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## Service Announces Call for Proposals to Tribes for Grants to Conserve Fish and Wildlife on Tribal Lands

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today issued a request to Federally recognized Tribes for grant proposals to conserve and recover endangered, threatened and at-risk species and other wildlife on Tribal lands under the Tribal Landowner Incentive Program (TLIP) and Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) programs. **Proposals must be postmarked on or before January 31, 2007**

"Over \$5.6 million in grants have been awarded to tribes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho under these two grant programs since 2003." said Ren Lohofener, Pacific Regional Director. "These grants help tribes preserve and restore fish and wildlife resources that are important to their culture and heritage."

Nationwide, Indian Tribes have a controlling interest in more than 52 million acres of Tribal trust lands with an additional 40 million acres held by Alaska Native Corporations. Much of this land is relatively undisturbed, providing a significant amount of rare and important fish and wildlife habitat. Tribal Wildlife Grant projects can range from comprehensive surveys of plants, fish and wildlife to monitoring and improving species health to habitat restoration efforts.

In 2006, Tribes received nearly \$6 million in grants to benefit wildlife and wildlife habitat. The amount of funding for the grant programs this fiscal year is contingent upon congressional appropriation.

For more information about the grant programs and for grant applications kits, see <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/ea/tribal/default.htm#grants> The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the TLIP program is 15.638, and 15.639 for the TWG program.

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 545 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign and Native American tribal governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.