

2003 KDWP Annual Report

As we prepare to observe our centennial year in 2005, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks takes pride in past accomplishments and looks forward to the challenges of the 21st century.

The revenue and expenditure summary contained in this report illustrates the basic financial underpinning of the department, but there's much more to tell about outdoor recreation in Kansas. Hunters, anglers, state park users, and boaters constitute a major economic force.

Did you know that Kansas hunters spent more than \$245 million in support of their hunting activities in 2001, the most recent year that wildlife-related recreation was surveyed? Or that those purchases from Sunflower State merchants generated more than 5,400 jobs? Similarly, Kansas anglers spent more than \$205 million in 2001, generating another 4,220 jobs. Kansas state park visitors spend in excess of \$190 million annually on purchases related to their park visits. Add to that the millions of dollars in state and federal income, sales, and fuel taxes generated by those purchases, and it is readily apparent that outdoor recreation provides a substantial economic boost to Kansas.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is charged with preserving and protecting the natural resources of Kansas and providing the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. I am honored to lead our dedicated staff in carrying out that mission and would like to thank staff and our partners who made the following achievements possible in the past year.

In the Parks Division, 107 full-time personnel, augmented by seasonal and part-time staff, accommodated 7.2 million park visits in 2003. Loss of State General Fund revenues challenged park managers and limited some operations and improvements. The federal AmeriCorps program provided about 60 supplemental staff members to help with projects in state parks and local communities. In addition, parks utilized nearly 70,000 hours of inmate and corrections facility labor.

State parks continued development of rental cabins, providing a valuable addition to the menu of camping accommodations. Cabins have been built at Cheney, El Dorado, Cedar Bluff, Lovewell, Milford, and Eisenhower state parks and are in the planning and development stage at Webster, Milford, Tuttle Creek, Cross Timbers and Fall River state parks.

The Fisheries and Wildlife Division expanded the popular Walk-In Hunting Areas (WIHA) and Fishing Impoundments and Stream Habitats (FISH) programs. More than 977,000 privately-owned acres were enrolled in the WIHA program in 2003, and more than 1 million acres in 2004. The FISH program enrolled 1,086 acres of privately-owned ponds and lakes, as well as 63 miles of quality stream habitats.

Fisheries and Wildlife Division staff formed partnerships with a variety of organizations to deliver on-the-ground enhancements to upland bird populations. For example, the department's Southeast Kansas Quail Initiative works with landowners in a four-county area (Allen, Bourbon, Crawford, and

Neosho). More than 100 habitat plans have been written to assist private landowners with funding and development of quail-friendly land-use practices. In the Pheasant Initiative pilot area (Gove, Logan, Sheridan, and Thomas counties), more than 52,000 acres were treated with a variety of management practices, such as forb interseeding of CRP and establishment of grass buffer strips, with promising results for pheasant populations. What's more, the department signed an agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to assist landowners statewide with habitat development provisions of the federal Farm Bill.

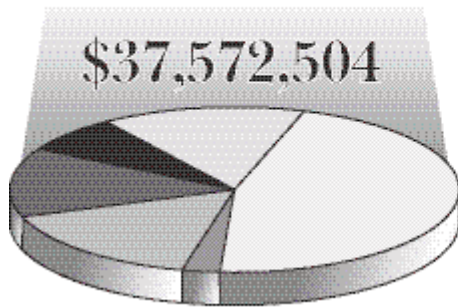
KDWP's Environmental Services Section completed the tenth year of its stream survey program. Since the program began, more than 1,000 surveys have been completed, documenting aquatic life and habitat quality in river basins around the state.

The Law Enforcement Division added an effective new enforcement tool: canines. Four officers were teamed with Labrador partners to perform a variety of enforcement-related duties such as tracking, and evidence recovery.

These are just a few of the many achievements that have provided important benefits to outdoor recreation in Kansas. On behalf of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, I appreciate your support and look forward to a rich future for our state's natural resources and the many people who enjoy them.

J. Michael Hayden
Secretary

Revenue (Calendar Year 2003)



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|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Hunt/Fish License Sales | \$16,833,924 | 15 % |
| Hunt/Fish Federal Aid | \$8,155,131 | 22 % |
| Park Permits | \$5,024,415 | 13 % |
| Boat Registrations | \$841,505 | 2 % |
| Other Federal Aid | \$3,548,500 | 9 % |
| State General Fund | \$3,168,729 | 9 % |
| Totals | \$37,572,504 | 100 % |

FISHING, HUNTING, FURHARVESTING

| License/permit | Number sold | Revenue |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Resident Fish (\$18.00) | 165,700 | \$2,982,600 |
| Combination Fish/Hunt (\$36) | 37,723 | \$1,358,028 |
| Nonresident Fish (\$40) | 8,743 | \$349,720 |
| Five-Day Trip Fish (\$20) | 4,878 | \$97,560 |
| 24-Hour Fish (\$5) | 66,002 | \$330,010 |
| Trout Stamp (\$10) | 7,348 | \$73,480 |
| Lifetime Fish (\$300) | 235 | \$70,500 |
| Lifetime Comb. Fish/Hunt (\$600) | 1,293 | \$775,800 |
| Lifetime Fish (payments) (\$45) | 34 | \$1,530 |
| Lifetime Comb. (payments) (\$90) | 99 | \$8,910 |
| Lifetime Hunt (payments) (\$45) | 120 | \$5,400 |
| Lifetime Hunt (\$300) | 1,077 | \$323,100 |
| Resident Hunt (\$18) | 84,092 | \$1,513,656 |
| Nonresident Hunt (\$70) | 47,837 | \$3,348,590 |
| Nonresident Junior Hunt (\$35) | 1,747 | \$61,145 |
| Controlled Shooting Area (\$15) | 8,825 | \$132,375 |
| 48-Hour Waterfowl (\$25) | 637 | \$15,925 |
| Deer Permit (variable) | 159,782 | \$4,165,435 |
| Turkey Permit (variable) | 67,604 | \$1,130,280 |
| Adult Furharvester (\$18) | 4,910 | \$88,380 |
| Junior Furharvester (\$10) | 150 | \$1,500 |
| TOTAL | 668,836 | \$16,833,924 |

THREE- YEAR BOAT REGISTRATIONS

| Registration Type | Number Sold | Revenue |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Boats under 16 feet (\$20) | 17,744 | \$354,880 |
| Boats over 16 feet (\$25) | 19,465 | \$486,625 |
| TOTAL | 37,209 | \$841,505 |

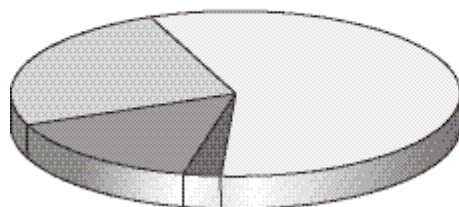
STATE PARKS

| Permit Type | Number Sold | Revenue |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Annual Vehicle | 37,340 | \$1,248,263 |
| Annual Camp | 3,730 | \$448,340 |
| Second Vehicle | 14,245 | \$255,668 |
| Duplicate Vehicle | 1,013 | \$11,143 |
| Daily Vehicle | 229,758 | \$1,230,456 |
| Daily Camp | 92,485 | \$638,512 |
| 14-Day Camp | 1,363 | \$95,305 |
| Utility (1) | 13,237 | \$72,803 |
| Utility (2) | 114,892 | \$861,690 |
| Utility (3) | 18,985 | \$161,373 |
| Youth Group Camping | 345 | \$862 |
| TOTAL | 527,393 | \$5,024,415 |

FEDERAL AID

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Coast Guard (boating safety) | \$430,269 |
| Dingell-Johnson (fish) | \$4,967,121 |
| Pittman-Robertson (wildlife) | \$3,188,310 |
| Other | \$3,124,231 |
| TOTAL | \$11,703,931 |

Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2004)



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|-----------------|--------------|
| Fish & Wildlife | 61 % |
| Parks | 27 % |
| Administration | 9 % |
| Boating | 3 % |
| Totals | 100 % |