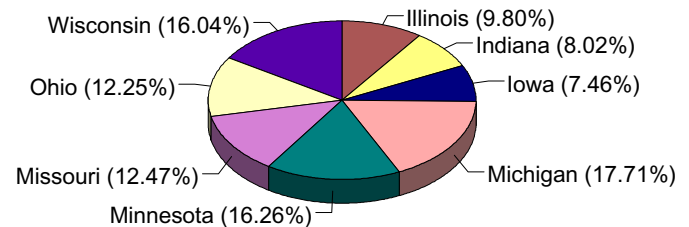
- 5 National Fish Hatcheries
- 8 Fisheries stations
- 10 Ecological Services offices
- 22 Law Enforcement offices

Federal Aid Program

In Fiscal Year 2000, the Region’s Federal Aid Office managed \$89.8 million to help strengthen sport fish and wildlife restoration programs throughout the states within Region 3.

Federal Aid Apportionments FY2000

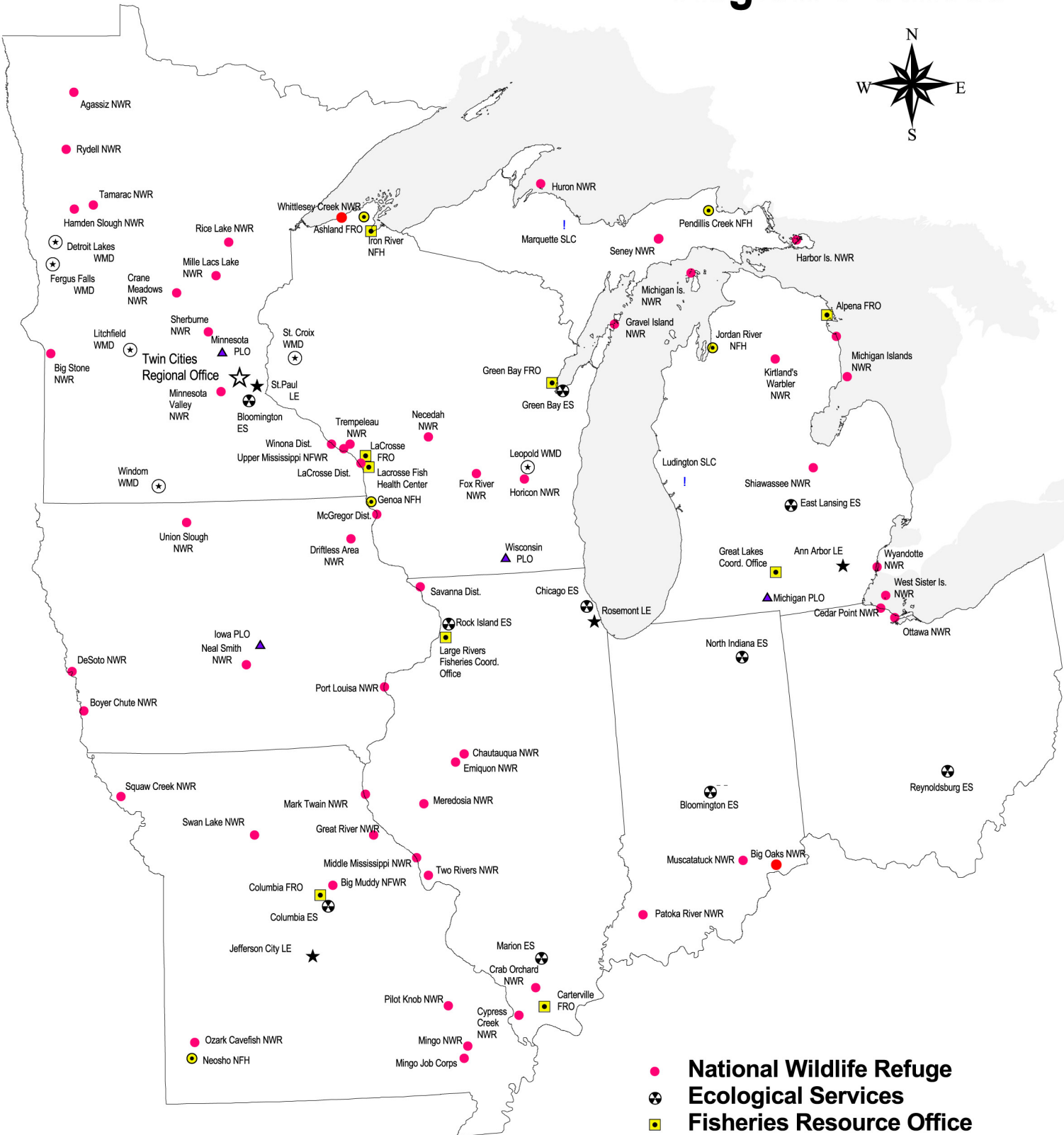
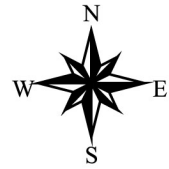
Region 3 States’ Share of \$89.8 Million:



The Region is Committed to:

- Expanded partnerships, which offer innovative opportunities to enhance the Region’s fish and wildlife resources
- Healthy fish and wildlife trust species (migratory birds, endangered species and interjurisdictional fish) populations, and habitats that support them
- Providing the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on Service lands
- A clearly defined U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service organization dedicated to employee excellence, reflecting the nation's rich diversity and providing quality service and decision-making closer to the resources in our trust

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Region 3 Offices



- National Wildlife Refuge
- ⊗ Ecological Services
- Fisheries Resource Office
- National Fish Hatchery
- ! Sea Lamprey Control
- ★ Law Enforcement
- ▲ Private Land Office
- ⊕ Wetland Management District HQ



Wisconsin

State Highlights

2000 Wisconsin State Facts

- Employment: 136 people
- Fiscal Year 2000 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Wisconsin totals \$8.0 million

National Wildlife Refuge Facts

- Eight National Wildlife Refuges and two Wetland Management Districts in Wisconsin totaling 177,911 acres
- In 2000, more than 1.7 million people visited Refuges in Wisconsin to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs and view wildlife
- 9,366 school children participated in Service educational programs

Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

- In 2000 Wisconsin received:
 - \$8.2 million for sport fish restoration
 - \$6.1 million for wildlife restoration and hunter education
- Wildlife Restoration Act funds were used to purchase the Simulated Action Firearms Education Training for Youth (SAFETY) system. This system is a high-tech, \$120,000 simulator designed to provide realistic, real-time, hunting scenarios in a safe and controlled environment. The system is used for hunter education and safety courses.

Lake Trout are Back!

Federal and state fishery biologists have concluded that native, naturally reproducing, lake trout populations have been restored to most U.S. waters of Lake Superior; and that the reduction of sea lamprey populations to five percent of pretreatment levels in U.S. waters of Lake Superior contributed significantly to the restoration.

A Partnership for People, Wildlife and Energy

The Green Bay Field Office is among 12 partners which negotiated a settlement agreement for six hydropower projects on the lower Chippewa River. The settlement will result in substantial benefits for fish and wildlife when implemented, including improved habitat, creation of a fish protection fund, and protection of endangered species. The agreement also will result in increased recreational opportunities for the public and ensure a secure source of energy for Wisconsin citizens.

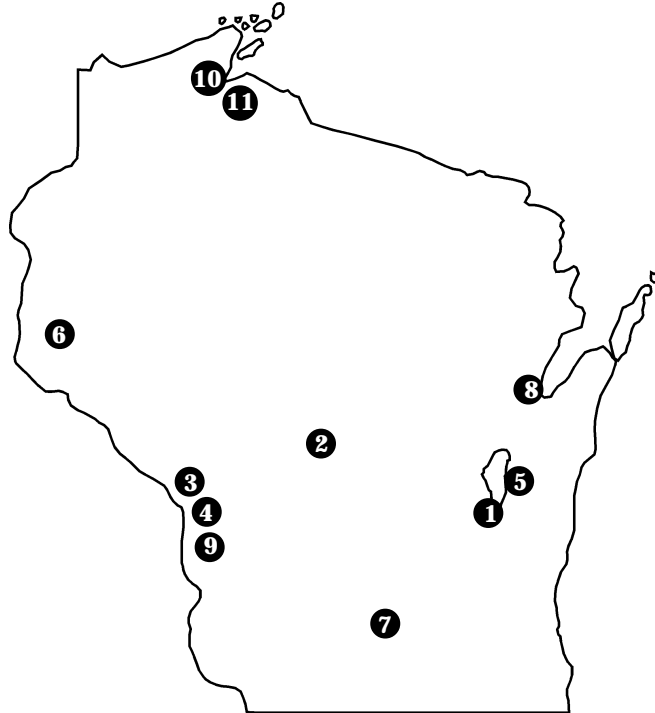
Wisconsin Gets \$1.47 Million for Karner Blue Butterfly HCP

Wisconsin was one of 10 states in 2001 to receive Service funds for land acquisition in support of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP) for endangered species. The grant complements the efforts being taken under the Wisconsin Statewide HCP to conserve and recover the endangered Karner blue butterfly. Funds will be used to purchase land totaling 1,073 acres near the Quincy Bluff and Wetlands State Natural Area in Adams County, and additional acreage in central Wisconsin. Sites being purchased have an excellent chance of supporting populations of the Karner blue and will be managed for the butterfly.



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Horicon

National Wildlife Refuge

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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Patti Meyers
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Located six miles east of Waupun,
Wisconsin, on State Highway 49 and
then 3.5 miles south on County Road Z

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1941
- Acres: 21,417
- Administers Fox River NWR (1,001 acres)
- Also administers the Wisconsin Islands Wilderness Area which consists of two island refuges in Lake Michigan: Gravel Island NWR (27 acres) and Green Bay NWR (2 acres)
- Horicon Marsh was designated a “Wetland of International Importance” and a “Globally Important Bird Area”
- State of Wisconsin manages the southern third of Horicon Marsh

Natural History

- Horicon Marsh, covering 32,000 acres, is the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the United States
- Marsh was formed from a lakebed created during the last glacial period
- Up to one million Canada geese visit the refuge each fall, with a peak of 300,000 birds at one given time
- Provides traditional habitat for many species of wetland birds including ducks, cranes, herons and shorebirds

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 400,000 visitors annually

Refuge Objectives

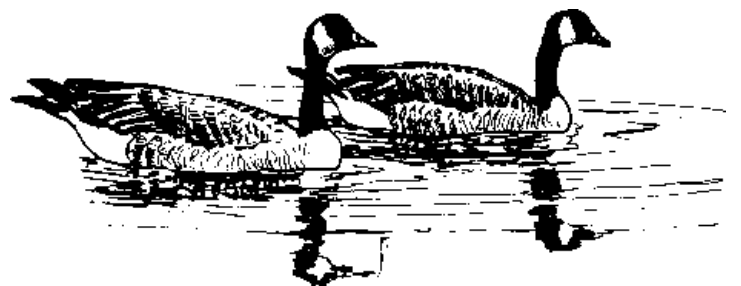
- Provide breeding and migration habitat for migratory birds
- Preserve Horicon Marsh
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Prescribed burning
- Carp and exotic plant control
- Partnerships
- Outreach and environmental education

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Teacher workshops
- Wildlife observation
- Hiking trails
- Auto tour route
- Visitor center
- Exhibits





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Necedah

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

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Necedah, WI 54646
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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Larry Wargowsky
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Located four miles west of Necedah,
Wisconsin, on Highway 21



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1939
- Acres: 43,696
- Host for the Annual Wisconsin Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest

Natural History

- Refuge is located in the Great Central Wisconsin Swamp, the largest wetland-bog in the state (7,800 square miles)
- Extensive forest habitat (pine, oak, aspen) and large tracts of rare oak barrens habitat
- Traditional habitat for waterfowl and sandhill cranes
- Impoundments provide acres of open wetland habitat
- Provides habitat for threatened, endangered and rare species, such as the Karner blue butterfly, massasauga rattlesnake and Blanding's turtle
- Beaver, coyote, turkey and white-tailed deer are common resident wildlife species

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 145,000 visitors annually
- Timber sales from forest management

Refuge Objectives

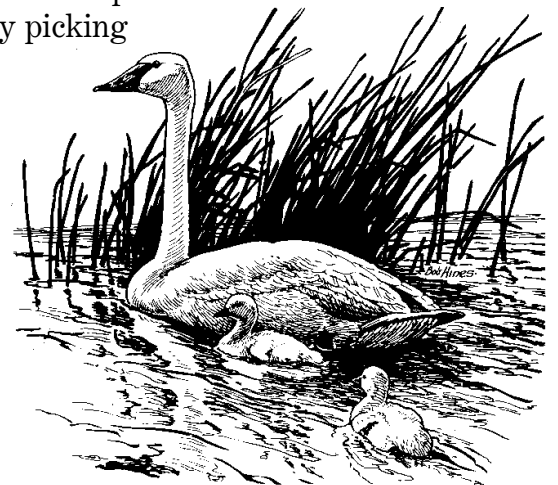
- Provide breeding and migration habitat for migratory birds
- Protect and restore Karner blue butterfly
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education
- Restore rare oak savanna habitat

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Prescribed burning
- Timber harvest
- Outreach and environmental education

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation and photography
- Hiking
- Wildlife hotspot route
- Berry picking





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Trempealeau

National Wildlife Refuge

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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Richard Frietsche
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Located three miles southwest
of Centerville, Wisconsin,
on Highway 35/54



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1936
- Acres: 5,754
- 4,778 acres acquired in 1978 from the former Delta Fish and Fur Farm

Natural History

- Lies within the Mississippi River Valley in west central Wisconsin
- Land was isolated from the Mississippi and Trempealeau rivers by levees built in 1911
- Refuge has a variety of habitats including sand prairies and marshes
- Important area for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provides habitat for bald eagles, osprey, black terns and pelicans

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 60,000 visitors annually

Refuge Objectives

- Provide breeding and migration habitat for migratory birds
- Provide habitat for native wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Water management
- Prescribed burning
- Outreach and environmental education
- Biological control of nuisance plants

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Hiking trails
- Auto tour routes

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Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

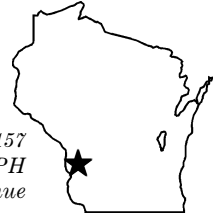
LaCrosse District

Contacting the refuge:

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*To locate the office, take Highway 157
south from I-90 to County Road PH
and go left to Lester Avenue*



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1924
- Acres: 42,000
- District covers 35 miles of the Upper Mississippi River Valley from Trempealeau to Genoa, Wisconsin
- District covers Navigation Pools 7 and 8

Natural History

- Scenic river area with broad pools, braided channels, islands and bluffs rising several hundred feet
- Critical migratory bird corridor for waterfowl, songbirds and raptors
- Major staging area for canvasback ducks and tundra swans
- Important and unique wildlife areas including the “deltas” where the Black and Root rivers join the Mississippi River
- Refuge and river support many fish and mussel species valuable for both commercial and recreational uses

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Over 1,000,000 visitors annually
- Mississippi River annually contributes an estimated \$1 billion in recreational benefits to the region
- Commercial navigation, fishing and clamming

Refuge Objectives

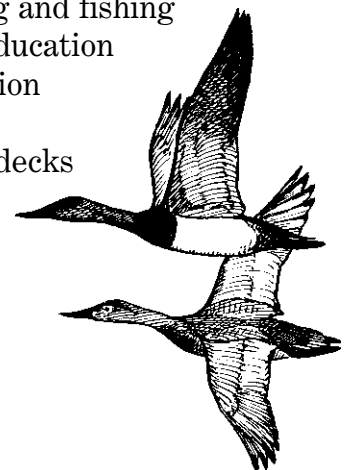
- Protect and preserve one of America’s premier fish and wildlife areas
- Provide habitat for migratory birds, fish, plants and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for endangered species
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and wildlife-oriented recreational public use opportunities

Management Tools

- Resource monitoring and protection
- Outreach and education
- Water management
- Environmental Management Program
- Federal and state partnerships
- Prescribed burning

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking, boating and camping
- Hunting, trapping and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Visitor center
- Two observation decks





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Whittlesey Creek

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

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Ashland, WI 54806
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TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Biologist: Pam Dryer
e-mail: pam_dryer@fws.gov



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1999
- Acres: 97 of the proposed 540 acres have been acquired
- Refuge is focusing on acquisition from willing sellers, planning and development

Natural History

- The Refuge is located in the coastal area of Lake Superior at the mouth of Whittlesey Creek, which is a part of a large wetland complex at the head of Chequamegon Bay
- The coastal wetlands and Lake Superior tributary streams provide habitat for migratory birds and anadromous trout and salmon
- These coastal wetlands are significant, shallow water ecosystems in an otherwise very cold and deep lake
- Whittlesey, Little Whittlesey and Terwilliger creeks flow through the Refuge, collecting water from the many cold-water spring upwellings in the streams and bordering wetlands
- Whittlesey Creek was historic spawning grounds for the anadromous strain of brook trout, referred to as “coaster” brook trout

Refuge Objectives

- Protect and restore habitat in Whittlesey, Little Whittlesey, and Terwilliger creeks for migration, spawning, and rearing of trout and salmon from Lake Superior
- Restore and manage habitat for waterfowl, neotropical migrants, and other migratory birds
- Restore, to the extent possible, historical hydrologic conditions in the coastal wetlands and streams, including restoring Whittlesey Creek to its historic channel
- Manage for compatible wildlife-dependent recreational uses, including environmental education, hunting, fishing, wildlife-viewing, and demonstrating restoration and management techniques

Management Tools

- Restoration and management planning for in-stream fish habitat, riparian vegetation, and wetlands.
- Restoration of natural hydrology for wetlands and stream habitat will be a priority.
- Current management needs include removal of old buildings.

Public Use Opportunities

- Refuge is adjacent to the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, which houses the Refuge office
- The Center is open seven days a week, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Leopold

Wetland Management District

Contacting the District:

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Mayville, WI 53050
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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Project Leader: Steve Lenz
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District Facts

- Established: 1993
- Acres: 10,231 on 44 WPAs
- Manages Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in 16 southeastern counties
- Manages conservation easements in 33 eastern Wisconsin counties
- Headquarters at Horicon NWR Complex

Natural History

- District covers one of the most important waterfowl areas of Wisconsin
- WPAs are wetland and grassland mosaics needed by breeding waterfowl
- Habitat critical for many migratory water and song birds
- Mink, muskrat, beaver, and deer thrive within the district

Financial Impact

- 14,000 visitors annually
- Waterfowl Production Areas are purchased with Federal Duck Stamp receipts

District Objectives

- Provide waterfowl production habitat
- Restore wetland and grassland habitat
- Cooperate with state on Glacial Habitat Restoration Area
- Cooperate with state and local agencies promoting wildlife habitat restoration on private land

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Mowing, haying
- Wetland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (private landowner agreements)
- Prairie restoration

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting, fishing and trapping
- Wildlife observation
- Environmental education





St. Croix

Wetland Management District

Contacting the District:

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New Richmond, WI 54017
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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

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District Facts

- Established: 1992
- Acres: 7,426 on 40 WPAs and 15 easements
- Manages Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in seven counties
- WPAs range from 20 to 480 acres in size
- District includes Burnett, Washburn, Polk, Barron, St. Croix, Dunn, Pierce and Pepin counties

Natural History

- District lies on the eastern edge of the prairie pothole region and covers one of the most important waterfowl breeding areas of Wisconsin
- Wildlife common to the District include waterfowl, shorebirds, grassland and forest songbirds, deer, otter, mink, muskrat and wild turkey
- WPAs are a mosaic of wetlands and grassland habitats essential to breeding waterfowl and other migratory birds.

Financial Impact

- 10,000 visitors annually
- Waterfowl Production Areas purchased with Federal Duck Stamp receipts

District Objectives

- Provide high quality habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds with an emphasis on grassland birds
- Work cooperatively with all units of government, conservation organizations and private citizens to restore wildlife habitat on WPAs and private land

Management Tools

- Wetland and prairie grassland restoration on new WPAs and private land
- Prescribed burning to restore and maintain grassland habitats and reduce encroaching woody vegetation
- Mowing grasslands to control encroaching woody vegetation and reduce weed competition on newly planted native prairie
- Land acquisition to protect, restore and preserve prairie wetland habitat for waterfowl

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting, fishing, and trapping
- Wildlife observation and photography
- Environmental education and interpretation



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Wisconsin

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Private Lands Office



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Local Coordination Offices

North	Ashland FRO	715/682 6185
Northwest	St. Croix WMD	715/246 7784
Northeast	Green Bay FO	920/465 7440
Central	Necedah NWR	608/565 2551
South	Wisconsin PLO	608/221 1206
Southeast	Leopold WMD	920/387 0336
Southwest	Upper Miss. NWFR	319/873 3423
	LaCrosse Dist.	608/783 8405
	McGregor Dist.	319/873 3423
	Trempealeau NWR	608/539 2311

Opportunities on Private Lands

Habitat Restoration

- Wetlands and associated uplands
- Native grasslands
- Migratory bird habitat
- Watersheds of National Wildlife Refuges
- Voluntary participation
- Endangered species
- North American Wetlands Conservation Act

Technical Assistance

- Wetland and Conservation Reserve Programs
- Wetlands Conservation Provisions
- Farm Service Agency
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Partnerships

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Land conservation departments
- Private conservation organizations
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Private landowners

2000 Funding and Special Projects

- \$1.4 million for habitat restoration and technical assistance
- WRP partnerships with USDA, Wisconsin DNR and Ducks Unlimited
- Prairie/savanna restoration
- South Central Pothole North American Waterfowl Management Plan

Wetland Restorations (1987-2000)

- 4,260 sites
- 11,030 acres





Green Bay

Ecological Services Field Office

Contacting the office:

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Green Bay, WI 54311-8331
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Office Facts

- Established: 1974

Office Goals

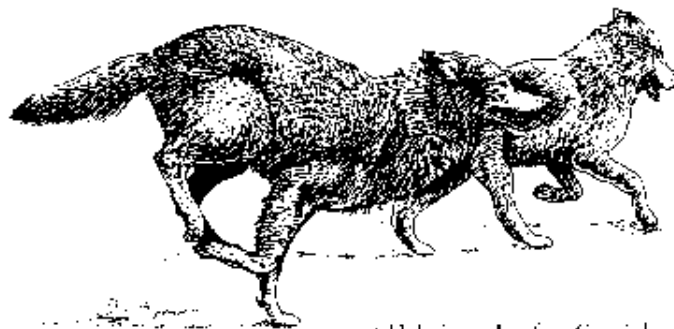
- Minimize effects of contaminants on trust fish and wildlife resources in Wisconsin and the Great Lakes
- Protect, maintain and restore fish and wildlife habitat with an emphasis on wetlands
- Restore threatened and endangered species to viable, self-sustaining levels
- Protect, manage and conserve migratory birds
- Protect, maintain and restore Great Lakes and interjurisdictional fisheries

Services Provided To

- Private citizens
- Federal and state agencies
- Tribes
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Conservation and resource organizations

Activity Highlights

- Department of the Interior co-trustee with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Menominee and Oneida Indian Tribes of Wisconsin on Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Damage Assessment for injuries to trust resources from PCBs released in the Fox River
- Provides expertise in contaminants and habitat-related issues to implement the Lower Fox River/Green Bay Remedial Action Plan
- Leads recovery efforts for the endangered Karner blue butterfly; advising state of Wisconsin, corporate and private landowners
- Participates in Service coordination on potential reclassification or delisting of the Eastern timber wolf
- Pursuing hydropower relicensing settlement for three Northern States Power Company facilities on the Chippewa River to include instream flow releases, measures to minimize fish mortality, and measures for habitat improvement, land management and protection





Genoa

National Fish Hatchery

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Genoa, WI 54632-8836
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Office Facts

- Established: 1932

Geographic Area Covered

- Six states in Region 3
- Cooperate with Regions 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6

Hatchery Mission

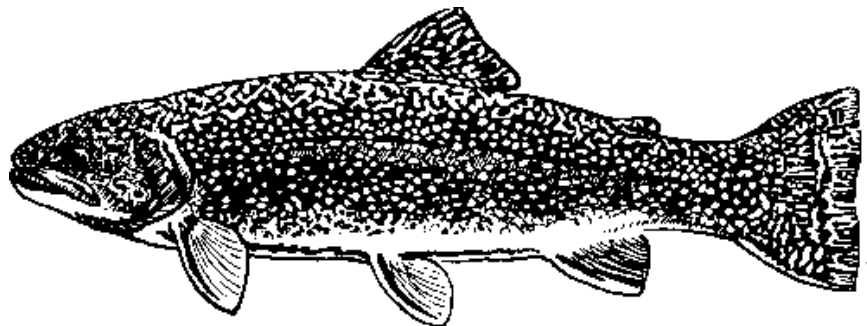
- Rear 23 species of fish to support high priority federal management, restoration and threatened and endangered species programs
- Serve as Region 3 isolation facility
- Hatch and rear wild lake trout and coaster brook trout for future broodstock
- Support recovery efforts in the Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi River
- Supply fish/eggs for research, tribal and state cooperator programs
- Provide environmental education
- Serve as primary broodstock station for coaster brook trout
- Culture endangered Higgins eye pearl mussels for restoration in the Upper Mississippi Ecosystem

Fish Species and Capability

- 40 million eggs and fry of cool water (northern pike, walleye) fish
- Two million coaster brook trout eggs
- 200,000 fingerling and subadult salmonids, cool water, and warm water (bass, bluegill, sturgeon) fish for National Wildlife Refuges and other high priority federal programs
- Repository for threatened and endangered mussels

Public Use Opportunities

- Fishery education
- Self-guided hatchery tours and visitation (5,000 annually)
- Guided tours and off-site presentations available
- Open air ponds (17) and raceways (6) with some broodfish
- Ranked in "Top 10" area locations for bird watching by the La Crosse Chapter of the Audubon Society





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Iron River

National Fish Hatchery

Contacting the hatchery:

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Office Facts

- Established: 1981

Geographic Area Covered

- Upper Great Lakes
- Tribal, research and National Fish Hatchery transfers to Midwest United States

Hatchery Mission

- Produce eggs for the National Broodstock Program
- Rear lake trout as part of Great Lakes Restoration Program
- Supply fish/eggs for research and tribal programs
- Provide environmental education

Fish Species and Capability

- One million yearling lake trout for spring stocking
- 200,000 fingerling lake trout for fall stocking
- Six million lake trout eggs
- Developing Lake Superior wild brook (coaster) trout broodstock
- 7,700 lake trout broodstock

Public Use Opportunities

- Fishery and wildlife education
- Hatchery tours and visitation





Ashland

Fishery Resources Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1972

Geographic Area Served

- Lake Superior watershed
- Tribal lands and waters in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan
- National Wildlife Refuges and National Parks in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan
- Private Lands in northern Wisconsin

Office Goals

- Restore native fishes, wetlands and aquatic habitats in the Lake Superior region
- Fulfill federal trust responsibilities to Native American Tribes in managing, enhancing, protecting, and restoring fish and wildlife resources and ecosystems
- Assist agencies with management authority in coordinating fisheries management on Lake Superior
- Assist federal resource managers and regulators in fisheries management and stewardship in the upper Great Lakes region
- Promote cooperative efforts to prevent, control, or adapt to, the spread of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species
- Distribute information and educate people about fish and wildlife resources and ecosystems

Services Provided To

- State and federal agencies
- Canadian government agencies
- Fond du Lac, Red Cliff, Bad River, Mille Lacs, Grand Portage, Red Lake, Lac Courte Orielles, Lower Sioux, White Earth, La Vieux, Desert and Mole Lake Indian Reservations and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- 1854 Treaty Authority
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices
- Private landowners

Activity Highlights

- Lake Superior habitat and ecosystem planning and restoration
- Lake trout, lake sturgeon and Lake Superior wild brook (coaster) trout restoration
- Membership on the Lake Superior Technical Committee
- Fisheries and wildlife management assistance to Native American Tribes
- Ruffe control program
- Wetland restoration in northern Wisconsin



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Green Bay

Fishery Resources Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1992

Geographic Area Served

- Lake Michigan watershed
- Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana
- Tribal lands and waters in Michigan and Wisconsin
- National Wildlife Refuges in Michigan and Wisconsin
- Great Lakes Basin

Office Goals

- Restore and maintain the biological integrity of the Lake Michigan fish community
- Promote the cooperative, interagency management of fisheries in Lake Michigan
- Restore native fishes, wetlands, and aquatic habitats
- Fulfill federal trust responsibilities to Native American Tribes
- Address the spread of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species
- Provide environmental education

Services Provided To

- State and federal agencies
- Oneida, Grand Traverse, Stockbridge-Munsee, Menominee, Potawatomi, Bay Mills, Sault, Little Traverse and Little River Bands of Indians
- Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices
- Fishery research agencies
- Chippewa/Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority

Activity Highlights

- Implements lake trout restoration in Lake Michigan; researches alternate lake trout stocking methods; collects lakewide information for lake trout strain evaluation
- Studies the food web in Lake Michigan and collates predator diet information
- Evaluates the feasibility of alternate commercial fishing gear
- Surveys fishery resources in the Oneida Indian Reservation
- Chair of the Lake Michigan Technical Committee enhancing lakewide cooperation
- Surveys lake sturgeon populations in Green Bay
- Maintains the Great Lakes Fish Stocking Database for the entire Great Lakes Basin



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LaCrosse

Fishery Resources Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1981

Geographic Area Served

- Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin
- Mississippi River bordering the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge to Rock Island, Illinois
- Iowa River Corridor
- Chicago waterway

Office Goals

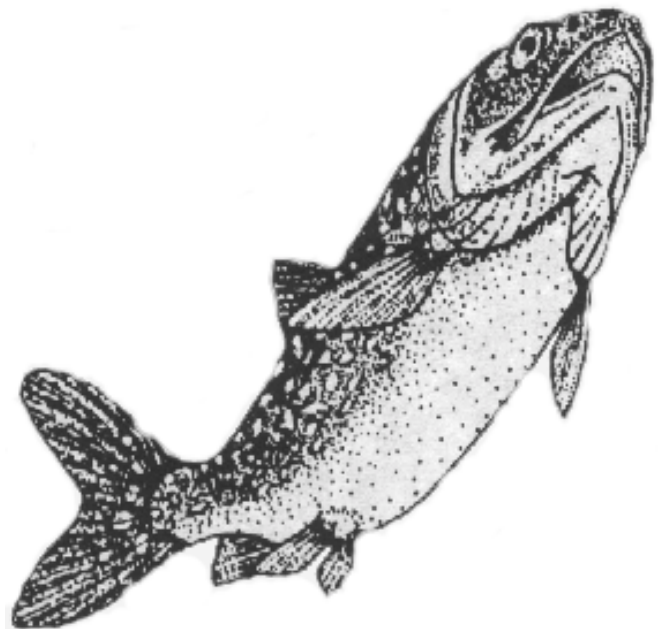
- Restore native and interjurisdictional fishes, wetlands and aquatic habitats
- Fulfill federal trust responsibilities to Native American Tribes
- Prevent the extinction of federally endangered mussels
- Address the spread of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species
- Provide environmental education

Services Provided To

- Menominee, Mille Lacs, Prairie Island and White Earth Tribes
- Federal and state agencies
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- St. Croix National Scenic Riverway
- Fort McCoy military base
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices

Activity Highlights

- Studies of paddlefish population levels, habitat use and life history
- Fishery restoration - lake sturgeon restoration efforts on the Wolf and Red River basins
- Monitoring for zebra mussel infestations on the St. Croix and Mississippi rivers, and round goby distribution in the Chicago waterway
- Aquatic habitat restoration and enhancement





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LaCrosse

Fish Health Center

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Center Facts

- Established: 1962

Geographic Area Served

- Eight state region (six ecosystems) in the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Basin
- Member of a national system of nine fish health laboratories

Center Goals

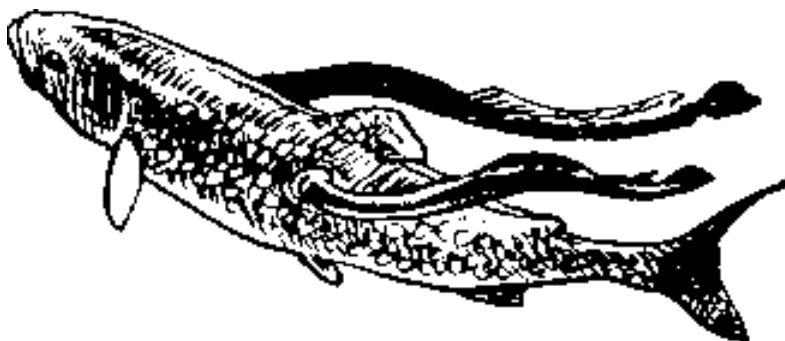
- Provide fish health inspection services to six national and four tribal fish hatcheries to minimize the risk of introducing disease agents into the wild
- Assist state and private fish hatcheries in the diagnosis and control of infectious disease agents
- Provide technical assistance regarding fish health and propagation

Services Provided To

- State and federal agencies
- Red Cliff, Lac du Flambeau and Keweenaw Bay Indian Communities
- Fishery research agencies
- Commercial hatcheries
- Universities

Activity Highlights

- Fish health quality assessments on propagated and wild lake trout
- Extension services - distribution of technical information regarding fish health issues
- Education - staff instructs a one-week training course, "Introduction to Fish Health"
- Staff instructs several fish health courses offered through the National Education Training Center
- Research projects on parasitological, viral, and bacteriological fish disease agents





U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Green Bay

Law Enforcement Field Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1987
- The Green Bay Field Office is administered by the St. Paul, Minnesota Field Office

Law Enforcement Objectives

- To protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
- To promote and encourage voluntary compliance with federal wildlife laws through public education and the creation of a deterrent effect

Law Enforcement Priorities

- To investigate violations that have a significant impact on wild populations of federally protected species, such as those violations involving commercial exploitation and/or habitat destruction and modification
- To investigate violations that involve wild populations of species protected by state or foreign laws, with emphasis on interstate and foreign commercial exploitation
- To provide support and assistance to enforcement activities on Service lands, such as National Wildlife Refuges, and to other federal agencies on lands they manage
- To promote awareness of, and support for, federal wildlife laws and the role of law enforcement in protecting our wildlife resources and heritage



Laws Enforced

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Duck Stamp Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- National Wildlife Refuge Act
- Lacey Act
- Airborne Hunting Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Exotic Bird Conservation Act



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Madison

Law Enforcement Field Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1950
- The Madison Field Office is administered by the St. Paul, Minnesota Field Office

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- Wild Exotic Bird Conservation Act



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Onalaska

Law Enforcement Field Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1982
- The Onalaska Field Office is administered by the St. Paul, Minnesota Field Office

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Wisconsin

North American Waterfowl Management Plan

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State Contact

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About the "Plan"

- An international agreement signed in 1986
- Goal: return waterfowl populations to levels of the mid 1970's
- Achieve goal by restoring and protecting wetland and grassland habitat
- Includes 13 habitat joint ventures and two species joint ventures in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico

Partner Involvement

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Local, state and federal agencies
- Tribal governments

Habitat Accomplishments

- Over 58,000 acres of habitat protected, restored and enhanced
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat
- Protected coastal wetlands

Wisconsin Projects

- Glacial Habitat Restoration Area
- Rock River watershed
- Northwest prairie pothole region
- Coastal watersheds adjacent to Lake Michigan
- Private lands statewide through voluntary participation
- Waterfowl and nongame bird surveys

Financial Assistance

- Matching dollars from partners totaling over \$24 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; 17 grants totaling over \$9 million
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan dollars totaling over \$800,000

Public Benefits

- Increased recreational opportunities
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved community relations
- Enhanced floodwater storage
- Improved water quality
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting "voluntary" wetland preservation





Wisconsin

Federal Aid

Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration

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Where the money comes from

Federal excise taxes paid by hunters, anglers, and boaters on hunting and fishing equipment, a portion of the federal fuel tax, and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

What the money can be used for

Fish and wildlife research, habitat enhancement, technical assistance to private landowners, environmental review of public projects, land acquisition, operation and maintenance of areas and facilities, boating and angler access improvements, comprehensive planning for fish and wildlife resources, and hunter and aquatic education.

Number of participants and economic benefits to Wisconsin

- Fishing
 Number of anglers.....1.47 million
 Fishing expenditures..... \$662 million
- Hunting
 Number of hunters..... 665,000
 Hunting expenditures.....\$524 million

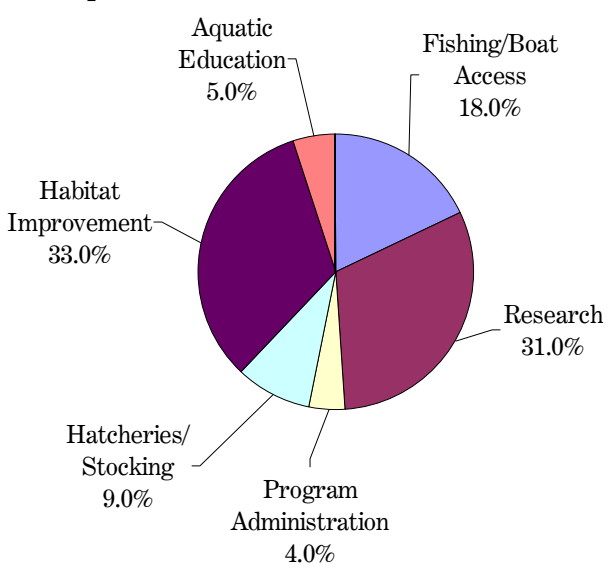
How much money is involved (2000 apportionments)

Sport Fish Restoration.....\$8.2 million
 Wildlife Restoration..... \$6.1 million

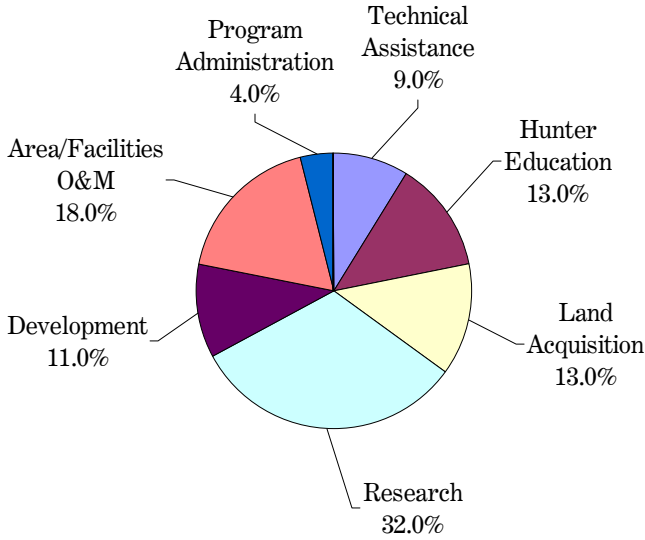


Federal dollars at work in Wisconsin

Use of Sport Fish Restoration Funds



Use of Wildlife Restoration Funds





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Wisconsin

Migratory Bird Conservation

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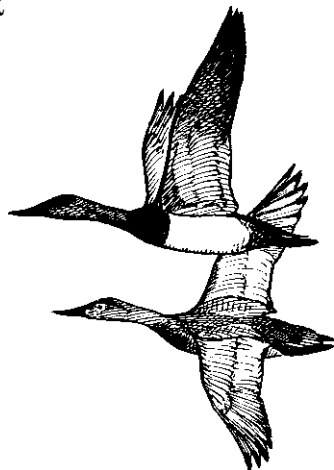


Inventory and Monitoring

- Waterfowl Breeding Pair Survey
- Woodcock Singing Ground Survey
- Mourning Dove Call Count Survey
- Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey
- Waterfowl banding program
- Great Lakes Colonial Waterbird Survey
- Nongame bird inventories on National Wildlife Refuge System lands
- Golden-winged Warbler Atlas Project
- Double-crested cormorant banding in Green Bay

Research

- Study of woodcock mortality in central Wisconsin
- Status assessment of the double-crested cormorant in the Great Lakes
- Study of Canada Geese reproductive inhibitors
- Study of black tern population dynamics at Horicon NWR



Management

- Wetland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Grassland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Hunting regulations development
- Issuance of 18 types of migratory bird permits

Partnerships

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Ruffed Grouse Society
- Ducks Unlimited
- U.S.G.S. Biological Resources Division
- University of Wisconsin
- Boreal Hardwoods Bird Conservation Region
- Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology
- Loras College

Outreach

- International Migratory Bird Day
- Junior Duck Stamp Contest
- Fact sheets on double-crested cormorants



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Division of Realty

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Ascertainment and Planning

- Before a new refuge is established, or the boundary of an existing refuge is significantly revised, the Service completes a detailed planning process to consider the effects of the proposed actions. A team of biologists and planners identify potential new lands to be acquired or preserved in some other way. The team works with local communities, landowners, state agencies, private conservation groups, and other interested parties to carefully plan where new lands and waters should be protected or restored for endangered species, migratory birds or other nationally important fish and wildlife conservation purposes.
- The Service is also required to prepare management plans for existing refuges. These Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) detail management direction on refuges for a 15 year period. The Planning staff ensures that all planning efforts comply with National Environmental Policy Act requirements.
- Public involvement is an important component of all these planning processes.

Realty Management

- Once properties are acquired, the Realty Management staff is responsible for managing real estate records for over one million acres of Service owned lands throughout Region 3.

The Realty Management staff also:

- Works to assure that counties receive revenue sharing payments
- Processes non-funded land acquisition such as exchanges, donations, transfers and withdrawals
- Processes right-of-way permits across Service owned land
- Provides surveying capabilities for land acquisition and boundary retracement
- Produces cartographic products for Service use

Land Acquisition

- The Realty Division's staff of appraisers and realty specialists works with landowners who have indicated an interest in selling their property, or property interests, to the Service. The appraisers determine fair market value and the realty specialists make the fee-title or easement purchases from these willing landowners. Lands are acquired by using funds from:
 - The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (received from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps)
 - The Congressionally appropriated Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - Natural Resource Damage Assessments

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