

2002 Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Annual Report

Fishing, hunting, camping, wildlife watching, and boating are an indelible part of our lives. Our state's natural resources add immeasurably to the quality of our lives, and make Kansas an ideal environment for anyone who loves the outdoors. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is proud to serve an integral role in providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities. As we review our progress during the past year, I'm reminded how important the department's mission is to the thousands of residents and non-residents who benefit from our state's rich outdoor legacy.

During the past year, our Parks Division continued to do more with less, hosting more than 7 million visits and numerous special events on an extremely tight budget. Notably, our parks hosted the majority of participants in the successful second annual Outdoor Kansas for Kids Day, sponsored by Kansas Wildscape.

Youth hunting opportunities continued to be a primary focus of the department's Pass It On program. Youth seasons for deer, turkey, upland bird, and waterfowl hunting provided unique opportunities for young hunters to develop their skills under the guidance of mentoring adults. Special hunts, coordinated by public lands managers in the department, offered additional quality hunting opportunities for youth and disabled hunters alike.

The popular Becoming an Outdoors Woman program entered its eighth year in Kansas. In addition to the annual fall workshop conducted at Rock Springs Ranch, the department conducted its first Western Kansas BOW workshop at Scott State Park in April of 2002. Several one-day mini-BOW sessions attracted participants in this unique outdoor skills development program.

The Fishing Impoundments and Stream Habitats (FISH) program — the angling counterpart to the department's popular Walk-In Hunting Program — continued its growth. The program enrolled more than 1,300 acres of ponds and 80 miles of streams on private land for public fishing access. The WIHA program continued its impressive growth, as the department made progress toward its goal of 1 million acres of WIHA by 2003. More than 800,000 acres of WIHA were enrolled in 2001, and more than 900,000 acres in 2002.

The 2002 Kansas Legislature took an important first step toward long-term enhancement of natural resources in the Sunflower State, by creating the Kansas Natural Resource Legacy Alliance. The Alliance — comprising representatives from state government and private organizations — will identify natural resource issues confronting Kansas and provide recommendations to the Governor in 2003.

The Kansas Hunter Education program continues to yield impressive results. Thanks to the efforts of more than 1,500 volunteer instructors, a record low 19 hunting accidents were reported in 2000, followed by a new record low 18 accidents in 2001. The dedicated corps of volunteer instructors conducted more than 320 hunter education classes around the state last year.

These are just a few achievements that have provided important benefits to outdoor recreation in our state. The economic impact of hunting, fishing, state parks, and boating illustrates the importance of outdoor recreation in the Sunflower State. According to a 2001 survey conducted by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, more than 400,000 anglers devoted more than 5.6 million days to fishing in Kansas. They also spent a total of almost \$226.8 million on fishing-related expenditures. About 291,000 hunters spent a total of 3.65 million days in the Sunflower State's fields, marshes, and forests. In the process, they spent more than \$371.3 million on hunting-related expenditures. About 807,000 persons participated in wildlife-watching activities in Kansas in 2001, spending almost \$128.2 million in related purchases. Similarly, state park visitors generated well over \$100 million in trip-related expenditures.

I applaud the work of the 410 full-time employees of the department. Their efforts, together with those of seasonal employees and volunteers, yielded an impressive array of accomplishments during the past year. While the department and the State of Kansas face difficult challenges in the coming years, I am confident that the resourcefulness of department staff and constituents ensure a bright future for outdoor recreation in Kansas.

Secretary Mike Hayden

2001 Income

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks relies on fees paid by the people it serves for most of its income. The sale of hunting and fishing licenses and associated permits accounts for about 48 percent of the department's annual income. Another 27 percent is derived from excise taxes paid on hunting and fishing gear and other outdoor equipment, which is distributed back to the state by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Park permits, boat registrations, and other license and permit sources account for another 14 percent. About 11 percent of the agency's funding comes from state general fund revenues. The tables on this page summarize calendar year 2001 license and permit sales.

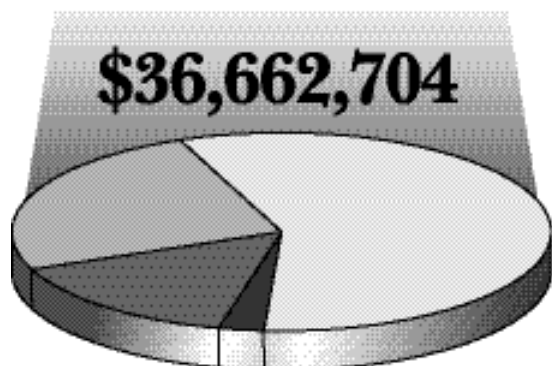
FISHING/HUNTING/FURHARVESTING		
License/permit	Number sold	Revenue
Resident Fish (\$15.00)	182,315	\$2,734,725
Combination Fish/Hunt (\$30.00)	44,308	\$1,329,240
Nonresident Fish (\$35.00)	9,364	\$327,730
Five-Day Trip Fish (\$15.00)	5,098	\$76,470
24-Hour Fish (\$3.00)	87,439	\$262,317
Trout Stamp (\$7.50)	9,852	\$73,890
Lifetime Fish (\$240.00)	440	\$105,600
Lifetime Comb. Fish/Hunt (\$440.00)	2,334	\$1,026,960
Lifetime Fish (payments) (\$35.00)	114	\$3,990
Lifetime Comb. (payments) (\$35.00)	1,378	\$48,230
Lifetime Hunt (payments) (\$35.00)	406	\$14,210
Lifetime Hunt (\$240.00)	2,108	\$505,920
Resident Hunt (\$15.00)	86,684	\$1,300,260
Nonresident Hunt (\$65.00)	47,376	\$3,079,440
Nonresident Junior Hunt (\$30.00)	1,590	\$47,700
Controlled Shooting Area (\$13.00)	7,846	\$101,998
48-Hour Waterfowl (\$20.00)	734	\$14,680
Deer Permit (variable)	193,920	\$4,569,945
Turkey Permit (variable)	46,203	\$774,090
Adult Furharvester (\$15.00)	3,875	\$58,125
Junior Furharvester (\$7.50)	91	\$683
TOTAL	745,228	\$16,479,719

THREE- YEAR BOAT REGISTRATIONS		
Registration Type	Number Sold	Revenue
Boats under 16 feet (\$15.00)	18,303	\$274,545
Boats over 16 feet (\$18.00)	18,865	\$339,570
TOTAL	37,168	\$614,115

STATE PARKS		
Permit Type	Number Sold	Revenue
Annual Vehicle	41,065	\$1,184,194
Annual Camp	3,267	\$364,060
Second Vehicle	15,333	\$207,505
Duplicate Vehicle	1,417	\$7,085
Daily Vehicle	264,383	\$1,174,13
Daily Camp	106,101	\$629,850
14-Day Camp	1,217	\$77,770
Utility (1)	13,144	\$65,720
Utility (2)	113,625	\$738,880
Utility (3)	18,912	\$151,296
Youth Group Camping	349	\$873
TOTAL	579,051	\$4,601,376

FEDERAL AID		
Reimbursement Type	Number Sold	Revenue
Coast Guard (boating safety)		\$ 321,374
Dingell-Johnson (fish)		\$3,040,319
Pittman-Robertson (wildlife)		\$3,505,637
Other		\$2,405,850
TOTAL		\$9,273,180

Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2002)



Fish & Wildlife	\$22,629,326	62 %
Parks	\$9,723,512	27 %
Administration	\$3,437,907	9 %
Boating	\$871,959	2 %
Totals	\$36,662,704	100 %