



# FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

**Mission** - The mission of the Fish and Wildlife Service is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

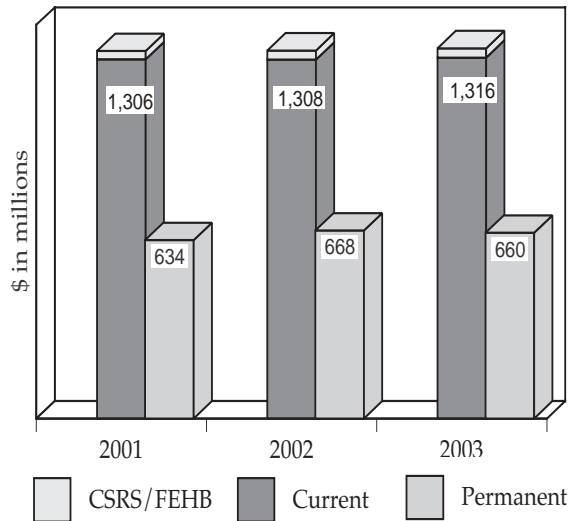
**Program Overview** - The FWS's major responsibilities are to protect and conserve migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, certain marine mammals, and inter-jurisdictional fish. To accomplish its mission, FWS seeks opportunities to partner with farmers and ranchers, State and local governments, Federal agencies, Tribes, citizen volunteers, corporations, and conservation groups. These partnerships are critical to maintaining the Nation's rich abundance of fish and wildlife species, as nearly 80 percent of fish and wildlife habitat in the U.S. is privately owned. About 45 percent of the FWS budget, both annual and permanent appropriations, is devoted to payments and grants to States, local communities, and others.

The national wildlife refuge system is among the world's most significant land and water systems managed for the benefit of fish and wildlife. The 95 million-acre network provides stepping stones of habitat for many species of migratory birds and other wildlife, sanctuary for hundreds of threatened and endangered species, and secure spawning areas for healthy wild salmon fisheries. The system includes 538 refuges, 37 wetland management districts with waterfowl production areas, and 50 coordination areas. These lands provide recreational opportunities for photography, hiking, fishing, hunting, and education programs for nearly 39 million visitors annually.

The FWS helps safeguard inter-jurisdictional fisheries worth billions of dollars, rescues troubled aquatic species on the brink of extinction, and provides recreational opportunities for 50 million licensed anglers. The FWS's 70 national fish hatcheries produce more than 200 million fish annually, including striped bass, steelhead, lake trout, and salmon.

In administering the Endangered Species Act, FWS strives to ensure a strong scientific basis for its decisions, to facilitate large-scale planning to accommodate land use and protection of wildlife habitat, and to promote innova-

**FWS Funding**



tive public-private partnerships, including financial and technical assistance to private landowners.

The FWS also plays a major role in the conservation of international wildlife resources as the lead agency for implementing U.S. treaty commitments for migratory birds, endangered species, wildlife trade, Arctic species, wetlands, some marine mammal species, and biological resources of the western hemisphere.

**Budget Overview** - The 2003 request for current appropriations totals \$1.3 billion, including \$32.8 million for a government-wide legislative proposal to shift to agencies the full cost of the CSRS pension system and the Federal employee health benefits program for current employees. Without the legislative proposal, the request is \$1.3 billion, a net increase of \$6.9 million over 2002. The budget also includes \$660.1 million available under mandatory appropriations, most of which will be provided directly to States for fish and wildlife restoration and conservation. The budget supports the President's management agenda by emphasizing citizen-centered, partnership programs that promote innovation and provide incentives such as the Landowner Incentive program.

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**Facilitating State and Local Conservation** - The request provides significant funding in support of State and local conservation efforts that support the Secretary's Four C's approach to conservation. The FWS budget includes \$18.0 million to implement the Cooperative Conservation Initiative. This program will provide incentives for managers throughout FWS to engage in cooperative stewardship efforts with States, local communities, Tribes, private companies, non-governmental organizations, and individual landowners. Most FWS resource management programs would be eligible to compete for funding. Funds would be used to support cooperative efforts such as restoring coastal wetland habitat for waterbirds with private landowners, or working with volunteers to eliminate invasive species on refuge lands.

The request includes \$283.9 million in programs that exclusively provide direct financial and technical assistance to States, local communities, landowners, and conservation groups, including: \$50.0 million for the landowner incentive grant program; \$10.0 million for the private stewardship grant program; \$91.0 million for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund; \$43.6 million for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund; \$60.0 million for State and tribal wildlife grants; and \$29.3 million for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. The Partners program, funded under Resource Management, is discussed under operations.

The 2003 request for the Landowner Incentive program, a Presidential initiative, is \$50.0 million, an increase of \$10.0 million over 2002. The program provides matching, competitive grants to States, the District of Columbia, Territories, and Tribes to establish or supplement existing landowner incentive programs. The program provides an opportunity for all States to develop the capacity to implement programs modeled after several innovative State programs already in place. These programs provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners to help them protect and manage imperiled species and their habitat, while continuing to engage in traditional land use or working land conservation practices.

The request continues funding for a second Presidential initiative, the private stewardship grant program established in 2002 at \$10.0 million. These grants support individuals and groups engaged in local, private, and voluntary conservation efforts. A diverse panel of representatives from State and Federal government, conservation organizations, agriculture and development interests, and the science community assesses applications and makes grant recommendations to the Secretary.

The request for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund is \$91.0 million, \$5.2 million below

2002. The budget proposes that \$63.1 million be allocated to habitat conservation plan land acquisition and planning assistance grants to support States, local governments, and landowners in protecting habitat within or near areas covered by HCPs. These plans provide for the issuance of permits for taking (killing, harming, harassing) listed species in the course of non-Federal activities where the taking is incidental to another lawful activity. The remaining \$27.9 million is allocated for grants to implement candidate conservation agreements, recovery actions, other State initiatives to conserve candidate, proposed, and listed species, and administration. States can, in turn, pass the funding on to municipalities, Tribes, and private landowners to enlist their support in species conservation efforts.

The budget proposes \$43.6 million for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund, slightly above the 2002 level. This funding will support wetlands and migratory bird conservation activities by providing matching grants to private landowners, States, non-governmental conservation organizations, Tribes, trusts, corporations, and other Federal agencies for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wetland habitat. These projects create jobs in local communities and increase migratory bird-related recreation. To date, nearly 1,750 partners have worked together on more than 976 projects in 48 States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, 13 Canadian provinces, and 24 Mexican states to protect, restore, or enhance nearly 8.7 million acres of wetlands and associated uplands in the U.S. and Canada and vital habitat on more than 25 million acres within Mexico's large biosphere reserves.

**Operations** – The 2003 request for current appropriations totals \$934.7 million, including \$31.1 million for a government-wide legislative proposal to shift to agencies the full cost of the CSRS pension system and the Federal employee health benefits program for current employees. Without the legislative proposal, the request is \$903.6 million, a net increase of \$53.0 million over 2002. The request redirects \$28.0 million in unrequested congressional increases and reflects \$12.6 million in administrative efficiencies, of which \$7.0 million will be realized by absorbing fixed cost increases and \$3.4 million by curtailing unnecessary travel and relocation costs.

**Endangered Species** – The budget includes significant resources that provide direct assistance to State and local communities for conservation of imperiled species, including endangered species and their habitat as discussed above, and provides a total of \$125.7 million for ESA operations, the same level as 2002. The request redirects \$7.8 million in unrequested congressional increases, to higher priority needs in the consultation, recovery, and candidate conservation programs.

The consultation and habitat conservation planning program includes a \$2.0 million increase to assist FWS in meeting the growing demands for inter-agency consultations, technical assistance, and HCPs. The recovery program includes a program increase of \$2.5 million that will be used to take direct actions to stabilize critically endangered species on the brink of extinction; work with partners to recover listed species; complete the recovery planning process for species that lack plans; and delist or downlist species as their status improves.

The candidate conservation program includes an increase of \$1.4 million to implement voluntary partnership efforts to reduce threats to species and preclude the need to list them under ESA. For the listing program, the budget proposes to adjust the amount that can be spent on critical habitat designations for already-listed species from \$6.0 million to \$5.0 million. This shift will allow FWS to better balance their current critical habitat workload with new listings and critical habitat designations.

The budget includes an additional \$3.7 million for Pacific Northwest salmonid recovery, including \$1.4 million requested under ESA operations. The increase will be used to fulfill reasonable and prudent alternative activities required under several biological opinions in the Columbia Basin, to stabilize threatened and endangered fish populations. Specifically, the funds will assist in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensing of 45 dams in the Columbia Basin; meet increased ESA consultation demand, including work with the Army Corps of Engineers and BOR on reconfiguring the hydrosystems; continue hatchery reforms pursuant to National Marine Fisheries Service biological opinions on artificial production; and expand restoration activities to enhance instream flows and improve passage for bull trout.

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program is funded at \$29.3 million, a decrease of \$7.3 million from the 2002 enacted level, of which \$5.7 million is for unrequested congressional increases. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program provides financial and technical assistance to landowners for restoration of wetlands, uplands, riparian, instream, and other habitats on private land. Benefits derived from this assistance include protection of migratory birds and threatened and endangered species, improved habitat for anadromous and inter-jurisdictional fish, and recovery of imperiled watersheds and ecosystems. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program is eligible to compete for more funds under the Cooperative Conservation Initiative.

**National Wildlife Refuge System** – The national wildlife refuge system is funded at \$376.5 million, a \$56.5 million or 17.7 percent increase over 2002. Refuge maintenance is

increased by \$30.7 million, to \$107.7 million, a 39.9 percent increase. Operations is increased by 10.7 percent.

Within the refuge maintenance increase, \$25.2 million will address a deferred maintenance backlog of \$663.0 million, bringing total funding to \$64.1 million. Funding will address critical health and safety and resource protection needs, such as repairing sewer lines and replacing water control structures, and projects that relate to visitor access and enjoyment in preparation for the centennial, such as repairing boardwalks, trails and boat ramps.

A \$2.0 million increase is requested for maintenance modernization, to continue implementation of a new maintenance management system at 200 additional sites that has been piloted since October 2001 at 11 sites. The remaining increase in maintenance will be used to increase annual maintenance (\$2.5 million); establish an innovative equipment replacement fund (\$500,000); and expand usage of alternative fueled vehicles (\$500,000).

The 2003 budget increases funding for refuge operations by \$25.8 million. The request includes a program increase of \$20.0 million that includes: \$12.0 million for high-priority staffing and mission critical projects; \$2.0 million for an innovative visitor facility enhancement program that will accomplish small-scale projects such as observation decks and kiosks that enhance access to wildlife and improve visitor experiences at low cost; \$1.0 million to accelerate the completion of comprehensive conservation plans; and \$5.0 million for the Cooperative Conservation Initiative, discussed above. The increase also reflects a \$3.7 million transfer to consolidate land acquisition planning with other refuge planning activities.

Under Construction, the request includes \$2.2 million for planning, design, and initial construction costs for two new visitor centers at the Ottawa NWR in Ohio and the Savannah NWR in Georgia.

#### **Migratory Bird Conservation and Law Enforcement** –

The budget provides \$28.3 million for migratory bird conservation, a decrease of \$306,000 from 2002. The request redirects \$2.0 million in unrequested congressional increases to higher priority activities, including increased support for joint ventures (+\$420,000) and funding for a migratory bird reporting study (+\$550,000). The study is being conducted jointly with USGS, Canadian Wildlife Services, Flyway Councils, and State and provincial wildlife management agencies, and will be used to establish harvest rates. Inadequate data lead to conservative harvest limits unnecessarily limiting recreation opportunities and could result in conflict over harvest allocations. The budget also includes a \$1.0 million program increase to strengthen FWS law enforcement.

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**Fisheries** – The budget includes \$94.8 million for the fisheries program, a decrease of \$9.1 million from 2002. The request eliminates \$10.4 million in unrequested congressional increases and includes a \$1.0 million program reduction in hatchery operations, as the hatchery system is in critical need of reform. The FWS will pursue reform on an aggressive schedule in close cooperation with its partners. The FWS is initiating a number of hatchery reforms, including developing improved performance measures and standard operating procedures. The proposed reduction in hatchery funding will be achieved by prioritizing appropriate FWS roles, and reducing, or implementing cost-recovery and cost-sharing arrangements, for lower-priority activities. The fisheries budget also includes an increase of \$1.8 million for Pacific Northwest salmon recovery, as discussed above.

**Construction** – The 2003 budget request totals \$36.2 million, including \$794,000 for a government-wide legislative proposal to shift to agencies the full cost of the CSRS pension system and the Federal employee health benefits program for current employees. Without the legislative proposal, the request is \$35.4 million, a net decrease of \$20.1 million below 2002. The request will support projects identified in the Department's five-year construction plan. Highlights include \$6.2 million to complete construction of Phase III of the Clark R. Bavin National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Lab; \$2.2 million for two new NWR visitor centers; and \$1.7 million for security upgrades at FWS critical infrastructure facilities.

**Land Acquisition** – The 2003 request for current appropriations totals \$71.1 million, including \$743,000 for a government-wide legislative proposal to shift to agencies the full cost of the CSRS pension system and the Federal employee health benefits program for current employees. Without the legislative proposal, the request is \$70.4 million, a net decrease of \$28.8 million below 2002. The decrease reflects a \$25.1 million reduction to focus resources on existing lands and facilities, and a \$3.7 million transfer to consolidate land acquisition planning with other planning activities under refuge operations. The 2003 program focuses on projects that use alternative and innovative conservation tools such as easements, and

projects that include the input and participation of the affected local communities and stakeholders.

Land acquisition management is funded at \$8.5 million, which reflects a decrease of \$2.8 million that will be realized in large part by contracting appraisal, land survey, land title and abstracting, and escrow functions. Through 2003, about 30 FTE of effort are expected to be realized by contracting these functions.

**Management Excellence** – The FWS is actively addressing the Secretary's goals for management excellence on several fronts, consistent with the President's management agenda. The FWS has retained the services of an outside consultant to review its regional office structure, including organization, structure, function, and responsibilities. Initial results will be available in 2002 and reflected in the 2004 budget. The FWS is also actively engaging in work-force planning through development of a human capital strategic plan; and improving services to the public by moving to automate all its permitting processes on the world-wide web.

**Government Performance and Results Act** - The 2003 annual performance plan translates the long-term goals in FWS's revised strategic plan for 2000-2005 into results-oriented yearly goals used to measure progress in delivery of the FWS mission. The annual goals focus the activities and resources of the various programs toward delivery of quantifiable, tangible results. Building upon experience gained over the past four years from implementing earlier plans, FWS developed goals for 2003 that will track and inform stakeholders of success in assuring the sustainability of fish and wildlife populations and conservation of their habitats, providing increased opportunities for the public to enjoy national wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries, and strengthening partnerships.

The Department is now revising its strategic plan. Performance goals, measures, and targets presented in FWS's 2003 annual performance plan and last year's plan will be reviewed for consistency with Interior's revised strategic plan. As a result of that review, it may be necessary or appropriate to modify portions of the 2002 or 2003 plans.

**SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS**  
(all dollar amounts in thousands)

*Comparison of 2003 Request with 2002 Enacted (without the CSRS/FEHB legislative proposal):*

	2002 Enacted		2003 Request		Change from 2002	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
<b>Appropriations</b>						
Resource Management .....	6,637	850,597	6,756	903,604	+119	+53,007
Construction .....	200	55,543	195	35,402	-5	-20,141
Land Acquisition .....	165	99,135	111	70,384	-54	-28,751
Landowner Incentive Grants .....	4	40,000	7	50,000	+3	+10,000
Private Stewardship Grants .....	2	10,000	4	10,000	+2	0
Cooperative Endangered Species Fund .....	6	96,235	6	91,000	0	-5,235
National Wildlife Refuge Fund - Payments in Lieu of Taxes .....	0	14,414	0	14,414	0	0
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund ...	11	43,500	11	43,560	0	+60
Multinational Species Conservation Fund .....	3	4,000	3	5,000	0	+1,000
Neotropical Migratory Bird Grants .....	0	3,000	0	0	0	-3,000
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants .....	2	60,000	5	60,000	+3	0
Subtotal, Appropriations .....	7,030	1,276,424	7,098	1,283,364	+68	+6,940
<b>Permanent Accounts</b>						
Recreation Fee Demonstration Program .....	31	4,600	31	4,600	0	0
Migratory Bird Conservation Account .....	86	42,250	75	42,250	-11	0
National Wildlife Refuge Fund .....	32	7,114	32	7,114	0	0
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund ...	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0
Sport Fish Restoration Account .....	56	356,647	56	338,040	0	-18,607
Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration .....	59	213,486	59	226,000	0	+12,514
Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations .....	5	2,592	5	2,610	0	+18
Contributed Funds .....	15	4,342	15	4,342	0	0
Cooperative Endangered Species Fund .....	0	35,813	0	34,100	0	-1,713
Reimbursements .....	719	0	719	0	0	0
Job Corps .....	115	0	115	0	0	0
Firefighting .....	519	0	519	0	0	0
Nat. Resource Damage Assessment & Restor. ....	46	0	46	0	0	0
Hazardous Materials .....	8	0	8	0	0	0
Federal Roads (FHWA) .....	14	0	14	0	0	0
Forest Pest (Agriculture) .....	1	0	1	0	0	0
Subtotal, Permanent Accounts .....	1,706	667,844	1,695	660,056	-11	-7,788
<b>TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE .....</b>	<b>8,736</b>	<b>1,944,268</b>	<b>8,793</b>	<b>1,943,420</b>	<b>+57</b>	<b>-848</b>

*Comparison of 2003 Request with 2002 Enacted (with the CSRS/FEHB legislative proposal):*

<b>Appropriations</b>						
Resource Management .....	6,637	880,816	6,756	934,726	+119	+53,910
Construction .....	200	56,313	195	36,196	-5	-20,117
Land Acquisition .....	165	99,856	111	71,127	-54	-28,729
National Wildlife Refuge Fund .....	0	14,554	0	14,558	0	+4
All other appropriations .....	28	256,735	36	259,560	8	2,825
Subtotal, Appropriations .....	7,030	1,308,274	7,098	1,316,167	+68	+7,893
Permanents Accounts .....	1,706	667,844	1,695	660,056	-11	-7,788
<b>TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE .....</b>	<b>8,736</b>	<b>1,976,118</b>	<b>8,793</b>	<b>1,976,223</b>	<b>+57</b>	<b>+105</b>

**HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES**  
**By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity**

**APPROPRIATION: Resource Management**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
<b>Ecological Services</b>				
Endangered Species				
Candidate Conservation .....	7,052	7,620	8,682	+1,062
Listing .....	6,341	9,000	9,077	+77
Consultation .....	42,750	45,501	47,770	+2,269
Recovery .....	59,835	63,617	60,215	-3,402
ESA Landowner Incentive Pgm .....	4,969	0	0	0
Subtotal, Endangered Species .....	120,947	125,738	125,744	+6
Habitat Conservation .....	78,290	83,409	74,623	-8,786
Environmental Contaminants .....	10,645	10,579	10,780	+201
Subtotal, Ecological Services .....	209,882	219,726	211,147	-8,579
<b>National Wildlife Refuge System</b>				
Operations .....	225,018	241,935	267,752	+25,817
Cooperative Conservation Initiative .....	[0]	[0]	[5,000]	[+5,000]
Maintenance .....	74,660	77,029	107,729	+30,700
Salton Sea Bioremediation & Rec'y .....	994	993	998	+5
Subtotal, NWR System .....	300,672	319,957	376,479	+56,522
<b>Wildlife and Law Enforcement</b>				
Migratory Bird Management .....	25,684	28,616	28,310	-306
Law Enforcement				
Operations .....	47,437	48,261	49,778	+1,517
Maintenance .....	2,146	2,150	2,150	0
Subtotal, Law Enforcement .....	49,583	50,411	51,928	+1,517
Subtotal, Wildlife/Law Enforce .....	75,267	79,027	80,238	+1,211
<b>Fisheries</b>				
Hatchery Operations & Maintenance				
Hatchery Operations .....	32,757	37,111	35,701	-1,410
Hatchery Maint. & Rehabilitation .....	19,251	18,251	14,251	-4,000
Subtotal, Hatchery Ops & Main .....	52,008	55,362	49,952	-5,410
Fish and Wildlife Management Asst.				
Anadromous Fish Management .....	8,733	10,266	10,224	-42
Fish & Wildlife Assistance .....	28,886	34,565	32,134	-2,431
Marine Mammals .....	2,402	3,716	2,453	-1,263
Subtotal, Fish & Wildlife Mgt Asst .....	40,021	48,547	44,811	-3,736
Subtotal, Fisheries .....	92,029	103,909	94,763	-9,146
<b>General Operations</b>				
Cooperative Conservation Initiative .....	0	0	13,000	+13,000
Central Office Administration .....	15,070	15,530	14,569	-961
International Affairs .....	8,200	8,130	8,167	+37
Regional Office Administration .....	24,180	24,792	24,217	-575
Nat'l Conservation Training Ctr .....	15,293	15,526	15,592	+66
Servicewide Operational Support .....	52,030	56,295	57,762	+1,467
Nat'l Fish & Wildlife Foundation .....	14,193	7,705	7,670	-35
Subtotal, General Admin .....	128,966	127,978	140,977	+12,999

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
TOTAL (without CSRS/FEHB) .....	806,816	850,597	903,604	+53,007
CSRS/FEHB legislative proposal .....	27,624	30,219	31,122	+903
TOTAL (with CSRS/FEHB) .....	834,440	880,816	934,726	+53,910

### Highlights of Budget Changes

	<u>Amount</u>
Uncontrollable Cost Net Increases	[+17,362]
Endangered Species	+6
<p>Program increases are requested for candidate conservation (+\$1,400); ESA consultation and habitat conservation planning (+\$2,000); recovery planning and implementation (+\$2,481); and ESA activities in support of Pacific Northwest salmonid restoration (+\$1,419). These program increases are offset by reductions in unrequested congressional increases, including: Idaho Sage Grouse (-\$400); the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (-\$850); pass-through grants for Pacific (-\$3,000) and Atlantic (-\$1,100) salmon; Prebles Meadow jumping mouse (-\$500); manatee protection and recovery (-\$500); Walker River Lahontan cutthroat trout (-\$600); and the Alaska Sea Life Center (-\$800). Budgeted uncontrollable costs include +\$1,319. The budget includes a reduction of \$568 for travel and transportation. The budget also reflects an internal transfer of funding to the law enforcement program for spotted owl protection (-\$295).</p>	
Habitat Conservation	-8,786
<p>A program increase is requested to support Pacific Northwest salmonid restoration (+\$360), which is offset by reductions in unrequested congressional increases, including: pass-through grants to the State of Washington for salmon enhancement (-\$1,000); Aldo Leopold homestead (-\$100); nutria eradication (-\$550); Hawaiian community conservation (-\$750); bull trout conservation in Washington State (-\$1,100); Reno Biodiversity Center (-\$1,250); Columbia River Estuary Research Center (-\$500); Montana cold water fish (-\$400); project planning on the Middle Rio Grande (-\$250); and coastal program activities for Washington State Long Live the Kings (-\$449), King salmon restoration (-\$200), Tampa and Florida offices (-\$200), and Cook Inlet, Alaska (-\$1,000). In addition, the budget reduces funding for the partners program general activities by \$1,731, most of which is for pass-through funding for the State of Washington ecosystem project. Budgeted uncontrollable costs total \$710. The budget includes a reduction of \$376 for travel and transportation.</p>	
Environmental Contaminants	+201
<p>Program increases include support for Pacific Northwest salmonid restoration (+\$120). Budgeted uncontrollable costs total \$129,000. The budget includes a reduction of \$48,000 for travel and transportation.</p>	
National Wildlife Refuge System	+56,522
<p>The budget includes a program increase of \$20,000 for refuge operations, which includes: \$5,000 for the Secretary's Cooperative Conservation Initiative; \$12,000 for high-priority staffing and mission critical projects; \$2,000 million for visitor facility enhancements; and \$1,000 million to accelerate completion of comprehensive conservation plans. In addition, refuge operations is increased by \$3,700, to transfer funding for land acquisition planning from the land acquisition account.</p> <p>Maintenance funding is increased by \$30,700 to rigorously tackle the deferred maintenance backlog and continue ongoing annual maintenance efforts. The increase includes \$25,250 for deferred maintenance projects; \$1,950 for maintenance modernization; \$1,000 for equipment replacement; and \$2,500 for annual maintenance.</p> <p>Budgeted uncontrollable costs total \$3,220. The budget includes a reduction of \$1,098 for travel and transportation.</p>	

	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Wildlife and Law Enforcement</b>	<b>+1,211</b>
<p>Migratory Birds: Program increases include increased support for joint ventures (+\$420) and funding to implement a migratory bird reporting study (+\$550). Program increases are offset by reductions to nonrecurring projects for Canada geese depredation (-\$1,000); cormorant depredation in Arkansas (-\$200); Idaho tern control (-\$250); and efforts to reduce seabird bycatch in Alaska (-\$575). Budgeted uncontrollable costs total \$211. The budget includes a reduction of \$132 for travel and transportation. The budget also reflects an internal transfer of Duck Stamp program funding from general operations (+\$670).</p> <p>Law Enforcement: A program increase of \$1,000 is requested to strengthen law enforcement. Budgeted uncontrollable costs total \$440. The budget includes a reduction of \$218 for travel and transportation. The budget also reflects an internal transfer of funding from the Endangered Species program for spotted owl protection (+\$295).</p>	
<b>Fisheries</b>	<b>-9,146</b>
<p>Hatchery Operations and Maintenance: A program increase is requested to support Pacific Northwest salmonid restoration (+\$720). The request eliminates \$6,500 in unrequested congressional increases and includes a \$1,000 program reduction in hatchery operations, as the hatchery system is in critical need of reform. Unrequested congressional increases include: Leadville National Fish Hatchery (-\$1,500) and pass-through funding to support Washington State hatchery operations (-\$4,000). Budgeted uncontrollable costs total \$538. The budget includes a reduction of \$168 for travel and transportation.</p> <p>Fish and Wildlife Management: A program increase is requested to support Pacific Northwest salmonid restoration (+\$1,101). This program increase is offset by reductions to nonrecurring projects for University of Idaho trout recovery (-\$100); various Yukon River projects (-\$460); implementation of the Yukon River salmon treaty (-\$1,000); the Washington State regional mark processing center (-\$248); reproductive biology research at Washington State University (-\$500); Great Lakes fish and wildlife restoration (-\$500); wildlife enhancement projects in Mississippi (-\$850); and Alaska marine mammals projects (-\$1,270). Budgeted uncontrollable costs total \$310. The budget includes a reduction of \$219 for travel and transportation.</p>	
<b>General Operations</b>	<b>+12,999</b>
<p>An increase of \$13,000 is requested for the Secretary's Cooperative Conservation Initiative under general operations. Together with funds requested under refuge operations, \$18,000 will be available for cooperative stewardship efforts. This increase is offset by reductions to eliminate ecosystem coordinator positions at the headquarters and regional office levels (-\$995); consolidate the Division of Civil Rights into Human Resources (-\$250); and servicewide administrative efficiencies (-\$750). Budgeted uncontrollable costs total \$3,237. The budget includes a reduction of \$573 for travel and transportation. The budget also reflects an internal transfer of Duck Stamp program funding to the migratory bird program (-\$670).</p> <p>In total, uncontrollable costs for Resource Management account programs total \$17,362 of which \$10,396 are budgeted and \$6,966 are absorbed. In total, the budget includes \$3,400 for travel and transportation reductions to Resource Management account programs.</p>	

**APPROPRIATION: Construction**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
<b>Construction and Rehabilitation</b>				
Line Item Construction				
Refuges .....	27,330	22,120	6,640	-15,480
Hatcheries .....	7,355	11,231	3,775	-7,456
Law Enforcement .....	3,181	0	7,000	+7,000
Dam Safety .....	1,317	5,275	5,509	+234
Bridge Safety .....	1,761	2,675	560	-2,115
General Operations .....	12,722	1,750	1,700	-50
Subtotal, Line Item Construction .....	53,666	43,051	25,184	-17,867



	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
Engineering Services .....	9,211	12,492	10,218	-2,274
Emergency Supplemental - Title V .....	26,181	0	0	0
TOTAL (without CSRS/FEHB) .....	89,058	55,543	35,402	-20,141
CSRS/FEHB legislative proposal .....	703	770	794	+24
TOTAL (with CSRS/FEHB) .....	89,761	56,313	36,196	-20,117

### Highlights of Budget Changes

Uncontrollable Cost Net Increases Amount  
[+373]

Line Item Construction -20,141

Construction projects will address the highest priority health, safety, and resource protection needs including dams, bridges and water systems. Highlights include the planning for two new refuge visitor centers in support of the centennial, expansion of the Clark R. Bavin National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Lab, and construction of the National Black-Footed Ferret Conservation Center. A detailed list of projects is found in Appendix C.

Uncontrollable costs total \$373 of which \$173 are budgeted and \$200 are absorbed. The budget includes a reduction of \$100 for travel and transportation.

### APPROPRIATION: Land Acquisition

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
Acquisition Management .....	9,479	15,000	11,000	-4,000
Acquisition - Federal Refuge Lands .....	109,115	80,135	53,884	-26,251
Exchanges .....	848	1,000	1,000	0
Inholdings .....	998	1,500	2,500	+1,000
Emergency and Hardship .....	748	1,500	2,000	+500
TOTAL (without CSRS/FEHB) .....	121,188	99,135	70,384	-28,751
CSRS/FEHB legislative proposal .....	658	721	743	+22
TOTAL (with CSRS/FEHB) .....	121,846	99,856	71,127	-28,729

### Highlights of Budget Changes

Uncontrollable Cost Net Increases Amount  
[+287]

Land Acquisition -28,751

A detailed list of projects is found in Appendix D. The request includes a reduction of \$25,084 million to focus resources on existing lands and facilities, and a \$3,700 million transfer to consolidate land acquisition planning with other planning activities under refuge operations in the Resource Management account. Acquisition management is funded at \$8,500 million, which reflects a decrease of \$2,833 million that will be realized in large part by contracting appraisal, land survey, land title and abstracting, and escrow functions.

Uncontrollable costs total \$287 of which \$133 are budgeted and \$154 are absorbed. The budget includes a reduction of \$100 for travel and transportation.

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**APPROPRIATION: Landowner Incentive Program**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	0	40,000	50,000	+10,000

**Highlights of Budget Changes**

	<u>Amount</u>
Landowner Incentive Grants	+10,000

The budget requests a \$10,000 increase for this program.

**APPROPRIATION: Private Stewardship Grants**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	0	10,000	10,000	0

**APPROPRIATION: Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
HCP Planning & Land Acquisition Grants .....	75,408	67,956	63,121	-4,835
Other Grants to States & Admin .....	29,286	28,279	27,879	-400
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	104,694	96,235	91,000	-5,235

**Highlights of Budget Changes**

	<u>Amount</u>
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund	-5,235

The budget reduces HCP Land Acquisition by \$4,835 and administration by \$400.

**APPROPRIATION: National Wildlife Refuge Fund**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
TOTAL (without CSRS/FEHB) .....	11,414	14,414	14,414	0
CSRS/FEHB legislative proposal .....	127	140	144	+4
TOTAL (with CSRS/FEHB) .....	11,541	14,554	14,558	+4

**APPROPRIATION: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	39,912	43,500	43,560	+60

**APPROPRIATION: Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation Fund**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	795	0	0	0

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**APPROPRIATION: Multinational Species Conservation Fund**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
African Elephant Conservation .....	999	1,000	1,000	0
Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation .....	748	1,000	1,000	0
Asian Elephant Conservation .....	748	1,000	1,000	0
Great Ape Conservation .....	748	1,000	1,000	0
Neotropical Bird Conservation .....	0	0	1,000	+1,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....</b>	<b>3,243</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>+1,000</b>

***Highlights of Budget Changes***

	<u>Amount</u>
Multinational Species Conservation Fund	+1,000
The budget provides \$1,000 under the Multinational Species Conservation Fund for neotropical migratory bird conservation projects in the western hemisphere.	

**APPROPRIATION: Neotropical Bird Conservation**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,000</b>

***Highlights of Budget Changes***

	<u>Amount</u>
Neotropical Bird Conservation	-3,000
The budget eliminates funding under this account for neotropical migratory bird conservation grants, and requests \$1,000 under the Multinational Species Conservation Fund for this program.	

**APPROPRIATION: State and Tribal Wildlife Grants**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....</b>	<b>49,890</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>0</b>

***Highlights of Budget Changes***

	<u>Amount</u>
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants	[-25,000]
The 2003 budget funds the State and tribal wildlife grant program at \$60,000. The 2002 budget provided new appropriations of \$85,000, but rescinded \$25,000 in carryover balances for a net level of \$60,000.	

**APPROPRIATION: Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration**

	<u>2001 Actual</u>	<u>2002 Enacted</u>	<u>2003 Request</u>	<u>Change from 2002 Enacted</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....</b>	<b>49,890</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>