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Fish and Wildlife
Service's mission is,
working with
others, to conserve,
protect, and
enhance fish,
wildlife and plants
and their habitats
for the continuing
benefit of the
American people.*

This book is available on the FWS Mountain-
Prairie Region website:
<http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/reference>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Presence in Kansas

Employment

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) employs approximately 46 people in Kansas.

The FY 2000 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Kansas totals \$3,257,000.

Over 2,206 hours were donated by 155 volunteers to help with Service projects.

National Wildlife Refuge Facts

Five National Wildlife Refuges

Volunteer Hours: 5,800

Visitation:

350,000 people visited Refuges in Kansas in 1999.

Of these:
33,500 people hunted on Refuges

27,400 people fished on Refuges

124,000 people visited Refuges to view wildlife

2,800 adults and children participated in Service educational programs

Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

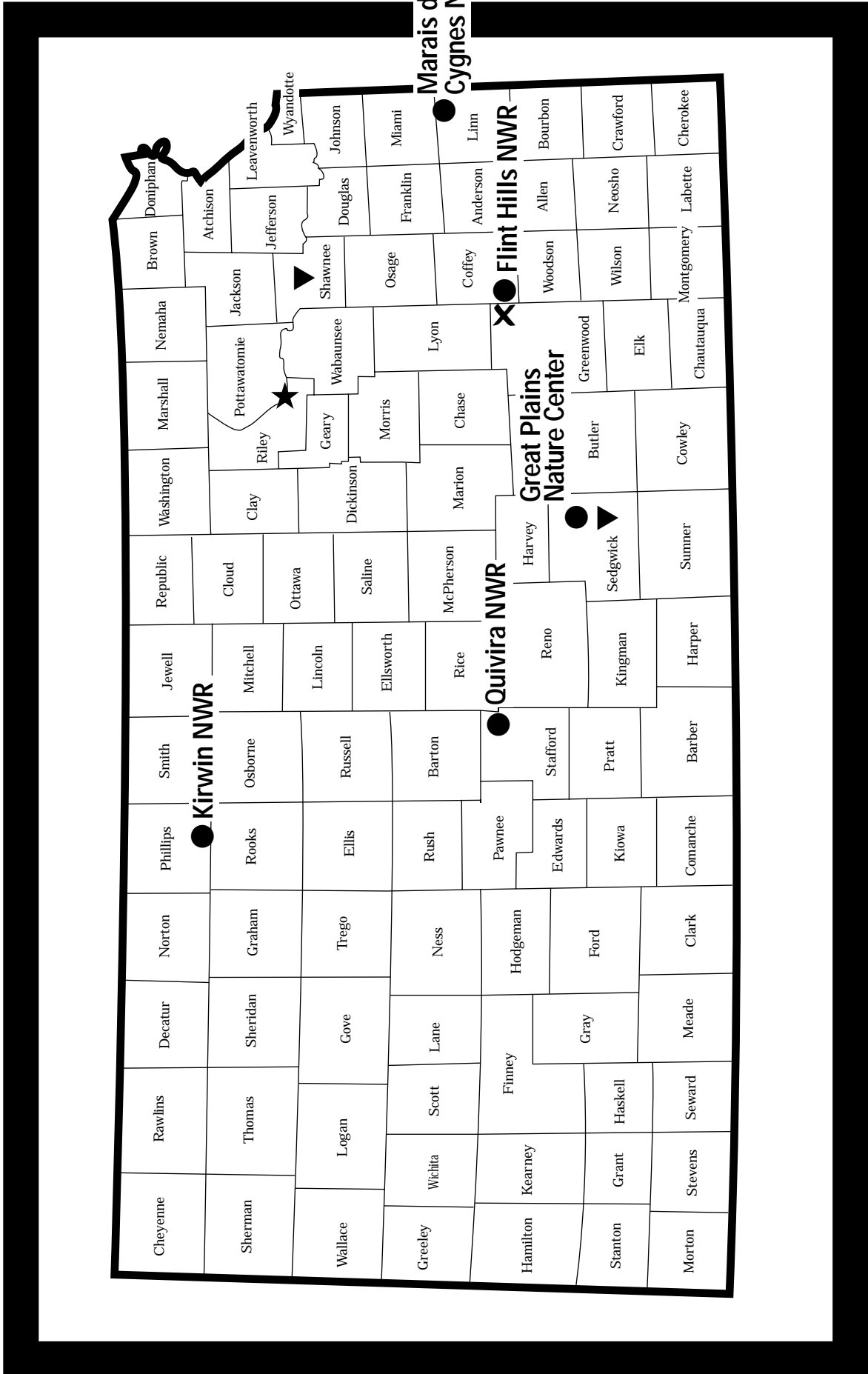
In 2000, Kansas received: \$3,700,000 for sport fish restoration and \$3,500,000 for wildlife restoration and hunter education.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Facts

With State partners, the Service helped private landowners develop or restore 30,000 acres of wetland and develop 30,000 acres of upland projects for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and natural resources.

Endangered Species Recovery Program Facts

The Service is the lead on Neosho madtom and Topeka shiner recovery in Kansas. The Service also provides close coordination with various land management agencies in Kansas.



Offices of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

- National Wildlife Refuge
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Kansas

Flint Hills

National Wildlife Refuge

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Station Facts

Established: 1966

Acres: 18,500; Flint Hills
NWR is an overlay refuge on
land owned by the U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers

Provides migration and
wintering habitat for
waterfowl and other migratory
birds, and valuable wildlife
habitat for threatened and
endangered species.

Abundant resident wildlife
population of deer, wild
turkey, and quail.

Station Objectives

Provide habitat and protection
for 3 endangered and
threatened species.

Provide migration and
wintering habitat for
waterfowl and other migratory
birds.

Preserve a natural diversity
and abundance of local flora
and fauna.

Provide public opportunities
for environmental education
and outdoor recreation.

Station Fiscal Facts

Staff: 10

Current Budget (FY00):
\$449,786

- Annual Visitation: 40,000
- Volunteer hours: 92

Public Use Opportunities

- Fishing and hunting.
- Wildlife observation and
photography.
- Wildlife hiking trails.
- Environmental education
upon request.

Activity Highlights

Refuge wetland restoration
and creation through
partnership with Ducks
Unlimited.

Wetland restoration, creation,
and protection on private
lands through Partners for
Fish and Wildlife Program.

Water management involving
a 9,400-acre reservoir and
4,500 acres of managed marsh
units.

Cropland management on
4,000 acres through
cooperative farming program.

Kirwin

National Wildlife Refuge

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Station Facts

Established: June 17, 1954

Acres: 10,778

Kirwin Reservoir is 5,079 acres at conservation pool.

Serves as a migration stopover for Central Flyway waterfowl, shorebirds, water birds, and neotropical migrants.

Provides wintering habitat for bald eagles, ducks and geese.

Rookery site for great blue heron and double-crested cormorants.

Refuge has abundant deer and upland game populations.

Station Objectives

Provide diverse habitat for migratory bird populations, endangered species and a wide variety of wildlife species.

Maintain native mixed-grass prairie.

Maintain riparian and wetland habitats.

Provide natural diversity of flora and fauna.
Provide compatible opportunities for environmental education and wildlife-dependent outdoor recreation.

Station Fiscal Facts

Staff: 5

Current Budget (FY00): \$234,140

- Annual visitation: 95,000
- Volunteer hours: 375

Public Use Opportunities

- Fishing and hunting.
- Environmental education.
- Monthly adult and family continuing education lecture series.
- Wildlife observation and photography.
- Wildlife oriented camping.
- Self-guided, handicapped accessible nature trails.
- Auto tour route.

Activity Highlights

Monthly adult and family environmental education programs featuring a variety of topics dealing with wildlife to astronomy. Teacher workshops and field study classes offered. Boy and Girl Scout programs. Onsite and

offsite nature and environmental education programs for public, private and home school students. Cooperation with local schools for summer school programs.

Holistic cooperative farming program on 2,000 acres, on a leave-share basis, provides food for migratory birds.

Holistic grazing program uses cattle to encourage grassland species diversity.

Prescribed burns control vegetation and stimulate native grass species.

Use of mechanical and biological control on noxious weeds to reduce chemical use.

A partner for Fish and Wildlife Program with technical assistance for private landowners.

Partnerships with local, State, and Federal agencies and private conservation organizations.

Marais Des Cygnes

National Wildlife Refuge

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Station Facts

Established in 1992 to protect bottomland hardwood habitats

Acres: 7,300 in fee title; an additional 2,000 acres proposed.

Serves as an important link in migration for approximately 300 species of birds and as a significant nesting area for about 100 species of birds.

Provides valuable habitat for at least endangered or threatened species.

Abundant resident wildlife population such as deer and wild turkey.

Adjacent to a State Wildlife Management Area.

Station Objectives

Protect unique bottomland hardwood communities along the Marais des Cygnes River in Linn County, Kansas.

Provide habitat and protection for endangered and threatened species.

Provide migration and wintering habitat for migratory birds.

Preserve a natural diversity and abundance of local flora and fauna.

Provide public opportunities for environmental education and outdoor recreation.

Station Fiscal Facts

Staff: 2

Current Budget (FY00):
\$110,566

- Annual visitation: 5,000
- Volunteer hours: 528

Public Use Opportunities (When Refuge becomes operational)

- Fishing and hunting.
- Wildlife observation.
- Hiking/nature trails and auto tour route being developed.
- Environmental and education facilities planned.

Activity Highlights

Native tallgrass prairie and bottomland hardwood restoration with the National Wild Turkey Federation and Global Relief Fund/American Forest as funding partners.

Quivira

National Wildlife Refuge

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Station Facts

Established: May 3, 1955

Acres: 22,136

Provides wintering and migration habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds.

Provides critical habitat for threatened and endangered species such as the bald eagle, whooping crane, piping plover, peregrine falcon, and interior least tern.

“Wetland of Regional Importance” designation from the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network for Quivira’s value to migrating shorebirds.

Refuge supports resident deer, pheasant, quail, and wild turkey populations.

Station Objectives

Provide and maintain the continued existence of a diverse, stable, and healthy ecosystem which will support a wide variety of wildlife.

Maintain habitat for threatened and endangered species.

Provide production and migration habitat for 400,000-500,000 waterfowl and other migratory birds.

Provide compatible environmental education and outdoor recreation opportunities for the visiting public.

Station Fiscal Facts

Staff: 9

Current Budget (FY00):
\$511,477

- Annual visitation: 60,000
- Volunteer hours: 786

Public Use Opportunities

- Fishing and hunting.
- Self-guided auto tour route.
- Wildlife observation and accessible photography blinds.
- Wildlife hiking/nature trails.
- Environmental education programs and facilities.
- Visitor Center with interactive wildlife exhibits.

Activity Highlights

Rattlesnake Creek/Quivira Partnership developed to manage and coordinate responsible use of regional water and provide optimum habitat for migratory birds.

Cooperative farming program, on a leave-share basis, provides food for migratory birds in wildlife food plots.

Management program uses cattle grazing and prescribed burns to encourage grassland species diversity.

Development of Friends of Quivira (citizen support group) to provide staff volunteer support and community events to support the Refuge.

Great Plains Nature Center

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Station Facts

A cooperative project between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), and City of Wichita Park and Recreation Department (City).

The Service owns the Nature Center land and building. Operation and maintenance costs are paid by KDWP. The City maintains the adjacent Chisholm Creek Park as an urban wildlife park.

The Nature Center is staffed by one Service employee, one full and two-half time KDWP employees, three City employees, and two seasonal teaching specialists from the Wichita School District.

Station Objectives

Provide opportunities for the public to learn about natural resources, especially the wildlife and plant species of the Great Plains Region.

Provide visitors with enjoyable educational experiences that impart the importance of wise stewardship of natural resources and the roles and responsibilities of the Service, KDWP, and the City.

Serve as community resource for conservation and related informational materials, with emphasis on the importance of urban habitats to wildlife and people.

Serve as a resource for environmental education with school districts, youth organizations, colleges and universities, conservation organizations, and other groups and individuals interested in wildlife and the environment.

Provide environmental educational services that include accommodations for persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and other special needs groups.

Annual visitation: The center was dedicated and opened to the public at the end of August 2000. Education programs were presented to over 50,000 persons in 1999.

Station Fiscal Facts

Staff: 1

Current Budget (FY00):
Funded through Quivira
NWR

- Annual visitation: 120,000
- Volunteers hours: 4,200

Public Use Opportunities

- Fishing.
- Self-guided, accessible wildlife observation/nature trails.
- Meeting place for environmental groups, organizations and governmental agencies.
- Environmental education programs and facilities.
- Wildlife photography classes and opportunities.
- Nature education materials available for loan.
- Cooperative educational programing with the four Kansas NWR's.

Activity Highlights

Nature and environmental education programs for public, private, and home school students.

- Teacher workshops and field study classes offered.
- Scout programs.
- 3,400 square feet of exhibits.
- Present off-site educational programs throughout Kansas.
- Youth Naturalist Program provides opportunities for a more in-depth nature experience.
- Coordination site for the Kansas Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

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Program Objectives

Protect and restore, through cooperative efforts with other governmental agencies and private partnership's, Federal trust species habitats on private lands.

Provide technical assistance to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and private landowners involved in the implementation of key conservation programs (e.g., Wetland Reserve Program, Emergency Wetland Reserve Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program).

Focus Areas

Tall grass prairie (Tall Grass Legacy Program), High Plains (High Plains Initiative), Playa Lakes Joint Venture

Voluntary Habitat Program

- Wetland restoration, enhancement, and creation
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Riparian protection and enhancement
- Prairie and savanna restoration and enhancement
- Threatened and endangered species habitat protection, enhancement, and restoration
- Environmental education

Technical Assistance

- Private landowners
- Local, State, and Federal agencies
- Private conservation organizations

Primary Habitat

Accomplishments

- Landowner habitat agreements: 510
- Wetland developments: 30,000 acres
- Upland developments: 30,000 acres

Primary Partners

- Kansas farmers and ranchers
- Kansas Association of Conservation Districts
- Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
- The Nature Conservancy
- Texaco
- Western Resources
- Ducks Unlimited
- Kansas State Forestry
- Pheasants Forever
- Quail Unlimited

- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- US Army Corp of Engineers
- State Conservation Commission
- Kansas Department of

Health and Environment

- Kansas Biological Survey
- Kansas Livestock Association
- Kansas Farm Bureau
- American Sport Fishing Association
- National Cattle and Beef Association

Funding and Special Projects for FY2000

\$250,000 for technical assistance and habitat restoration to private landowners

Flood Hazard Mitigation (FEMA): \$130,000

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Station Facts

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Kansas Ecological Services Field Office has unique responsibilities for fish and wildlife resources in the State. Other responsibilities are shared with other Service programs and other Federal and State agencies.

Station Objectives

Provide oversight of Endangered Species Act compliance, particularly with regard to Federal actions.

Conduct activities necessary for Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act responsibilities.

Participate in the environmental review of federally funded projects that may affect fish and wildlife.

Address potential contaminant impacts on fish and wildlife.

Contribute to wetlands conservation through the review of proposed work plans.

Contribute to habitat conservation of trust species through restoration and protection of wetlands, riparian zones, bottomland

hardwoods, and other habitat types on private lands.

Station Fiscal Facts

Staff: 9

Current Budget (FY00): \$494,000

Activity Highlights

Lead for threatened Neosho madtom recovery efforts in the Neosho River Basin in Kansas. The Neosho madtom does not exist outside of the Neosho River Basin. The conservation of the madtom requires close coordination with the Corps of Engineers regarding reservoir operations and Section 404 permit activity in the Neosho River Basin.

Lead office for the development of the recovery plan for the Topeka shiner which is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. This activity involves coordination with Federal, State, and academic experts in Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

Work with the State and others to cooperatively manage all listed species in Kansas.

Ensure adequate mitigation for the impact of reservoir development in Kansas on fish and wildlife resources.

Work cooperatively with the Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, in their operation of the Kansas River system reservoirs to protect the nesting endangered least tern and the threatened piping plover on the Kansas River.

Work with Missouri Ecological Services Office, as well as the States of Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas and several Tribes, in development of a Natural Resources Damage Assessment for the tri-state mining district in southeastern Kansas, northeastern Oklahoma, and southwestern Missouri.

Work cooperatively with the Oklahoma Ecological Service Field Office developing Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances with willing private landowners for species of concern and candidate species located in the high plains of Oklahoma and Kansas.

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What is Wildlife Law Enforcement?

Wildlife law enforcement is one of the basic tools used by FWS to achieve its wildlife management goals. LE personnel assist in controlling human interactions with the wildlife resource. They promote, through outreach and other educational programs, voluntary compliance with Federal wildlife laws. LE personnel apprehend those individuals and organizations who elect to violate the law.

Special Agents are criminal investigators who enforce Federal wildlife laws across the U.S.. Their investigative activities include surveillance, undercover work, developing intelligence on suspected violators, collecting evidence, making arrests, and preparing cases for court. Special Agents often work with other Federal, Tribal, foreign, or State LE agencies, as well as provide training to them about wildlife law enforcement techniques.

Wildlife Inspectors are the front line defense against the illegal wildlife trade, a criminal enterprise that threatens species worldwide.

They are stationed along the Canada border and interior Customs Ports of Entry to inspect wildlife, their parts and products that are being imported into or exported from the U.S. When violations are encountered, they either refuse entry into the U. S., detain the shipment for further inspection, or seize the shipment, either seeking abandonment or referring to a Agent for investigation.

Activity Highlights

- Protect endangered species and their habitats, from illegal take, import/export, and commercialization.
- Investigate illegal take, transportation, and commercialization of big game and other wildlife.
- Ensure compliance with Federal migratory bird hunting regulations.
- Protect bald and golden eagles from being illegally poisoned, trapped, shot, electrocuted, or illegal commercial activity.

- Ensure wildlife being is legally imported/exported, including being in compliance with international treaties (CITES) and other applicable laws.
- Investigate illegal take of migratory birds associated with environmental hazards such as oil production facilities, exposure to herbicides/pesticides, electrocution on power lines, and primary and secondary poisonings.
- Assist with law enforcement on Service lands, including protection of National Wildlife Refuges, wetland, grass land, and other conservation easements.

Partners

- Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
- Native American Tribes
- U.S. Attorney's Office

North American Waterfowl Management Plan

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About the Plan

International agreement signed in 1986.

Goal: Return continental waterfowl populations to levels of mid-1970s.

Achieve population goals by protecting, restoring, and enhancing wetland and grassland habitat.

Includes 12 habitat joint ventures and 2 species joint ventures in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

Partner Involvement

Private landowners

Nonprofit organizations

Corporations

Local, State, and Federal government agencies

Kansas Projects

Kansas projects include: wetland development on private lands; Playa Lakes North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) project; Playa Lakes II; Playa Lakes III; Cheyenne Bottoms NAWCA; Cheyenne Bottoms II; Cheyenne Bottoms III; McPherson Valley Wetlands NAWCA; and McPherson Valley II.

Farmers, ranchers, and other landowners; Federal, State and local agencies; and conservation organizations and community groups participate in these NAWCA projects.

Habitat Accomplishments

Over 57,549 acres of wetlands and associated uplands restored, enhanced, or protected through NAWCA grants.

Financial Contributions to Kansas

Total NAWCA projects: \$17,627,440

NAWCA contributions: \$6,624,250

Partners contributions: \$11,003,190

Public Benefits

Improved water quality.

Enhanced floodwater storage.

Improved community and landowner relations.

Enhanced wildlife diversity.

Increased public recreation opportunities.

Kansas Federal Aid-- Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration



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Source of Funding

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

How the Money Can Be Used

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

Federal Aid to Kansas (FY 2000 Apportionments)

Sport Fish Restoration:
\$3.7 million

Wildlife Restoration:
\$3.5 million

Percent Federal Aid in State Wildlife Budget:

15%

Number of Participants and Economic Benefits to Kansas

Fishing:

- Number of anglers 1999: 318,134
- Economic Impact of Angler Expenditures:* \$180 million

Hunting:

- Number of hunters 1999: 209,734
- Economic Impact of Hunter Expenditures:* \$313 million

Federal Aid Project Types in Kansas**

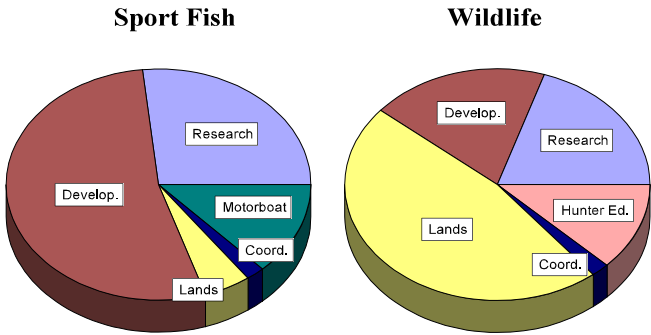
Sport Fish Restoration Projects:

- Research: 27%
- Development: 54%
- Coordination: 2%
- Lands: 5%
- Motorboat Access: 13%

Wildlife Restoration Projects:

- Research: 20%
- Coordination: 2%
- Development: 19%
- Hunter Education: 12%
- Lands: 47%

Percentage of Kansas Project Types in Federal Aid:



* Based on the "1996 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation"

** Based on approved 1998 Grant

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Inventory and Monitoring

Nongame Bird Monitoring
Spring Sandhill Crane Survey
Mourning Dove Call Count Survey
Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey
Habitat Inventory and Monitoring Consultation

Research

Demographic Study of the Effects of Burning in Tall-Grass Prairie, Konza Tallgrass Prairie Preserve
Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas
Shorebird Use, Quivira NWR

Management

Migratory Bird Permit Issuance and Management
Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations Development
Migratory Bird Population Surveys and Management
Wildlife Habitat Management
Grassland/Wetland Restoration, Creation, Enhancement, and Protection

Partnerships

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Fort Hays State University, University of Kansas and Kansas State University
Kansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit
Kansas Biological Survey

Outreach

International Migratory Bird Day
Biological Intern Program
Junior Duck Stamp Contest
Student Career Experience Program