

Agency Presence in NORTH DAKOTA

Employment

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) employs approximately 144 people in North Dakota.

The FY 2010 Resource Management Budget for Service activities in North Dakota totaled \$20,773,266.

National Wildlife Refuge System

Sixty-six National Wildlife Refuges with 347,971 acres and 11 Wetland Management Districts totaling 1,480,265 acres

Volunteer Hours: 11,610

Visitation

• 403,453 people visited Refuges in North Dakota in 2010.

Of these:

- 85,645 people fished
- 182,272 people hunted
- 122,707 people visited Refuges to view wildlife.
- 15,084 people attended environmental education programs.

Fisheries Program

North Dakota contains two National Fish Hatcheries (NFH) and two Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices (FWCO).

Fish Stocking & Eggs

Program staff are engaged in producing and stocking endangered pallid sturgeon in the Missouri

River ecosystem and monitoring their populations.

In 2010, NFHs stocked 13,723,700 fish in North Dakota to support recreational fishing, recover threatened and endangered species, and restore native fishes.

This stocking produced economic benefits estimated at \$167,972,800 and approximately 2,485,700 angler days of recreational fishing. North Dakota NFHs stocked fish in ID, MT, NE, ND, and WY. North Dakota NFHs also produced 72,241,000 eggs to support fish production in multiple states.

Volunteer Hours: 1,816

Visitation

14,948 people visited Fisheries facilities in North Dakota in 2010.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Working with a variety of partners since 1987, the Service has helped 3,616 landowners enhance wildlife habitat on 238,709 acres of private land and restore 49 miles of stream in North Dakota.

Ecological Services Program

The Service is the lead agency for the recovery of the Northern Great Plains population of piping plover and the Sprague's pipit, a candidate species. Other recovery efforts in North Dakota include work on the six other listed plant, invertebrate, vertebrate, and fish species found the state.

The Service also coordinates closely with various land and resource management agencies and State, local, Tribal, Federal, and nongovernmental partners in North Dakota on issues including a burgeoning energy development industry (including oil, gas, and wind), water development and wetlands impacts, and environmental contaminants assessment and mitigation.

Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

In 2011, North Dakota received \$3,976,653 for sport fish restoration, \$5,670,831 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 Payment

In 2010, the Service paid North Dakota counties \$450,785 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.

