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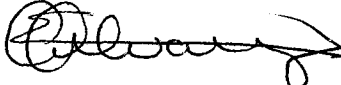


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Memorandum

To: Assistant Director – National Wildlife Refuge System

From: Chief, Division of Realty 

Subject: Land and Water Conservation Fund Fiscal Year 2007 Land Acquisition Priority List

Attached is the Land Acquisition Priority System (LAPS) list for Fiscal Year 2007. The Regions have completed Decision Documents for each of these projects with the exception of the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Area. As in previous years, the rankings will be used for all purposes pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2007 budget process. The rankings will not be revised until the FY 2008 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 revised for the FY 2006 and FY 2007 budget process. The Fisheries program completed a comprehensive data call for the Fisheries Information System. This data was organized using the U.S. Geological Survey's Habitat Unit Codes, providing for the first time geographically based information on fishery resources. This is similar to the geographically-based Bird Conservation Regions which has been used 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.

Attachment

FY 2007 Land and Water Conservation Fund
Land Acquisition Priority System Component Scores
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RANK	REGION	PROJECT	PROJECT SUMMARY	FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES	ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES	BIRD CONSERVATION	ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION	TOTALS
1	4	Great White Heron	50	163	184	177	160	734
2	4	St. Marks	25	159	188	122	200	694
3	4	National Key Deer	0	163	200	177	145	685
4	4	Key West	50	163	158	177	135	683
5	5	Silvio O. Conte NWR	0	161	200	162	160	683
6	3	Upper Mississippi River NW&FR	25	178	90	200	185	678
7	2	Laguna Atascosa, TX	0	133	185	195	155	668
8	6	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie WMA	0	119	164	189	195	667
9	6	North Dakota Prairie WMA	0	139	133	195	200	667
10	2	Lower Rio Grande Valley, TX	0	124	187	197	150	658
11	4	Cache River	0	150	182	122	190	644
12	1	San Joaquin River NWR	0	175	192	168	100	635
13	3	Big Muddy NF&WR	0	187	173	94	175	629
14	4	Pond Creek	10	166	191	92	170	629
15	4	JN Ding Darling	10	146	182	180	110	628
16	4	Lower Suwannee	0	164	185	119	160	628
17	3	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR	0	153	200	75	195	623
18	6	Charles M Russell NWR	50	105	115	147	200	617
19	4	Crocodile Lake	25	161	173	177	80	616
20	7	Yukon Delta	50	131	76	192	155	604
21	5	Prime Hook NWR	50	168	82	189	110	599
22	3	Cypress Creek NWR	0	154	171	100	165	590
23	7	Alaska Maritime	50	66	122	196	155	589
24	7	Togiak	50	123	71	188	155	587
25	4	Chickasaw	0	155	200	84	145	584
26	2	San Bernard-Austin's Woods, TX	0	148	70	192	150	560
27	4	Lower Hatchie	0	165	200	84	110	559
28	5	Edwin B. Forsythe NWR	0	124	108	180	145	557
29	1	Bandon Marsh NWR	10	138	136	154	115	553
30	3	Ottawa NWR	0	160	185	136	70	551

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31	1	San Diego NWR	0	47	195	137	170	549
32	1	Hakalau Forest NWR	50	93	200	128	75	546
33	2	Trinity River, TX	0	156	139	95	155	545
34	7	Alaska Peninsula	50	102	61	185	140	538
35	5	Blackwater NWR	0	100	200	91	135	526
36	5	Erie NWR	25	120	200	81	100	526
37	7	Yukon Flats	50	141	2	169	155	517
38	5	Cape May NWR	0	132	84	169	120	505
39	5	Rachel Carson NWR	0	158	107	154	85	504
40	4	Bon Secour	0	136	200	92	75	503
41	1	Humboldt Bay NWR	0	108	176	158	60	502
42	1	Nestucca Bay NWR	0	126	131	154	90	501
43	5	Ohio River Islands NWR	0	153	122	136	90	501
44	2	Balcones Canyonlands, TX	0	87	191	80	140	498
45	3	Meredosia	0	168	76	89	165	498
46	6	Red Rock Lakes	0	104	88	103	200	495
47	1	Siletz Bay NWR	0	126	134	152	80	492
48	3	Port Louisa NWR	0	172	107	100	110	489
49	2	Ozark Plateau, OK	0	94	200	95	96	485
50	1	Nisqually NWR	0	176	142	77	85	480
51	3	Emiquon NWR	0	174	76	89	140	479
52	3	Middle Mississippi River NWR	0	188	111	77	100	476
53	2	Little River, OK	25	142	107	76	125	475
54	4	Savannah	0	123	99	146	105	473
55	4	Grand Bay	0	172	128	83	85	468
56	3	Grand Kankakee Marsh	0	132	128	92	110	462
57	1	Sacramento River NWR	0	170	129	57	105	461
58	4	Cat Island	0	162	107	84	105	458
59	3	Great River NWR	0	164	104	80	105	453
60	4	Waccamaw	0	131	129	45	145	450

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61	6	Blackfoot Valley WMA	0	102	109	71	165	447
62	7	Becharof	50	97	50	92	155	444
63	4	Pelican Island	10	145	180	66	40	441
64	1	Stone Lakes NWR	0	101	139	91	110	441
65	5	Parker River NWR	50	148	69	101	65	433
66	3	Patoka River NWR	0	160	91	77	100	428
67	2	Buenos Aires, AZ	25	16	200	76	110	427
68	7	Innoko	50	144	2	78	150	424
69	4	ACE Basin	0	118	127	81	95	421
70	3	Minnesota Valley NWR	10	151	23	81	155	420
71	5	Back Bay NWR	0	120	81	111	105	417
72	6	Ninepipe NWR - Mission Valley	0	90	93	74	160	417
73	6	Colorado River WMA	0	65	156	123	65	409
74	6	Boyer Chute NWR	0	138	92	88	85	403
75	5	Stewart B. McKinney NWR	0	159	43	88	105	395
76	2	Attwater Prairie Chicken, TX	0	22	200	77	95	394
77	7	Tetlin	50	88	2	99	155	394
78	3	Driftless Area NWR	25	43	200	46	75	389
79	4	Red River	0	146	51	94	95	386
80	5	Wertheim NWR	50	154	25	52	100	381
81	7	Kenai	50	106	2	66	155	379
82	5	Great Bay NWR	50	117	43	80	85	375
83	4	Tensas River	0	161	35	63	110	369
84	5	Petit Manan NWR	25	89	54	124	75	367
85	2	Bitter Lake, NM	0	22	200	76	65	363
86	5	Moosehorn NWR	25	81	96	101	60	363
87	4	Cahaba River	0	123	134	65	40	362
88	1	Tualatin River NWR	0	147	64	76	75	362
89	7	Kanutu	50	95	2	59	155	361
90	5	Chincoteague NWR	10	130	86	94	40	360

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91	3	Kirtlands Warbler WMA	10	17	200	76	50	353
92	3	Detroit River IWR	0	165	39	92	55	351
93	5	Aroostook NWR	50	86	92	47	75	350
94	5	Rappahannock NWR	0	133	63	59	95	350
95	3	Horicon NWR	0	90	23	140	85	338
96	5	Eastern Shore of VA NWR	0	122	63	85	65	335
97	4	Clarks River	0	131	38	77	85	331
98	1	Kilauea Point NWR	0	148	127	31	25	331
99	4	Crystal River	0	146	70	45	65	326
100	2	Bosque del Apache, NM	0	89	64	77	90	320
101	3	Shiawassee NWR	0	80	58	95	75	308
102	1	James Campbell NWR	50	126	98	21	10	305
103	5	Lake Umbagog NWR	0	99	28	62	110	299
104	2	Leslie Canyon, AZ	0	71	121	60	45	297
105	5	Patuxent Research Refuge	50	92	13	63	75	293
106	5	Supawna Meadows NWR	0	136	15	62	75	288
107	5	Canaan Valley NWR	0	23	73	51	140	287
108	2	Sevilleta, NM	0	78	52	57	100	287
109	4	Lake Wales Ridge	0	15	180	23	55	273
110	3	Neal Smith NWR	0	31	78	71	80	260
111	5	Montezuma NWR	0	57	20	131	50	258
112	5	Wallkill River NWR	0	39	33	70	110	252
113	5	Missisquoi NWR	50	98	10	59	30	247
114	5	Great Meadows NWR	10	112	4	59	60	245
115	5	Iroquois NWR	50	44	18	93	40	245
116	6	Cokeville Meadows NWR	0	39	40	65	100	244
117	2	Deep Fork, OK	0	94	44	77	25	240
118	6	Bear River MBR	0	20	10	104	100	234
119	5	Great Swamp NWR	10	77	39	64	40	230
120	6	Arapaho NWR	10	19	26	61	110	226

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121	1	Turnbull NWR	0	43	39	36	105	223
122	3	Crane Meadows NWR	0	44	23	62	85	214
123	3	Michigan Islands NWR	50	72	19	42	30	213
124	3	Whittlesey Creek NWR	0	87	26	23	75	211
125	4	Black Bayou Lake	0	51	20	85	45	201
126	5	Massasoit NWR	50	81	22	22	5	180
127	5	Sunkhaze Meadows NWR	0	32	12	48	50	142
128	1	Conboy Lake NWR	0	34	10	35	10	89
	6	Rocky Mountain Front	0	81	103	186	195	565