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**U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WILDLIFE AND
SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM GRANTS**

Awarded to the State of Missouri, Department of Conservation,
From July 1, 2008, Through June 30, 2010



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AUDIT REPORT

Memorandum

To: Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

From: Suzanna I. Park *Suzanna I. Park*
Director of External Audits

Subject: Audit on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
Program Grants Awarded to the State of Missouri, Department of Conservation,
From July 1, 2008, Through June 30, 2010 (No. R-GR-FWS-0002-2011)

This report presents the results of our audit of costs claimed by the State of Missouri, Department of Conservation (Department), under grants awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). FWS provided the grants to the State under the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (the Program). The audit included claims totaling approximately \$44 million on 38 grants that were open during State fiscal year (SFYs) ended June 30 of 2009 and 2010 (see Appendix 1). The audit also covered the Department's compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and FWS guidelines, including those related to the collection and use of hunting and fishing license revenues and the reporting of program income.

We found that the Department complied with applicable grant accounting and regulatory requirements. We did not identify any reportable conditions. We therefore do not require a response to this audit report.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact the audit team leader, Lori Howard, or me at 703-487-5345.

cc: Regional Director, Region 3, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Introduction

Background

The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (Acts)¹ established the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. Under the Program, FWS provides grants to States to restore, conserve, manage, and enhance their sport fish and wildlife resources. The Acts and Federal regulations contain provisions and principles on eligible costs and allow FWS to reimburse States up to 75 percent of the eligible costs incurred under the grants. The Acts also require that hunting and fishing license revenues be used only for the administration of the State's fish and game agency. Finally, Federal regulations and FWS guidance require States to account for any income they earn using grant funds.

Objectives

Our audit objectives were to determine if the Department:

- Claimed the costs incurred under the Program grants in accordance with the Acts and related regulations, FWS guidelines, and the grant agreements.
- Used State hunting and fishing license revenues solely for fish and wildlife program activities.
- Reported and used program income in accordance with Federal regulations.

Scope

Audit work included claims totaling approximately \$44 million on the 38 grants that were open during SFYs ended June 30 of 2009 and 2010 (see Appendix 1). We performed our audit at Department headquarters in Jefferson City, MO, and visited 5 regional offices, 7 other offices, 11 conservation/wildlife areas, 6 hatcheries, 5 shooting ranges, and 6 boating access areas (see Appendix 2). We performed this audit to supplement, not replace, the audits required by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133.

Methodology

We conducted our audit in accordance with the "Government Auditing Standards" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We tested records and conducted auditing procedures as necessary under the circumstances. We believe that the evidence obtained from our tests and

¹ 16 U.S.C. §§ 669 and 777, as amended, respectively.

procedures provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Our tests and procedures included:

- Examining the evidence that supports selected expenditures charged to the grants by the Department.
- Reviewing transactions related to purchases, direct costs, drawdowns of reimbursements, in-kind contributions, and program income.
- Interviewing Department employees to ensure that personnel costs charged to the grants were supportable.
- Conducting site visits to inspect equipment and other property.
- Determining whether the Department used hunting and fishing license revenues solely for administration of the Department.
- Determining whether the State passed required legislation assenting to the provisions of the Acts.

We also identified the internal controls over transactions recorded in the labor and license fee accounting systems and tested their operation and reliability. Based on the results of initial assessments, we assigned a level of risk to these systems and selected a judgmental sample of transactions recorded in these systems for testing. We did not project the results of the tests to the total population of recorded transactions or evaluate the economy, efficiency, or effectiveness of the Department's operations.

Prior Audit Coverage

On February 23, 2007, we issued "Final Audit Report on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Assistance Program Grants Awarded to the State of Missouri, from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005" (No. R-GR-FWS-0004-2006). We followed up on seven recommendations in the report and found that all recommendations have been resolved and implemented.

We reviewed the Single Audit Report for the State of Missouri for 2009 and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2008 and 2009. None of these reports contained findings requiring corrective actions by the Department.

Results of Audit

Audit Summary

We found that the Department complied with applicable grant agreement provisions and requirements of the Acts, regulations, and FWS guidance. The report contains no reportable findings or recommendations, and no further action is necessary.

Appendix I

**Missouri Department of Conservation
Financial Summary of Review Coverage
July 1, 2008, Through June 30, 2010**

Grant Number	Grant Amount	Claimed Costs
F-I-R-58	\$582,782	\$479,208
F-42-E-24	\$1,000,134	890,088
F-42-E-25	1,020,639	873,768
F-46-D-33	587,351	532,559
F-46-D-34	1,458,571	1,463,853
F-46-D-35	159,508	142,421
F-46-D-36	395,957	298,437
F-46-D-37	297,549	250,816
F-46-D-38	200,676	215,677
F-46-D-39	290,280	2,417
F-46-D-40	181,428	181,428
F-46-D-41	480,595	480,595
F-46-D-42	166,072	113,967
F-46-D-43	143,134	104,112
F-49-D-10	1,019,399	661,727
F-49-D-11	1,070,055	1,113,694
F-50-D-11	3,126,832	2,899,646
F-50-D-12	2,897,310	2,735,548
F-52-D-4	2,010,234	1,917,229
F-52-D-5	1,869,929	2,478,118
F-52-D-6	1,919,707	15,581
F-53-D-4	130,039	99,449
F-53-D-5	135,028	135,028
F-53-D-6	227,336	197,901
F-53-D-7	121,000	136,594
F-53-D-8	263,510	223,680
F-53-D-9	624,505	80,948
F-53-D-10	2,558,282	199,109

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Grant Number	Grant Amount	Claimed Costs
F-54-D-1	\$463,925	\$266,177
F-54-D-2	77,747	69,541
F-54-D-3	266,376	202,608
F-54-D-4	751,201	331,135
F-54-D-5	435,662	266,617
F-54-D-6	67,614	0
W-93-D-14	8,774,142	9,972,924
W-93-D-15	9,054,500	9,926,838
W-95-E-8	2,032,431	2,094,540
W-95-E-9	2,198,103	2,254,323
Total	\$49,059,542	\$44,308,303

Appendix 2

Missouri Department of Conservation Sites Visited

Regional Offices

Central (Columbia)
Kansas City (Blue Springs)
Northwest (St. Joseph)
Ozark (West Plains)
Southwest (Springfield)

Other Offices

Bolivar (Forestry)
Camdenton Conservation Service Center
Doniphan Towersite
El Dorado Springs
Resource Science Center (Columbia)
Sedalia
Rolla

Conservation/Wildlife Areas

Burr Oak Woods CA (Blue Springs)
Elam Bend CA (Albany)
J.N. Turkey Kearn Memorial WA (Sedalia)
Lake Paho CA (Princeton)
Maple Woods Natural Area (Gladstone)
Mudpuppy CA (Doniphan)
Nodaway Valley CA (St. Joseph)
Ralph and Martha Perry Memorial CA (Sedalia)
Springfield Conservation Nature Center
The Wayne Helton Memorial WA (Bethany)
White River Trace CA

Fish Hatcheries

Bennett Spring (Lebanon)
Blind Pony (Sweet Springs)
Lost Valley (Warsaw)
Maramec Spring (St. James)
Montauk (Licking)
Shepherd of the Hills (Branson)

Shooting Ranges

Andy Dalton (Bois D' Arc)
Elam Bend (Albany)
Lake City (Blue Springs)
MO Western State University Skeet Range (St. Joseph)
Parma Woods Range & Training Center (Parkville)

Boat Access

A. Perry Philips Lake (Columbia)
Anna Adams (Lebanon)
City of Pineville Elk River
Larry R. Gale (Camdenton)
TL Wright (Doniphan)
Wigwam School (Ivy Bend)

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