

MISSION

Conserve and promote fishing, hunting and wildlife resources through management, education and scientific research.



FISHING

- 1 million+ resident anglers fish in Georgia.²
- Anglers in Georgia generate \$1.4 billion in retail sales.³
- Fishing in Georgia is responsible for 14,257 jobs, \$635 million in salaries/wages/earnings, \$108 million in state and local tax revenues, and \$150 million in federal tax revenues.³



HUNTING

- 500,000 residents hunt in Georgia.²
- Hunters account for \$977 million in retail sales in Georgia.¹
- Hunting in Georgia is responsible for 23,996 jobs, \$600 million in salaries/wages/earnings, \$106 million in state and local taxes, and \$145 million in federal tax revenue.¹



WILDLIFE VIEWING

- 2.4 million residents and visitors take part in Georgia wildlife-viewing activities each year.¹
- On average, wildlife watchers spend \$639 per person on food and lodging, transportation, equipment and supplies each year.¹
- This group spends an estimated \$1.8 billion annually in the state.¹



SHOOTING SPORTS

- More than 1.2 million people participate in shooting (handgun, rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader) in Georgia.⁴
- Shooters account for more than \$532 million in retail sales.⁴
- Shooting provides more than \$302 million in salaries, as well as \$52 million in state and local taxes and \$73 million in federal taxes each year.⁴

RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT

Wildlife Resources Division averages approximately \$20 million in federal Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration funds each year. These funds come from a federal tax on ammunition, guns, fishing equipment and motorboat fuel. To receive federal funds, Georgia must spend 100% of state revenue collected from hunting/fishing licenses on sport fish and wildlife management to benefit hunters and anglers.

SOURCES: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation¹, Responsive Management (Resident Participation In Freshwater and Saltwater Sport Fishing and Hunting in Georgia)², ASA Jan. 2019 Economic Contributions of Recreation Fishing Report³, 2019 Target Shooting in America Report⁴

FACTS & STATS

107 Wildlife Management Areas • 11 Public Fishing Areas
 10 Fish Hatcheries • 7 Regional Education Centers
 17 Shooting Ranges • 21 Archery Ranges
 157 Boat Ramps on public waters • 2 birding & wildlife regional trails

Management and research efforts on more than 1 million acres of public land, 500,000 acres of public reservoirs, 4,000 miles of trout streams and 12,000 miles of streams/rivers.

Georgia is one of the most biologically diverse states in the nation, ranking:

- 2nd in amphibian species
- 3rd in freshwater fish species
- 7th in reptile species
- 7th in vascular plant species

Source: NatureServe 2002

Wildlife Resources Division reaches tens of thousands of children each year through:

- Outdoor Adventure Days
- Conservation Education Programs
- Kids Fishing & Hunting Events
- Hunter Education & more

The Outdoors GA app, free in Google Play or Apple store, has many useful features, including purchasing and storing hunting and fishing licenses (for multiple people), finding hunting and fishing areas, helping locate boat ramps, viewing regulations and allowing hunters to check their game harvest, even without cell service.

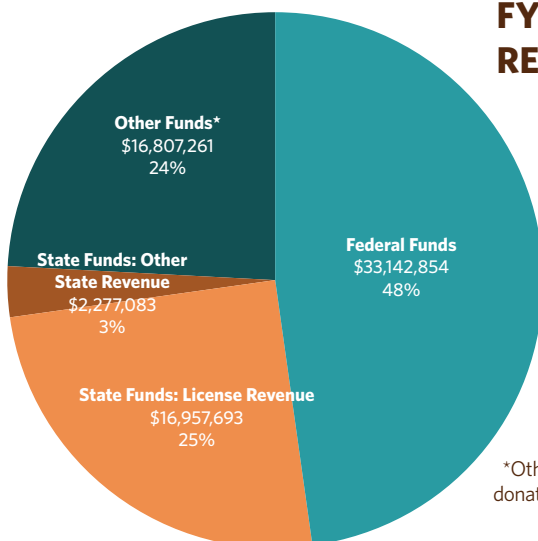


YOUR LICENSE DOLLARS AT WORK

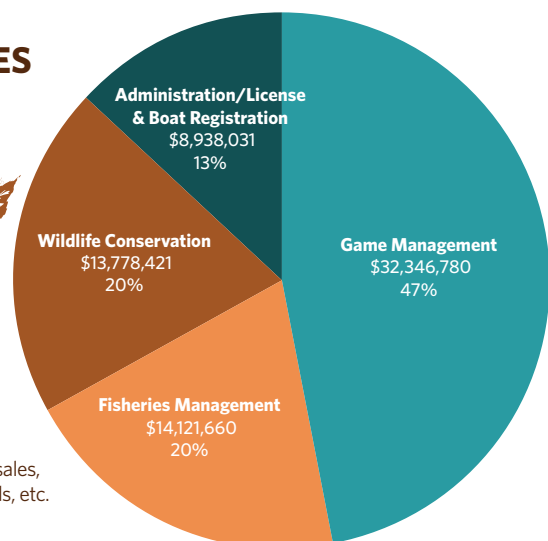
When you purchase a hunting or fishing license, did you know that it directly affects the work that WRD is able to do for you? Some examples of projects completed this past year using license dollar revenue include:

- **Boat Ramp Improvements:** Ramp construction and/or renovations were completed at six sites in Fulton, Berrien, Burke, Screven, Coffee, and Mitchell counties. Acquisition of sites in Ware and Charlton counties was finalized and are slated for future construction or renovation.
- **Fish Stocking:** Working to improve fishing in Georgia, WRD Hatcheries produced and stocked over 7 million fish last year, including more than 1 million largemouth bass.
- **Responding to the Public:** Urban Wildlife Program staff responded to 2,616 calls for technical assistance with wildlife conflicts; and the Georgia Deer Management Assistance Program now has 97 cooperators managing a total of 127,000 acres across the state.
- **Shooting Range Renovations:** WRD partnered with Thomas County to develop and construct the Ranges at Oakfield, which consists of a 25-yard pistol range, a 100-yard rifle range, two skeet/trap fields, and a 5-stand clay range. WRD also completed renovations to the Mike Commander Shooting Range on Chickasawhatchee WMA, which included a 25-yard pistol range, a 200-yard rifle range and a classroom/office building with public restrooms.

FY 21 REVENUE SOURCES



FY 21 EXPENSES



*Other funds include license plate sales, donation, timber revenue, bond funds, etc.