



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Mission — The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

Program Overview — The Service's major responsibilities are to protect and conserve migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, certain marine mammals, and inter-jurisdictional fish. To accomplish its mission, FWS seeks opportunities to partner with farmers and ranchers, State and local governments, Federal agencies, Tribes, citizen volunteers, corporations, and conservation groups.

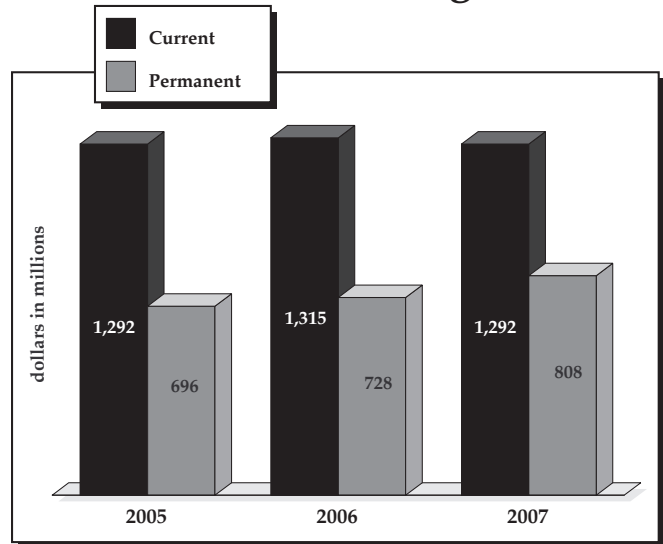
The national wildlife refuge system is among the world's most significant land and water systems managed for the benefit of fish and wildlife. The 96 million-acre network provides stepping stones of habitat for many species of migratory birds and other wildlife, sanctuary for hundreds of threatened and endangered species, and secure spawning areas for healthy wild salmon fisheries. The system includes 545 refuges and 37 wetlands management districts. These refuges provide recreational opportunities for photography, hiking, fishing, hunting, and education programs for 40 million visitors annually.

The FWS Fisheries program helps safeguard inter-jurisdictional fisheries worth billions of dollars; rescues troubled aquatic species on the brink of extinction; and provides recreational opportunities for the public. Sixty-nine national fish hatcheries produce about 139 million fish annually, including striped bass, steelhead, lake trout, and salmon. In addition, FWS operates one historic national fish hatchery, seven fish technology centers, and nine fish health centers.

In administering the Endangered Species Act, FWS strives to ensure a strong scientific basis for its decisions; facilitate large-scale planning accommodating land use and protection of wildlife habitat; and promote innovative public-private partnerships, including financial and technical assistance to private landowners.

The FWS also plays a major role in the conservation of international wildlife resources as the lead agency for implementing U.S. treaty commitments for migratory

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birds, endangered species, wildlife trade, arctic species, wetlands, some marine mammal species, and biological resources of the western hemisphere.

Management Excellence — The FWS continues to follow the President's management agenda for improving management and performance of the Federal government, practicing the Secretary's vision for citizen-centered management excellence. The FWS has worked diligently to develop program specific, outcome based performance measures that step down from the goals in the Interior Department's strategic plan finalized in 2003. This effort fosters a cohesive approach to mission performance for improved program and service delivery, new technological capabilities, enhanced inter-bureau cooperation, and improved standards of accountability that stretch across the entire Department.

The budget request includes several proposals that result from management reviews of FWS activities. For example, the budget proposes increases for the migratory bird management program. This program underwent a Program Assessment Rating Tool evaluation during formulation

of the 2006 budget. Previous internal reviews of this program, as well as the PART evaluation, have led to a concerted effort on the part of FWS to institute management improvements and more closely align the budget with program performance goals. Based on this effort, the program has undertaken a number of measures to ensure that it is using available resources in the most effective and efficient manner. Also, in 2007 the refuge system will implement a number of streamlining procedures for the Comprehensive Conservation Plan process. These streamlining procedures should allow FWS to complete CCPs on schedule yet allow FWS to direct savings from this program to other high priority projects.

Budget Overview — The 2007 request for current appropriations totals \$1.3 billion, a decrease of \$23.5 million compared to 2006. The budget also includes \$808.1 million available under permanent appropriations, most of which will be provided directly to States for fish and wildlife restoration and conservation.

More than 80 percent of the FWS current request supports the Department's mission goal for resource protection, with remaining resources devoted to achieving resource use, recreation, and serving communities mission goals.

The 2007 FWS budget request re-emphasizes the importance in achieving the land and water conservation goals set forth in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act by requesting \$333.2 million for a spectrum of conservation programs, an \$11.2 million increase over the 2006 level for the same purpose.

Cooperative Conservation Partnerships — Programs funded in FWS through the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the 2007 budget include \$310.1 million for cooperative conservation, an increase of \$12.1 million compared to 2006. These partnership programs emphasize local input and cooperative decisionmaking to achieve land management and resource goals.

The budget includes a \$4.3 million increase for refuge challenge cost share grants. These matching grants fund dynamic partnerships with individuals, Tribes, State and local governments, non-profit organizations, and others to carry out resource protection projects on or near Federal lands.

There are a number of other programs funded from LWCF within the Resource Management account. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program is funded at \$42.7 million, which includes a programmatic increase of \$2.0 million to implement a new Lower Klamath basin initiative. This initiative will focus on restoring aquatic habitats that are critical for the recovery of federally listed coho salmon and depleted chinook salmon.

The Resource Management account includes \$13.0 million for the Coastal program, level with 2006. The \$11.8 million request for migratory bird Joint Ventures program includes a programmatic increase of \$1.0 million above the 2006 level. With this increase, FWS, in conjunction with partners, will develop four new joint ventures.

State and tribal wildlife grants, funded at \$74.7 million, provide financial assistance for development of wildlife conservation plans and on-the-ground conservation projects to stabilize, restore, enhance, and protect species and their habitats that are of conservation concern. This is a \$7.2 million increase over 2006. The increase includes \$5.0 million for a new, competitively awarded program in addition to the existing program of grants awarded to States via formula and Tribes via a competitive process.

The request for the Landowner Incentive program is \$24.4 million, \$2.7 million above the 2006 level. The program provides matching, competitive grants to States, the District of Columbia, Territories, and federally recognized Tribes to establish or supplement existing programs that provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners to help them protect and manage imperiled species and their habitat, while continuing to engage in traditional land-use or land conservation practices. The program provides an opportunity for all States to develop the capacity to implement programs modeled after several innovative State programs.

The \$9.4 million Private Stewardship program provides grants and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in local, private, and voluntary conservation efforts that benefit listed, proposed, candidate, or other at-risk species. Typical projects may include managing non-native species; implementing measures to minimize risk from disease; restoring streams that support imperiled species; or planting native vegetation to restore rare plant communities. The request is a \$2.1 million increase over the 2006 level.

The request for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund is \$80.0 million, equal to the 2006 level. This program provides grants to States for activities that conserve threatened and endangered species. States can, in turn, pass the funding on to municipalities, Tribes, and private landowners to enlist their support in species conservation efforts. The CESCFC program provides funding for habitat conservation planning and land acquisition programs that assist States, local governments, and landowners in protecting habitat within or near areas covered by habitat conservation plans. It also provides funding to implement candidate conservation agreements; recovery actions; other State initiatives to conserve candidate, proposed, and listed species; and

administration. Within the total for CESCO, the budget includes \$5.1 million for funding a portion of the Snake River Basin Settlement Act.

The budget proposes \$41.6 million for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund, \$2.2 million above 2006. This funding will support wetlands and migratory bird conservation activities by providing matching grants to private landowners, States, non-governmental conservation organizations, Tribes, trusts, corporations, and other Federal agencies for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wetland habitat. This requested increase—together with partner funds—is estimated to protect and restore an additional 60,000 acres of valuable habitat in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

Operations — The 2007 request for the principal FWS operating account, Resource Management, is \$995.6 million, a decrease of \$5.8 million compared to the 2006 enacted level. The budget includes \$141.0 million for administering the Endangered Species Act, a net programmatic decrease of \$8.7 million due to the discontinuation of unrequested 2006 earmarks. This funding level will fund the Upper Colorado River and Platte River recovery programs at a level equal to that of 2006. The budget also proposes an increase of \$471,000 for endangered species consultations related to energy development on public lands.

Operation and maintenance of the national wildlife refuge system is funded at \$381.7 million, a decrease of \$763,000. Increases within this total include \$4.3 million for the challenge cost share program and \$1.4 million for improving visitor services. Decreases include a reduction of \$5.3 million for unrequested 2006 earmarks.

The 2007 budget provides a program increase of \$1.5 million for migratory bird management conservation and monitoring. This increase will allow development of detailed management plans that describe and prioritize the requirements to make specific focal species healthy and sustainable, and allow the program to implement a webless game bird initiative to collect additional biological information regarding webless game birds such as the mourning dove. Of the increase, \$396,000 will fund an ivory-billed woodpecker ecological assessment.

The budget provides a total of \$57.3 million for law enforcement. This funding level includes an increase of \$496,000 for FWS participation in a multi-agency International Trade Data System. This funding would provide the initial investment in a government-wide effort to create a one-stop internet interface linking all importers and

exporters and all Federal agencies involved in regulating international trade.

The budget includes a total of \$114.6 million for the Fisheries program, a net program decrease of \$2.1 million compared to 2006. Within this level of funding are program increases of \$1.9 million for hatchery operations for endangered species recovery actions, \$1.4 million for fish passage improvements, and \$2.0 million for the National Fish Habitat Initiative. Reductions include discontinuing funding for unrequested 2006 earmarks.

The 2007 budget includes a program increase of \$1.5 million for projects funded through the Working Capital Fund.

Construction — The request for construction is \$19.7 million, a reduction of \$25.5 million compared to 2006, excluding the hurricane supplemental. The budget request supports the highest priority projects identified in the FWS five-year construction plan. Proposed projects include \$3.5 million for seismic safety improvements at Jackson National Fish Hatchery in Wyoming and \$1.7 million for water supply and management at the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge complex.

Land Acquisition — The 2007 request for the Land Acquisition appropriation totals \$27.1 million, of which \$13.7 million is for line-item land acquisition for acquiring interests in lands, including easements that provide important fish and wildlife habitat. This is essentially level funding for projects compared to 2006. Proposed projects include \$3.5 million for acquisition at the Upper Klamath Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon, and \$2.0 million to implement the Highlands Conservation Act, a Federal-State partnership.

Multinational Species Conservation Fund — The request includes a total of \$8.2 million for the Multinational Species Conservation Fund, including \$4.0 million for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund. Compared to the 2006 total for neotropicals and multinational species conservation, this is a \$2.1 million decrease.

Other Program Changes — The budget includes a decrease of \$2.0 million for anticipated savings related to streamlining administrative functions within programs.

Fixed Costs — The 2007 budget request includes an increase of \$22.5 million for non-discretionary fixed cost increases, of which \$17.0 million are budgeted and \$5.5 million are absorbed.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS
(all dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2007 Request with 2006 Enacted:

	2006 Enacted		2007 Request		Change from 2006	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Appropriations						
Resource Management	7,209	1,001,435	7,208	995,594	-1	-5,841
Construction	150	45,216	150	19,722	0	-25,494
Land Acquisition	77	27,990	72	27,079	-5	-911
Landowner Incentive Grants.....	7	21,667	7	24,400	0	+2,733
Private Stewardship Grants.....	4	7,277	4	9,400	0	+2,123
Cooperative Endangered Species Fund.....	6	80,001	6	80,001	0	0
National Wildlife Refuge Fund -						
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	0	14,202	0	10,811	0	-3,391
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund.....	11	39,412	11	41,646	0	+2,234
Multinational Species Conservation Fund	3	6,404	5	8,217	+2	+1,813
Neotropical Migratory Bird Grants	2	3,941	0	0	-2	-3,941
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants.....	8	67,492	8	74,666	0	+7,174
Subtotal, Appropriations (w/o hurricane supp.).....	7,477	1,315,037	7,471	1,291,536	-6	-23,501
Hurricane Supplemental.....	0	30,000	0	0	0	0
Subtotal, Appropriations (w/ hurricane supp.)	7,477	1,345,037	7,471	1,291,536	-6	-53,501
Mandatory Appropriations						
Recreation Fee Program	33	4,200	33	4,750	0	+550
Migratory Bird Conservation Account	73	41,900	73	45,000	0	+3,100
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	22	6,500	22	6,500	0	0
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund.....	0	800	0	500	0	-300
Sport Fish Restoration Account	59	363,973	59	424,009	0	+60,036
Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration.....	55	263,883	55	277,116	0	+13,233
Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations.....	6	3,710	6	3,710	0	0
Contributed Funds.....	15	3,400	15	3,400	0	0
Cooperative Endangered Species Fund	0	39,302	0	43,161	0	+3,859
Subtotal, Mandatory Appropriations.....	263	727,668	263	808,146	0	+80,478
Reimbursements and allocation transfers						
Reimbursements.....	736	0	736	0	0	0
Job Corps	52	0	52	0	0	0
Firefighting.....	511	0	499	0	-12	0
Hazardous Fuels End. Species Consultations.....	48	0	48	0	0	0
NRDAR.....	61	0	61	0	0	0
Hazardous Materials	7	0	7	0	0	0
Federal Roads (FHWA)	14	0	14	0	0	0
Forest Pest (Agriculture)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Subtotal, Other.....	1,430	0	1,418	0	-12	0
TOTAL, FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE (w/o h. supp.)	9,170	2,042,705	9,152	2,099,682	-18	+56,977
TOTAL, FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE (w/ h. supp.)	9,170	2,072,705	9,152	2,099,682	-18	+26,977

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES
By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Resource Management

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
Ecological Services				
Endangered Species				
Candidate Conservation	9,142	8,619	8,063	-556
Listing	15,710	17,630	17,759	+129
Consultation.....	47,281	47,997	49,337	+1,340
Recovery	69,270	73,562	65,879	-7,683
Subtotal, Endangered Species	141,403	147,808	141,038	-6,770
Habitat Conservation	93,443	98,357	90,509	-7,848
Environmental Contaminants	10,736	10,874	11,077	+203
Subtotal, Ecological Services	245,582	257,039	242,624	-14,415
National Wildlife Refuge System				
Wildlife and Habitat Management	141,766	146,819	148,115	+1,296
Visitor Services	62,805	62,033	65,284	+3,251
Refuge Law Enforcement.....	25,266	27,124	26,310	-814
Conservation Planning.....	13,131	13,060	10,298	-2,762
Subtotal, Operations	242,968	249,036	250,007	+971
Refuge Maintenance	132,785	133,465	131,731	-1,734
Subtotal, National Wildlife Refuge System	375,753	382,501	381,738	-763
Migratory Bird Mgt and Law Enforcement				
Migratory Bird Management.....	35,010	38,236	41,339	+3,103
Law Enforcement				
Operations.....	53,212	54,970	56,290	+1,320
Maintenance.....	1,491	1,092	992	-100
Subtotal, Law Enforcement	54,703	56,062	57,282	+1,220
Subtotal, Wildlife and Law Enforcement	89,713	94,298	98,621	+4,323
Fisheries				
Hatchery Operations and Maintenance				
Hatchery Operations	38,181	40,661	44,538	+3,877
Hatchery Maint. and Rehabilitation..	18,783	16,528	16,587	+59
Subtotal, Hatchery Ops and Maint...	56,964	57,189	61,125	+3,936
Fish and Wildlife Management Asst				
Anadromous Fish Management	10,071	10,190	10,341	+151
Fish and Wildlife Assistance	43,011	44,739	40,703	-4,036
Marine Mammals	4,522	4,370	2,443	-1,927
Subtotal, Fish & Wildlife Mgt Asst ...	57,604	59,299	53,487	-5,812
Subtotal, Fisheries	114,569	116,488	114,612	-1,876
General Operations				
Central Office Operations	39,253	39,530	39,297	-233
Highly Pathogenic Avian Flu Strategy.	0	7,398	7,398	0
Science Excellence Initiative.....	0	493	493	0
Regional Office Operations.....	40,423	40,690	41,592	+902
Operational Support.....	23,649	27,496	32,398	+4,902
International Affairs.....	9,420	9,880	9,994	+114

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
Nat'l Conservation Training Center	16,817	17,966	19,171	+1,205
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation...	7,761	7,656	7,656	0
Subtotal, General Operations	137,323	151,109	157,999	+6,890
Net Transfers	11,083	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	974,023	1,001,435	995,594	-5,841

Highlights of Budget Changes

Fixed Costs Amount
[+21,962]

Endangered Species -6,770

Candidate Conservation: The budget includes reductions for Idaho sage grouse (-\$296) and California fisher (-\$296). Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$89). Fixed costs total \$180 of which \$125 is budgeted and \$55 is absorbed.

Listing: Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$29). Fixed costs total \$229 of which \$158 is budgeted and \$71 is absorbed.

Consultation: The Service will directly support increased national energy production (+\$471). Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$58). Fixed costs total \$1,334 of which \$927 is budgeted and \$407 is absorbed.

Recovery: A draft and final recovery plan will be written for the ivory-billed woodpecker (+\$396). The budget request includes reductions in unrequested projects as follows: pass through grants for Pacific (-\$1,971) and Atlantic (-\$985) salmon; manatee protection and recovery (-\$493); Lahontan cutthroat trout (-\$493); pass-through funding to the Alaska Sealife Center (-\$1,182); Peregrine Fund Aplomado Falcon recovery (-\$148); West Virginia mussel recovery (-\$345); California Gabbro soils inventory (-\$197); Penobscot River restoration (-\$986); and Nez Perce wolf monitoring (-\$50). Idaho (-\$719) and Montana (-\$315) gray wolf recovery is funded through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. Yellowstone Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy implementation (-\$1,098) is funded through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program and NPS. Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$146). Fixed costs total \$1,502 of which \$1,048 is budgeted and \$454 is absorbed.

Habitat Conservation -7,848

Partners for Fish and Wildlife: Restoration projects will be implemented in the Lower Klamath basin with private landowners (+\$1,980) and other stakeholders. National priorities will be implemented under the Secretary's Cooperative Conservation Initiative with an increase (+\$983) to restore an additional 2,745 acres and improve an additional 5.5 miles of stream and riparian habitats. Idaho and Montana wolf monitoring (+\$800) and Yellowstone Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy implementation (+\$495) are funded under the nonregulatory aspects of the Partners program to reflect the proposed change in status for these species. The budget request includes reductions as follows: Vermont heritage partners (-\$99); nutria eradication at Blackwater NWR (-\$493); Lake Sakakawea invasive species (-\$99); San Diego Zoo Hawaii bird conservation (-\$542); Nevada biodiversity research (-\$1,232); Montana cold water fish (-\$493); Audubon Society studies at Umbagog NWR (-\$419); Big Hole Watershed (-\$690); Thunder Basin Grasslands Initiative (-\$147); Georgia streambank restoration (-\$493); Taconic watershed (-\$739); Mississippi wildlife enhancement (-\$985); Meadowlands technical assistance in New Jersey (-\$177); Susquehanna fish passage (-\$493) and wetlands (-\$493); GIS study of Alaska refuges (-\$493); conservation work at Don Edwards NWR (-\$532); Washington State regional fisheries enhancement groups (-\$1,379); Washington State environmental quality reports (-\$690); Colorado River flow study (-\$394); and Seattle shoreline restoration (-\$985). Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$93). Fixed costs total \$596 of which \$411 is budgeted and \$185 is absorbed.

Project Planning: Lower priority projects will be eliminated, including the Middle Rio Grande Bosque Initiative (-\$542); Cedar City, Utah (-\$99); and Forest Plan activities will be reduced (-\$263). General program activities are reduced (-\$60). Program management savings are implemented using ABC data (-\$76). Fixed costs total \$854 of which \$598 is budgeted and \$256 is absorbed.

Coastal Program: Additional funding is proposed to restore high priority coastal habitats throughout the Nation as well as funding for the National Coral Reef Action Strategy (+\$604). The budget includes reductions for: Long Live the Kings (chinook salmon) and Hood Canal salmon enhancement in Washington (-\$394); and the Tampa and Florida Panhandle Field Offices (-294). Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$26). Fixed costs total \$202 of which \$140 is budgeted and \$62 is absorbed.

National Wetlands Inventory: Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$12). Fixed costs total \$96 of which \$66 is budgeted and \$30 is absorbed.

Environmental Contaminants +203

Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$29). Fixed costs total \$329 of which \$232 is budgeted and \$97 is absorbed.

National Wildlife Refuge System -763

Wildlife and Habitat funding (+\$1,488) will be used to implement high priority projects including control of invasive species in Florida, Texas, and New Mexico and the restoration of tidal habitat in California. Challenge Cost Share projects will be increased (+\$4,278) to fund community partnerships with non-federal entities for habitat restoration and other refuge programs. Refuge visitor services funding includes an increase (+\$1,388) to improve visitor services. These increases are offset by elimination of unrequested funding for invasive species control (-\$2,364), staffing (-\$1,971), and visitor facility enhancements (-\$985). Reductions are also taken from lower priority or other projects such as IMARS implementation (-\$1,067); streamlined conservation planning processes (-\$2,970); and the lowest priority refuge maintenance projects (-\$2,570). Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$891). Fixed costs total \$7,193 of which \$4,901 is budgeted and \$2,292 is absorbed.

Migratory Bird Management and Law Enforcement +4,323

Migratory Birds: A management plan will be developed for the ivory-billed woodpecker (+\$396) and an increase is proposed for the highest priority conservation and monitoring actions (+\$1,145). Joint venture funding is increased (+\$976). An internal transfer shifts aviation program management from General Operations into the program (+\$250). Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$82). Fixed costs total \$615 of which \$418 is budgeted and \$197 is absorbed.

Law Enforcement: An increase will be used to implement the International Trade Data System to help police wildlife trade and enhance the interdiction of wildlife smuggling (+\$496). Vehicle replacement savings will be realized (-\$98). Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$126). Fixed costs total \$1,339 of which \$948 is budgeted and \$391 is absorbed.

Fisheries -1,876

Hatchery Operations and Maintenance: Hatchery operations funding is increased to implement high priority recovery projects to complete recovery plan tasks, implement high-priority projects to fulfill FWS Tribal trust responsibilities, and to provide long-term benefits in aquatic species health and applied research (+\$1,873). Funding is transferred from Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance (+\$1,423). Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$137). Fixed costs total \$1,129 of which \$777 is budgeted and \$352 is absorbed.

Fish and Wildlife Management: Funding for the National Fish Habitat Initiative (+\$2,000) will further the overall national strategy to rebuild degraded habitats and fish populations. An increase in the Fish Passage program will restore access to 3,787 miles of spawning habitat and facilitate the removal of 13 fish barriers (+\$1,354). The budget includes reductions for unrequested increases in general program activities (-\$1,178); aquatic nuisance species control (-\$75); and elimination of the following unrequested projects: regional mark processing center (-\$246); Washington State mass marking (-\$1,970); Great Lakes restoration (-\$493); Washington State hatchery projects (-\$492); the National Partnership for the Management of Wild and Native Coldwater Fisheries (-\$985); Montana Whirling Disease Foundation (-\$394); and the Wildlife Health Center in Montana (-\$493). Funding is transferred to hatchery operations (-\$1,423). General program activities for marine mammals will be reduced (-\$1,958). Program management savings are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$123). Fixed costs total \$955 of which \$664 is budgeted and \$291 is absorbed.

Amount
+6,890

General Operations

The National Conservation Training Center, in partnership with training counterparts from the Department and all Interior bureaus, will develop and begin to deliver training for supervisors and employees that builds competencies in results-based performance management (+\$1,800). Maintenance funding is reduced (-\$761). Program management savings at the NCTC and in the International Affairs program are implemented using ABC cost data (-\$63). Central office funding is reduced (-\$547). Funding for international affairs is increased (+\$1). An internal transfer shifts aviation program management from General Operations into the program (-\$250). A programmatic increase (+\$1,525) is included for the Departmental Working Capital Fund for consolidation of diverse, separate messaging systems onto one enterprise system; a contracted effort to eliminate, over three years, the Department's backlog of nearly 2,000 appeals to Freedom of Information Act requests; the creation of an enterprise system that will improve the effective use of geographic information; and the Enterprise Services Network that became operational in 2005 and provides access to the internet, a Department-wide intranet, and a technical support center. Fixed costs total \$5,406 of which \$5,184 is budgeted and \$222 is absorbed.

APPROPRIATION: Construction

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
Line Item Construction	35,576	34,471	8,954	-25,517
Dam Safety	5,650	710	717	+7
Bridge Safety	567	561	570	+9
Engineering Services	10,865	9,474	9,481	+7
Net Transfers.....	-11,500			
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o h. supp.)....	41,158	45,216	19,722	-25,494
Hurricane Supplementals	40,552	30,000	0	-30,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ h. supp.)	81,710	75,216	19,722	-55,494

Highlights of Budget Changes

Fixed Costs

Amount
[+402]

Line Item Construction

-25,494

Construction projects will address the highest priority health, safety, and resource protection needs including dams, bridges, and water systems. A detailed list of projects is provided in Appendix D. Uncontrollable costs total \$402 of which \$284 is budgeted and \$118 is absorbed.

APPROPRIATION: Land Acquisition

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
Acquisition Management.....	8,249	8,269	7,171	-1,098
Cost Allocation Methodology	1,972	1,793	1,802	+9
Acquisition - Federal Refuge Lands	22,593	13,494	13,672	+178
Exchanges.....	1,726	1,478	1,478	0
Inholdings	1,479	1,478	1,478	0
Emergency and Hardship	986	1,478	1,478	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	37,005	27,990	27,079	-911

Highlights of Budget Changes

Fixed Costs				<u>Amount</u> [+197]
Land Acquisition				-911
A detailed list of projects is provided in Appendix E. Uncontrollable costs total \$197 of which \$138 is budgeted and \$59 is absorbed.				

APPROPRIATION: Landowner Incentive Program Grants

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	21,694	21,667	24,400	+2,733

Highlights of Budget Changes

Landowner Incentive Program Grants				<u>Amount</u> +2,733
The request supports additional high priority matching grants to states, territories and tribes to establish or supplement existing landowner incentive programs that provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners.				

APPROPRIATION: Private Stewardship Grants

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	6,903	7,277	9,400	+2,123

Highlights of Budget Changes

Private Stewardship Grants				<u>Amount</u> +2,123
The request supports additional competitive grant funding for individuals and groups engaged in voluntary conservation efforts on private lands that benefit federally listed, proposed, and candidate or other at-risk species.				

APPROPRIATION: Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
Section 6 Grants to States				
Traditional Grants to States	7,325	9,852	10,001	+149
HCP Planning Grants	8,522	7,531	7,642	+111
Species Recovery Land Acquisition	13,400	13,977	14,186	+209
HCP Land Acquisition Grants / States..	48,698	46,160	40,587	-5,573
Snake River Water Rights Act of 2004..	0	0	5,067	+5,067
Administration	2,518	2,481	2,518	+37
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	80,462	80,001	80,001	0

Highlights of Budget Changes

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

The request proposes ongoing support for grants (+\$149), HCP planning grants (+\$111), and species recovery land acquisition grants (+\$209). It provides additional funds for administration (+\$37) and (+\$5,067) to implement the Snake River Water Rights Act of 2004. HCP land acquisition grants to States are reduced (-\$5,573).

APPROPRIATION: National Wildlife Refuge Fund

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	14,214	14,202	10,811	-3,391

Highlights of Budget Changes

National Wildlife Refuge Fund

The request proposes payments to counties at a lower level than in 2006 (-\$3,391).

Amount
-3,391

APPROPRIATION: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	37,472	39,412	41,646	+2,234

Highlights of Budget Changes

North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

The request proposes an increase to implement additional wetlands restoration grants.

Amount
+2,234

APPROPRIATION: Multinational Species Conservation Fund

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
African Elephant Conservation.....	1,380	1,379	990	-389
Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation	1,478	1,576	990	-586
Asian Elephant Conservation.....	1,381	1,379	990	-389
Great Ape Conservation.....	1,381	1,379	990	-389
Marine Sea Turtle	99	691	297	-394
Neotropical Bird Conservation	0	0	3,960	+3,960
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	5,719	6,404	8,217	+1,813

Highlights of Budget Changes

Multinational Species Conservation Fund

The request proposes funding for neotropical bird conservation grants (+\$3,960). It reduces funding for African elephant conservation (-\$389); rhinoceros and tiger conservation (-\$586); Asian elephant conservation (-\$389); great ape conservation (-\$389); and marine sea turtle conservation (-\$394).

Amount
+1,813

APPROPRIATION: Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	3,944	3,941	0	-3,941

Highlights of Budget Changes

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation

Amount

-3,941

The request eliminates funding under this account for neotropical migratory bird conservation grants (-\$3,941) and requests \$3,960 under the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. This is consistent with the authorizing statute.

APPROPRIATION: State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2007 Request	Change from 2006 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	69,028	67,492	74,666	+7,174

Highlights of Budget Changes

State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

Amount

+7,174

These funds support additional high priority grants to States, Territories, and Tribes to address habitats and species of greatest conservation need. An increase (+\$5,000) will fund a new competitive grant program for the highest ranking cooperative conservation projects that are in State Wildlife Plans that integrate the principles of cooperation and performance into conservation projects. It also provides increases for the competitive tribal grant program (+\$28) and the formula State grant program (+\$2,146).