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Memorandum

To: Assistant Director – National Wildlife Refuge System

From: Chief, Division of Realty 

Subject: Land and Water Conservation Fund Fiscal Year 2009 Land Acquisition Priority List

Attached is the Land Acquisition Priority System list for FY 2009. 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 FY 2009 budget process. The rankings will be revised until FY 2010 LAPS lists 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 updated for the FY 2009 budget process. The Fisheries program has completed a comprehensive data call for the Fisheries Information System. This data is organized using the U.S. Geological Survey's Habitat Unit Codes, providing geographically-based fishery resource information. This is similar to the Bird Conservation Regions which have been utilized for the past several years in the Bird Conservation component. We believe that this ranking process provides a good estimate of the relative biological resources of the respective projects.

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

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Rank	Project	Region	State	Project Form	Fisheries	End. Species	Bird Cons.	Ecosystem Cons.	Total Score
1	Alaska Maritime	7	AK	50	125	182	195	190	742
2	St. Marks	4	FL	25	162	200	127	200	714
3	National Key Deer	4	FL	0	131	200	178	200	709
4	Silvio O. Conte NWR	5	CT	0	169	200	162	160	691
5	Laguna Atascosa	2	TX	0	134	180	196	155	665
6	Upper Mississippi River NW&FR	3	IA	10	170	102	198	185	665
7	North Dakota WMA	6	ND	0	137	133	193	200	663
8	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie WMA	6	SD	0	103	176	188	195	662
9	Cache River	4	AR	0	144	199	122	190	655
10	Lower Rio Grande Valley	2	TX	0	125	182	195	150	652
11	Yukon Delta	7	AK	50	158	82	192	155	637
12	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR	3	IA	0	163	192	68	200	623
13	Big Muddy NF&WR	3	MO	0	172	179	87	175	613
14	Lower Suwannee	4	FL	0	127	200	119	165	611
15	Cypress Creek NWR	3	IL	0	170	172	100	165	607
16	San Joaquin River NWR	8	CA	0	170	182	154	100	606
17	Togiak	7	AK	50	144	78	177	155	604
18	Rocky Mountain Front CA	6	MT	0	81	123	185	195	584
19	Chickasaw	4	TN	0	130	200	90	155	575
20	Boyer Chute NWR	3	IA	0	92	182	200	100	574
21	Edwin B. Forsythe NWR	5	NJ	0	119	118	181	145	563
22	Ottawa NWR	3	OH	0	161	185	129	85	560
23	Grasslands WMA	8	CA	0	66	180	167	125	538
24	Savannah	4	GA	0	147	139	149	90	525
25	Prime Hook NWR	5	DE	25	162	86	184	65	522
26	Nisqually NWR	1	WA	0	164	195	76	80	515
27	Cape May NWR	5	NJ	0	131	94	169	120	514
28	Rachel Carson NWR	5	ME	0	159	110	154	85	508
29	Red Rock Lakes	6	MT	0	104	90	113	200	507
30	Balcones Canyonlands	2	TX	0	87	200	75	140	502
31	Willapa NWR	1	WA	25	135	118	159	65	502
32	Yukon Flats	7	AK	50	122	2	164	155	493

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33	Bon Secour	4	AL	0	118	200	93	75	486
34	Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin	4	SC	0	115	194	87	90	486
35	Middle Mississippi River NWR	3	MO	0	188	112	69	115	484
36	Waccamaw	4	SC	0	126	165	47	140	478
37	Ozark Plateau	2	OK	0	95	200	43	130	468
38	Driftless Area NWR	3	IA	0	143	200	43	75	461
39	Buenos Aires	2	AZ	25	13	200	114	105	457
40	Upper Ouachita	4	LA	0	157	74	90	135	456
41	Cahaba River	4	AL	10	99	200	66	80	455
42	Okefenokee NWR	4	GA	0	63	135	66	190	454
43	Blackfoot Valley WMA	6	MT	0	96	119	71	165	451
44	Alligator River NWR	4	NC	0	124	103	76	145	448
45	Cat Island	4	LA	0	129	146	68	105	448
46	Little River	2	OK	25	109	126	56	125	441
47	Clarks River	4	KY	0	131	144	88	75	438
48	Colorado River WMA	6	CO	0	107	135	123	65	430
49	Red River	4	LA	0	146	84	96	100	426
50	Back Bay NWR	5	VA	0	122	94	91	105	412
51	Crystal River	4	FL	0	126	170	46	65	407
52	Tensas River	4	LA	0	149	56	61	140	406
53	Sacramento River NWR	8	CA	0	173	121	36	75	405
54	Patoka River NWR	3	IN	0	135	94	71	100	400
55	Stone Lakes NWR	8	CA	0	86	149	48	110	393
56	Attwater Prairie Chicken	2	TX	0	20	200	75	90	385
57	Lake Wales Ridge	4	FL	0	21	189	48	125	383
58	Petit Manan NWR	5	ME	0	149	63	124	45	381
59	Bitter Lake	2	NM	0	23	200	75	80	378
60	Stewart B. McKinney NWR	5	CT	0	142	69	87	80	378
61	Sevilleta	2	NM	50	90	77	49	110	376
62	Tualatin River NWR	1	OR	0	137	67	95	75	374
63	Rappahannock NWR	5	VA	0	137	70	59	95	361
64	Canaan Valley NWR	5	WV	0	55	81	52	165	353
65	James Campbell NWR	1	HI	50	115	141	30	10	346

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66	Neches River NWR	2	TX	0	127	52	64	100	343
67	Ridgefield NWR	1	WA	10	66	87	130	50	343
68	Kilauea Point NWR	1	HI	0	147	159	31	5	342
69	Bosque del Apache	2	NM	25	90	63	69	90	337
70	Eastern Shore of VA NWR	5	VA	0	110	69	85	65	329
71	Lake Umbagog NWR	5	ME	0	85	36	65	120	306
72	Black Bayou Lake	4	LA	0	82	73	86	50	291
73	Glacial Ridge NWR	3	MN	0	74	51	69	95	289
74	John H. Chafee NWR	5	RI	0	142	58	58	30	288
75	San Bernardino	2	AZ	0	15	116	67	90	288
76	Moosehorn NWR	5	ME	10	120	44	44	65	283
77	Ninigret NWR	5	RI	0	113	64	65	40	282
78	Great Swamp NWR	5	NJ	10	74	68	64	60	276
79	Montezuma NWR	5	NY	0	57	25	131	50	263
80	Wallkill River NWR	5	NY	0	46	34	70	110	260
81	Cokeville Meadows NWR	6	WY	0	39	48	64	100	251
82	Bear River MBR	6	UT	0	20	15	103	100	238
83	Arapaho NWR	6	CO	10	19	37	59	110	235
84	Turnbull NWR	1	WA	0	52	54	38	90	234
85	Conboy Lake NWR	1	WA	0	49	20	35	20	124