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Memorandum

To: *Acting*
Assistant Director - National Wildlife Refuge System

From: *Acting*
Chief, Division of Realty *Janet Bruner*

Subject: Land and Water Conservation Fund Fiscal Year 2008 Land Acquisition Priority List

Attached is the Land Acquisition Priority System list for FY 2008. 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 2008 budget process. The rankings will not be revised until the FY 2009 LAPS list is prepared for the next budget cycle.

These rankings were developed using the Land Acquisition Priority System criteria approved by the Director on August 31, 2002 and updated for the FY 2008 budget process. The Fisheries program completed comprehensive data call for the Fisheries Information System. This data is organized using the U.S. Geological Survey's Habitat Unit Codes, providing for the first time 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.

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

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NATIONAL FY 08 RANK	REGION	PROJECT	PROJECT SUMMARY	FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES	ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES	BIRD CONSERVATION	ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION	TOTALS
1	4	National Key Deer, FL	0	163	200	177	185	725
2	4	St. Marks NWR, FL	50	156	190	128	200	724
3	5	Silvio O. Conte NWL&FR, MA, VT, N	0	161	200	162	160	683
4	6	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie WMA	0	132	164	189	195	680
5	3	Upper Mississippi River NW&FR	25	178	90	200	185	678
6	2	Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR, TX	0	124	200	197	150	671
7	2	Laguna Atascosa NWR, TX	0	133	180	195	160	668
8	4	Cache River NWR, AR	0	150	182	122	190	644
9	3	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR	0	153	200	88	195	636
10	3	Big Muddy NF&WR, MO	0	187	173	94	175	629
11	4	Lower Suwannee NWR, FL	0	164	185	119	160	628
12	6	Charles M Russell NWR	50	107	116	147	200	620
13	3	Cypress Creek NWR, IL	0	159	196	100	165	620
14	6	North Dakota Prairie WMA, ND	0	145	93	192	190	620
15	8	San Joaquin River NWR, CA	0	144	192	100	168	604
16	7	Yukon Delta NWR, AK	50	131	76	192	155	604
17	5	Blackwater NWR, MD	25	173	200	97	105	600
18	7	Togiak NWR, AK	50	123	71	188	155	587
19	4	Chickasaw NWR, TN	0	155	200	84	145	584
20	8	Grasslands WMA, CA	0	64	190	140	171	565
21	2	San Bernard-Austin's Woods, TX	0	153	69	192	150	564
22	4	Lower Hatchie NWR, TN	0	165	200	84	110	559
23	5	Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, NJ	0	124	108	180	145	557
24	5	Prime Hook NWR, DE	50	168	82	191	60	551
25	3	Ottawa NWR	0	160	189	131	70	550
26	8	San Diego NWR, CA	0	47	195	170	137	549
27	2	Trinity River NWR, TX	0	155	136	95	155	541
28	6	Rocky Mountain Front Range Conserve	0	75	75	185	195	530
29	2	Balcones Canyonlands NWR, TX	0	87	200	75	155	517
30	7	Yukon Flats NWR, AK	50	141	2	169	155	517
31	5	Cape May NWR, NJ	0	132	84	169	120	505
32	4	Bon Secour NWR, AL	0	136	200	92	75	503

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33	3	Driftless Area NWR, IA	25	151	200	47	75	498
34	3	Meredosia NWR, IL	0	168	76	89	165	498
35	5	Rachel Carson NWR, ME	0	158	93	154	85	490
36	3	Port Louisa NWR	0	172	107	100	110	489
37	3	Middle Mississippi River NWR, IL &	0	188	111	71	115	485
38	3	Emiquon NWR, IL	0	174	76	89	140	479
39	6	Red Rock Lakes NWR, MT	0	83	87	103	200	473
40	2	Ozark Plateau NWR, OK	0	95	200	45	130	470
41	1	Nisqually NWR, WA	0	176	127	80	77	460
42	8	Sacramento River NWR, CA	0	164	129	105	57	455
43	4	Upper Ouachita NWR, LA	0	157	66	86	145	454
44	3	Great River NWR, IL & MO	0	164	104	80	105	453
45	8	Stone Lakes NWR, CA	0	113	139	110	91	453
46	3	Patoka River NWR	0	160	113	78	100	451
47	4	Waccamaw NWR, SC	0	131	129	47	135	442
48	6	Blackfoot Valley WMA	0	83	108	71	165	427
49	3	Minnesota Valley NWR	10	151	23	81	155	420
50	5	Back Bay NWR, VA	0	120	81	111	105	417
51	2	Attwater Prairie Chicken, TX	0	22	200	76	100	398
52	6	Boyer Chute NWR	0	133	92	88	85	398
53	5	Stuart B. McKinney NWR, CT	0	159	63	88	80	390
54	4	Red River NWR, LA	0	146	51	94	95	386
55	1	Ridgefield NWR, WA	10	98	86	55	127	376
56	4	Tensas River NWR, LA	0	161	27	63	115	366
57	2	Bitter Lake NWR, NM	0	22	195	77	70	364
58	1	Tualatin River NWR, OR	0	147	64	75	76	362
59	5	Petit Manan NWR, ME	25	79	54	124	75	357
60	3	Detroit River IWR, MI	0	165	39	92	55	351
61	5	Rappahannock River Valley NWR, VA	0	133	63	59	95	350
62	4	Clarks River NWR, KY	0	138	34	88	85	345
63	1	Kilauea Point NWR, HI	0	152	153	5	31	341
64	5	Eastern Shore of VA NWR	0	122	63	85	65	335

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65	5	Lake Umbagog NWR, NH	10	105	30	62	115	322
66	3	Glacial Ridge NWR, MN	0	107	53	69	90	319
67	2	Leslie Canyon NWR, AZ	0	14	127	67	90	298
68	5	Canaan Valley NWR, WV	0	23	73	51	140	287
69	5	Great Swamp NWR, NJ	10	77	84	64	40	275
70	6	Bear River MBR, UT	0	20	10	144	100	274
71	6	Baca NWR, CO	0	46	10	49	160	265
72	6	Cokeville Meadows NWR	0	60	39	65	95	259
73	1	James Campbell NWR, HI	50	93	75	10	30	258
74	5	Wallkill River NWR, NJ	0	39	33	70	110	252
75	2	Deep Fork NWR, OK	0	97	44	75	25	241
76	6	Arapaho NWR, CO	10	19	26	61	110	226
77	1	Turnbull NWR, WA	0	43	39	105	36	223
78	1	Conboy Lake NWR, WA	0	34	10	10	35	89