



TRACS Enhancement Update



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Welcome to TRACS

What is TRACS?

- TRACS is WSFR's official data system for reporting on WSFR Grant status and performance.
- TRACS provides a GIS platform so projects can be viewed on a map.
- TRACS presents standardized reporting fields so data can be rolled up.
- TRACS includes the ability to generate reports from data in the system.
- TRACS is being developed under a 2017 MOU between AFWA and USFWS.
- TRACS data fields were developed by the TRACS Working Group and approved by the JTF.
- TRACS will include a public portal, called the Conservation Viewer, that will allow public to view certain info.



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Why TRACS?

Efficiency

- Meet ever-expanding Federal reporting requirements.
- Simplify grant performance reporting.
- Reduce the time and effort necessary to respond to data calls.

Accountability

- Demonstrate sound grant management.
- Produce reports that can roll-up information.
- Show Industry how their excise tax dollars are being spent.

Effectiveness

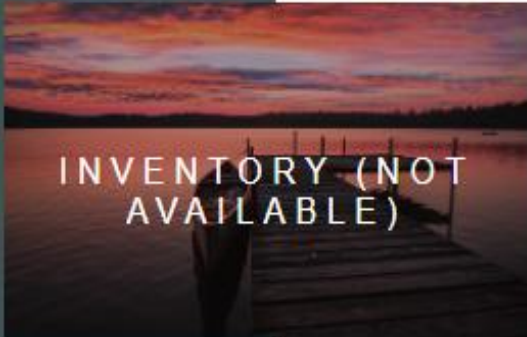
- Report projects at various scales (e.g. projects by Congressional district)
- Report projects by target species and habitats (e.g. brown bats in Ohio).
- Support efforts to tell “The greatest story never told.”



PERFORMANCE

The Performance module is used by grantors and grant recipients to create, manage, review and approve the administrative and mandatory components of grant proposals and performance reports that document the progress and completion of grant objectives.

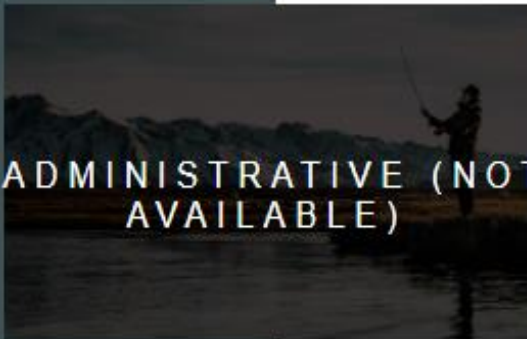
*WSFR Grant
Performance
Reporting*



INVENTORY

The Inventory module used by grantors and grant recipients to create, adjust, manage, approve and monitor real property and facility records pertaining to acquisition or disposal actions which serve a grant purpose and therefore have a Federal nexus.

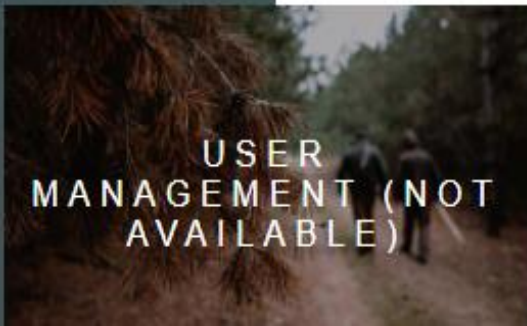
*Lands and
Facilities
Reporting*



ADMINISTRATIVE

The Administrative module is used by state and territories that receive grants to enter, review, certify, and submit the number of paid hunting and fishing license holders on an annual basis. Hunting and fishing license holder figures are used in the calculation of grant funding available to each state and territory.

*License
Certification/
Apportionment*



USER MANAGEMENT

The User Management is used by federal and non-federal user administrators to create, update, and manage users profiles, group access, and permissions.

*User Admin
And
Permissions*





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Who is affected?

States will take over data entry into TRACS on May 01, 2020, contingent on two-thirds of States agreeing that:

- 1) TRACS Enhancement is fully functional;
- 2) State personnel have been trained to use it.

State's Federal Aid Coordinators will now submit project proposals and performance reports in TRACS.

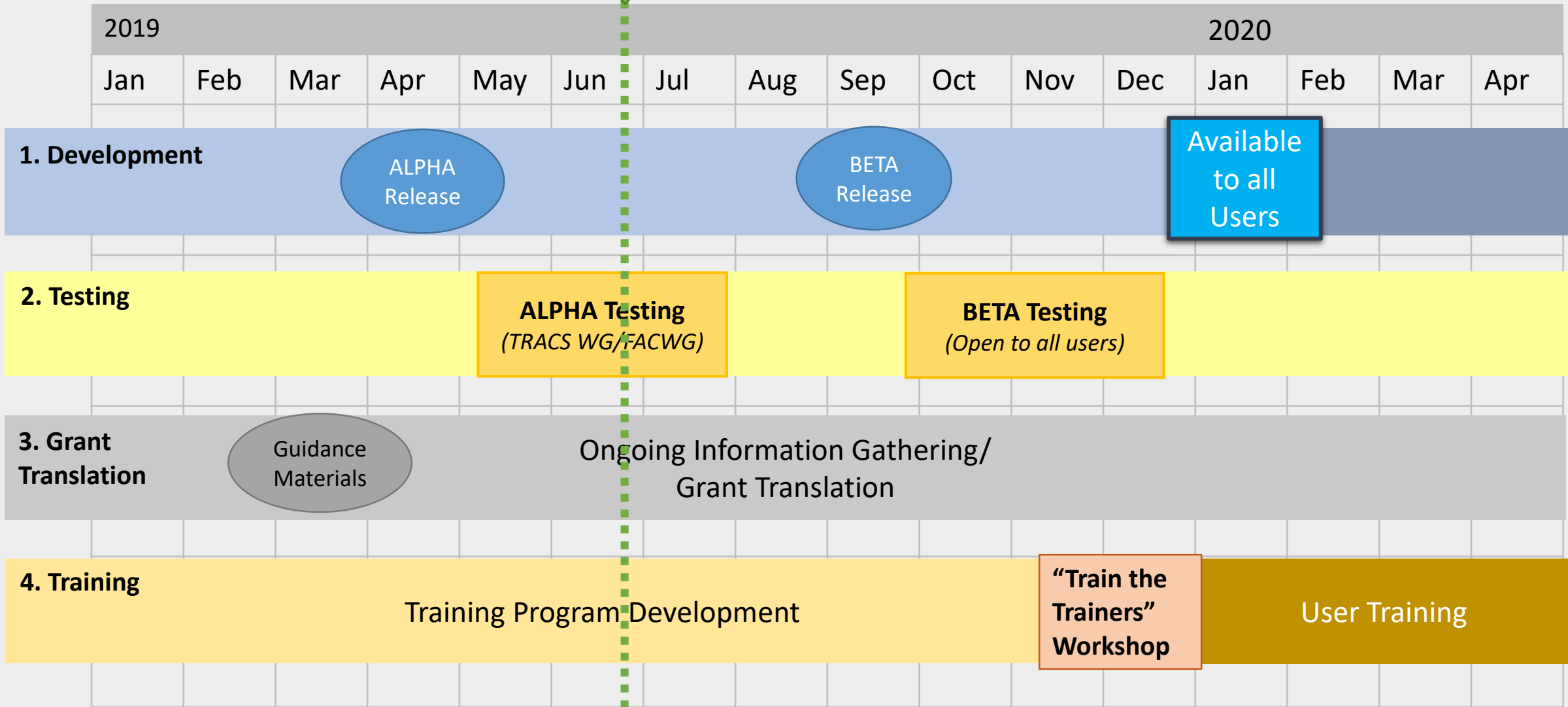
WSFR Grant Specialists will enter data in TRACS for certain programs or grantee's that meet criteria such as:

- 1) A small number of WSFR grants;
- 2) Technical issues that make on-line reporting challenging;



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TRACS Timeline





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What are the Next Steps?

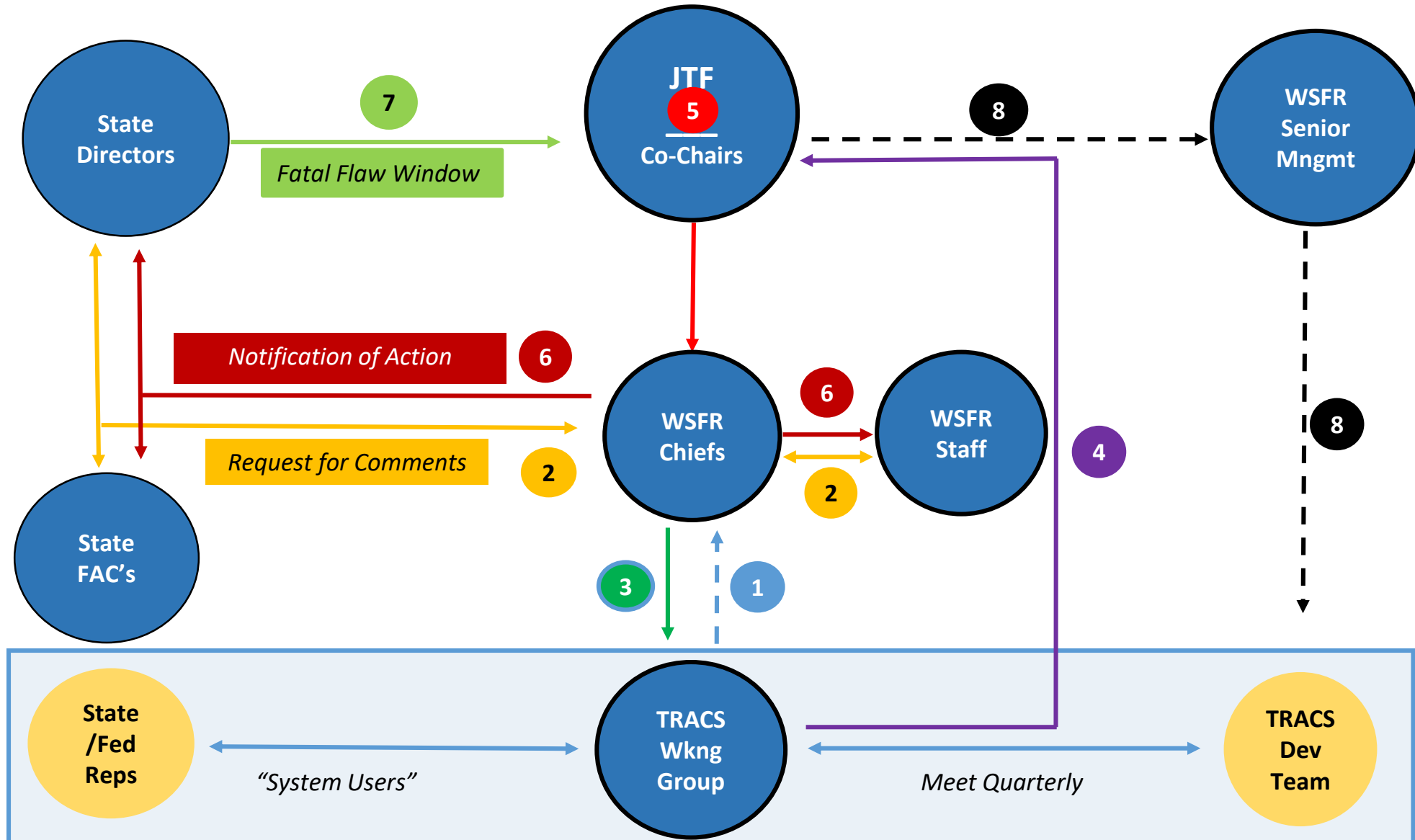
- Complete Alpha Testing and deliver responses to TRACS Development Team;
- Launch States Outreach and Communications effort (starting today...);
- Promote Beta Testing (open to all State/Federal users) and Schedule National Webinars;
- Complete draft TRACS User Training materials and develop “Train the Trainer” curriculum;
- Compile/integrate State and Federal comments on the Lands and Facilities Matrices;

Communications Protocol: Lands and Facilities

TIMELINE

June Info Webinars

- 1 June, 2019
- 2 June, 2019
- 3 July, 2019
- 4 August, 2019
- 5 August, 2019
- 6 August, 2019
- 7 September, 2019
- 5 September, 2019
- 8 November, 2019





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Questions?

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May 23, 2019

From: Kelly Hepler, President

To: MAFWA Board of Directors

Subject: Midwest Landscape Initiative

During the Midwest Director's Annual Meeting in Bismarck, ND last June, the MAFWA Board of Directors approved a motion to proceed with a Midwest Landscape Initiative (MLI). MAFWA President Terry Steinwand subsequently appointed a steering committee and assigned a committee charge. This action was the result of a national effort lead by Jim Douglas as chair of AFWAs Wildlife Resource Policy Committee to help resolve the future of Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs).

The MLI Steering Committee, and its subsequently formed Technical Work Group, have been very busy during the past year working in close cooperation with USFWS Region 3 staff. Products of the groups' work were carefully reviewed during the MAFWA Executive Committee meeting on May 21 and are forwarded for your study. Specifically, the Executive Committee recommends your approval of the attached draft resolution and proposed Service grant which will be considered during the annual business meeting in Ohio on June 26. Kelley Myers will be presenting the background and basis for these products during the conference.

I am very pleased and excited about this initiative and its potential ability to conserve wildlife species of greatest conservation need and the habitats on which they depend. I look forward to working with you in this important endeavor.

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Craig Czarnecki
Kelley Myers
Ed Boggess
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attachments

FUNDING ACTION

Recommendation:	Approval of Grant with FWS Expansion and extension of Grant F17AC01247
Amount of Funding:	\$195,635 Includes funds for position contracts, related travel, communication needs and requisite indirect costs.
Term:	October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020
Purpose of the Grant:	<p>To improve alignment and return on investment of state and FWS conservation actions, at executive and technical levels, to sustain healthy populations of Monarch butterfly, pollinators and at-risk species in the Midwest region, thereby eliminating or lessening the need to protect the species under the ESA. These positions will also support the efforts of the Midwest Landscape Initiative (MLI).</p> <p>Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The agreement supports continuation of a state-federal collaborative capacity (liaison position) to coordinate planning (MAFWA's Mid-American Conservation Plan and MLI Action Plan), action (developing and attaining restoration targets and coordinating with conservation implementation partners), and communication (gaining involvement of multiple sectors).▪ The agreement would also support the technical coordinator, who will ensure work of the MAFWA committees and the MLI Technical Committee and Work Groups meet scientific standards needed to support state and federal decision making. (This technical position, supervised by the liaison position, was previously funded by a NFWF grant for monarch conservation; that grant is expiring.)▪ The liaison position coordinates directly with FWS Tribal Liaisons to ensure FWS communication with Native American tribes has the benefit of state level conservation activities.
Conditions:	<p>All standard terms and conditions required by USDOl and USFWS grants shall apply, consistent with past awards.</p> <p>The award of this grant by the FWS is conditioned on approval by the U.S. Department of Interior, which has been sought.</p>



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CONFERENCE ACCOUNT
PROPOSED CALENDAR YEAR 2020 BUDGET

June 23, 2019

MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

Conference Account Calendar Year 2020 Proposed Budget

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CALENDAR YEAR 2018 BUDGET STATUS
CONFERENCE ACCOUNT**

Line #	Receipts	Calendar Year 2018		Difference Favorable {Unfavorable}
		Budget	Actual	
1	Conference:			
2	Sponsors	\$47,500	\$56,500	\$9,000
3	Conference registrations	22,000	38,350	16,350
4	Hotel Commissions	2,000	1,559	{441}
5	Total Conference Receipts	\$71,500	\$96,409	\$24,909
6	Membership Dues	\$1,213	\$5,043	3,830
7	13 states @ \$3,915.50 and 3 provinces @ \$103.74			
8	Affiliate dues - 13 @ \$75	975	825	{150}
	Administrative Fee:			
9	Southern Wings administrative fee	1,000	1,125	125
10	National Pheasant Coordinator	-	4,164	4,164
11	Indirect Cost - USFWS and NFWF	4,500	16,859	12,359
12	Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow (CLFT)	-	1,615	1,615
13	Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference	-	3,254	3,254
14	Interest	244	366	122
15	Total Receipts	\$129,431	\$179,660	\$50,229

**MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
CALENDAR YEAR 2018 BUDGET STATUS
CONFERENCE ACCOUNT**

Line #	Disbursements	Calendar Year 2018		Difference
		Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
16	Conference Disbursements:			
17	De'aney Meeting and Event Management	\$12,437	\$10,903	\$1,534
18	Rooms, food, beverages, hospitality room, etc.	30,000	38,785	(8,785)
19	Conference gifts and Award plaques	4,200	17,318	(13,118)
20	Total Conference Disbursements	\$46,637	\$67,006	(\$20,369)
21	Executive Secretary:			
22	Pay - 1,000 hours @43.44 plus 2.5%	44,526	53,000	(8,474)
23	Travel	7,000	5,509	1,491
24	Treasurer:			
25	Pay - 400 hours @ \$38.85	15,540	16,447	(907)
26	Travel	4,500	4,089	411
27	Recording Secretary Travel	1,500	1,847	(347)
28	Tax Preparation Fees	1,568	1,606	(39)
29	Insurance	1,392	663	729
30	Web posting and hosting	250	60	190
31	NCS-TWS Leadership Workshop	1,000	363	637
32	New Sound System	1,135	240	895
33	Miscellaneous	1,000	1,270	(270)
34	Total Disbursements	\$126,048	\$152,100	(\$26,052)
35	Receipts over Disbursements	\$3,384	\$27,560	\$24,176

**MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET
CONFERENCE ACCOUNT**

Line #	Receipts	Calendar Year				2020 Proposed Budget Description
		2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Proposed Budget	
Conference:						
1	Sponsors	\$66,000	\$36,300	\$66,000	\$66,000	CY 2017 Actual & CY 2019 Budget
2	Conference registrations	28,825	38,560	28,825	28,825	CY 2017 Actual & CY 2019 Budget
3	Hotel Commissions	-	1,565	1,000	1,000	CY 2019 Budget
4	Total Conference Receipts	\$94,825	\$76,425	\$95,825	\$95,825	
5	Membership Dues	50,267*	56,043	52,060	52,460	2.78% CP change*
6	13 states @ \$4,910.50 & 3 provinces @ \$1,062.25					
7	Affiliate dues - 13 @ \$75	1,125	825	975	975	CY 2019 Budget
Administrative Fees:						
8	Southern Wings	1,125	1,125	1,000	1,125	CY 2018 Actual
9	National Pleasant Coordinator	3,725	4,164	3,725	4,165	CY 2018 Actual*
10	Contract Cost - USFWS and MFWP	15,245	16,358	15,250	15,860	CY 2018 Actual*
11	Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow CMT	-	1,615	-	1,615	CY 2018 Actual*
12	Midwest Fish Conference	-	3,254	-	-	CY 2019 Budget
13	Other	454	-	-	-	CY 2019 Budget
14	Interest	325	300	330	130	Funds transferred to Investment Acc
15	Total Receipts	\$157,046	\$173,960	\$158,155	\$163,125	

* Rounded up to the nearest five dollars

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PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET
CONFERENCE ACCOUNT**

Line #	Receipts Disbursements	Calendar Year 2017 Actual	Calendar Year 2018 Actual	Calendar Year 2019 Budget	Calendar Year 2020 Proposed Budget	2020 Proposed Budget Description
	Conference Disbursements:					
	Delaney Meeting & Event Management:					
16	Coordinator Fees	\$8,891	\$8,293	\$10,050	\$10,128	CY 2019 Budget plus 0.78% CPI
17	Other Expenses	2,798	2,610	5,130	2,610	CY 2018 Actual
18	Rooms, food, beverages, hospitality, etc	36,234	36,799	36,235	36,235	CY 2019 Budget
19	Credit Card Fees	1,141	1,986	1,145	1,145	CY 2019 Budget
20	Prizes and Awards	3,825	17,318	4,200	4,200	CY 2019 Budget
21	Total Conference Disbursements	<u>\$52,879</u>	<u>\$67,006</u>	<u>\$56,760</u>	<u>\$54,318</u>	
	Executive Secretary					
22	Pay - 1,200 hours @ \$50.00	45,000	53,000	60,000	60,000	CY 2019 Budget
23	Travel	6,512	5,509	7,000	7,000	CY 2019 Budget
	Treasurer:					
24	Pay - 456 hours @ \$39.80	15,367	15,447	15,796	17,910	50 added hours & 0.78% CPI change
25	Travel	4,663	4,089	4,500	4,500	CY 2019 Budget
26	Secretary travel - 1 conference @ \$1,500	812	1,847	1,500	1,500	CY 2019 Budget
27	Tax Preparation Fees	1,586	1,606	1,606	1,610	CY 2019 Budget*
28	Insurance	1,396	663	1,400	665	CY2018 Actual*
29	Wildlife Society - North Central Section	665	363	670	670	CY 2019 Budget
30	Web posting and hosting	837	66	840	840	CY 2019 Budget
31	MCS-TWIS Leadership Workshop	-	-	1,000	1,000	CY 2019 Budget
32	Miscellaneous	1,493	1,510	1,495	1,495	CY 2019 Budget
33	Total Disbursements	<u>\$131,272</u>	<u>\$152,100</u>	<u>\$152,567</u>	<u>\$151,508</u>	
34	Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	<u>\$25,774</u>	<u>\$27,560</u>	<u>\$6,598</u>	<u>\$11,615</u>	

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