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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<br>FY 08<br>RANK | REGION | PROJECT                           | PROJECT<br>SUMMARY | FISHERIES<br>AND AQUATIC<br>RESOURCES | ENDANGERED AND<br>THREATENED<br>SPECIES | BIRD<br>CONSERVATION | ECOSYSTEM<br>CONSERVATION | TOTALS |
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| 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 Conse  | 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     |