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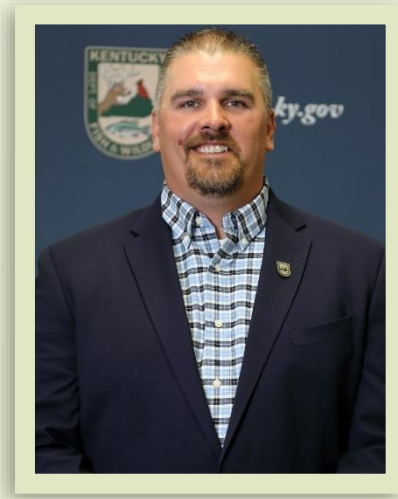




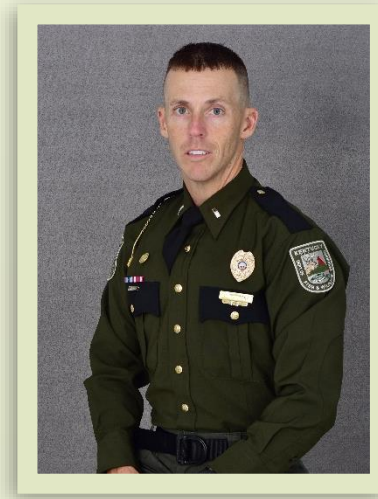
# Staffing Update



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## Western Kentucky tornado response







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## Eastern Kentucky flood response







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## Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Update

- Five counties in western Kentucky will remain under special regulations for deer disease monitoring during the 2022-23 seasons.
- The disease has **not** been found in Kentucky.
- Disease monitoring regulations in place this season for the CWD Surveillance Zone in western Kentucky include:
  - Mandatory CWD Check Stations for select dates during modern gun season.
  - No feeding or baiting of deer at any time in the CWD Surveillance Zone.
  - No transportation of harvested deer carcasses, their intact heads or other high-risk parts out of the CWD Surveillance Zone.



All deer harvested in Calloway, Fulton, Graves, Hickman and Marshall counties by any method during the following dates must be brought to a CWD Check Station for sampling: Nov. 12-14 (Saturday-Monday), Nov. 19-21 (Saturday-Monday), Nov. 26-27 (Saturday-Sunday)





## Southeastern Kentucky Enhanced CWD Monitoring Area

- Voluntary check stations for harvested deer or elk in Bell and Harlan counties.
- Hunters are not required to bring their deer or elk however, participation will help KDFWR monitor for CWD.
- Hunters can bring either the entire carcass (intact or field-dressed) or just the head of the animal to one of three voluntary check stations on Nov. 12-13, Nov. 19-20 and Nov. 26-27.







## Kentucky Wild

Our Kentucky Wild program continues to grow:

- 11,432 all time memberships for a total of \$436,470.00
- July-September 2022 memberships: 782 members for a total of \$30,320.00
- Members from ALL 50 states







## Fish stocking

KDFWR operates two fish hatcheries: Peter W. Pfeiffer just north of Frankfort and Minor E. Clark near Morehead.

The hatcheries produced and stocked a total of **6.1 million fish** weighing 169,566 pounds for fish stocking across the Commonwealth.

In addition, the department stocked **750,000 trout** raised at Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery below Lake Cumberland to stocking sites across the state.



Rainbow trout are offloaded for a March 2022 stocking in Floyds Fork.





## Invasive carp

- Commercial fishers harvested **10,106,385 pounds** of invasive carp statewide over the past 12 months.
- Kentucky Fish and Wildlife facilitated the harvest of **8,539,739 pounds** of invasive carp from Kentucky and Barkley lakes and paid out over \$650,000 in subsidy payments directly to commercial fishers in the last 12 months.







# Improving fish habitat







## Green River Lake Fishing Pier

## Barren River Lake State Park



### GREAT OUTDOORS NEWS

Green River Lake Fishing Pier - Completed June 2022



Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has expanded fishing opportunities with a new fishing pier at Green River Lake. Fish-attracting structures were placed within easy casting distance from the pier to enhance anglers' odds of catching fish.



### GREAT OUTDOORS NEWS

New Courtesy Dock at Barren River Lake State Park



Kentucky Fish and Wildlife partnered with Barren River Lake State Park to improve accessibility at the state park marina. Our engineering staff installed a new enhanced courtesy dock and widened the turning radius at the base of the boat ramp to make it easier to launch a boat.





# New system for categorizing Kentucky's WMAs







## Prescribed fire: An efficient tool for habitat enhancement



# *GREAT OUTDOORS NEWS*

Extensive Prescribed Burning - 2021

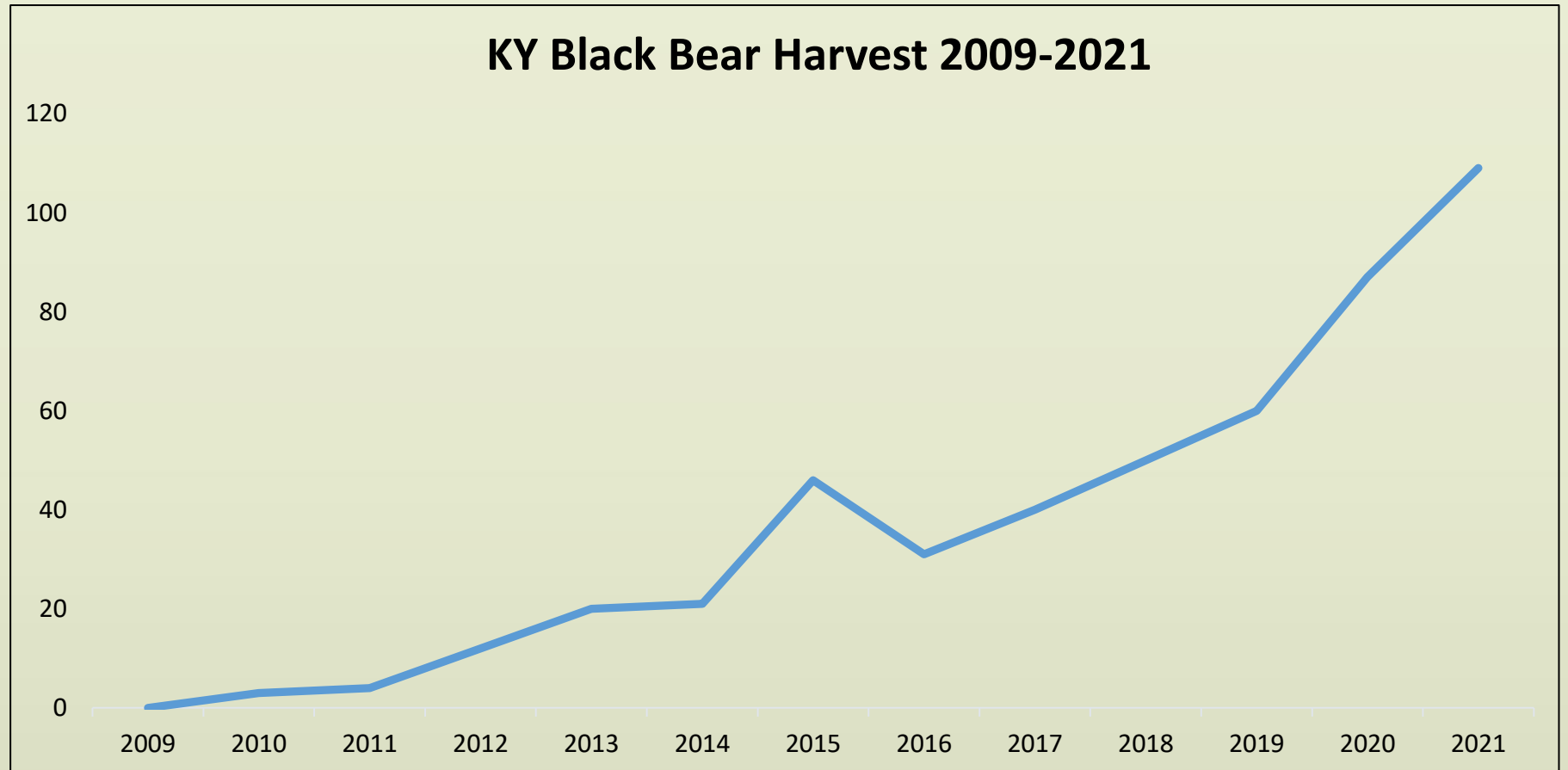


In 2021, Kentucky Fish & Wildlife staff control-burned about 8,000 acres of public and private lands to improve habitats for wildlife.





## Bear hunting in Kentucky







## Elk hunting in Kentucky

- 2 bull elk harvested in 2021 that made the top 10 list of largest elk harvested in Kentucky.
- Largest elk ever harvested in Kentucky was taken in 2021 (392 3/8 Boone and Crockett Score).
- Bull harvested in Martin Co by a drawn hunter from Morehead that harvested this elk by himself.
- Boone and Crockett Score of 377 4/8
  - #2 Largest typical harvested in Kentucky
  - 5th Largest elk ever harvested in Kentucky
- 2022 is the 25th Anniversary of Elk Restoration.







## McCreary County elk relocation

43 Elk relocated to Beaver Creek WMA



Video: <https://youtu.be/Rr9ZlhFhZ-I>







## Fishing pole loaner program

- New program launched in 2022
- 246 poles and 26 tackle trays loaned
- Public Libraries (9):
  - Adair Co.
  - Taylor Co.
  - McCreary Co.
  - Wolfe Co.
  - Clay Co.
  - Laurel Co.
  - Monroe Co.
  - McCracken Co.
  - Greenup Co.
- University of Kentucky Extension Offices (4):
  - Wayne Co.
  - Jefferson Co.
  - Grant Co.
  - Laurel Co.







## Looking ahead...

- Law Enforcement Application Period
- Upcoming seasons
  - Youth Deer Season (Oct 8 & 9)
  - Deer Muzzleloader (Oct 15 & 16)
  - Deer Modern Gun (Nov 12 – 27)
- Get your Hunter education
- Quota Hunt Application period ends Sept. 30
  - Waterfowl
  - Deer
  - Pheasant
  - Sandhill Crane
- Fall Fishing Opportunities





