



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Mission — The mission of the 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.

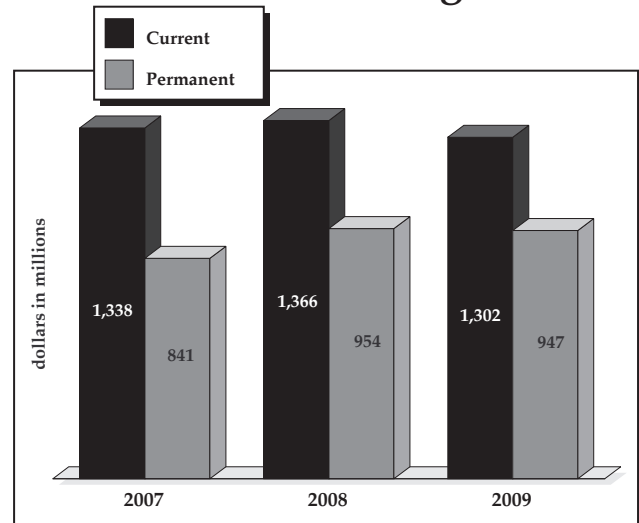
The national wildlife refuge system is among the world's most significant land and water systems managed for the benefit of fish and wildlife. The 96 million acre network provides habitat for many species of wildlife, sanctuary for hundreds of threatened and endangered species, and secure spawning areas for native fisheries. The refuge system includes 548 refuges and 37 wetland management districts.

The Fisheries program helps safeguard inter-jurisdictional fisheries worth billions of dollars, conserves at-risk species, and provides recreational opportunities. The program includes 70 national fish hatcheries, one historic fish hatchery, seven fish technology centers, and nine fish health centers.

Another significant FWS role is administering the Endangered Species Act. This requires the use of innovative public-private partnerships to accomplish conservation actions and the provision of technical assistance to private landowners and others.

Through its Migratory Bird Management program, FWS promotes the long-term conservation of migratory bird populations while providing opportunities for the public to study, use, and enjoy migratory birds. The program monitors bird populations in order to set management objectives and regulate the taking of migratory birds. The FWS supports joint ventures, involving other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and private entities, which address migratory bird management

FWS Funding



objectives through conservation planning and habitat improvement projects.

The FWS operates the Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration programs to restore, conserve, and enhance the Nation's fish and wildlife resources, with an emphasis on habitat restoration, and to provide benefits to the public from these resources. The programs accomplish this through grant programs that provide funds to State and territorial fish and wildlife agencies so they may better manage wildlife resources. The FWS works with States, insular areas, and the District of Columbia to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, their habitats, and the hunting, sport fishing, and recreational boating opportunities they provide.

Management Excellence — The FWS continues to implement 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 Department's 2007-2012 strategic plan. 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 2009 budget request takes into account management improvement activities undertaken by FWS. For example, the national wildlife refuge system completed a Program Assessment Rating Tool evaluation as part of the 2009 formulation process. When this program originally was reviewed by the PART during formulation of the 2005 budget, it was not able to demonstrate its performance and received a rating of results not demonstrated. Since then, the refuge system has developed a five-year strategic plan to guide it, and focused its long-term outcome performance measures on the conservation and management of wildlife and habitat, including migratory birds and threatened and endangered species. The refuge system can document that its wetland restoration activities contribute to the FWS long-term goal of increasing the percentage of migratory birds that are at healthy and sustainable levels. The refuge system is now able to demonstrate that it uses strong financial management practices and holds its managers and partners accountable for cost, schedule, and performance. The 2009 budget maintains the funding increase the Congress provided in 2008 and focuses efforts to support Departmental initiatives including Birds Forever, Safe Borderlands, and Ocean and Coastal Frontiers.

The 2009 budget includes a reduction of \$3.6 million for travel and \$872,000 for savings resulting from converting contracts to performance-based contracts. These reductions enable the direction of resources to higher priority programs and activities.

Budget Overview — The 2009 request for current appropriations totals \$1.3 billion, a reduction of \$64.6 million compared to 2008. The budget also includes \$946.9 million available under permanent appropriations, most of which will be provided directly to States for fish and wildlife restoration and conservation.

Nearly 85 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.

Birds Forever Initiative — The National Audubon Society released its annual *State of the Birds* and the *Common Birds in Decline* reports in 2007. The reports, drawing on more than 40 years of data, document the alarming decline of some of the Nation's most valued species. In 2009, the budget provides a \$9.0 million increase for wild bird conservation, of which \$8.0 million is for FWS wild bird conservation activities.

Many factors lie behind declines in wild bird populations, chief of which is the loss of habitat. The budget includes a \$4.0 million increase for ongoing and new Migratory Bird Joint Ventures. The Joint Ventures will target 36 focal species and expand landscape and species modeling, monitor birds and their habitats, and use remote sensing and geographic information systems to detect and assess landscape changes that are affecting the species of concern. In 2009, a robust refuge system budget will allow FWS to improve over 200,000 acres of migratory bird habitat, and maintain the 2008 budget increase of \$35.9 million, which will assist in the conservation of birds. The budget also includes an increase of \$666,000 for the North American Wetlands Conservation Grant Fund for additional grants.

In addition, the collection of scientific data will be necessary to prioritize funding, develop conservation plans, and evaluate changes in the status of wild birds. The budget provides a net increase of \$3.8 million for the FWS migratory bird conservation and monitoring program, which includes a \$4.2 million programmatic increase to complete action plans for almost 30 different focal species by the end of 2009 and expand large-scale, often multi-species surveys. These surveys are necessary for researchers and managers to better understand and hopefully forestall the impacts of climate change, habitat fragmentation, land conversion, and other large-scale threats.

Ocean and Coastal Frontiers Initiative — As part of the Interior-wide initiative, the FWS budget includes a \$500,000 increase to develop a marine debris research and monitoring program and to remove marine debris from the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, and a \$400,000 increase to fund participation in the Palmyra Atoll Research Consortium.

Safe Borderlands Initiative — The FWS budget includes an increase of \$1.0 million to add six law enforcement officers for refuge lands on the southwest border.

Healthy Lands Initiative — The Department's 2009 Healthy Lands Initiative continues to address challenges associated with growing energy activities in the West and the potential conflicts that result at the wildlife-energy interface. The FWS will work cooperatively with the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Geological Survey, and other stakeholders to provide increased assistance to private landowners to improve habitat and protect species. The FWS will also provide enhanced planning and consultation support to BLM to ensure energy development impacts to wildlife and habitat are effectively mitigated and listing of species is avoided. The FWS efforts in support of the Healthy Lands Initiative total \$2.0 million in 2009, including a \$492,000 increase for Partners for Fish and Wildlife.

Cooperative Conservation Partnerships — The budget includes \$289.7 million for cooperative conservation programs funded in the FWS budget, a decrease of \$2.9 million compared to 2008. These partnership programs emphasize local input and cooperative decisionmaking to achieve land management and resource goals.

The Resource Management programs include the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program, which is funded at \$48.0 million. This includes the increase noted above for Wyoming's Green River Basin, offset by reductions for the discontinuation of unrequested congressional earmarks. Migratory Bird Joint Ventures are funded at \$14.9 million, a \$4.0 million increase compared to 2008. Refuge challenge cost-share projects are funded level with 2008. The fish passage program is funded at \$4.9 million, nearly level with the 2007 enacted amount. The budget does not request additional fish passage funds in 2009 for the Open Rivers initiative.

Consistent with 2008 congressional action, no funding is proposed for the Landowner Incentive or the Private Stewardship Grant programs in 2009. The State and Tribal Wildlife Grant program is funded at \$73.8 million, equal to the 2008 level. These grants 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.

The 2009 FWS budget requests \$80.0 million for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund. This is partially offset by a proposed cancellation of \$4.5 million in unobligated balances. The net request totals \$75.5 million, \$1.7 million above 2008. 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 CESC 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. This program 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 CESC, the budget includes \$5.1 million for funding a portion of the Snake River Basin Settlement Act.

The budget proposes \$42.6 million for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund, \$666,000 above 2008. This funding will support wetlands and migratory bird conservation activities by providing matching grants to private landowners, States, non-governmental conser-

vation organizations, Tribes, trusts, corporations, and other Federal agencies for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wetland habitat.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation grants are funded at \$4.0 million, essentially level with the 2008 budget request.

Operations — The 2009 request for the principal FWS operating account, Resource Management, is \$1.1 billion, \$13.7 million below the 2008 level, but \$34.3 million above the 2008 President's budget request, and \$47.5 million above 2007. The budget includes \$146.8 million for administering the Endangered Species Act, a decrease of \$3.7 million, including a net programmatic decrease of \$5.5 million for the discontinuation of one-time congressional adds.

Operation and maintenance of the national wildlife refuge system is funded at \$434.1 million, level with 2008. The budget continues a \$35.9 million increase provided in 2008 that will continue to make a significant impact on wild bird conservation activities. The budget also includes a \$900,000 increase for ocean and coastal management activities and a \$1.0 million increase for additional law enforcement officers along the southwest border. Offsets include a \$2.2 million reduction to the congressional add for annual maintenance.

The budget provides \$57.4 million for the law enforcement program, essentially level with 2007 funding.

The budget includes a total of \$116.6 million for the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Conservation program, a program change of \$11.1 million compared to 2008. This includes the discontinuation of \$5.9 million for the Open Rivers initiative, and the discontinuation of one-time congressional adds and other lower priority activities.

General operations funding totals \$152.0 million, a programmatic decrease of \$5.1 million. This includes reductions of \$985,000 for funds provided to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, \$2.4 million for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza funding, and \$1.6 million for unrequested congressional adds for the international affairs program. The remainder of the HPAI funding, \$4.9 million, is transferred to the migratory bird management program.

Construction — The construction request totals \$12.2 million, a decrease of \$21.0 million compared to 2008 enacted level. Funding includes \$800,000 to complete a visitor center at Neosho National Fish Hatchery in Missouri and \$1.2 million for the ongoing migratory bird survey aircraft replacement project. A \$995,000 decrease is included to bring the size of the Nationwide

Engineering Services program in line with the reduced size of the program, which has decreased substantially in recent years.

Land Acquisition—The land acquisition request is \$10.2 million, a \$24.4 million reduction compared to the 2008 enacted level. The budget includes \$400,000 for acquiring key lands at the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge for bird, seal, and Steller sea lion conservation on St. George Island. It also includes \$500,000 for habitat protection and restoration at the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin. A \$4.9 million program reduction is included to bring the size of the Acquisition Management program in line with the reduced size of the program, which has decreased substantially in recent years.

Multinational Species Conservation Fund—The request includes \$4.3 million for the Multinational Species Conservation Fund, equal to the 2008 President's budget.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund—The 2009 request includes \$4.0 million for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, equal to the 2008 President's budget.

Other Program Changes—The budget includes \$10.8 million for the National Wildlife Refuge Fund. This funding is level with the 2008 President's budget. The budget also proposes to cancel longstanding unobligated balances totaling an estimated \$497,000 from the Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation account. No funds have been requested for this account since 2001.

Fixed Costs—Fixed costs total \$19.8 million, of which \$16.4 million are budgeted and \$3.4 million are absorbed through cost saving methods. The request funds most pay and health care costs and fully funds costs paid to other agencies and the Department's Working Capital Fund.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(all dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2009 Request with 2008 Enacted:

	2008 Enacted		2009 Request		Change from 2008	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Appropriations						
Resource Management	6,750	1,082,616	6,725	1,068,886	-25	-13,730
Construction	113	33,162	108	12,180	-5	-20,982
Land Acquisition	73	34,596	36	10,171	-37	-24,425
Landowner Incentive Grants.....	3	0	3	0	0	0
Private Stewardship Grants.....	1	0	1	0	0	0
Coop. Endangered Species Conservation Fund	26	73,831	26	75,501	0	+1,670
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	0	13,980	0	10,811	0	-3,169
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund.....	9	41,981	9	42,647	0	+666
Multinational Species Conservation Fund	4	7,875	4	4,256	0	-3,619
Neotropical Migratory Bird Grants	1	4,430	1	3,960	0	-470
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants.....	19	73,830	19	73,830	0	0
Wildlife Appreciation and Conservation.....	0	0	0	-497	0	-497
Subtotal, Appropriations (w/o fire)	6,999	1,366,301	6,932	1,301,745	-67	-64,556
Fire Repayments.....	0	+7,773	0	0	0	-7,773
Subtotal, Appropriations (w/ fire)	6,999	1,374,074	6,932	1,301,745	-67	-72,329
Mandatory Appropriations						
Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act	26	4,500	26	4,500	0	0
Migratory Bird Conservation Account	66	40,000	76	54,036	+10	+14,036
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	18	12,000	18	12,000	0	0
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund.....	0	4,583	0	500	0	-4,083
Sport Fish Restoration Account	69	491,338	69	466,672	0	-24,666
Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration.....	49	340,035	49	347,746	0	+7,711
Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations.....	6	5,800	6	6,800	0	+1,000
Contributed Funds.....	11	3,400	11	3,400	0	0
Coop. Endangered Species Conservation Fund	0	52,372	0	51,242	0	-1,130
Subtotal, Mandatory Appropriations.....	245	954,028	255	946,896	+10	-7,132
Reimbursements and Allocation Transfers						
Reimbursements.....	916	0	916	0	0	0
Job Corps	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act.	11	0	11	0	0	0
Wildland Fire Management.....	538	0	535	0	-3	0
Hazardous Fuels End. Species Consultations.....	16	0	16	0	0	0
NRDAR.....	60	0	60	0	0	0
Hazardous Materials	6	0	6	0	0	0
Federal Roads (FHWA)	14	0	14	0	0	0
Forest Pest (Agriculture)	1	0	1	0	0	0
Subtotal, Reimbursements/ Allocation Transfer.	1,562	0	1,559	0	-3	0
TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (w/o fire)..	8,806	2,320,329	8,746	2,248,641	-60	-71,688
TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (w/ fire) ...	8,806	2,328,102	8,746	2,248,641	-60	-79,461

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Resource Management

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Ecological Services				
Endangered Species				
Candidate Conservation	8,425	9,731	8,659	-1,072
Listing	17,824	17,978	18,188	+210
Consultation.....	49,179	51,758	51,577	-181
Recovery	69,551	71,041	68,417	-2,624
Subtotal, Endangered Species	144,979	150,508	146,841	-3,667
Habitat Conservation	94,865	100,906	97,199	-3,707
Environmental Contaminants	11,046	11,982	11,540	-442
Subtotal, Ecological Services	250,890	263,396	255,580	-7,816
National Wildlife Refuge System				
Wildlife and Habitat Management	159,418	180,536	181,979	+1,443
Visitor Services	64,323	72,906	72,338	-568
Refuge Law Enforcement.....	27,058	31,637	32,878	+1,241
Conservation Planning.....	13,229	11,555	10,762	-793
Subtotal, Operations	264,028	296,634	297,957	+1,323
Refuge Maintenance	134,187	137,490	136,167	-1,323
Subtotal, NWR System	398,215	434,124	434,124	0
Migratory Bird Mgmt and Law Enforcement				
Migratory Bird Management.....	40,352	40,441	53,195	+12,754
Law Enforcement				
Operations.....	56,207	58,663	56,400	-2,263
Maintenance.....	1,092	977	977	0
Subtotal, Law Enforcement	57,299	59,640	57,377	-2,263
Subtotal, Bird Mgmt/Law Enforce...	97,651	100,081	110,572	+10,491
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Conservation				
National Fish Hatchery System Ops	45,808	45,919	43,507	-2,412
Maintenance and Equipment	17,899	18,561	17,925	-636
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conserv..	45,455	53,720	47,342	-6,378
Aquatic Invasive Species.....	5,454	5,323	5,344	+21
Marine Mammals	3,162	2,976	2,517	-459
Subtotal, Fish/Aquatic Resources	117,778	126,499	116,635	-9,864
General Operations				
Central Office Operations	39,293	38,977	39,630	+653
Highly Pathogenic Avian Flu Strategy.	7,398	7,283	0	-7,283
Science Excellence Initiative	493	0	0	0
Regional Office Operations.....	41,331	41,480	42,059	+579
Operational Support	32,390	32,941	34,502	+1,561
International Affairs.....	9,990	11,555	10,334	-1,221
Nat'l. Conservation Training Center	18,282	18,743	18,898	+155
National Fish/Wildlife Foundation	7,656	7,537	6,552	-985
Subtotal, General Operations	156,833	158,516	151,975	-6,541
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	1,021,367	1,082,616	1,068,886	-13,730

Highlights of Budget Changes

Fixed Costs

Fixed costs total \$19,831, of which \$16,387 are budgeted and \$3,444 are absorbed.

Ecological Services

Endangered Species

Candidate Conservation: A net decrease of \$1,072 is proposed for this subactivity in the 2009 President's budget, which includes reductions for Idaho sage grouse (-\$246), and general program activities (-\$985). Savings can be realized through increased collaboration and focusing efforts on a subset of prioritized species. A decrease is included to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$26) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$4). Fixed costs total \$223, of which \$189 are budgeted and \$34 are absorbed.

Listing: The 2009 budget includes a net increase of \$210 for this subactivity, which includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$42) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$36). Fixed costs total \$348, of which \$288 are budgeted and \$60 are absorbed.

Consultation: The budget includes a net decrease of \$181 for this subactivity, which includes a decrease in general program activities (-\$984). Savings can be achieved through streamlining program management. The 2009 budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$141) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$10). Fixed costs total \$1,174, of which \$954 are budgeted and \$220 are absorbed.

Recovery: The budget includes a net decrease of \$2,624 for this subactivity, which includes reductions in unrequested projects as follows: additional wolf monitoring for Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming (-\$246); Pacific Salmon Grants (-\$1,477); Lahontan Cutthroat trout (-\$246); Peregrine Fund, condor recovery (-\$246); Peregrine Fund, Aplomado falcon recovery (-\$148); White Sulphur Springs West Virginia mussel recovery (-\$197). The request also includes a general program reduction (-\$754) and a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$283) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$61). Fixed costs total \$1,254, of which \$1,034 are budgeted and \$220 are absorbed.

Habitat Conservation

A net decrease of \$3,707 is proposed for this activity and is spread through the various subactivities as follows:

Partners for Fish and Wildlife: The 2009 President's budget includes an increase (+\$492) for the Healthy Lands Initiative in the Green River Basin. The budget includes reductions as follows: Hawaii Invasive Species Council (-\$345); Nevada Biodiversity Research and Conservation Project (-\$369); Wildlife enhancement at Mississippi State University (-\$345); Willapa Bay National Wildlife Refuge spartina grass eradication (-\$984); and general program activities (-\$984). The program will center most of its habitat restoration efforts on geographic focus areas identified in its recently completed strategic plan. The 2009 budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$81) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$30). Fixed costs total \$659, of which \$533 are budgeted and \$126 are absorbed.

Project Planning: The 2009 budget includes a decrease for the Middle Rio Grande/Bosque Program (-\$271), and a general program decrease (-\$492). The program will focus on its highest priority conservation and project planning issues. The budget also includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$112) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$17). Fixed costs total \$713, of which \$586 are budgeted and \$127 are absorbed.

Coastal Program: A general program decrease of \$985 is included. The Coastal Barrier Resources Act digital map modernization funded in 2008 will be discontinued. In addition, the 2009 budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$29) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$12). Fixed costs total \$215, of which \$182 are budgeted and \$33 are absorbed.

National Wetlands Inventory: The budget includes a reduction in mapping (-\$492) and a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$17) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$8). The program will continue to focus as much funding as possible on climate change issues. Fixed costs total \$86, of which \$73 are budgeted and \$13 are absorbed.

Environmental Contaminants

The 2009 budget proposes a net decrease of \$442 for this activity, which includes a decrease in general program activities (-\$665) and a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$29) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$8). Resources will be directed to reducing the backlog of injury investigations and restoration actions. Fixed costs total \$307, of which \$260 are budgeted and \$47 are absorbed.

National Wildlife Refuge System

Funding in the 2009 request for this activity remains the same as 2008, however there is some realignment of the funds. Refuges will contribute to the Birds Forever Initiative by efforts to conserve 36 focal species and conduct important bird conservation efforts on refuges. Oceans and Coastal Frontiers funding (+\$900) will be used to enhance management of estuarine and marine habitat and to improve ocean health and productivity. Safe Borderlands funding (+\$1,000) will increase the number of Refuge Law Enforcement Officers to address the impacts of illegal border crossing, and other illegal activities on refuge lands in the southwest. Healthy Habitats and Populations funding (+77) will fund environmental contaminant investigations and cleanup on refuges, and address wildlife diseases found on refuges, such as chronic wasting disease. Decreases include invasive species (-\$861), Visitor Services (-\$1,473), conservation planning (-\$984); and refuge maintenance (-\$2,185). The 2009 budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$1,440) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$319). Fixed costs total \$6,574, of which \$5,285 are budgeted and \$1,289 are absorbed.

Migratory Birds Management and Law Enforcement

Migratory Birds: A net increase of \$12,754 is requested for this subactivity, which includes increases for the Bird Forever initiative, to be used for conservation of additional migratory bird species (+\$2,000), for monitoring (+\$2,200), and for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (+\$3,938), to increase habitat conservation for declining bird species. Multiple new joint ventures will be supported in regions containing vital migratory bird stopover habitat. There is a general program decrease (-\$559) resulting from a shift of funding to higher priority activities. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza activities are being transferred (+\$4,922) to Migratory Birds from General Operations. The 2009 budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$191) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$29). Fixed costs total \$590, of which \$473 are budgeted and \$117 are absorbed.

Law Enforcement: A net decrease of \$2,263 in this subactivity includes a decrease (-\$2,954) in general program activities for Law Enforcement, and a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$322) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$14). Fixed costs total \$1,253, of which \$1,027 are budgeted and \$226 are absorbed.

Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Conservation

National Fish Hatchery Operations: A net decrease of \$2,412 in this budget subactivity includes hatchery decreases for Washington State Mass Marking (-\$1,477) and general program activities (-\$1,477) as well as a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$151) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$37). Projects funded include reintroduction of trust species into restored habitats, establishment and maintenance of refugia, enhancement or development of propagation and population monitoring techniques, and genetics work. Fixed costs total \$900, of which \$730 are budgeted and \$170 are absorbed.

Maintenance and Equipment: A net decrease of \$636 in this subactivity is comprised of decreases in Hatchery Maintenance and Equipment (-\$640) in Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office Maintenance and Equipment (-\$98). Other decreases include a reduction in travel and relocation expenses (-\$28) and from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$7). Fixed costs total \$173, of which \$137 are budgeted and \$36 are absorbed.

Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation: A net decrease of \$6,378 in this budget subactivity includes decreases for fish passage improvements (-\$5,907), Penobscot River restoration activities (-\$492), and general program activities (-\$494). The budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$142) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$34). Fixed costs total \$835, of which \$691 are budgeted and \$144 are absorbed.

Aquatic Invasive Species: The 2009 budget includes a net increase of \$21 for this subactivity, which includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$6) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$2). Fixed costs total \$36, of which \$29 are budgeted and \$7 are absorbed.

Marine Mammals: A net decrease of \$459 in this subactivity includes a decrease in general program activities (-\$493), reduced travel and relocation expenses (-\$9) and savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$2). Monitoring of sea otter mortality and Pacific walrus distribution in Alaska will be discontinued, as will walrus conservation cooperative efforts with coastal communities. Fixed costs total \$54, of which \$45 are budgeted and \$9 are absorbed.

General Operations

The 2009 budget proposed a net decrease of \$6,541 for this activity. Funding is increased for Operational Support activities such as information technology security (+\$524). Funding is reduced for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (-\$985) and International Affairs (-\$1,565). Funding for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza is decreased (-\$2,361) and the remainder is transferred to Migratory Birds (-\$4,922). The budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$452) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contracts (-\$242). Fixed costs total \$3,921, of which \$3,462 are budgeted and \$459 are absorbed.

APPROPRIATION: Construction

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Line Item Construction	34,448	22,185	1,978	-20,207
Dam Safety	717	689	717	+28
Bridge Safety	570	541	569	+28
Engineering Services	9,565	9,747	8,970	-777
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o cancellations)	45,300	33,162	12,234	-20,928
Cancellation of unobligated balances ..	0	0	-54	-54
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ cancellations)	45,300	33,162	12,180	-20,982
Fire Transfers	-7,773	0	0	0
Fire Repayments.....	+6,000	+7,773	0	-7,773
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ fire)	43,527	40,935	12,180	-28,755

Highlights of Budget Changes

Fixed Costs

Fixed costs total \$316, of which \$251 are budgeted and \$65 are absorbed.

Construction

A net reduction of \$20,982 is proposed for this appropriation. Construction projects will address the highest priority health, safety, and resource protection needs including dams and bridges. Line item projects are reduced by \$20,207. A detailed list of requested projects is provided in Appendix D. Nationwide engineering services are reduced (-\$995) and there are increases for dam safety (+\$28) and bridge safety (+\$28). The budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$33). The budget includes a cancellation of prior year balances (-\$54) for the Anadromous Fish program.

APPROPRIATION: Land Acquisition

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Acquisition Management.....	8,140	8,013	3,240	-4,773
Cost Allocation Methodology	1,793	1,477	1,494	+17
Acquisition - Federal Refuge Lands	13,650	20,676	900	-19,776
Exchanges.....	1,485	1,477	1,537	+60
Inholdings	1,500	1,476	1,500	+24
Emergency and Hardship	1,478	1,477	1,500	+23
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o fire)	28,046	34,596	10,171	-24,425
Fire Repayments.....	+4,000	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ fire)	32,046	34,596	10,171	-24,425

Highlights of Budget Changes**Fixed Costs**

Fixed costs total \$200, of which \$158 are budgeted and \$42 are absorbed.

Land Acquisition

A net reduction of \$24,425 is proposed for this appropriation. User pay cost share (+\$17), exchanges (+\$60), inholdings (+\$24), and emergencies and hardships (+\$23) are increased. Line item projects are reduced by \$19,776 and acquisition management is reduced by \$4,890. A detailed list of requested projects is provided in Appendix F. The budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$41).

APPROPRIATION: Landowner Incentive Grants

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	23,667	0	0	0

Highlights of Budget Changes**Landowner Incentive Grants**

No funding is requested for this program in 2009.

APPROPRIATION: Private Stewardship Grants

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	7,277	0	0	0

Highlights of Budget Changes**Private Stewardship Grants**

No funding is requested for this program in 2009.

APPROPRIATION: Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Section 6 Grants to States				
Traditional Grants to States	9,852	9,845	10,001	+156
HCP Planning Grants	7,531	7,523	7,642	+119
Species Recovery Land Acquisition	13,977	13,965	14,186	+221
HCP Land Acquisition Grants/States..	47,160	35,031	40,508	+5,477
Snake River Water Rights Act of 2004..	0	4,988	5,146	+158
Administration	2,481	2,479	2,518	+39
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o cancellations)	81,001	73,831	80,001	+6,170
Cancellation of unobligated balances ..	0	0	-4,500	-4,500
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ cancellations)	81,001	73,831	75,501	+1,670

Highlights of Budget Changes

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

A net increase of \$1,670 is proposed for this appropriation. The request proposes increases in traditional grants to States (+\$156), HCP Planning Assistance (+\$119), Species Recovery Land Acquisition (+\$221), administration (+\$39), and HCP Land Acquisition (+\$5,477). Funding for the Snake River Water Rights Act is increased (+\$158). The budget requests a \$4,500 cancellation of recoveries.

APPROPRIATION: National Wildlife Refuge Fund

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	14,202	13,980	10,811	-3,169

Highlights of Budget Changes

National Wildlife Refuge Fund

The request proposes payments to counties to continue at a lower level than in 2008 (-\$3,169).

APPROPRIATION: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	39,412	41,981	42,647	+666

Highlights of Budget Changes

North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

The request proposes an increase of \$666 to implement additional wetlands restoration grants.

APPROPRIATION: Multinational Species Conservation Fund

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
African Elephant Conservation.....	1,379	1,477	990	-487
Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation	1,576	1,969	990	-979
Asian Elephant Conservation.....	1,379	1,477	990	-487
Great Ape Conservation.....	1,379	1,969	990	-979
Marine Sea Turtle	691	983	296	-687
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	6,404	7,875	4,256	-3,619

Highlights of Budget Changes

Multinational Species Conservation Fund

The budget proposes an overall decrease of \$3,619, composed of African Elephant Conservation (-\$487), Asian Elephant Conservation (-\$487), Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation (-\$979), Great Ape Conservation (-\$979), and Marine Sea Turtle Conservation (-\$687).

APPROPRIATION: Neotropical Bird Conservation

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	3,941	4,430	3,960	-470

Highlights of Budget Changes

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation

The request proposes a decrease of \$470 for Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation grants.

APPROPRIATION: State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	67,492	73,830	73,830	0

Highlights of Budget Changes

State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

This appropriation is funded at the same level as 2008.

APPROPRIATION: Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	0	0	-497	-497

Highlights of Budget Changes

Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation

The budget includes a cancellation of \$497 in prior year balances.