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Midwest Region

Wisconsin Offices and Activities

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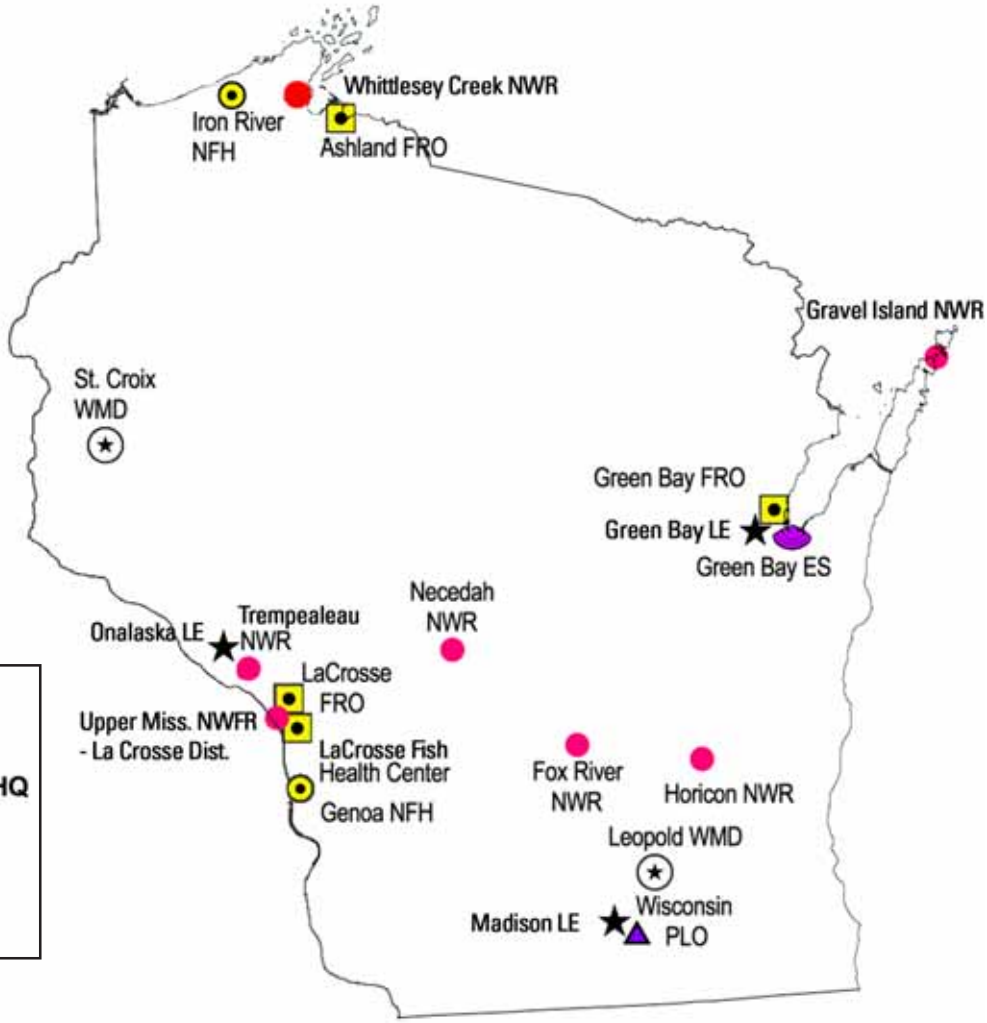
Service Facilities in Wisconsin



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- National Wildlife Refuge
- Wetland Management District HQ
- Private Land Office
- Fisheries Resource Office
- National Fish Hatchery
- Ecological Services
- Law Enforcement

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Introduction

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Quick Facts

- 545 national wildlife refuges
- 95 million acres of fish and wildlife habitat
- 81 ecological services field stations
- 69 national fish hatcheries
- 63 fish and wildlife management offices
- 7,500 employees

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 vast majority of fish and wildlife habitat is on lands not owned by the federal government. Partnerships with Native American tribes, state and local governments, non-government organizations and private citizens are critical to the Service fulfilling our mission. Programs such as Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Partners in Flight, the Coastal Program, and partnership activities with individuals are the primary mechanisms for assisting in voluntary habitat restoration on non-Service lands and fostering conservation practices throughout the Region.

The Service manages the 95 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that consists of 545 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. The Service also carries out its mission through the 81 ecological services field stations, 69 national fish hatcheries, and 63 fish and wildlife management offices located nationwide.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores fish and wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. The Service also administers a number of grant programs that promote the restoration of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat on tribal and private lands.

The Service also oversees the Federal Assistance program that distributes federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state natural resource agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the nation's wildlife management efforts, funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges and related projects across America.

Approximately 7,500 people are employed by the Service at facilities across the United States. It is a decentralized organization with a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., seven geographic regional offices, and nearly 700 field units.

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Midwest Regional Highlights

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin

Quick Facts

- Employment: 1,110 people
- Acres Managed: 1.29 million
- The Fiscal Year 2004 Budget for Regional Service activities totaled $80 million
- More than 7.7 million people visited Refuges throughout Region 3 to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs, and view wildlife
- More than 150,000 school children participated in Service educational programs
- 119,553 acres of wetlands restored
- 216 miles of streams restored
- 82,454 acres of upland habitat restored

The Region is Committed to

- Expanded partnerships offering innovative opportunities to enhance the Region's fish and wildlife resources
- Healthy fish and wildlife trust species populations and habitats to support them
- Providing the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on Service lands
- An organization dedicated to employee excellence, reflecting the nation's rich diversity, and providing quality service to and decision-making for the resources for which we have trust responsibility (migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, interjurisdictional fish).

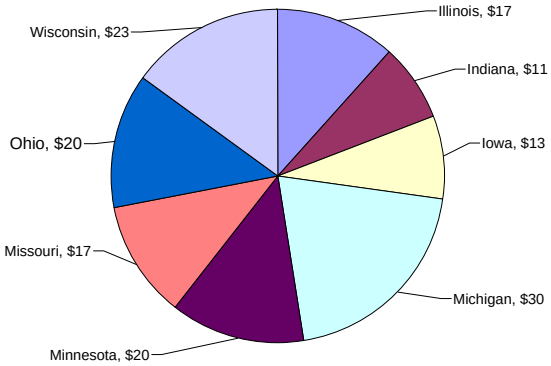
Regional Programs and Offices

- 56 National Wildlife Refuges, including the newest – Glacial Ridge in northwest Minnesota
- 12 Wetland Management Districts
- More than 300,000 acres in waterfowl production areas
- 6 National Fish Hatcheries
- 6 Fishery Resources Offices
- 2 Sea Lamprey Control Stations
- 8 Private Lands Offices
- 9 Ecological Services offices
- 18 Law Enforcement offices

Federal Assistance Program

In Fiscal Year 2004, the Region's Federal Assistance Office managed $151 million to help strengthen sport fish and wildlife restoration programs throughout the eight-state region.

Fiscal Year 2004 Federal Assistance Program Grants by State
(In Millions)



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Midwest Regional Offices

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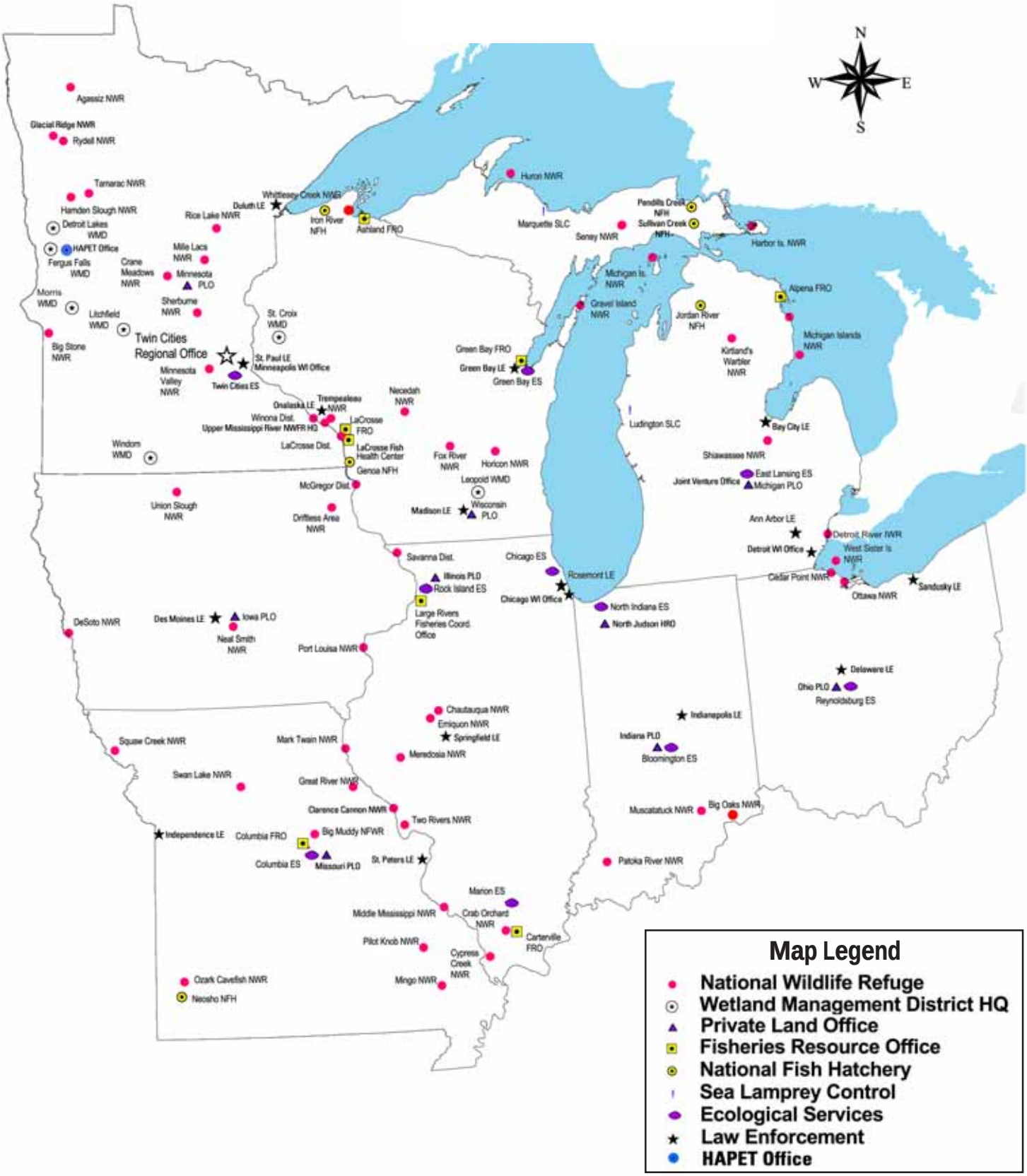

Wisconsin

Fish and Wildlife Service Highlights

Quick Facts

2004 Wisconsin State Facts

- The Service employs more than 160 people in Wisconsin.
- Fiscal Year 2004 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Wisconsin totaled $10.6 million

National Wildlife Refuge Facts

- Eight National Wildlife Refuges and two Wetland Management Districts in Wisconsin total more than 177,000 acres
- In 2004, more than 800,000 people visited national wildlife refuges in Wisconsin to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs and view wildlife

Federal Assistance to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

In 2004 Wisconsin received:

- $13.5 million for sport fish restoration
- $7.7 million for wildlife restoration and hunter education

Endangered Cranes Summer at Wisconsin Refuge

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge continues to serve as the summer home for members of the only migrating flock of whooping cranes in the eastern United States. In 2001, a flock made its first migration to Florida's Chassahowitzka NWR, and by September 2004, a fourth group of whoopers had gone south. Cranes are led on their first fall migration by ultralight aircraft. They are raised and trained to follow the ultralights at Necedah NWR and now number over 45 birds.

Protecting Endangered Species

The Green Bay Ecological Services Field Office works to conserve and protect the 19 federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species in Wisconsin. Actions to save these species from extinction result in improved water quality, preservation and restoration of natural areas, clean up of contaminants, and restoration of degraded rivers and streams.

Menominee Indian Tribe Celebrates First Sturgeon Season in More than a Century

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources celebrated the first chance for tribal members to harvest lake sturgeon in more than a century.

When two dams were placed downstream on the Wolf River in the 1880s and 1920s, lake sturgeon could no longer move upstream onto the reservation. To allow for harvest of sturgeon once again on the reservation, the Service has stocked more than 56,000 lake sturgeon into Legend Lake since 1994 to establish a sturgeon fishery. Annual fishery assessments now indicate that there are substantial numbers of lake sturgeon over 40 inches in length to provide a limited fishery season for tribal members.

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Horicon

National Wildlife Refuge

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1941
- Acres: 21,417
- Administers Fox River NWR (1,001 acres)
- Also administers the Wisconsin Islands Wilderness Area which consists of two island refuges in Lake Michigan: Gravel Island NWR (27 acres) and Green Bay NWR (2 acres)
- Horicon Marsh was designated a Wetland of International Importance and a Globally Important Bird Area
- State of Wisconsin manages the southern third of Horicon Marsh

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Eight person staff
- 406,000 visitors annually
- FY 2004 Budget: $1.5 million

Refuge Location

The refuge is located six miles east of Waupun, Wisconsin, on State Highway 49 and then 3.5 miles south on County Road Z

Natural History

- Horicon Marsh, covering 32,000 acres, is the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the United States
- Marsh was formed from a lakebed created during the last glacial period
- Up to one million Canada geese visit the refuge each fall, with a peak of 300,000 birds at one given time
- Provides traditional habitat for many species of wetland birds including ducks, cranes, herons and shorebirds

Refuge Objectives

- Provide breeding and migration habitat for birds
- Preserve Horicon Marsh
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Prescribed burning
- Carp and exotic plant control
- Partnerships
- Outreach and environmental education

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Teacher workshops
- Wildlife observation
- Hiking trails
- Auto tour route
- Visitor center
- Exhibits

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Necedah

National Wildlife Refuge

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1939
- Acres: 43,696
- Host site for whooping crane reintroduction

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 13 person staff
- 150,000 visitors annually
- FY 2004 Budget: $1.9 million
- Timber sales from forest management

Refuge Location

The refuge is located four miles west of Necedah, Wisconsin, on Highway 21

Natural History

- Refuge is located in the Great Central Wisconsin Swamp, the largest wetland bog in the state (7,800 square miles)
- Extensive forest habitat (pine, oak, aspen) and large tracts of rare oak barrens habitat
- Traditional habitat for waterfowl and sandhill cranes
- Impoundments provide acres of open wetland habitat
- Provides habitat for threatened, endangered and rare species such as the Karner blue butterfly, massasauga rattlesnake, Blanding's turtle and gray wolf
- Beaver, coyote, turkey, gray wolves and white-tailed deer are common resident wildlife species

Refuge Objectives

- Provide breeding and migration habitat for birds
- Protect and restore whooping cranes and the Karner blue butterfly
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education
- Restore rare oak savanna habitat

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Prescribed burning
- Timber harvest
- Outreach and environmental education
- Restoration of whooping cranes in the eastern United States

Public Use Opportunities

- Interpretation
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation and photography
- Hiking
- Wildlife hotspot route
- Berry picking

Contacting the Refuge

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Trempealeau

National Wildlife Refuge

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1936
- Acres: 6,200

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Four person staff
- 45,000 visitors annually
- FY 2004 Budget: $540,935

Refuge Location

The refuge is located three miles southwest of Centerville, Wisconsin

Natural History

- Lies within the Mississippi River Valley in west-central Wisconsin
- Land was isolated from the Mississippi and Trempealeau rivers by levees built in 1911
- Refuge has a variety of habitats including sand prairies and marshes
- Important area for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provides habitat for bald eagles, osprey, black terns and pelicans

Refuge Objectives

- Provide breeding and migration habitat for birds
- Provide habitat for native wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Water management
- Prescribed burning
- Outreach and environmental education
- Biological control of nuisance plants

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Hiking trails
- Auto tour routes and bicycling

Contacting the Refuge

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Upper Mississippi River

National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
La Crosse District

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1924
- Acres: 46,608
- District covers 35 miles of the Upper Mississippi River Valley from Trempealeau to Genoa, Wisconsin
- District covers Navigation Pools 7 and 8

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Seven-person staff
- FY 2004 Budget: $759,487
- Over 1,000,000 visitors annually
- Mississippi River annually contributes an estimated $1 billion in recreational benefits to the region

Refuge Office Location

To locate the refuge office, take Highway 157 south from I-90 to County Road PH and go left to Lester Avenue

Natural History

- Scenic river area with broad pools, braided channels, islands and bluffs rising several hundred feet
- Critical migratory bird corridor for waterfowl, songbirds and raptors
- Major staging area for canvasback ducks and tundra swans
- Important and unique wildlife areas including the deltas where the Black and Root rivers join the Mississippi River
- Refuge and river support many fish and mussel species valuable for both commercial and recreational uses

Refuge Objectives

- Protect and preserve one of America's premier fish and wildlife areas
- Provide habitat for migratory birds, fish, plants and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for endangered species
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and wildlife-dependent public use opportunities

Management Tools

- Resource monitoring and protection
- Outreach and education
- Water management
- Environmental Management Program
- Federal and state partnerships
- Prescribed burning
- Private land/watershed management

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting, trapping and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Visitor center
- Three observation decks
- Boating and camping

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Whittlesey Creek

National Wildlife Refuge

Quick Facts

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1999
- Acres: 210 of the proposed 540 acres have been acquired
- Refuge is focusing on acquisition from willing sellers, planning and development

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Two person staff
- FY 2004 Budget: $431,474
- More than 150,000 people stop at the Great Lakes Visitor Center annually

Refuge Location

The refuge is located three miles east of Ashland, Wisconsin on Highway 2

Natural History

- The refuge is located in the coastal area of Lake Superior at the mouth of Whittlesey Creek, which is a part of a large wetland complex at the head of Chequamegon Bay
- The coastal wetlands and Lake Superior tributary streams provide habitat for migratory birds and anadromous trout and salmon
- These coastal wetlands are significant, shallow water ecosystems in an otherwise very cold and deep lake
- Whittlesey, Little Whittlesey and Terwilliger creeks flow through the refuge, collecting water from the many cold-water spring upwellings in the streams and bordering wetlands
- Whittlesey Creek was historic spawning grounds for the anadromous strain of brook trout, referred to as coaster brook trout

Refuge Objectives

- Protect and restore habitat in Whittlesey, Little Whittlesey, and Terwilliger creeks for migration, spawning, and rearing of trout and salmon from Lake Superior
- Restore and manage habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Restore, to the extent possible, historical hydrologic conditions in the coastal wetlands and streams, including restoring Whittlesey Creek to its historic channel
- Manage for compatible wildlife-dependent recreational uses, including environmental education, hunting, fishing, wildlife-viewing, and demonstrating restoration and management techniques

Management Tools

- Restoration and management planning for in-stream fish habitat, riparian vegetation and wetlands
- Restoration of natural hydrology for wetlands and stream habitat will be a priority.
- Current management needs include removal of old buildings and habitat restoration.

Public Use Opportunities

- Refuge is adjacent to the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, which houses the refuge office. The Center is open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open until 7 p.m. during the summer months.

Contacting the Refuge

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Leopold

Wetland Management District

Quick Facts

District Facts

- Established: 1993
- Acres: 10,756 on 48 WPAs
- Manages Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in 16 southeastern counties
- Waterfowl Production Areas are purchased with Federal Duck Stamp receipts
- Manages conservation easements in 33 eastern Wisconsin counties

Financial Impact

- Nine person staff
- 29,000 visitors annually
- FY 2004 Budget: $1.3 million

District Office Location

The district office is located on Cascade Mountain Road in Portgage, Wisconsin

Natural History

- District covers one of the most important waterfowl areas of Wisconsin
- WPAs are wetland and grassland mosaics needed by breeding waterfowl
- Habitat critical for many migratory water and song birds
- Mink, muskrat, beaver and deer thrive within the district

District Objectives

- Provide waterfowl production habitat
- Restore wetland and grassland habitat
- Cooperate with state on Glacial Habitat Restoration Area
- Cooperate with state and local agencies promoting wildlife habitat restoration on private land
- Fairfield Marsh project

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Mowing, haying
- Wetland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (private landowner agreements)
- Prairie restoration

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting, fishing and trapping
- Wildlife observation
- Environmental education

Contacting the District

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St. Croix

Wetland Management District

Quick Facts

District Facts

- Established: 1992
- Acres: 7,548 on 40 WPAs and 15 easements
- Manages Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in seven counties
- Waterfowl Production Areas are purchased with Federal Duck Stamp receipts
- WPAs range from 22 to 485 acres in size
- District includes Burnett, Washburn, Polk, Barron, St. Croix, Dunn, Pierce and Pepin counties

Financial Impact

- Six-person staff
- 11,000 visitors annually
- FY 2004 budget: $733,161

District Office Location

The district office is located on 95th Street in New Richmond, Wisconsin

Natural History

- District lies on the eastern edge of the prairie pothole region and covers one of the most important waterfowl breeding areas of Wisconsin
- Wildlife common to the district include waterfowl, shorebirds, grassland and forest songbirds, deer, otter, mink, muskrat, and wild turkey
- WPAs are a mosaic of wetlands and grassland habitats essential to breeding waterfowl and other migratory birds.

District Objectives

- Provide high quality habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds with an emphasis on grassland birds
- Work cooperatively with all units of government, conservation organizations and private citizens to restore wildlife habitat on WPAs and private land

Management Tools

- Wetland and prairie grassland restoration on new WPAs and private land
- Prescribed burning to restore and maintain grassland habitats and reduce encroaching woody vegetation
- Mowing grasslands to control encroaching woody vegetation and reduce weed competition on newly planted native prairie
- Land acquisition to protect, restore and preserve prairie wetland habitat for waterfowl

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting, fishing and trapping
- Wildlife observation and photography
- Environmental education and interpretation

Contacting the District

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Private Lands Office

Quick Facts

Wetland Restorations (1987-2004)
- 4,918 sites
- 14,367 acres

Upland Restorations (1987-2004)
- 1,326 sites
- 16,412 acres

Stream Restorations (1987-2004)
- 44 sites
- 30 miles

Overview of the Program

- Working with others to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on private lands
- Restoring habitat for migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, interjurisdictional fish and other wildlife
- Restoring habitat within the watersheds of our national wildlife refuges
- Voluntary participation

Opportunities on Private Lands

- Wetland restoration
- Native prairie restoration
- Stream restoration
- Migratory bird habitat
- Endangered species habitat
- Invasive species control

Partner Involvement

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Local, state and federal agencies
- Tribal governments

Program Benefits

- Increased wildlife abundance
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved soil, water and air quality
- Increased recreational opportunities
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting **voluntary** habitat restoration on private lands

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Green Bay, Wisconsin

Ecological Services Field Office

Quick Facts

Wisconsin is home to 19 federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species, including the gray wolf, whooping crane, Karner blue butterfly, Hine's emerald dragonfly, and prairie bush clover. For more information about these and other rare and declining Wisconsin species, please see our website at *http://midwest.fws.gov/endangered.*

Highlight

The Green Bay Field Office leads rangewide recovery efforts for the endangered Karner blue butterfly, and is involved with implementation of Wisconsin's Statewide Habitat Conservation Plan for the butterfly. Also, through relicensing of hydroelectric dams in Wisconsin, we work to restore freshwater mussel populations and fish passage upstream and downstream of the dams for species that include lake sturgeon and paddlefish.

Our History

For over 60 years Ecological Services has protected and restored fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats. Our roots trace back to the River Basins Program that reviewed Federal water development projects. Since 1945, Ecological Services' responsibilities have expanded to include reviews of most Federal construction projects, endangered species, environmental contaminants, and a variety of conservation partnerships and grants.

Project Planning

Through early and wise planning we work to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats by minimizing the impact of Federal construction projects. Besides traditional Corps of Engineers' projects and permits, we work on energy development projects (hydro and wind power), highway projects, and proposed activities in National Forests.

Environmental Contaminants

The Environmental Contaminants program is the only program in the Federal Government solely responsible for evaluating the impact of environmental contaminants on fish and wildlife. We work to prevent, reduce and eliminate the adverse effects of environmental contaminants.

Threatened and Endangered Species

Our responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act include conserving declining species before listing is necessary, adding species to

the list of threatened and endangered species; working to recover listed species, and working with other Federal agencies to ensure that their projects do not irreparably harm listed species.

Grants

We administer Endangered Species Act grants to provide funding to States, Tribes, organizations, and individuals for listed species conservation activities.

Partnerships

We work to restore habitat on private lands through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. We work with others to restore Great Lakes coastal habitats through our Coastal Program.

Contacting the Field Office

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Genoa

National Fish Hatchery

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1932
- FY 2004 Budget: $653,000
- Staff: seven permanent employees

Geographic Area Covered

- Six states in Region 3
- Cooperate with state, tribal, and other Service hatcheries throughout the country

Hatchery Mission

- Rear 23 species of fish to support high priority federal management, restoration and threatened and endangered species programs
- Serve as regional isolation facility
- Hatch and rear wild lake trout and coaster brook trout
- Support fish recovery efforts in the Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi River
- Supply fish/eggs for research, tribal and state cooperator programs
- Provide environmental education
- Culture two distinct strains of lake sturgeon for ongoing tribal restoration efforts at the White Earth and Menominee Indian reservations
- Culture endangered Higgins' eye pearlymussels for restoration in the Upper Mississippi Ecosystem

Fish Species and Capability

- 40 million eggs and fry of cool water fish such as northern pike and walleye
- Propagate 250,000 juvenile endangered Higgins' eye mussels
- 200,000 fingerling and subadult salmonids, cool water, and warm water fish (bass, bluegill, sturgeon) for national wildlife refuges and other high priority federal programs
- Repository for threatened and endangered mussels

Public Use Opportunities

- Fishery education
- Self-guided hatchery tours and visitation (5,000 annually)
- Guided tours and off-site presentations available
- Open air ponds (17) and raceways (6) with some broodfish
- Hatchery grounds are ranked in Top 10 area locations for bird watching by the La Crosse Chapter of the Audubon Society

Contacting the Hatchery

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Iron River
National Fish Hatchery

Quick Facts

Office Facts
- Established: 1981
- FY 2004 Budget: $777,000
- Staff: seven permanent; 13 intermittent
- Acres: 1,200

Geographic Area Covered
- Upper Great Lakes
- Tribal, research and national fish hatchery transfers to Midwest United States

Hatchery Mission
- Produce eggs for the National Broodstock Program
- Rear lake trout for interagency restoration programs in Lake Michigan
- Supply fish/eggs for research and tribal programs
- Rear brook trout for interagency restoration programs in Lake Superior
- Manage a program to isolate future lake trout and brook trout broodstock through collection of gametes from wild Lake Superior donor populations
- Coordinate future broodstock rearing program with Genoa National Fish Hatchery and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Fish Species and Capability
- 1.2 million yearling lake trout for spring stocking
- 100,000 fingerling brook trout
- 200,000 fingerling lake trout for fall stocking
- 4 million lake trout eggs
- 500,000 brook trout eggs
- 1,300 brook trout broodstock (2 species)
- 7,500 lake trout broodstock (5 species)

Public Use Opportunities
- Environmental education
- Hatchery tours

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Ashland

Fishery Resources Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1972
- FY 2004 Budget: $501,000
- Staff: eight permanent; one term

Geographic Area Served

- Lake Superior watershed
- Tribal lands and waters in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan
- National wildlife refuges and national parks in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan
- Private Lands in eight northern Wisconsin counties
- Upper Great Lakes Coastal Program
- Great Lakes Ruffe Control Program

Office Goals

- Restore native fishes, wetlands and aquatic habitats in the Lake Superior region
- Fulfill federal trust responsibilities to Native American tribes in managing, enhancing, protecting, and restoring fish and wildlife resources and ecosystems
- Assist agencies with management authority in coordinating fisheries management on Lake Superior
- Assist federal resource managers and regulators in fisheries management and stewardship in the Upper Great Lakes region
- Promote cooperative efforts to prevent, control, or adapt to, the spread of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species
- Environmental education

Services Provided To

- State and federal agencies
- Canadian government agencies
- Fond du Lac, Red Cliff, Bad River, Mille Lacs, Grand Portage, Leech Lake, St. Croix, Bois Forte, Red Lake, Lac du Flambeau, Lac Courte Orielles, La Vieux Desert and Mole Lake Indian Reservations and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- 1854 Treaty Authority
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices
- Private landowners
- Universities

Activity Highlights

- Lake Superior habitat and ecosystem planning and restoration
- Lake sturgeon, lake trout and brook trout restoration
- Membership on the Lake Superior Technical Committee
- Fisheries and wildlife management assistance to Native American Tribes
- Ruffe control program
- Wetland restoration in northern Wisconsin
- Fish surveys and lab work supporting 2000 Consent Decree
- Mussel surveys
- Great Lakes Coastal Program coordination and project administration

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Green Bay

Fishery Resources Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1992
- FY 2004 Budget: $572,000
- Staff: seven permanent; one seasonal

Geographic Area Served

- Lake Michigan watershed
- Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana
- Tribal lands and waters in Michigan and Wisconsin
- National wildlife refuges in Michigan and Wisconsin
- Great Lakes basin

Office Goals

- Restore and maintain the biological integrity of the Lake Michigan fish community
- Promote the cooperative, interagency management of fisheries in Lake Michigan
- Restore native fishes, wetlands and aquatic habitats
- Fulfill federal trust responsibilities to Native American tribes
- Address the spread of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species
- Provide environmental education
- Provide technical assistance to all Service Great Lakes stations in analyzing fisheries data

Services Provided To

- State and federal agencies
- Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
- Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Band
- Hannahville Indian Community
- Forest County Potawatomi Community
- Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
- Little River Bands of Ottawa Indians
- Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices
- Fishery research agencies
- Chippewa/Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority

Activity Highlights

- Implements lake trout restoration in Lake Michigan
- Researches alternate lake trout stocking methods
- Collects lakewide information for lake trout strain evaluation
- Studies the food web in Lake Michigan and collates predator diet information
- Evaluates the feasibility of alternate commercial fishing gear
- Surveys fishery resources in the Oneida Indian Reservation
- Membership on the Lake Michigan Technical Committee
- Surveys lake sturgeon populations in Lake Michigan
- Maintains the Great Lakes Fish Stocking Database

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La Crosse

Fishery Resources Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1981
- FY 2004 Budget: $647,000
- Staff: six permanent; one student

Geographic Area Served

- Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin
- Mississippi River bordering the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge to Rock Island, Illinois
- Illinois Waterway

Office Goals

- Restore native and interjurisdictional fishes, wetlands and aquatic habitats
- Fulfill federal trust responsibilities to Native American Tribes
- Prevent the extinction of federally endangered mussels and fish
- Address the spread of nonindigenous, aquatic invasive species
- Provide environmental education

Services Provided To

- Private citizens
- Menominee, Mille Lacs, Prairie Island and White Earth Tribes
- Federal and state agencies
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- St. Croix National Scenic Riverway
- Fort McCoy military base
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices

Activity Highlights

- Restoring lake sturgeon in the Wolf and Red River basins
- Monitoring for zebra mussel infestations on the St. Croix and Mississippi rivers; and Asian carp and round goby distribution in the Illinois Waterway
- Restoring aquatic habitat
- Restoring mussels - winged mapleleaf and Higgins' eye pearlymussels in the Upper Mississippi River Basin
- Removing fish passage barriers

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La Crosse
Fish Health Center

Quick Facts

Center Facts
- Established: 1962
- FY 2004 Budget: $509,000
- Staff: seven permanent; one student

Geographic Area Served
- Eight-state region in the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Basin
- Member of a national system of nine fish health laboratories

Center Goals
- Provide fish health services to six national and several tribal fish hatcheries to minimize the risk of disease agents impacting fish restoration
- Assist state and private fish hatcheries in diagnosing and controlling infectious disease agents
- Provide technical assistance regarding fish health and propagation
- Conduct wild fish health surveys to determine and monitor the distribution of fish pathogens in free-ranging fish populations

Services Provided To
- State and federal agencies
- Regional Indian Communities
- Fishery research agencies
- Commercial hatcheries
- Universities

Activity Highlights
- Staff instructs several fish health courses offered through the Service's National Conservation Training Center
- Conducts research projects on parasitological, viral and bacteriological fish disease agents
- Has collected more than 21,000 tissue samples from 39 species of fish throughout the Midwest Region for the National Wild Fish Health Survey

- Monitors and oversees the use of drugs and chemicals for national fish hatchery use under the sponsorship of the National Investigational New Animal Drug Program
- Participates on rapid response team to investigate suspicious fish kills in regional lakes and rivers

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Green Bay

Law Enforcement Field Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1987
- Staff: one Special Agent
- The Green Bay Field Office is administered by the St. Paul, Minnesota, Resident Agent in Charge Office

Law Enforcement Objectives

- Protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
- Promote and encourage voluntary compliance with federal wildlife laws through public education and the creation of a deterrent effect

Law Enforcement Priorities

- Investigate violations that have a significant impact on wild populations of federally protected species, such as those violations involving commercial exploitation and/or habitat destruction and modification
- Investigate violations that involve wild populations of species protected by state or foreign laws, with emphasis on interstate and foreign commercial exploitation
- Provide support and assistance to enforcement activities on Service lands, such as national wildlife refuges, and to other federal agencies on lands they manage
- Promote awareness of, and support for, federal wildlife laws and the role of law enforcement in protecting our wildlife resources and heritage

Laws Enforced

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Duck Stamp Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- National Wildlife Refuge Act
- Lacey Act
- Airborne Hunting Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act

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Madison

Law Enforcement Field Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1950
- Staff: two Special Agents
- The Madison Field Office is administered by the St. Paul, Minnesota, Resident Agent in Charge Office

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Onalaska

Law Enforcement Field Office

Quick Facts

Office Facts

- Established: 1982
- Staff: one Special Agent
- The Onalaska Field Office is administered by the St. Paul, Minnesota, Resident Agent in Charge Office

Law Enforcement Objectives

- Protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
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- African Elephant Conservation Act
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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Wisconsin

North American Waterfowl Management Plan

Quick Facts

Habitat Accomplishments

- Over 84,000 acres of habitat protected, restored and enhanced
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat
- Protected coastal wetlands

Financial Assistance

- Matching dollars from partners totaling over $42.6 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; 32 grants totaling more than $16 million

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About the Plan

- An international agreement signed in 1986
- Goal is to return waterfowl populations to levels of the mid 1970s
- Achieve goal by restoring and protecting wetland and grassland habitat
- Includes 14 habitat joint ventures and three species joint ventures in the U.S., Canada and Mexico

Partner Involvement

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Local, state and federal agencies
- Tribal governments

Wisconsin Projects

- Glacial Habitat Restoration Area
- South central Wisconsin Prairie Pothole Initiative
- Northwest Prairie Pothole Habitat Initiative
- Superior Coastal Wetland Initiative
- Private lands statewide through voluntary participation
- Waterfowl and nongame bird surveys

Public Benefits

- Increased recreational opportunities
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved community relations
- Enhanced floodwater storage
- Improved water quality
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting voluntary wetland preservation

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Quick Facts

WI Anglers and Hunters Spent

- 19 million days angling
- 844 million dollars in total fishing expenditures
- 9 million days hunting
- Over 634 million dollars in total hunting expenditures

WI Licensed Anglers and Hunters

- 981,000 licensed anglers
- 591,000 licensed hunters

United States

- Over 82 million U.S. residents 16 years old and older fished, hunted, or wildlife watched in 2001.
- Sportspersons spent a total of $70 billion in 2001—$36 billion on fishing, $21 billion on hunting, and $14 billion on items used for both hunting and fishing (the sum of expenditures totals $71 billion due to rounding).

http://fa.r9.fws.gov/surveys/surveys.html

Where Can I Find More Information

Detailed grant information is available at our public website—faims.fws.gov.

Wisconsin

Federal Assistance

How the Dollars are Administered

- The goal of the Federal Assistance Program is to work with States to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, their habitats and the hunting, sportfishing, and recreational boating opportunities they provide.
- In fiscal year 2004 total grant funds in the Midwest Region exceeded $151 million. Wisconsin received $23 million. These monies were distributed through programs such as: Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration, Coastal Wetlands Program, Landowner Incentive Program, Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act, Boating Infrastructure Grant Program, State Wildlife Grants and the Clean Vessel Act Program.

Where the Money Comes From

Funding for most Federal Assistance programs comes from federal excise taxes paid by hunters, anglers, and boaters on hunting and fishing equipment, a portion of the federal fuel tax, and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

What the Money Can be Used For

Fish and wildlife research, habitat enhancement, assistance to private landowners, environmental review of public projects, land acquisition, operation and maintenance of lands and facilities, boating and angler access improvements, comprehensive planning for fish and wildlife resources, and hunter and aquatic education.

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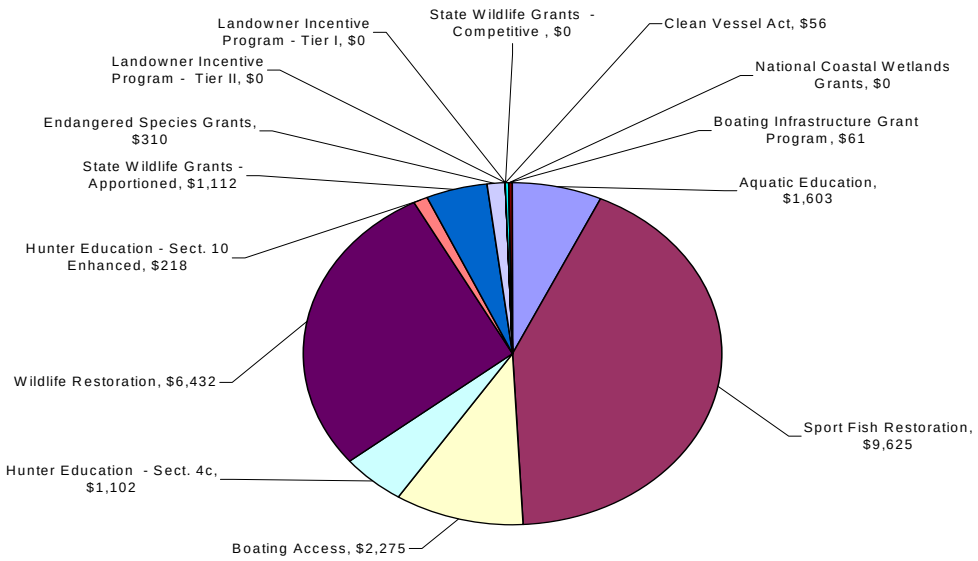

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Wisconsin

Migratory Bird Conservation

Quick Facts

- 1.9 million bird watching participants
- 252 million bird watching days
- More than 69,000 duck hunters
- 72,462 Federal Duck Stamps sold (2002-2003)
- Three Important Bird Areas on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands in Wisconsin:
  - Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
  - Necedah NWR
  - Trempealeau NWR

Inventory and Monitoring

- Waterfowl Breeding Pair Survey
- Woodcock Singing Ground Survey
- Mourning Dove Call Count Survey
- Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey
- Waterfowl and cormorant banding program
- Great Lakes Colonial Waterbird Survey
- Resident Canada goose breeding population survey

Research

- Study of fall mortality of American woodcock
- Study of golden-winged warbler abundance in northern Wisconsin
- Study of Forster's tern population dynamics at Horicon NWR

Management

- Wetland and grassland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Develop hunting regulations
- Issue migratory bird permits
- Integrated bird conservation planning at the state Bird Conservation Region levels
- Whooping crane restoration
- Double-crested cormorant banding in Green Bay

Outreach

- International Migratory Bird Day
- Junior Duck Stamp Contest

Partnerships

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Ruffed Grouse Society
- Wisconsin Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (U.S.G.S.)
- Partners in Flight
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan
- North American Waterbird Conservation Plan
- Ducks Unlimited
- University of Wisconsin
- Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology

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Wisconsin

Division of Realty

Realty Management

• Once properties are acquired, the Realty Management staff is responsible for managing real estate records for over one million acres of Service-owned lands throughout Region 3.

The Realty Management staff also:

• Works to assure that counties receive revenue sharing payments

• Processes non-funded land acquisition such as exchanges, donations, transfers and withdrawals

• Processes right-of-way permits across Service owned land

• Provides surveying capabilities for land acquisition and boundary retracement

• Produces cartographic products for Service use

Land Acquisition

• The Realty Division's staff of appraisers and realty specialists works with landowners who have indicated an interest in selling their property, or property interests, to the Service. The appraisers determine fair market value and the realty specialists make the fee-title or easement purchases from these willing landowners. Lands are acquired by using funds from:

• The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (received from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps)

• The Congressionally appropriated Land and Water Conservation Fund

• Natural Resource Damage Assessments

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