



*Serving People, Conserving Fish and Wildlife*

# VISION

*Healthy and diverse fish and wildlife populations  
and habitats that are valued and enjoyed by current  
and future generations*



# MISSION

Conserve, protect and enhance Kentucky's fish and wildlife resources and provide outstanding opportunities for fishing, hunting, trapping, boating, shooting sports, wildlife viewing, and related activities



# VALUES

Science-based and responsible resource conservation

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Kentucky's legacy of fish and wildlife recreation

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Public engagement and Commission representation

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Partnerships for conservation success

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Public service, accountability and transparency

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Dedicated staff as a cornerstone of the agency



# WHO WE ARE

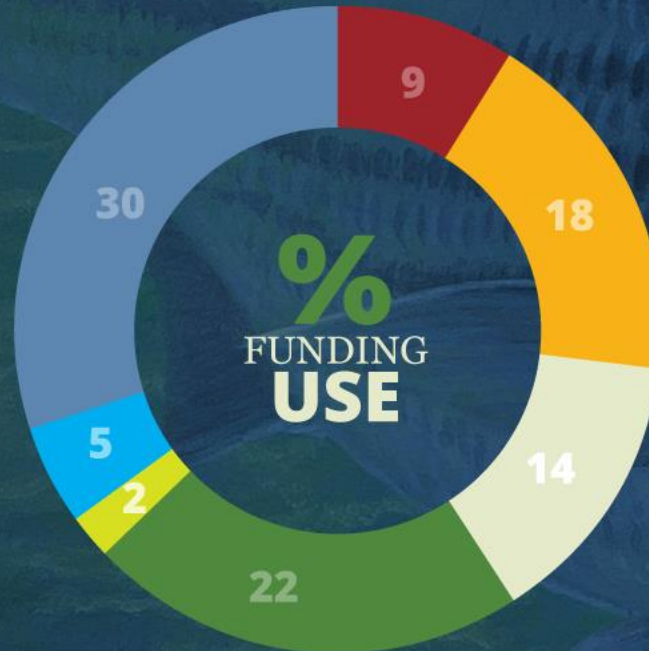


The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is an agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet. Volunteers who serve on our nine-member Commission board are nominated by Kentucky anglers and hunters, appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate. The Commission hires the Commissioner (agency head), approves research and advises the Commissioner.



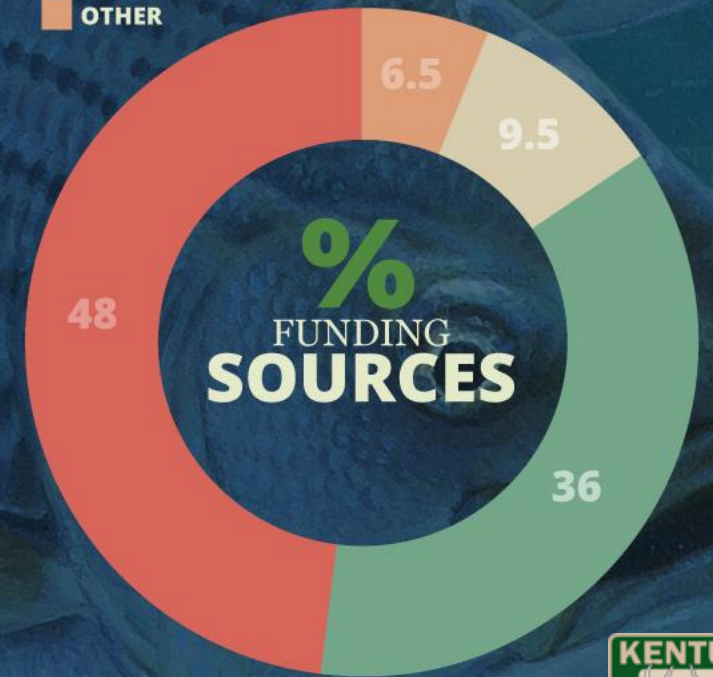
## WHAT WE DO

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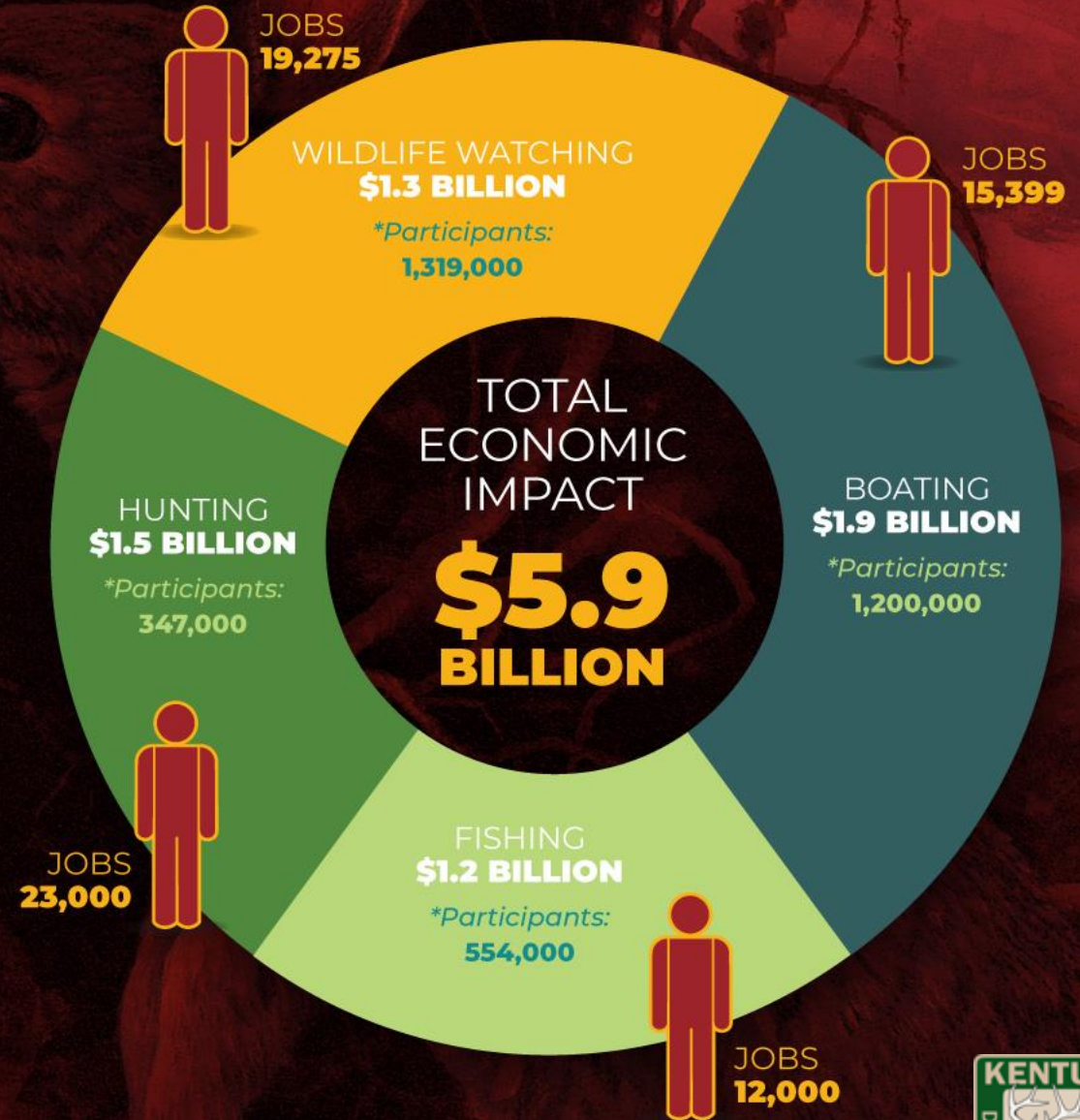
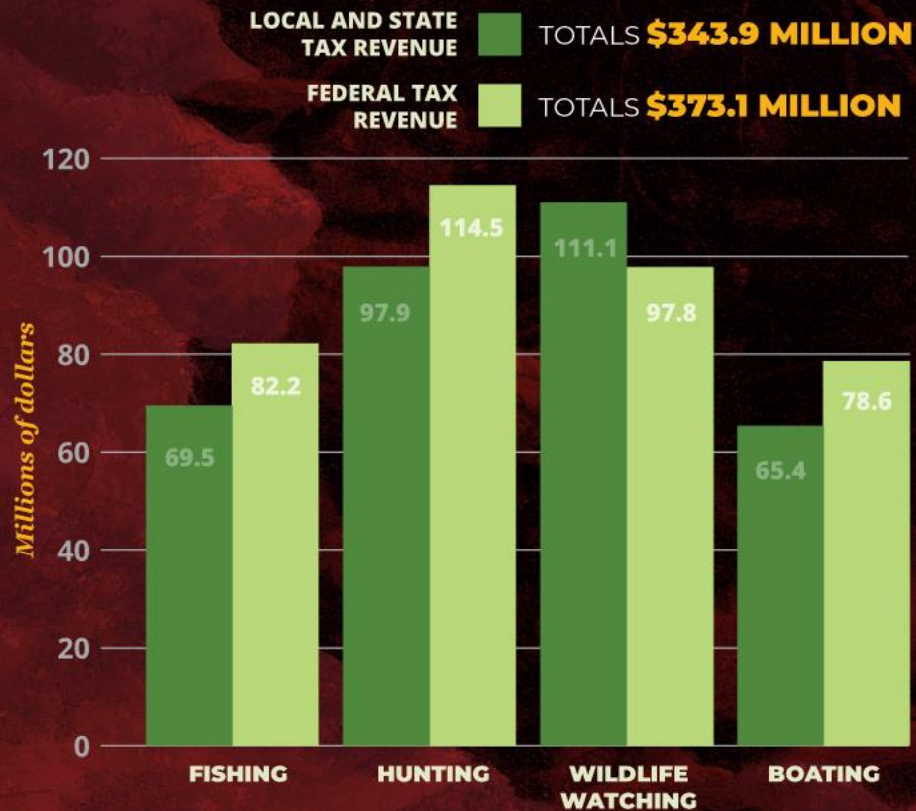
## HOW YOU HELP

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is funded by user fees and grants rather than state taxes.



# FISH and WILDLIFE RECREATION

*A Vital Force for Kentucky's Economy*



*\*Estimates derived from statistically-representative state and national surveys. References available upon request.*



# DIVISIONS

- **Fisheries**
- **Wildlife**
- **Engineering & IT**
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Information & Education**
- **Marketing**
- **Administrative Services**



# STRATEGIC PLAN

## Goals

**Manage for sustainable fish and wildlife populations and habitats**

**Increase opportunities for and participation in fish and wildlife recreation**

**Increase public awareness, engagement and partnerships**

**Enhance responsiveness and effectiveness**

**Protect Kentucky's fish and wildlife resources and promote user safety**





# Kentucky Wild



## Highlights

### Purpose:

- Provide dedicated funding for nearly 1,000 “Kentucky Wild” species that aren’t hunted or fished for
- Memberships & sponsorships

### Successes to Date:

- 2,000+ Members
- 4 Sponsors
- Numerous member experiences
- Exclusive branded gear



# War on Asian Carp



## Highlights

### Purpose:

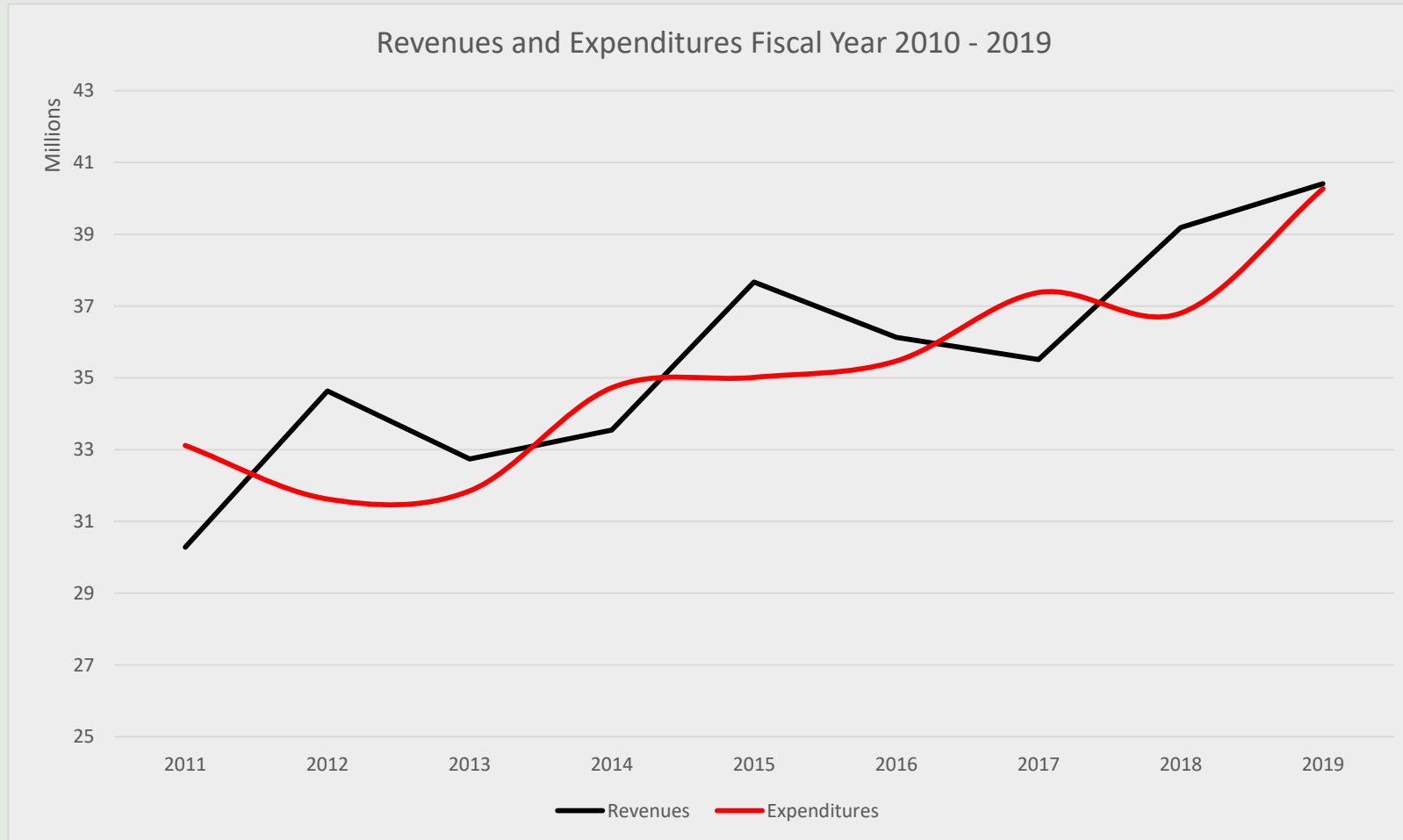
- Combat exotic, invasive species threatening our \$1.2 Billion fishing tourism industry
- Western KY lakes & Ohio River

### Successes to Date:

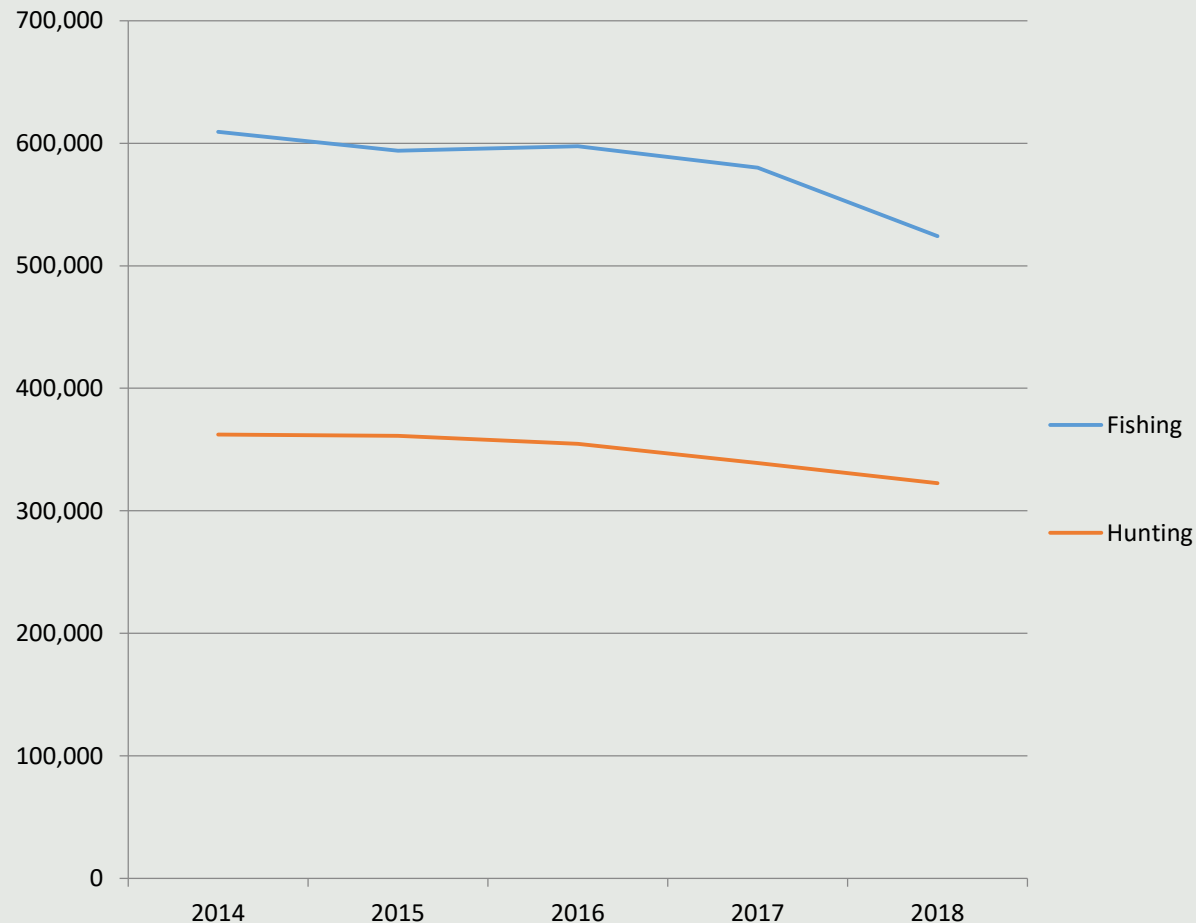
- Helped establish a commercial carp fishing industry
- 6 Million+ pounds removed from Kentucky & Barkley lakes in 2019



# Revenue & Expenditure Trends



# License Sales Trends



5-year License Sales Trends

## Highlights

Fishing and hunting license sales are declining nationally and in Kentucky

- Long-term reductions in participation
- Heavy Baby Boomer drop-out expected over the next 5-15 years
- Losing 10,000+ license buyers/year

Hunting more stable overall



# BIENNIAL BUDGET

## The Proposed Budget Represents \$7+ Million Annual Increase Compared to Fiscal Year 2020

### Asian Carp - \$3 million (federal funding)

- Will spend \$2.4 M in FY20, \$3.9 million total in current biennium

### Fees-in-lieu-of (FILO) Mitigation Stream Restoration: \$1.5 million

- Record keeping change: Change of Fund from Capital Project to Restricted Agency FILO Fund when Third Party Vendor performs the work. This was deemed the correct accounting since FILO “credits” are considered a commodity.
- Pay portions of staff costs to the Finance Cabinet to assist in moving projects forward.

### Program Income and Additional Federal Grants: \$1 million

### Retirement (Defined Calculations): \$1 million

### Additional Staffing/Equipment for Law Enforcement: \$1 million



# CHALLENGES

## Known and Likely Near-Term Issues

### **New State Radio System (per KRS 150.021): \$3.5+ Million**

- \$3.5 Million in radio equipment for conservation officers, Servicing 5% of Debt on the State Police radio tower system

### **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD): Detected in 6 of 7 border states**

- Recent example – PA spends \$3M annually on abatement

**License Revenues currently flat despite fee increases**

**Asian Carp: Additional federal grants likely (\$25 Million anticipated for Southeast)**

**Retirement Payouts; Pension and Benefits Increases?**





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