

## Contributed Funds

### Appropriations Language

Activities funded from this account do not require appropriation language since there is permanent authority to use the receipts.

### Authorizing Statutes

***Fish and Wildlife Service Coordination Act*** (16 U.S.C. 661-668). This Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations of land and contributed funds in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

***Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956***, as amended (16 U.S.C. 743b-7421). This Act authorizes loans for commercial fishing vessels; investigations of fish and wildlife resources; and cooperation with other agencies. The Service is also authorized to accept donations of real and personal property. P.L. 105-242 amended this act to authorize cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or state and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs. Funds contributed by partners from sales and gifts must be deposited in a separate account in the treasury.

***Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965*** (16 U.S.C. 4601-1h). This Act authorizes donations of fund, property, and personal services or facilities for the purposes of the Act.

***National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership Act***, as amended (P.L. 105-242, as amended by P.L. 108-327). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or state and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

## Contributed Funds

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009			
			Fixed Costs & Related Changes (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	Change From 2008 (+/-)
Contributed Funds (\$000)	2,213	3,400	0	0	3,400	0
FTE	11	11	0	0	11	0

### Program Overview

Activities in support of fish and wildlife conservation are funded from unsolicited contributions to the Service from other governments, private organizations, and individuals. Contributions fund a variety of projects that contribute to fulfillment of the DOI strategic goals and the refuge system mission. Donations for refuge visitor centers will be collected in special projects within Contributed Funds. Congress has stipulated that the cost of new visitor centers will be shared with Friends groups and others.

Contributions are difficult to accurately forecast due to external events. Annual contributions typically range from approximately \$1.2 to \$5.6 million. FY 2007 receipts totaled \$2.213 million.

### 2009 Program Performance

The Service uses contributed funds to address its highest priority needs in concert with other types of funding. The funds in 2009 will be used for projects similar to those planned and completed in previous fiscal years. For example, the Service used contributed funds for the following activities:

*Red River NWR (LA), Tensas River NWR (LA) and Chickasaw NWR (TN):* Contributed funds are used to help support lands reforested and donated to the National Wildlife Refuge System as part of a national effort to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Funds are being used to develop baseline plans, carry out related programs identified in Comprehensive Conservation Plans, and support habitat management for these refuges.

*Hopper Mountain NWR (CA):* Contributed funds and services from various non-governmental organizations were used in support of an annual internship program for students in the natural resources field who assist with a monitoring and management program focusing on California condors.

*Bitter Creek NWR (CA):* Contributed funds were used to assist with removal of invasive Tamarisk species from refuge wetlands and drainage through support from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

*Santee NWR (SC):* Contributed funds were used to add a 100-foot long span and two enlarged viewing platforms to an existing footbridge on the Wrights Bluff Nature Trail near Lake Marion. The additions will provide thousands of refuge visitors enhanced opportunities to view some of the 296 bird species residing or migrating through the area. This observation platform allows visitors opportunities to witness the majestic flights of osprey and bald eagles, watch alligators, wading birds and other wildlife in their natural habitats, and provides closer views of wintering waterfowl without disturbing their sanctuary. The viewing platform is also an ideal place for discussing the refuge's

wetland and wildlife conservation programs with school and other organized groups in addition to serving as a forum for providing overall environmental education for both children and adults.

Contributed funds were also used to support projects dealing directly with waterfowl management, specifically, to offset cost of wetland management (e.g., water control structures). These funds support cooperative research efforts between the South Carolina DNR and Clemson University (USGS Coop Unit) on migratory geese using the Refuge.

## Standard Form 300

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
CONTRIBUTED FUNDS**

Program and financing (in millions of dollars) Identification code 14-8216-0-7-302	2007 Actual	2008 Estimate	2009 Estimate
<b><u>Obligations by program activity:</u></b>			
10.00 Total obligations	2	4	4
<b><u>Budgetary resources available for obligation:</u></b>			
21.40 Unobligated balance available, start of year	4	4	3
22.00 New budget authority (gross)	2	3	3
23.90 Total budgetary resources available for obligation	6	7	6
23.95 New obligations (-)	-2	-4	-4
24.40 Unobligated balance available, end of year	4	3	2
<b><u>New budget authority (gross), detail:</u></b>			
Permanent:			
60.26 Appropriation (trust fund)	2	3	3
70.00 Total new budget authority (gross)	2	3	3
<b><u>Change in unpaid obligations:</u></b>			
72.40 Obligated balance, start of year	1	0	1
73.10 New obligations	2	4	4
73.20 Total outlays (gross) (-)	-3	-3	-5
73.45 Adjustments in unexpired accounts (-)	0	0	0
74.40 Unpaid obligations, end of year	0	1	0
74.99 Obligated balance, end of year	0	1	0
<b><u>Outlays (gross), detail:</u></b>			
86.97 Outlays from new permanent authority	2	1	1
86.98 Outlays from permanent balances	1	2	4
87.00 Total outlays (gross)	3	3	5
<b><u>Net budget authority and outlays:</u></b>			
89.00 Budget authority	2	3	3
90.00 Outlays	3	3	5
95.02 Unpaid Obligation, end of year	1	0	0
<b><u>Direct Obligations:</u></b>			
Personnel compensation:			
11.10 Full-time permanent	1	1	1
11.90 Total personnel compensation	1	1	1
41.00 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	2	2
99.95 Reporting below threshold	1	1	1
99.9 Total obligations	2	4	4

<b>Personnel Summary</b>			
Identification code 14-8216-0-7-302	2007 Actual	2008 Estimate	2009 Estimate
Total compensable workyears:			
Full-time equivalent employment	11	11	11