



2016 Annual Report



USERS FUND OUTDOOR, TOURISM PROGRAMS



State General Fund does not support outdoor or tourism programs, staff

Fish, Wildlife Programs Rely on License Fees, Federal Matches

Funding for KDWP's fish and wildlife programs comes from two sources 1) the sale of hunting, fishing and furharvesting licenses and permits which supply the **Wildlife Fee Fund** and 2) federal dollars returned to Kansas from the federal excise taxes hunters and anglers pay on equipment purchases.

The amount of money returned to Kansas is based primarily on the numbers of licenses and permits the agency sells. The federal funds require a 25 percent state match which comes from sales of hunting, fishing and furharvesting licenses and permits, not the State General Fund. **By law, fee funds and federal funding cannot be diverted for other uses.**

Sport Fish Restoration funds are used for fishery projects, boating access, and aquatic education.

Wildlife Restoration funds help restore, conserve, manage and enhance wildlife and habitats; provide public use and access to wildlife resources; hunter education and developing and managing shooting ranges.

The federal dollars stem from the **Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration (WSFR) Programs** which are administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They were enacted under the **Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts**. This approach to funding wildlife conservation is used by all the states and was endorsed by hunters, anglers and industry.

KDWPT leverages license and permit revenues and WSFR funding to benefit wildlife, anglers, hunters and boaters. WSFR funds are usually specific to game animals and sport fish, but habitat enhancement efforts benefit all fish and wildlife. Popular programs such as Walk-In Hunting Access (WIHA), Fishing Impoundments and Stream Habitat (FISH), and Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP) are possible because of the WSFR program.

Other programs funded with a combination of federal funds and license revenues include aquatic nuisance species monitoring and education.

Boating, Boating Safety Funded by Registrations, Coast Guard

KDWPT's boating programs serve the needs of recreational boaters for access, education, boat registration and boating safety. Programs are funded by a mix of 1) state boat registration revenues which go into the **Boating Fee Fund** and 2) Recreational Boating Safety Program funds administered by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

As the USCG describes it, "user pays/user benefits," since the federal monies are paid by boaters and anglers from federal excise taxes attributable to motorboat and small engine fuel use.

KDWPT uses boat registration revenues along with matching federal funds – the amount of which is determined by the number of registered watercraft – to support boating-related programs such as:

- Developing, improving, and maintaining docks, boat ramps, toilet facilities; and inspecting marinas
- Enforcing vessel operation, sanitation, sound muffling and boating under the influence laws
- Investigating boating accidents and thefts, officer training, and search and rescue operations
- Administering boating education and water safety programs, publishing boating information, and appearing at fairs and boat shows.

State Parks Operations Supported Largely by Fees, Rentals

As of FY 2013, the state's 28 state parks no longer receive State General Fund revenues and rely almost entirely on user fees. Park operations, programs and staff are funded primarily through the sale of park entrance permits and campsite fees which go into the **Park Fee Fund** and cabin rental fees which supply the **Cabin Fee Fund**. The state parks also receive monies from the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF). Funds are used to operate and maintain the state parks, fund state park law enforcement and provide safe, enjoyable outdoor recreation experiences and activities for **more than 7 million visitors**.

Some federal funding has been used to enhance state park trails and facilities, although the funds cannot be used for park operation and maintenance activities.

Grants from the National Park Service's **Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF)** have been used for planning, acquisition, and development of state and local outdoor recreation facilities. The grant program provides 50 percent matching funds, on a

reimbursement basis, for eligible recreational trail and trail-related projects. KDWPT is authorized to administer the L&WCF program in Kansas and may transfer some of the funds to local jurisdictions to acquire land or develop outdoor recreation facilities. Traditionally, about 75 percent has been awarded to local sponsors and 25 percent has been invested in state projects, although that may vary. The ratio of money reserved for state and local projects is determined by KDWPT.

Funding for some trail development and improvements may come from the federal **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** administered by KDWPT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Funds for this program are appropriated by the FHWA to KDWPT for recreational trail development. Projects must fall into one or more of three categories: motorized, non-motorized, or diversified recreational trail or trail-related projects. Projects that provide for improved ADA and environmental impacts are a high priority.

Kansas Tourism Funded by EDIF and Sales of Products, Services

Revenues for the Tourism Division are funded by lottery proceeds distributed by the Kansas Lottery from the Economic Development Incentives Fund (EDIF). Additional funding stems from sales of products and services such as *Kansas!* magazine, advertising and display space in publications and shows and the Blue Sign Logo program which KDWPT manages (the revenues are transferred from KDOT). The non-EDIF revenues go into the **Tourism Publication and Sales Fee Fund**.

The Tourism Division publishes *Kansas!* magazine as well as travel, byways, outdoors and state park guides; promotes Kansas outdoors, attractions and destinations in-state, nationally and internationally; markets the Kansas Byways; administers the Kansas Agritourism program; provides the tourism industry with news, research, marketing tools and education; and hosts the

state's official travel and tourism website (TravelKS.com) where industry partners can promote local and regional attractions, activities and events. Division employees – assisted by other department employees as needed – staff displays at outdoor recreation and tourism industry trade shows.

The division also administers two local grant programs that are funded with EDIF funds:

- Attraction Development Grants designed to help develop new tourism attractions or the enhance existing attractions.
- Tourism Marketing Grants that assist organizations with innovative, dedicated advertising and marketing.

FY 2016 Financials

PRINCIPAL FUNDS RECEIPTS	
Wildlife Fee Fund - Non-Federal Aid, <i>License/Permit Sales</i>	\$ 29,048,757
Wildlife Fee Fund - Federal Aid	\$ 12,302,378
Boat Fee Fund - Non-Federal Aid, <i>Boat Registrations</i>	\$ 977,674
Boat Fee Fund - Federal Aid	\$ 904,286
Park Fee Fund - <i>Park Permits</i>	\$ 7,603,898
Cabin Fund - Parks and Public Lands, <i>Cabin Rentals</i>	\$ 1,269,126
OTHER MAJOR RECEIPTS	
Economic Development Incentives Fund - <i>Kansas Lottery</i>	\$ 5,215,766
Other Federal Funds	\$ 2,805,574
AGENCY EXPENDITURES	
Administration, Executive Services, Information Services	\$ 8,670,711
Tourism	\$ 3,606,017
Ecological	\$ 1,430,617
Education	\$ 1,628,119
Law Enforcement	\$ 6,528,284
Parks	\$ 11,514,918
Fisheries and Wildlife	\$ 22,760,753
Grants	\$ 718,386
Debt Service	\$ 238,291
Capital Improvements	\$ 9,192,061
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 66,288,157

CY 2016 License and Permits Sales

Combo Hunt & Fish Licenses	Quantity	Revenue
Resident Combo Hunt/Fish	15530	\$ 698,850
Non-Resident Combo Hunt/Fish	1472	\$ 198,720
16-20 Resident Combo Hunt/Fish	866	\$ 60,620
65-74 Resident Combo Hunt/Fish	400	\$ 9,000
65-74 Sr Lifetime Combo	4398	\$ 175,840
Resident Combo Hunt/Fish	18381	\$ 735,240
5 Yr. Combo Hunt/Fish	1679	\$ 302,220
TOTAL	42,726	\$ 2,180,490
Fishing Licenses & Permits	Quantity	Revenue
Resident Fish	143941	\$ 3,598,525
Non-Resident Fish	11157	\$ 557,800
Trout Permit	13201	\$ 158,328
Three Pole Permit	20743	\$ 124,290
Tournament Black Bass Pass	825	\$ 9,900
Paddlefish Snagging Permit	874	\$ 8,740
Hand Fishing Permit	515	\$ 12,875
Youth Paddlefish Snagging Permit	62	\$ 310
16-20 Resident Fish	1152	\$ 46,080
65-74 Resident Fish	4858	\$ 60,725
5 Yr. Resident Fish	1460	\$ 146,000
5 Day Trip Fish	8398	\$ 209,875
Resident 1 Day Fish	19709	\$ 118,254
Non-Resident 1 Day Fish	17712	\$ 212,544
TOTAL	244,607	\$ 5,264,246
Hunting Licenses & Permits	Quantity	Revenue
Resident Hunt	53410	\$ 1,335,225
Non-Resident Hunt	60671	\$ 5,763,460
Non-Resident Jr Hunt	2712	\$ 108,480
Controlled Shoot Hunt	9703	\$ 242,575
Ft. Riley Hunt Access Permit	969	\$ 24,175
Resident Apprentice Hunt	1503	\$ 37,575
Non-Resident Apprentice Hunt	423	\$ 40,185
16-20 Resident Hunt	688	\$ 27,520
Prairie Chicken Permit *	2781	None
65-74 Resident Hunt	467	\$ 5,839
5 Yr. Resident Hunt	753	\$ 75,300
TOTAL	134,080	\$ 7,660,334
* Prairie chicken permits are free, except for a \$2.50 transaction fee which KDWPPT does not receive.		
Lifetime Licenses	Quantity	Revenue
Lifetime Hunt, Paid in Full	407	\$ 172,000
Lifetime Fish, Paid in Full	102	\$ 39,000
Lifetime Hunt/Fish, Paid in Full	286	\$ 212,160
Lifetime Furharvester, Paid in Full	18	\$ 5,500
Lifetime Hunt, Payment Plan	474	\$ 37,613

Lifetime Fish, Payment Plan	168	\$ 13,896
Lifetime Hunt/Fish, Payment Plan	696	\$ 97,578
Lifetime Furharvester, Payment Plan	64	\$ 4,752
TOTAL	2,215	\$ 582,498
Furharvester Licenses & Permits	Quantity	Revenue
Resident Furharvester	6279	\$ 156,950
Resident Jr. Furharvester	147	\$ 1,800
Non-Resident Furharvester	81	\$ 20,250
Non-Resident Bobcat Permit	80	\$ 8,000
TOTAL	6,587	\$ 187,000
Waterfowl	Quantity	Revenue
State Waterfowl Stamp	33037	\$ 254,111
Sandhill Crane Permit	892	\$ 4,450
TOTAL	33,929	\$ 258,561
National Guard (NG) & Disabled Vet Licenses **	Quantity	Revenue
NG Combo Hunt/Fish	193	\$ 7,720
Disabled Vet Hunt/Fish Early Purchase	293	\$ 11,720
NG Resident Combo Hunt/Fish	260	\$ 11,700
Disabled Vet Hunt/Fish	656	\$ 29,520
65-74 Disabled Vet Hunt/Fish	390	\$ 8,775
NG Resident Fish	223	\$ 5,575
Disabled Vet Fish	393	\$ 9,825
65-74 Disabled Vet Fish	101	\$ 1,263
NG Resident Hunt	14	\$ 350
Disabled Vet Resident Hunt	27	\$ 675
65-74 Disabled Vet Hunt	9	\$ 113
TOTAL	2,559	\$ 87,235
** These licenses are free to the recipients on a first come, first-served basis through an application process. The cost is paid by a special state allocation and donations.		
Big Game Permits – Various Types	Quantity	Revenue
Resident Deer	142038	\$ 3,851,835
Non-Resident Deer	49885	\$ 9,196,156
Other Deer	1262	\$ 108,670
Resident Turkey	44227	\$ 860,777
Non-Resident Turkey	26427	\$ 1,285,239
Resident Elk	74	\$ 13,225
Non-Resident Elk	12	\$ 1,800
Resident Antelope	1003	\$ 26,919
Non-Resident Antelope	6	\$ 1,800
TOTAL	264,934	\$ 15,346,421
Duplicate Licenses & Permits	Quantity	Revenue
TOTAL Hunt, Fish, Trap, Big Game	11482	\$ 88,470
Commercial Licenses & Permits	Quantity	Revenue
TOTAL	903	\$72,030

BOATS	Quantity	Revenue
Boat Renewals	16,061	\$ 481,830
New Boat Registrations	5,308	\$ 159,240
Re-issued Certificates	7,124	\$ 213,720
Other Boat	1,051	\$ 10,655
TOTAL	29,544	\$ 865,445
STATE PARKS PERMITS & REVENUES	Quantity	Revenue
Annual Vehicle (variable)	34,734	\$ 675,465
National Guard Annual Vehicle	544	\$ 12,240
Annual Camp (variable)	2,793	\$ 527,981
Daily Vehicle (variable)	165,812	\$ 804,396
Daily Camp (variable)		\$ 3,261,949
14-Day Camp (variable)	555	\$ 57,361
Utilities (variable)	9,545	\$ 200,995
Prime Sites		\$ 13,522
Group Camping (Variable)		\$ 5,997
Annual Trail Permits	431	\$ 4,310
Park Passport	98,394	\$ 1,475,910
Daily Trail Permits	2,581	\$ 10,756
Country Stampede and Other Festivals (variable)		\$ 57,997
Concession Marina Income		\$ 160,224
Long-Term camp		\$ 448,304
Cabin/Lease Camp		\$ 51,655
Other Permits & Revenues		\$ 62,239
TOTAL	315,389	\$ 7,831,301
CABIN RENTALS		Revenue
Park Cabin Rental		\$ 1,286,800
Public Lands Cabin Rental		\$ 65,170
TOTAL		\$ 1,351,970

CY 2016 Park Visitation ***

STATE PARK	ESTIMATED VISITATION
Cedar Bluff	175,573
Cheney	547,144

Clinton	407,960
Crawford	313,931
Cross Timbers	343,841
Eisenhower	127,618
El Dorado	743,395
Elk City	151,911
Fall River	254,724
Glen Elder	185,150
Hillsdale	992,330
Historic Lake Scott	187,078
Kanopolis	281,919
Kaw River	34,755
Lovewell	239,115
Meade	112,497
Milford	756,336
Perry	170,810
Pomona	145,698
Prairie Dog	172,314
Prairie Spirit Trail	67,800
Sand Hills	50,741
Tuttle Creek	611,615
Webster	128,994
Wilson	214,698
TOTAL	7,417,947

*** Visitation to the state's 26 state parks follows a seasonal trend – most people visit between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Weather and lake conditions strongly influence attendance figures, particularly during holiday weekends such as Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day.