

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 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 amends 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 of 1998. 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		2003 Actual	2004 Estimate	Uncontrollable & Related Changes (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	2005 Budget Request	Change from 2004 (+/-)
Contributed Funds	\$(000)	2,338	4,100			4,100	
	FTE	15	15			15	
Total, Contributed Funds	\$(000)	2,338	4,100			4,100	
	FTE	15	15			15	

2005 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. Donations for Visitor Centers will be collected in special projects within Contributed Funds. Congress has stipulated that the cost of new Visitor Centers at sites such as Bear River Migratory Bird NWR and Parker River NWR will be cost shared with friends groups and others.

Contributions are difficult to accurately forecast. They have ranged from approximately \$1.2 to \$5.6 million annually. FY 2003 receipts totaled \$2.34 million.

The Service is developing a new operational performance plan that directly aligns all program activities and objectives with the Secretary's four strategic plan mission components - Resource Protection, Resource Use, Recreation, and Serving Communities. The operational plan will contain new long-term and annual performance goals and measures to guide the delivery of Service program implementation, management reform, and budget formulation. The alignment and integration of program performance with budget formulation will provide the context for accountability and the foundation for continual improvement. The Service anticipates completion of a draft operational plan by summer of 2004.

2003 Program Performance Accomplishments

The following projects are examples of accomplishments, and not an all-inclusive list:

- Control invasive species at Windom Wetland Management (MN), purchase steel risers for wetland restoration for Morris Wetland Management (MN) along with purchase of general leaflets for outreach.
- Wisconsin Private Lands Office along with partners restored over 420 acres of dry prairie, oak savanna, and pine barrens habitat for the endangered Karner blue and associated wildlife on private lands.
- "Train the Trainer" workshops, including resource kits, expanded environmental education contacts and capability and distributed library resource kits throughout the Illinois River Valley in addition to the Audubon programs presented to over 6,000 students
- Alamosa/Monte Vista NWR Complex (CO) used contributed funds to construct wildlife viewing pull offs for the safety of visiting public.
- The National Elk Refuge (WY) was established to protect the winter range of elk in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The Service accepted contributions from individuals and non-profit organizations to increase the refuge's irrigation program to make more standing forage available for the wintering herd as well as the direct purchase of alfalfa pellets for winter food. Also, contributions funded an Earthwatch Archeological Bison project and anti-poaching patrols for shed elk antlers.
- Cleared 200 acres of saltcedar vegetation (tamarisk) while converting habitat areas for the production of food resources for migratory birds on Bosque del Apache NWR (NM). In addition, pipe was purchased for an underground irrigation system that will allow moist soil management principles to be used to produce natural year-round foods for a variety of wetland avian species including waterfowl and sandhill cranes.
- Improved water quality for reared endangered masked bobwhite quail chicks at Buenos Aires NWR (AZ) with the placement of a water filtration system. Purchased thermostats to better monitor the environment for chicks in the Quail Facility. Also, repaired the Environmental Education Center, purchased hummingbird feeders and created a Proghorn Diorama in the Visitors Center to improve the facilities for public use.
- Repaired refuge signs and Visitor Center displays at Hagerman NWR (TX).

2004 Planned Program Performance

The following projects are to be conducted in FY 2004 and are likely to continue into FY2005:

- Minnesota Valley NWR (MN) provides annual internship opportunity for a student studying in the natural resources field.
- The Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR (MN) was established to conserve, restore, manage and enhance the fragmented northern tallgrass prairie ecosystem. Noxious weeds have severely threatened biodiversity, habitat quality, integrity and productivity of this native prairie. Invasives will be removed by hand and chemically spot-treated due to the numerous rock outcrops on the land. Clean up of interior fencing and gates, feeding bunks, corrals and old buildings will be possible with contributed funds. In addition, parking lots, mowed trails and shelter/observation decks will be constructed to view wildlife and prairie habitats.
- Fort Niobrara NWR (NE) will utilize contributed funds to produce and install educational panels.

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Program and financing (in thousands of dollars)			
	2003	2004	2005
Identification code 14-8216-0-7-303	Actual	Estimate	Estimate
Obligations by program activity:			
10.00 Total obligations	2,299	5,019	5,135
Budgetary resources available for obligation:			
21.40 Unobligated balance available, start of year	3,018	3,098	2,254
22.00 New budget authority (gross)	2,338	4,100	4,100
22.10 Resources available from recoveries of prior year obligations	41	75	75
23.90 Total budgetary resources available for obligation	5,397	7,273	6,429
23.95 New obligations (-)	-2,299	-5,019	-5,135
24.40 Unobligated balance available, end of year	3,098	2,254	1,294
New budget authority (gross), detail:			
Permanent:			
60.27 Appropriation (trust fund, indefinite)	2,338	4,100	4,100
70.00 Total new budget authority (gross)	2,338	4,100	4,100
Change in unpaid obligations:			
72.40 Obligated balance, start of year	2,353	1,111	2,055
73.10 New obligations	2,299	5,019	5,135
73.20 Total outlays (gross) (-)	-3,500	-4,000	-4,000
73.45 Adjustments in unexpired accounts (-)	-41	-75	-75
74.40 Unpaid obligations, end of year	1,111	2,055	3,115
74.99 Obligated balance, end of year	1,111	2,055	3,115
Outlays (gross), detail:			
86.97 Outlays from new permanent authority	538	820	820
86.98 Outlays from permanent balances	2,962	3,180	3,180
87.00 Total outlays (gross)	3,500	4,000	4,000
Net budget authority and outlays:			
89.00 Budget authority	2,338	4,100	4,100
90.00 Outlays	3,500	4,000	4,000

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Object Classification (in thousands of dollars)			
	2003	2004	2005
Identification code 14-8216-0-7-303	Actuals	Estimate	Estimate
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	215	224	233
11.3 Other than full-time permanent	312	325	339
11.5 Other personnel compensation	19	20	21
11.8 Non-Federal compensation	9	9	10
11.9 Total personnel compensation	555	578	603
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits	118	123	128
21.0 Travel and transportation of persons	88	90	92
22.0 Transportation of things	15	15	16
23.2 Rental Payments to Others	8	8	8
23.3 Communications, utilities & miscellaneous.	22	22	23
24.0 Printing and reproduction	21	21	22
25.1 Advisory and Assistance Services	1	1	1
25.2 Other Services	542	552	563
25.3 Other Services from Government Accounts	12	12	12
25.4 Operation and maintenance of facilities	22	22	23
25.5 Research and Development contracts	1	1	1
25.7 Operation and maintenance of equipment	184	188	191
25.8 Subsistence & support of persons	3	3	3
26.0 Supplies and materials	289	595	607
31.0 Equipment	131	134	136
32.0 Land and structures	-160	797	813
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	446	1,855	1,892
42.0 Insurance claims & indemnities	1	1	1
99.9 Total obligations	2,299	5,019	5,135

Personnel Summary			
	2003	2004	2005
Identification code 14-8216-0-7-303	Actual	Estimate	Estimate
Total compensable workyears:			
Full-time equivalent employment	15	15	15
Average Salary per FTE	35,133	36,609	38,147

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