

RECOVERING AMERICA'S WILDLIFE ACT

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CURRENT FUNDING FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE

Federal Funding History

- 1937 Pittman-Robertson Act
- 1950 Dingell-Johnson Act

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\$1 Billion
Annually Primarily
for Game Wildlife &
Sport Fisheries

- 2001 State and Tribal Wildlife Grants provide \$60 million annually nationwide to conserve priority species and habitats
- Washington receives approximately \$1.2 million annually

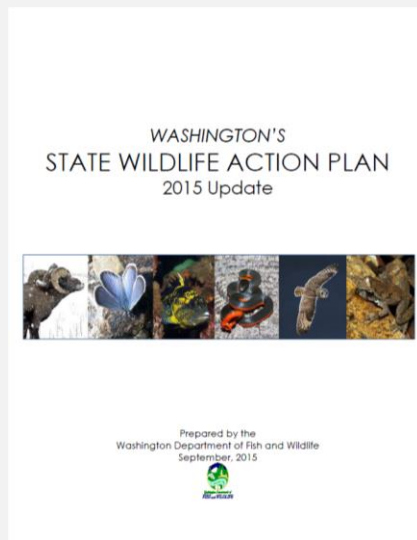
Critical support for some species, but not enough to effectively manage all species and habitats.

STATE WILDLIFE ACTION PLANS

- Congressionally Mandated
- 12,000 Species of Greatest Conservation Need Identified Nationwide

WASHINGTON

**Approved by Commission in 2015,
USFWS in 2016**



268 Species of Greatest Conservation Need

- 95 Invertebrates
- 51 Fish
- 14 Amphibians
- 12 Reptiles
- 52 Birds
- 44 Mammals

And the habitats they rely upon

BLUE RIBBON PANEL

ON SUSTAINING AMERICA'S DIVERSE FISH & WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Objective: Recommend a mechanism to sustainably fund the conservation of ALL fish and wildlife

Panel Representation

- *outdoor recreation retail and manufacturing*
- *energy industry*
- *conservation organizations*
- *sportsmen's groups*
- *others*



National Co-Chairs

- **John Morris**, Founder Bass Pro Shops
- **David Freudenthal**, Former Governor Wyoming

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The Panel looked for funding options that:

- Supports conservation of at-risk species and habitats as prioritized in state wildlife action plans
- Dedicated source of funding
- Sustainable and not reliant on annual appropriations
- New and/or supplemental source of funding that completes the wildlife conservation model

RECOMMENDATION 1

Congress dedicate up to \$1.3 billion annually in existing revenue from the development of energy and mineral resources on federal lands and waters to the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program (16 U.S.C. 669b(a)).

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- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) has spearheaded the America's Fish and Wildlife campaign to support legislation:
 - H.R. 5650 – Introduced by Congressman Young and Congresswoman Dingell in 2016.
 - Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Lands. Did not move out.
 - H.R. 4647 – Introduced by Congressman Fortenberry and Congresswoman Dingell in 2017.
 - Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans.



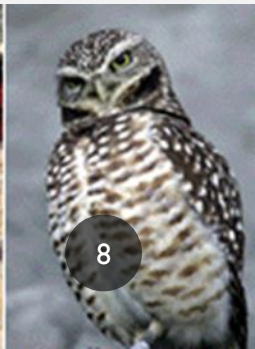
ANNUAL FUNDING FORMULA

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- **\$26,469,411 in federal funds**
- Obligated to match \$8,823,137 in state funds
- Funding will function in the same way as State Wildlife Grants
- Apportionment is based on the state's land area and the state human population.
- Funding administered through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Subaccount of PR.

BENEFITS TO WASHINGTON

- Leverage other funding sources to:
 - Survey, monitor, and research species, habitats and systems to develop and deliver conservation actions
 - Sustain healthy populations of diverse wildlife and the habitats
 - Issues permits for wildlife rehabilitation, falconry, taxidermy, and scientific collection
- Additional funding will enhance opportunities to:
 - Partner with private landowners
 - Increase enforcement presence
 - Assess and stabilize priority habitats and species and increase customer service for local governments
 - Promote fish and wildlife conservation education and outreach to youth



QUESTIONS?

