

State Contributions to NAWMP/NAWCA Projects in Canada



AFWA Task Force Update

Task Force Objectives:

- Review the progress states have made toward implementing the 2005 AFWA Resolution / recommendations;
- Identify how best to communicate with state Directors/Commissioners to provide the information that will aid in funding decisions; and
- Identify opportunities to secure state contributions toward NAWMP/NAWCA projects through development of a comprehensive action plan

History of State Contributions to Canadian NAWMP/NAWCA Projects:

- 1986 - Ducks Unlimited committed to match each dollar contributed by the States
- 1991 - AFWA Resolution established \$10M goal for State funding of Canadian projects and *NAWMP Implementation Committee* tasked to identify means to accomplish the goal
- 2005 - AFWA Task Force examined history of State contributions and recommended actions to move toward the \$10M goal
- **2010** – New AFWA Task Force to examine status of contributions and develop new action plan

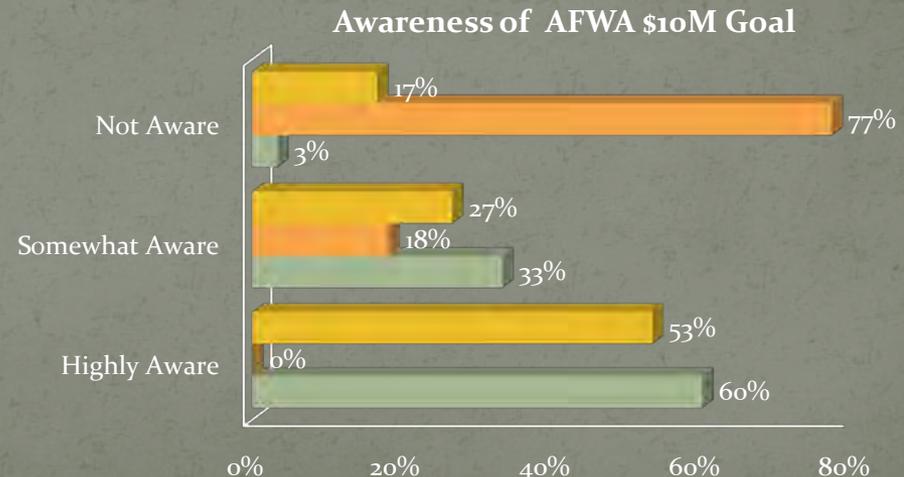
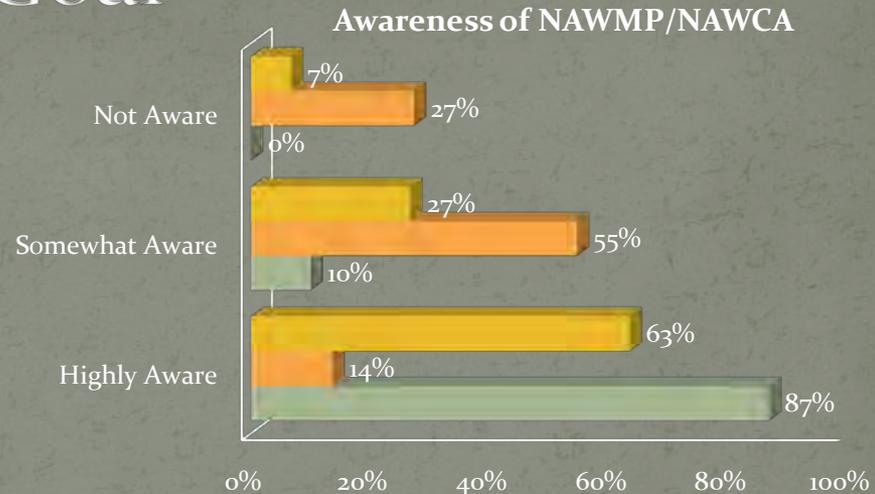
Current Issues for State Contributions:

- AFWA goal for States to contribute up to \$10M per year has never been fully achieved – highest \$2.9M in 2005-06; and has dropped to \$2.4M in 2009-10
- In 2008-09, twenty States contributed less than \$25,000.
- Only a few States have 5 year plans for contributing to Canadian projects
- Many States are experiencing budget pressures

2011 Survey of States - Awareness of NAWCA & AFWA Goal

- 34% of directors are not aware or only somewhat aware of NAWMP/NAWCA

- 44% of directors are not aware or only somewhat aware of AFWA's \$10M goal

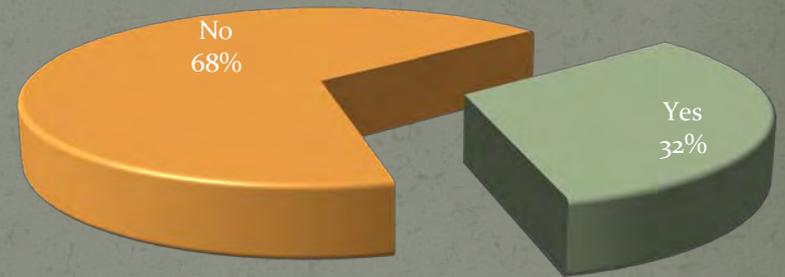


Totals may not equal 100% due to some states not responding to questions

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Impediments to States Contributing Funds to Canada

- Numerous types of issues can lead to delays or hinder state contributions:
 - Authority to send funds outside the state
 - Fiscal restraint/ economic conditions
 - Procurement regulations
 - Decline of waterfowl/ wildlife stamp and print sales
 - Concerns about NAWCC & Canadian support for hunting programs
 - Lack of contact with state agency by DU and others



State Funding Sources

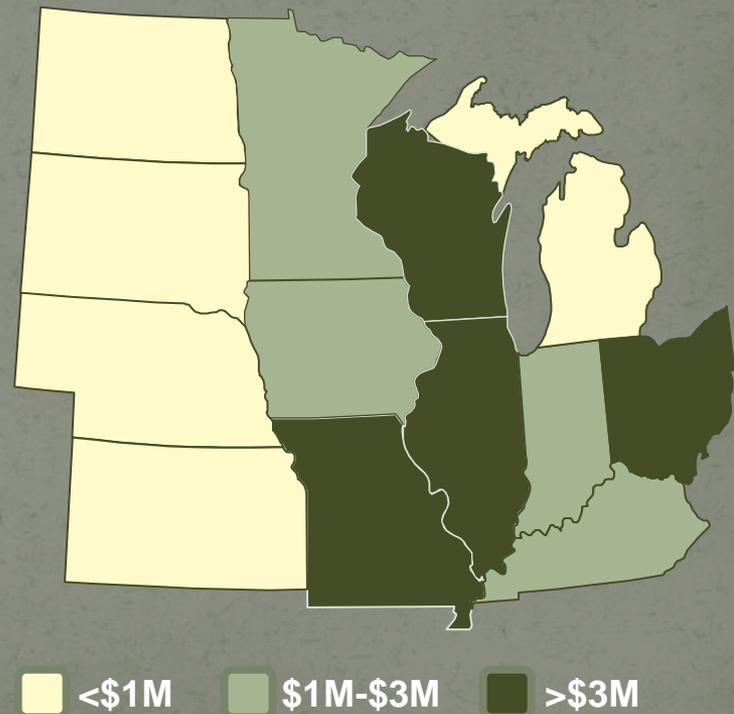
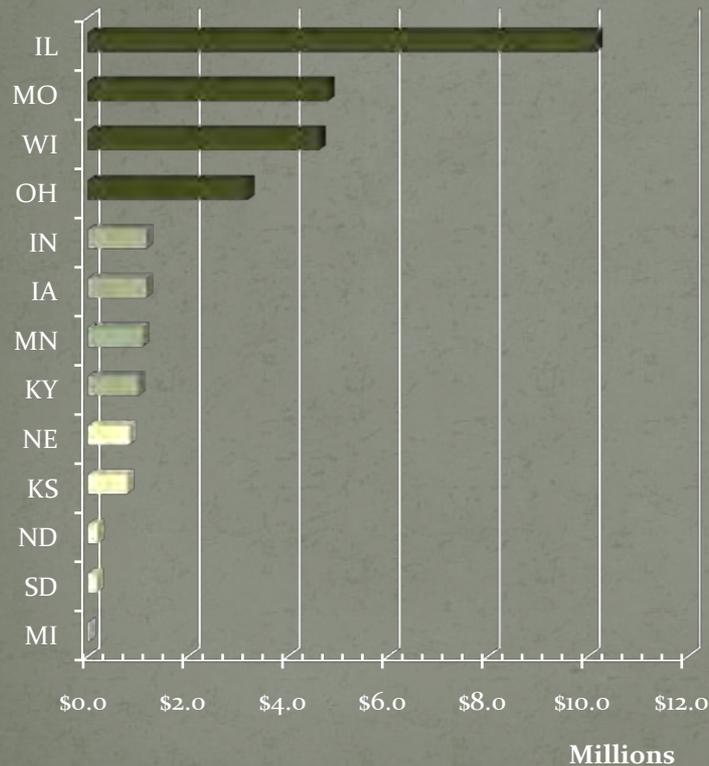
- 45% of states use revenue exclusively from the sale of wildlife stamps or associated prints
- Almost 50% of states use funds from hunting license sales (fixed amount/license or a percentage of sales)
- Some states are obligated by law to contribute a portion of stamp sales or license fees to conservation organizations and/or habitat
- Florida uses a state documentary stamp tax derived from real estate transactions
- Other states use lottery sales, income tax check-off, budget appropriations, and non-resident license sales

AFWA Goal for State Contributions

- In 1991 and 2005, AFWA established a goal of \$10M annually for the collective contribution of all states toward the habitat needs in Canadian breeding grounds
- New science and JV implementation plans suggest 20 M acres of additional habitat is required in Canada; at current costs (land, implementation, management, etc) \$US 2 billion is required over the next 20 years
- ❑ **Task Force Recommendation:** to retain the \$10M goal which is consistent with breeding ground needs
- ❑ **Task Force Recommendation:** to update state contribution targets using hunter/harvest data from 1970/71 to 2009/10

Total Contributions (\$29.3M) from MAFWA States Since the Program's Inception

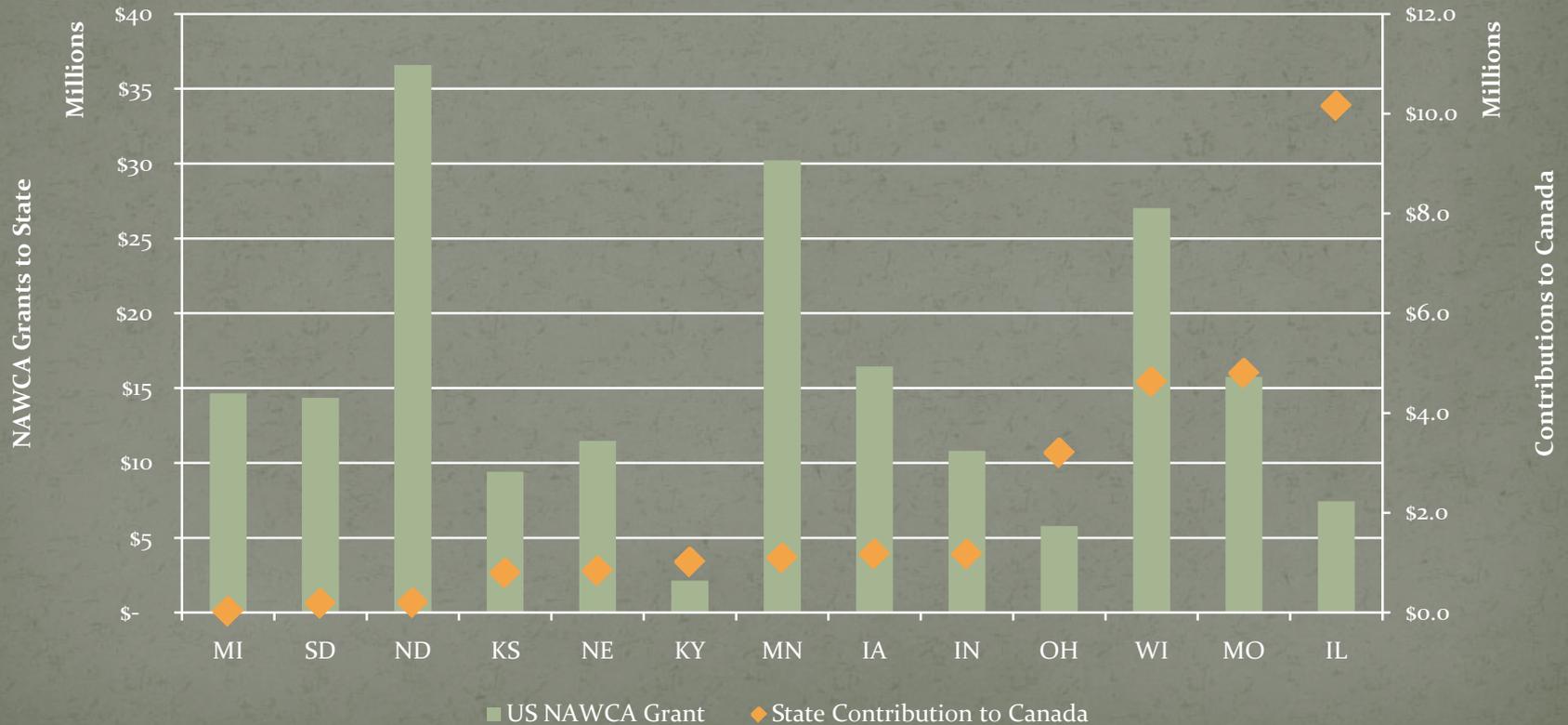
- Top four states contribute 78% of the regional total; while five smaller contributing states provide 7% of total



Approximately 30 states contribute each year depending on availability of funds and other issues.

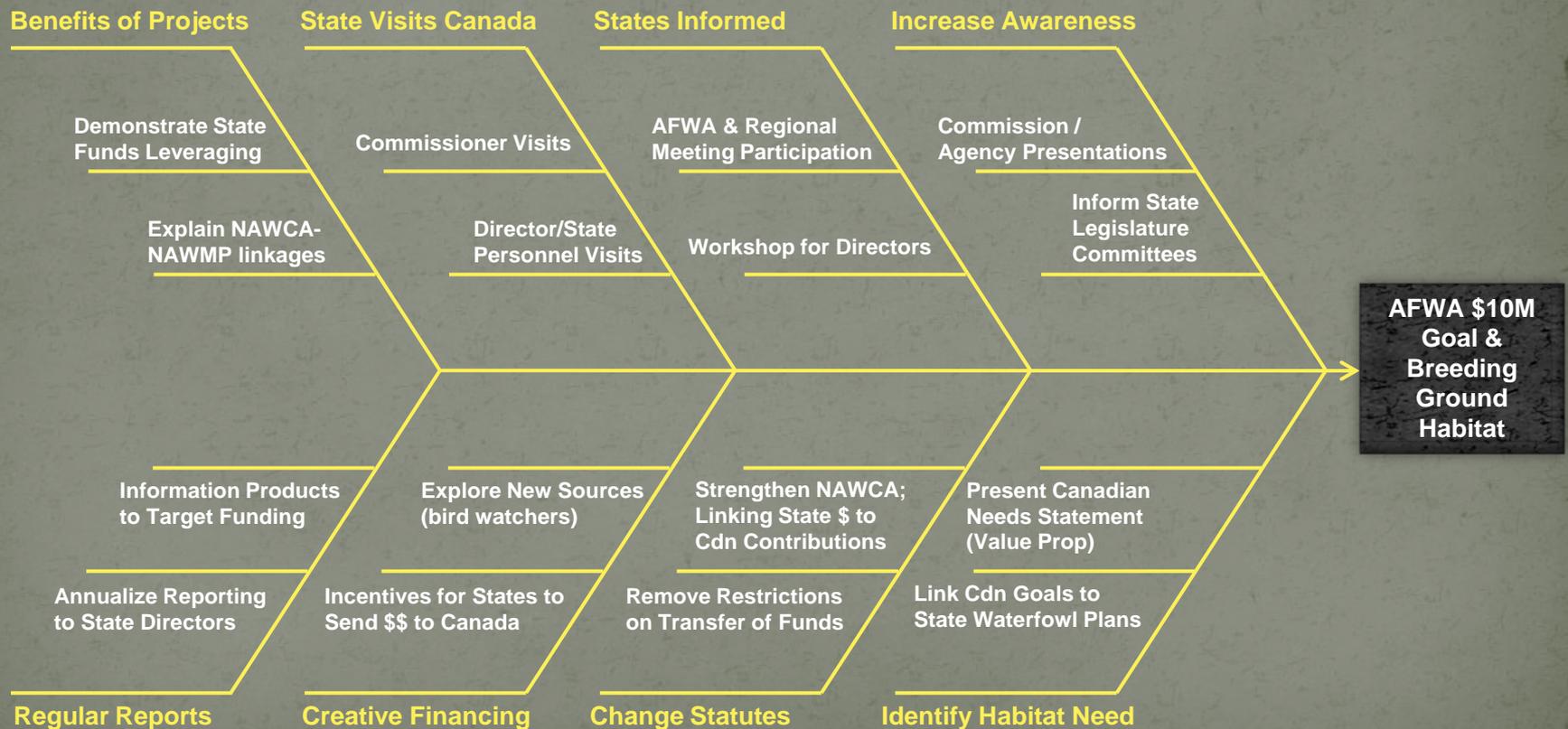
NAWCA Grants in States Greatly Exceed Contributions to Canada

- Non-federal funds from states to Canada provide the match for DU to secure NAWCA funds to achieve NAWMP goal



Developing an Action Plan

- Below are some ideas for increasing investments in the Canadian breeding grounds.
- The Task Force welcomes your ideas to create an Action Plan to achieve the NAWMP goals and fulfill the habitat needs in the breeding grounds



Next Steps:

- Presentations and discussions with State Directors at regional association meetings
- Update the 2005 Task Force report
- Develop action plan based on state input (survey results and discussions with Directors)
- Prepare recommendations and resolution for AFWA's Annual Meeting – September 11-14, 2011 (Omaha, NE)

**Your ideas to achieve the
NAWMP goals and fulfill the
habitat needs in the Canadian
breeding grounds**

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