



“75 years of success, a partnership for America’s fish and wildlife”

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

On September 2, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (now the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act.) This Act fostered partnerships between Federal and State fish and wildlife agencies, the sporting arms industry, conservation groups, and sportsmen to benefit wildlife – and has been key to implementing the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. In 1950, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (now the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act) passed. Together, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program (WSFR) has contributed more than \$10 billion to fish and wildlife conservation in the U.S. – more than any other single conservation effort.

In 2012, we will proudly observe 75 years of the WSFR program and the success of the partnerships that have made this program what it is today. We are planning a yearlong national anniversary program that will be outcome-oriented, inclusive, and memorable. We hope the anniversary program will act as a catalyst to make the WSFR program even stronger in the years ahead.

Oversight

The Planning Committee, a part of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies’ Fish and Wildlife Trust Funds Committee, oversees the vision of the anniversary effort and assists with the oversight of teams to complete specific tasks leading up to the anniversary program. The committee is composed of leaders from Federal and State fish and wildlife agencies along with industry and nongovernmental representatives.

Three Messages:

- What is WSFR? A 75-year partnership to benefit fish and wildlife, and provide Americans with access to the outdoors through a self-imposed investment paid by manufacturers and users of gear bought by anglers, boaters, hunters, and shooters and managed by Federal and State fish and wildlife agencies. Fishing and hunting licenses and motorboat fuel tax also support fish and wildlife.
- For 75 years, WSFR has provided over \$10 billion for fish and wildlife, supplied jobs for many Americans, and benefitted local economies through boating, fishing, hunting, and shooting activities.
- WSFR has given Americans the opportunity to enjoy fish, wildlife, and the outdoors for the past 75 years. With your support, WSFR will continue to conserve habitat for fish and wildlife, and recreational opportunities for anglers, boaters, hunters, and shooters for the future.

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