

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 Service 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 amended 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, as amended (16 U.S.C. 742). 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.

National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act (120 STAT 2058-2061). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to promote the stewardship of resources through biological monitoring or research; to construct, operate, maintain, or improve hatchery facilities, habitat and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Activity: Contributed Funds

| | | 2008 Actual | 2009 Enacted | 2010 | | | Change from 2009 (+/-) |
|---------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | Fixed Costs & Related Changes (+/-) | Program Changes (+/-) | Budget Request | |
| Contributed Funds (\$000) | | 5,000 | 3,400 | 0 | 0 | 3,400 | 0 |
| FTE | | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 |

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. Contributions fund a variety of projects that contribute to fulfillment of the DOI strategic goals and the FWS mission. Donations for visitor centers will be collected in special projects within Contributed Funds. Congress has stipulated that the cost of new visitor centers will be shared with Friends groups and others.

Contributions are difficult to accurately forecast due to external events. Annual contributions typically range from approximately \$1.2 to \$5.6 million. FY 2008 receipts totaled \$5.0 million.

2010 Program Performance

The Service uses contributed funds to address its highest priority needs in concert with other types of funding. The funds in 2010 will be used for projects similar to those planned and completed in previous fiscal years. For example, the Service used contributed funds for the following activities in 2008 and 2009:

San Marcos NFHTC (TX): Longhorn Partners Pipeline, L.P., Houston, Texas, while upgrading a 50 year old unused crude oil pipeline to carry gasoline over portions of the Barton Springs recharged zone, agreed to establish a Barton Springs salamander refugium at the San Marcos National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center. The Ecological Services Austin Field Office worked with Longhorn Partners Pipeline to develop the agreement that was signed on 14 October 2004. Longhorn Partners Pipeline agreed to provide funds to build a building, to purchase rearing equipment, and to employ a biologist to manage the refugium. The building was completed during 2008. Barton Spring salamanders have been moved into the building and offspring have been produced. The offspring will be used in studies to develop captive rearing techniques for this endangered species.



The Barton Springs Salamander, an endangered species, is benefitting from a refugium built at the San Marcos NFHTC in partnership with Longhorn Partners Pipeline.

Great Swamp NWR (NJ): Funds are being used for Indian Bat research into the biology and ecology of this endangered species to improve management through identification and protection of key foraging, roosting, and breeding areas.

Eastern Massachusetts NWR Complex (MA): Funds are being used to restore Blanding's turtle habitat and manage nesting activities at Oxbow NWR, Assabet River NWR, and Great Meadows NWR.

Red River NWR (LA): Contributed funds are being used as part of carbon sequestration projects. Carbon companies will reforest some refuge acreage and then donate a like acreage in exchange for the right to claim the carbon on the reforested acres.

Sheldon-Hart Mountain NWR Complex, (OR): Contributed funds are used to pay expenses for the Virgin Valley campground host, campground improvements such as installing fire pits, and to assist with biological survey work, such as providing support for seasonal technicians and funding aerial flight time.

Willamette Valley NWR Complex, (OR): Contributed funds have been used for the maintaining and improving the Woodpecker Loop Trail, and for supporting workers for road and trail maintenance.

Little Pend Oreille NWR, (WA): Contributed funds were used for a habitat restoration project that returned an old farm field to native grasses.

Nisqually NWR Complex, (WA): Contributed funds have been used to purchase native plants and planting materials for riparian and native forest restoration. Contributed funds also have been used for land acquisition and protection.

Kauai NWR Complex, (HI): Contributed funds have been used to provide a term worker for wetland habitat restoration by building and maintaining impoundments for endangered waterbirds. Funds also have been used for the ongoing restoration of the Kilauea Point Lighthouse, to provide educational materials, and to purchase food for birds in the rehabilitation program.

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office (OR): Contributed funds were used in 2008 to conduct a seabird mortality study on several beaches in Oregon and Washington. The survey occurred during the annual die-off of common murre chicks and adults and a sufficient number of bird carcasses were found to provide statistical comparisons.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
CONTRIBUTED FUNDS

| Program and financing (in millions of dollars) | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Identification code 14-8216-0-7-302 | 2008 Actual | 2009 Estimate | 2010 Estimate |
| <u>Obligations by program activity:</u> | | | |
| 10.00 Total obligations | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| <u>Budgetary resources available for obligation:</u> | | | |
| 21.40 Unobligated balance available, start of year | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| 22.00 New budget authority (gross) | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| 23.90 Total budgetary resources available for obligation | 9 | 8 | 6 |
| 23.95 New obligations (-) | -4 | -5 | -4 |
| 24.40 Unobligated balance available, end of year | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| <u>New budget authority (gross), detail:</u> | | | |
| Permanent: | | | |
| 60.26 Appropriation (trust fund) | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| 70.00 Total new budget authority (gross) | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| <u>Change in unpaid obligations:</u> | | | |
| 72.40 Obligated balance, start of year | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 73.10 New obligations | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| 73.20 Total outlays (gross) (-) | -3 | -5 | -3 |
| 74.40 Obligated balance, end of year | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| <u>Outlays (gross), detail:</u> | | | |
| 86.97 Outlays from new permanent authority | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 86.98 Outlays from permanent balances | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 87.00 Total outlays (gross) | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| <u>Net budget authority and outlays:</u> | | | |
| 89.00 Budget authority | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| 90.00 Outlays | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| 95.02 Unpaid Obligation, end of year | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Direct Obligations:</u> | | | |
| Personnel compensation: | | | |
| 11.11 Full-time permanent | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 11.13 Other than full-time permanent | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 11.19 Total personnel compensation | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 12.60 Supplies and materials | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 13.20 Land and structures | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 99.95 Reporting below threshold | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 99.9 Total obligations | 4 | 5 | 4 |

| Personnel Summary | | | |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Identification code 14-8216-0-7-302 | 2008 Actual | 2009 Estimate | 2010 Estimate |
| 10.01 Civilian full-time equivalent employment | 14 | 14 | 14 |