

National Wildlife Refuge Fund

Appropriations Language

[For expenses necessary to implement the Act of October 17, 1978 (16 U.S.C. 715s), \$13,980,000],
(Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012.)

Authorizing Statutes

Refuge Revenue Sharing Act (16 U.S.C. 715s), as amended. Authorizes payments to be made to offset tax losses to counties in which Service fee and withdrawn public domain lands are located.

Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Section 1002 and Section 1008, 16 U.S.C. 3142 and 3148. These sections address the procedures for permitting oil and gas leases on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain (Section 1002) and other non-North Slope Federal lands in Alaska (Section 1008).

	2011 Actual	2012 Enacted Budget	2013			Change from 2012
			Fixed Cost & Related Changes (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Appropriations (\$000)	14,471	13,958		-13,958	0	-13,958
Receipts (\$000)	7,281	8,000		0	8,000	0
Expenses for Sales (\$000)	[3,000]	[3,000]		0	[3,000]	0
ANILCA-Expenses (\$000)	[10]	[10]		0	[10]	0
Total, National Wildlife Refuge Fund (\$000)	21,752	21,958		-13,958	8,000	-13,958
FTE	11	11		0	11	0

Summary of 2012 Program Changes for National Wildlife Refuge Fund

Request Component	(\$000)	FTE
• Appropriations	-13,958	0
TOTAL Program Changes	-13,958	0

Justification of 2013 Program Changes

The 2013 budget request for National Wildlife Refuge Fund is \$0 and 0 FTE, a program change of -\$13,958,000 and +0 FTE from the 2012 Enacted.

Appropriations (-\$13,958,000/+0 FTE)

The Service proposes the elimination of the entire appropriated (discretionary) portion (\$13,958,000) of this program. The mandatory receipts collected and allocated under the program would remain. Refuges have been found to generate tax revenue for communities far in excess of that which was lost with federal acquisition of the land. In addition, Refuge lands provide many public services and place few demands on local infrastructure such as schools, fire, and police services when compared to development that is more intensive. National Wildlife Refuges bring a multitude of visitors to nearby communities and so provide substantial economic benefits to these communities.