

Agency Presence in SOUTH DAKOTA

Employment

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) employs approximately 87 people in South Dakota.

The FY 2010 Resource Management Budget for Service activities in South Dakota totaled \$10,587,983.

National Wildlife Refuge System

South Dakota contains eight National Wildlife Refuges on 106,257 acres and six Wetland Management Districts consisting of 1,444,571 acres

Volunteer Hours: 8,012

Visitation

359,200 people visited Refuges in South Dakota in 2010

Of these:

- 44,665 people fished.
- 241,593 people hunted.
- 57,588 people visited Refuges Partners for Fish and to view wildlife.
- 7,214 people participated in environmental education programs.

Fisheries Program

South Dakota contains one National Fish Hatchery (NFH), one Historic NFH, and one Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (FWCO).

Fish Stocking & Eggs

In 2010, NFHs stocked 3,194,900 fish to support recreational fishing agencies in South Dakota. and to restore native fish in South Dakota.

Economic benefits associated with this stocking totaled \$38,862,200. A total of 575,100 angler days of recreational activity also resulted. NFHs in South Dakota stocked fish into waters of MT, NE, NV, and SD, and also produced 1,559,300 eggs to support fish production.

Volunteer Hours: 16.858

Visitation

245,793 people visited Fisheries facilities in South Dakota in 2010.

Wildlife

Working with a variety of partners since 1987, the Service has helped 5.500 South Dakota landowners enhance wildlife habitat on 1,249,423 acres of private land and restore 35 miles of stream.

Endangered Species Recovery Programs

The Service is the lead on blackfooted ferret recovery in South Dakota, and assists ferret recovery activities across North America. The Service also provides close coordination for imperiled species with various land management

Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

In 2011, South Dakota received \$ 4,392,285 for sport fish restoration and \$5,260,829 for wildlife restoration: and approximately \$450,000 for the State Wildlife Grants Program.

These funds assist State Fish and Wildlife agencies in conserving, restoring, and managing fish and wildlife species and their habitats for the use and enjoyment of hunters, anglers, and wildlife viewers.

Refuge Revenue Sharing Pavment

In 2010, the Service paid South Dakota counties \$405,552 under the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act. This payment represents three quarters of one percent of the market value of the property owned in fee title.

