

April 2, 2004

Memorandum

To: Assistant Director - National Wildlife Refuge System

From: Chief, Division of Realty /s/ A. Eric Alvarez

Subject: Land and Water Conservation Fund, Fiscal 2006 Land Acquisition Priority List

Attached is the Land Acquisition Priority System list for Fiscal Year 2006. The Regions have completed Decision Documents for each of these projects. As in previous years, the rankings will be used for all purposes pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2006 budget process. The rankings will not be revised until the FY 2007 LAPS list is prepared for the next budget cycle.

These rankings were developed using the Land Acquisition Priority System criteria approved by the Director on August 31, 2002 and revised for the FY 2006 budget process. The Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Component was restructured to split the points between populations and habitat. For example, points are awarded based on the importance of the habitat to critical life cycle periods such as spawning, nursery, wintering or migration. The Fisheries program has just completed a comprehensive data call for the Fisheries Information System. This data can be used to develop "Aquatic Conservation Regions (ACR)" similar to the Bird Conservation Regions in the Bird Conservation component. These ACR's will be geographically based and is our intent to incorporate them in next year's update.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Alvarez, Chief, Division of Realty at (703) 358-1713.

Attachment

**FY 2006 Land and Water Conservation Fund
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RANK	REGION	PROJECT	PROJECT SUMMARY	FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES	ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES	BIRD CONSERVATION	ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION	TOTALS
1	5	Blackwater, MD	25	193	200	199	142	759
2	4	Great White Heron, FL	50	153	184	177	160	724
3	4	St. Marks, FL	25	156	188	122	200	691
4	5	Silvio O. Conte NF&WR, CT, VT, NH	0	165	200	162	160	687
5	2	Laguna Atascosa, TX	0	149	185	195	155	684
6	3	Upper Mississippi River, IL, IA, MN, Wi	25	183	90	200	185	683
7	6	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie, ND, SD	0	132	164	189	195	680
8	4	National Key Deer, FL	0	153	200	177	145	675
9	2	Lower Rio Grande Valley, TX	0	140	187	197	150	674
10	4	Key West, FL	50	153	158	177	135	673
11	4	Cache River, AR	0	177	182	122	190	671
12	3	Northern Tallgrass Prairie, IA MN	0	169	200	75	195	639
13	4	Pond Creek, AR	10	174	191	92	170	637
14	4	Lower Suwannee, FL	0	167	185	119	160	631
15	4	JN Ding Darling, FL	10	143	182	180	110	625
16	1	San Joaquin River, CA	0	169	194	168	90	621
17	3	Big Muddy NF&WR, MO	0	178	173	94	175	620
18	6	Charles M Russell, MT	50	107	116	147	200	620
19	6	North Dakota Prairie, ND	0	145	93	192	190	620
20	7	Yukon Delta, AK	50	149	69	192	155	615
21	3	Cypress Creek, IL	0	172	171	100	165	608
22	4	Crocodile Lake, FL	25	150	173	177	80	605
23	7	Togiak, AK	50	140	66	188	155	599
24	4	Bald Knob, AR	25	164	96	171	125	581
25	5	E.B.Forsythe, NJ	0	148	108	180	145	581
26	4	Chickasaw, TN	0	147	200	84	145	576
27	1	San Diego, CA	0	40	195	137	200	572
28	1	Bandon Marsh, OR	0	162	136	154	115	567
29	2	San Bernard-Austin's Woods, TX	0	155	70	192	150	567
30	4	White River, AR	25	117	107	118	190	557
31	7	Alaska Peninsula, AK	50	118	61	185	140	554
32	3	Ottawa, OH	0	163	185	136	70	554
33	4	Lower Hatchie, TN	0	159	200	84	110	553
34	1	Nestucca Bay, OR	0	166	131	154	90	541
35	5	Cape May, NJ	0	161	84	168	120	533

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36	1	Stone Lakes, CA	0	166	165	91	110	532
37	1	Siletz Bay, OR	0	159	134	152	80	525
38	7	Yukon Flats, AK	50	136	2	182	155	525
39	4	Bon Secour, AL	0	150	200	92	75	517
40	5	Erie, PA	25	108	200	80	100	513
41	3	Meredosia, IL	0	178	76	89	165	508
42	5	Ohio River Islands, KY, PA, WV	0	169	112	136	90	507
43	5	Prime Hook, DE	50	178	56	185	35	504
44	6	Colorado River, CO, UT	0	159	156	123	65	503
45	4	Savannah, GA	0	145	99	146	105	495
46	3	Port Louisa, IA, IL	0	173	107	100	110	490
47	4	Waccamaw, SC	0	170	129	45	145	489
48	5	Rachel Carson, ME	0	149	107	141	85	482
49	2	Trinity River, TX	0	157	84	90	150	481
50	3	Emiquon, IL	0	174	76	89	140	479
51	4	Grand Bay, MS	0	182	128	83	85	478
52	6	Red Rock Lakes, MT	0	83	87	103	200	473
53	3	Middle Mississippi River, IL, MO	0	180	111	77	100	468
54	7	Becharof , AK	50	117	50	92	155	464
55	1	Nisqually, WA	0	168	140	71	85	464
56	2	Balcones Canyonlands, TX	0	55	191	75	140	461
57	1	Sacramento River, CA	0	176	129	56	100	461
58	3	Great River, IL, MO	0	164	104	80	105	453
59	2	Little River TX	25	122	107	76	120	450
60	5	Back Bay, VA	0	152	81	111	105	449
61	4	Cat Island, LA	0	153	107	84	105	449
62	4	Pelican Island, FL	10	153	180	66	40	449
63	7	Tetlin, AK	50	134	2	99	155	440
64	4	ACE Basin, SC	0	135	127	81	95	438
65	3	Patoka River, IN	0	160	91	77	100	428
66	6	Blackfoot Valley, MT	0	83	108	71	165	427
67	2	Buenos Aires, AZ	25	15	200	76	110	426
68	5	Aroostook, ME	50	52	92	147	75	416
69	5	Parker River, MA	50	128	69	101	65	413
70	7	Kanuti, AK	50	139	2	59	155	405

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71	2	Bitter Lake, NM	0	61	200	76	65	402
72	5	Petit Manan, ME	25	123	54	123	75	400
73	6	Boyer Chute, NE	0	133	92	88	85	398
74	7	Kenai, AK	50	123	2	66	155	396
75	6	Ninepipe - Mission Valley, MT	0	70	92	74	160	396
76	2	Attwater Prairie Chicken, TX	0	21	200	77	95	393
77	3	Driftless Area, IA	25	43	200	46	75	389
78	3	Minnesota Valley, MN	10	120	23	81	155	389
79	4	Red River, LA	0	143	51	94	95	383
80	4	Cahaba River, AL	0	143	134	65	40	382
81	5	Wertheim, NY	50	147	25	52	100	374
82	4	Tensas River, LA	0	159	35	63	110	367
83	5	Chincoteague, VA	10	135	86	94	40	365
84	5	Rappahannock River Valley, VA	0	150	63	51	95	359
85	3	Shiawassee, MI	0	130	58	95	75	358
86	6	Marais des Cygnes, KS	10	59	112	95	80	356
87	3	Kirtlands Warbler WMA, MI	10	17	200	76	50	353
88	5	Great Bay, NH	50	91	43	80	85	349
89	5	Eastern Shore of Virginia, VA	0	136	63	80	65	344
90	3	Horicon NWR, WI	0	90	23	140	85	338
91	5	Moosehorn, ME	25	51	96	101	60	333
92	3	Detroit River, MI	0	146	39	92	55	332
93	4	Crystal River, FL	0	151	70	45	65	331
94	1	Pixley NWR, CA	0	35	178	82	35	330
95	5	Stewart B. McKinney, CT	0	94	43	88	105	330
96	1	Tualatin River, OR	0	124	64	66	75	329
97	5	Lake Umbagog, NH	0	65	28	110	115	318
98	2	Leslie Canyon, AZ	0	87	121	60	45	313
99	5	Supawna Meadows, NJ	0	161	15	62	75	313
100	1	Turnbull, WA	0	129	39	36	105	309
101	4	Clarks River, TN	0	84	38	77	85	284
102	5	Missisquoi, VT	50	134	10	59	30	283
103	2	Bosque del Apache, NM	0	48	64	77	90	279
104	4	Lake Wales Ridge, FL	0	21	180	23	55	279
105	6	Mortenson Lake, WY	10	13	200	51	5	279

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106	5	Wallkill, NJ	0	63	33	70	110	276
107	6	Lee Metcalf, MT	25	104	44	62	35	270
108	6	Baca, CO	0	46	10	49	160	265
109	5	Iroquois, NY	50	59	18	93	40	260
110	3	Neal Smith, IA	0	31	78	71	80	260
111	6	Cokeville Meadows, WY	0	60	39	65	95	259
112	5	Canaan Valley, WV	0	17	50	48	140	255
113	5	Great Meadows, MA	10	119	6	59	60	254
114	5	Montezuma, NY	0	48	20	130	50	248
115	2	Deep Fork, OK	0	95	44	77	25	241
116	5	Great Swamp, NJ	10	88	39	64	40	241
117	6	Bear River, UT	0	19	10	104	100	233
118	2	Sevilleta, NM	0	19	52	57	100	228
119	6	Arapaho, CO	10	19	26	61	110	226
120	3	Crane Meadows, MN	0	44	23	62	85	214
121	3	Whittlesey Creek, WI	0	87	26	23	75	211
122	4	Black Bayou Lake, LA	0	45	20	85	45	195
123	3	Michigan Islands, MI	50	53	19	42	30	194
124	5	Sunkhaze Meadows, ME	0	71	12	49	59	191
125	5	Massasoit, MA	50	90	22	23	5	190
126	1	James Campbell, HI	50	24	75	21	10	180