

FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

Total DNR spending: \$544.3 million
 Fish & Wildlife Account funds: 97.4 million (17.9%)

The \$97.4* million Fish & Wildlife Account comes from the following sources:

Sources of Revenue	Percent (%)
Fishing and hunting licenses and stamps	73.1
Misc. grants, donations, other sources	6.4
Sport Fish Restoration federal aid	9.1
Pittman Robertson federal wildlife aid	6.2
Wildlife damage surcharge	5.2
Total	100%

* Revenues are actual cash received during the fiscal year. Due to timing differences for bills, receipts and federal grants, actual revenue may fluctuate from year to year.



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Your Investment in Wisconsin's Fish & Wildlife 2006-2007



A Message from the Secretary

It is my pleasure to present the 2006-2007 Fish and Wildlife Annual Report. Since beginning my work with the Department of Natural Resources last summer, I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with many of our state's hunters and anglers. During these meetings and through our conversations, I find myself humbled and proud to work for such caring, conscientious and dedicated groups and individuals.

Wisconsin has a great tradition of environmental protection and conservation. It's one of the things that sets us apart from just about every other state. Now it is our turn to carry out the tradition so that our children and grandchildren experience the hunting and fishing opportunities we enjoy today.

Your purchase of hunting and fishing licenses and stamps enable us to raise hunting and fishing opportunities to a new level: Wisconsin catch rates for Lake Michigan trout and salmon are unparalleled; we rank first in the country for the highest single year deer harvest on record and are number one for deer harvest over the past decade.

Hunters' and anglers' longtime commitment to conservation has allowed Wisconsin to offer some of North America's best hunting and fishing. I am proud of what we have and look forward to scores of success stories we will share with future generations.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Frank, Secretary

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU AND WISCONSIN'S FISH AND WILDLIFE



FISH

29.2¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$28.4 million total
 252 staff
 33% of Fish & Wildlife-funded positions

- Conducted extensive monitoring of fish populations for VHS
- Implemented hatchery operations to prevent the introduction of VHS
- Sampled over 800 streams, lakes and rivers to assess water quality and habitat health
- Informed and educated the public about VHS
- Raised and stocked millions of fish
- Improved/maintained habitat on 41 trout streams
- Taught fishing and aquatic education skills to 420 inner-city youth
- Managed fisheries in 15,000 lakes and 44,000 miles of streams
- Introduced 3,000 junior anglers to fishing at the Youth Expo
- Began development of 10 shore fishing facilities
- Generated walleye population estimates on 13 lakes and conducted creel surveys on 23 inland lakes and the Great Lakes



FACILITIES AND LANDS

7.9¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$7.7 million total
 50 staff
 7% of Fish & Wildlife-funded positions

- Managed and maintained DNR lands for hunting and fishing
- Purchased 7,852 acres of which 90 percent is open to hunting and fishing
- Planned with citizens for hunting and fishing opportunities on all public lands
- Managed land on 152 fishery areas, several flowages and rivers and hundreds of public boat access sites
- Designed 19 new or renovated boat access sites and eight shore fishing stations and fishing piers
- Completed Phase 1 of the \$33 million multi-year Wild Rose Fish Hatchery upgrade



WILDLIFE

29.3¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$28.6 million total
 179 staff
 23% of Fish & Wildlife-funded positions

- Collected CWD samples from over 30,000 deer; 205 tested positive
- Banded 12,000 waterfowl and 1,000 mourning doves for studies
- Established more than 5,000 acres of grassland and wetland habitats
- Leased 18,654 acres of private lands for public wildlife recreation
- Produced 52,000 ring-necked pheasants and 51,000 pheasant chicks
- Made over 1,000 wildlife interpretive presentations
- Worked with stakeholders to set harvest quotas, hunting rules and regulations
- Captured and released 60 turkeys to help expand population distribution
- Released 40 greater prairie-chicken hens on the Buena Vista Wildlife Area



LAW ENFORCEMENT

18.2¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$17.8 million total
 141 staff
 18% of Fish & Wildlife-funded positions

- Responded to over 3,500 hunting, fishing and trapping complaints
- Taught more than 1,000 hunter education courses
- Enforced fishing, hunting and trapping laws
- Provided recreational safety training and enforcement
- Assisted in the control of CWD, Pseudorabies and VHS
- Educated anglers and boaters about VHS
- Inspected wild bait harvesters, commercial fishing licensees and deer farm fences



LICENSES

7.0¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$6.8 million total
 63 staff
 8% of Fish & Wildlife-funded positions

- Implemented a statewide DNR call and dispatch center with expanded hours; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., 7 days a week
- Enhanced multilingual communications by hiring Spanish and Hmong speaking Customer Service staff
- Embraced email notification to share information with more than 20,000 subscribers
- Distributed millions of wildlife regulation pamphlets/brochures
- Informed, educated and assisted the public with hunting and fishing questions, preference records and permit applications
- Managed automated computer systems and network of vendors supporting the sale of 2.1 million Wisconsin fishing, hunting and trapping licenses
- Issued special wildlife harvest permits and captive wildlife licenses



REGIONAL MANAGEMENT

1.3¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$1.3 million total
 9 staff
 1% of Fish & Wildlife-funded positions

- Redesigned and reconstructed boat access facilities in several counties
- Assisted and supported local government and conservation groups on fish and wildlife issues
- Interacted with several thousand customers through our exhibits at major outdoor events such as the Deer and Turkey Expo, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show and Great Wisconsin Outdoor Festival
- Oversaw consistency of fisheries, wildlife, law enforcement, and licensing decisions and policies across regions
- Directed field staff



ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

7.1¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$6.8 million total
 76 staff
 10% of Fish & Wildlife-funded positions

- Produced the six-year Fish, Wildlife, Habitat Strategic Plan as required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Developed biennial budget initiatives to secure funding for invasive species outreach/education and Great Lakes protection and law enforcement
- Brought boat and shore fishing access locations to online customers
- Managed and distributed 35 County Conservation Aids grants totaling \$88,618 and nine Urban Wildlife grants totaling \$26,050
- Managed DNR Web site and produced publications
- Assured the future of hunting, fishing and trapping through youth education programs
- Organized forums for fishing and hunting groups, government agencies, legislators and the public to participate in hunting and fishing policy making

