

FACT SHEET

Mission

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

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Hunters, anglers, boaters and other wildlife enthusiasts spend MILLIONS OF DOLLARS each day in Georgia.



FISHING

- 1.08 million resident anglers fish in Georgia.*
 - Anglers spend more than 8.7 million days a year on the water.
 - Anglers in Georgia generate \$1.3 billion in retail sales, with a \$2.1 billion ripple effect each year.
 - Fishing in Georgia is responsible for 15,644 jobs, \$622 million in salaries/wages/earnings, \$109 million in state and local tax revenues, and \$147 million in federal tax revenues.
- *6 years old and up



HUNTING

- 640,324 residents hunt in Georgia.*
 - Hunters spend more than 9.9 million days a year in the field.
 - Hunters account for \$977 million in retail sales in Georgia, with a \$1.6 billion ripple effect each year, up \$500 million since 2006.
 - 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.
- *6 years old and up



WILDLIFE VIEWING

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



SHOOTING SPORTS

- Over 660,000 people participate in target shooting in Georgia.
- Shooters account for \$326 million in retail sales with a total economic impact of \$559 million.
- Shooting provides over \$191 million in salaries/wages/earnings.
- Shooting provides \$40 million in state and local taxes and \$48.5 million in federal taxes each year.
- WRD is currently renovating shooting ranges at Clybel, Wilson Shoals, West Point, and Richmond Hill Wildlife Management Areas using over \$4 million of Hunter Education and Shooting Range grant funds.

FACTS & STATS

105 Wildlife Management Areas • 10 Public Fishing Areas
10 Fish Hatcheries • 7 Regional Education Centers
17 Shooting Ranges • 22 Archery Ranges • 152 Boat Ramps
Management & research efforts on more than 500,000 acres of public waters, 16,000 miles of streams/ivers & one million acres of public land

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

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

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

RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT

ACCOUNTABILITY

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, archery equipment, 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.

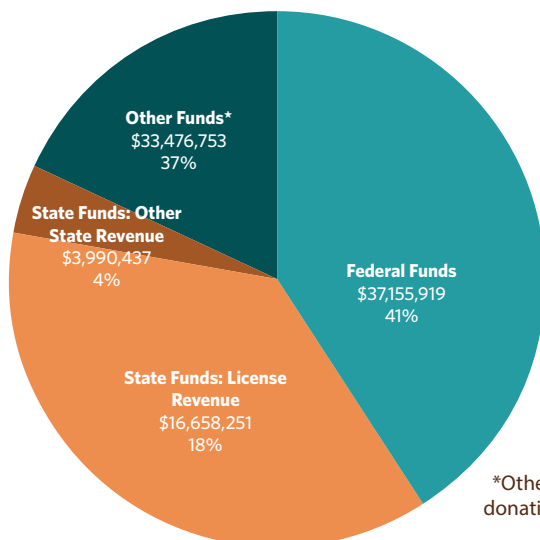
HUNTING & FISHING LICENSE INCREASE

With the passage of HB 208 in 2017, hunting and fishing license fees increased for the first time since 1992. How are the additional funds being used? The new revenue is dedicated to supporting DNR's core mission.

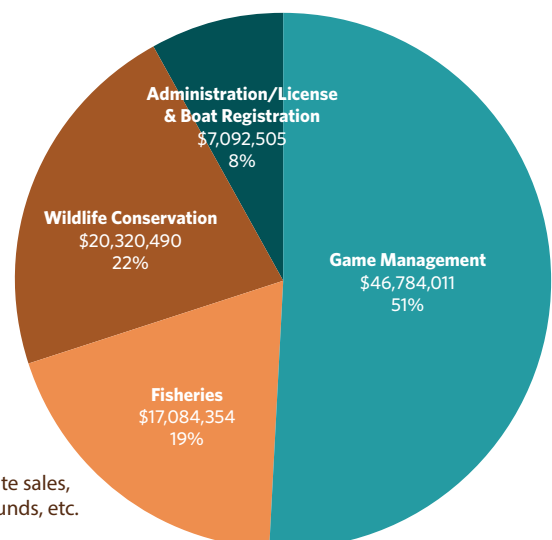
How WRD is Reinvesting Revenue:

- Increase services to citizens—Technical assistance with private lands, and clubs
- Increased production of fish at state hatcheries for stocking public rivers, streams and reservoirs
- Better access on wildlife management areas, public fishing areas, Georgia lakes and rivers
- Improving opportunity—educational programs, habitat management, etc.

FY 18 REVENUE SOURCES



FY 18 EXPENSES



*Other funds comprise license plate sales, donations, timber revenue, bond funds, etc.