

# Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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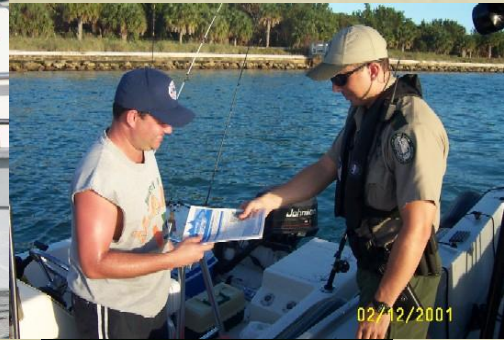
## Senate General Government Appropriations Subcommittee



Nick Wiley, Executive Director  
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# FWC Mission

Managing fish and wildlife resources for their long-term well-being and the benefit of the people.



# 2011 Economic Impact

<b>Category</b>	<b>Economic Impact</b>	<b>Jobs</b>
Boating Industry	\$16,800,000,000	202,700
Saltwater Fishing	\$5,692,000,000	54,500
Freshwater Fishing	\$2,631,000,000	24,800
Wildlife Viewing	\$5,784,000,000	51,400
Hunting	\$780,000,000	10,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,687,000,000</b>	<b>344,100</b>



# 2008 Sales Impacts of the Florida Seafood Industry

	<b>Sales</b>	<b>Jobs</b>
Commercial Harvesters	\$ 171,385,000	3,000
Seafood Processors & Dealers	\$ 423,923,000	4,000
Seafood Wholesalers & Distributors	\$ 1,272,539,000	11,700
Retail Sector	\$ 3,789,399,000	90,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,657,246,000</b>	<b>108,700</b>



# FWC Commission

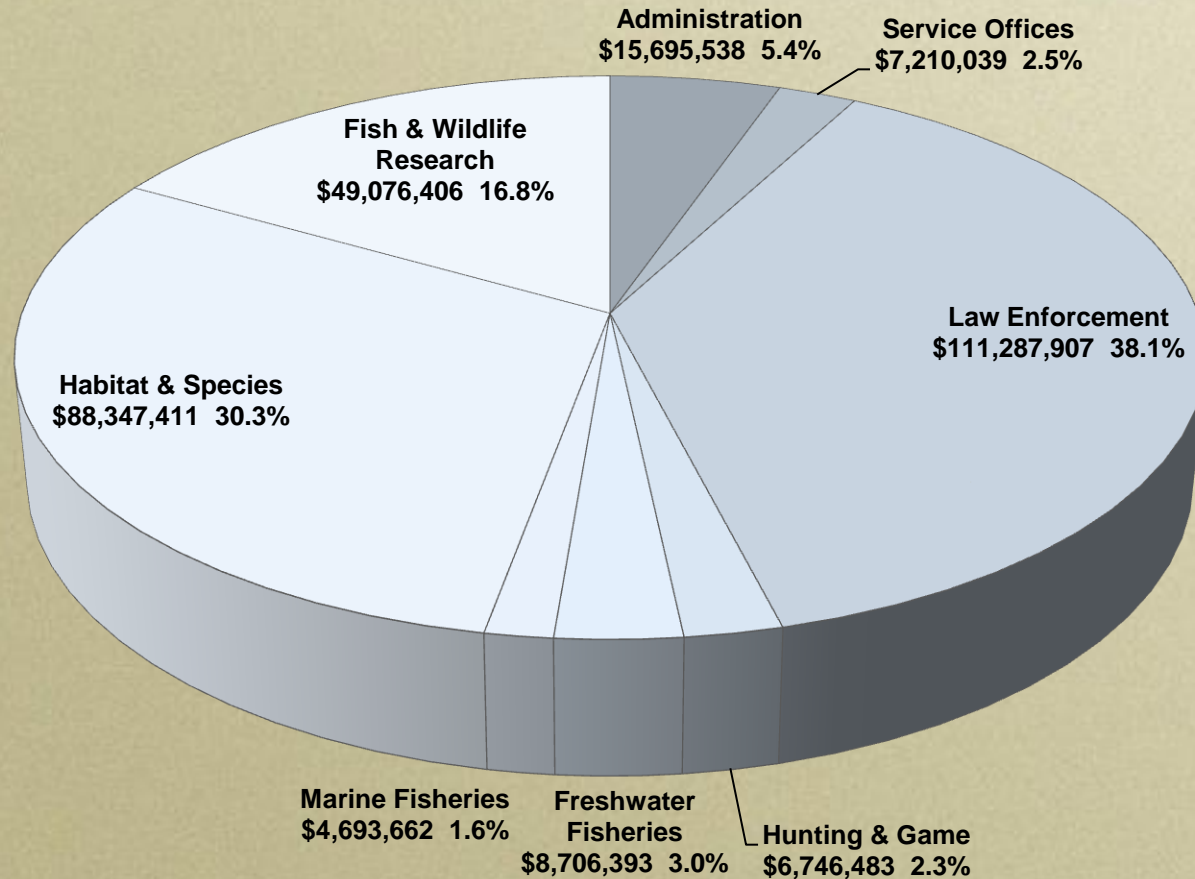
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**7 Commissioners - appointed by the Governor for 5-year staggered terms, confirmed by Senate**

- **Ken Wright, Chairman**
- **Kathy Barco, Vice Chairman**
- **Ron Bergeron**
- **Richard Corbett**
- **Aliese “Liesa” Priddy**
- **Charles W. Roberts, III**
- **Brian Yablonski**



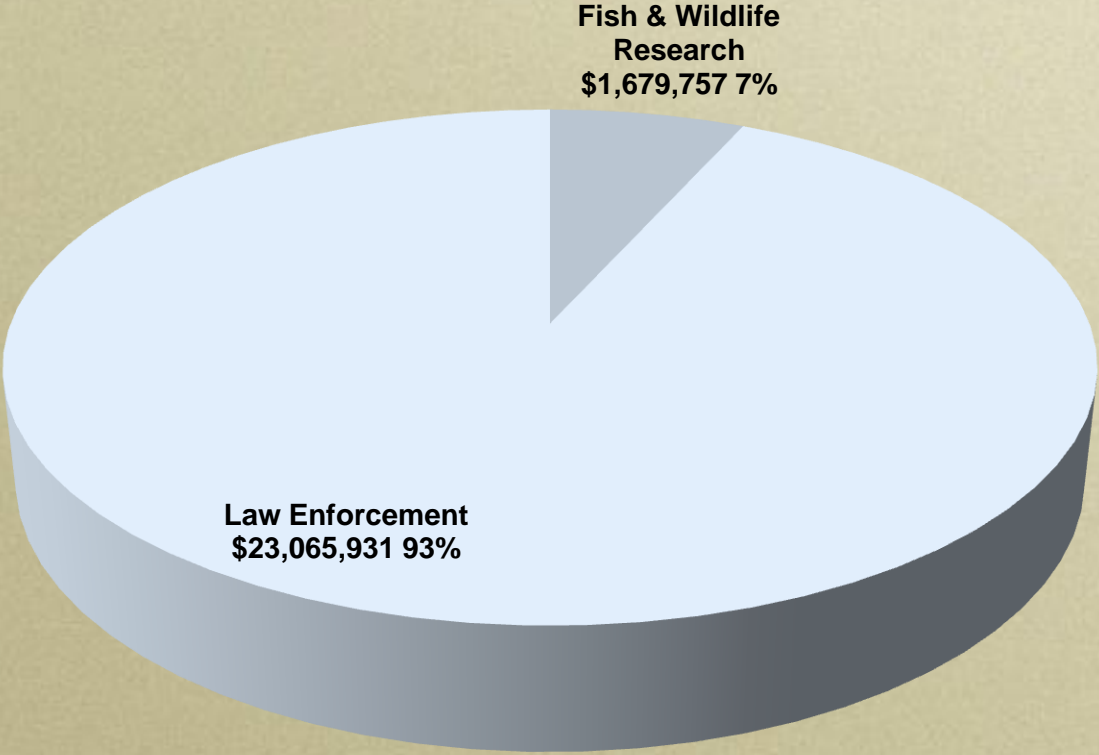
# FY 13/14 Base Budget



**\$291,763,839    2099.5 FTE**



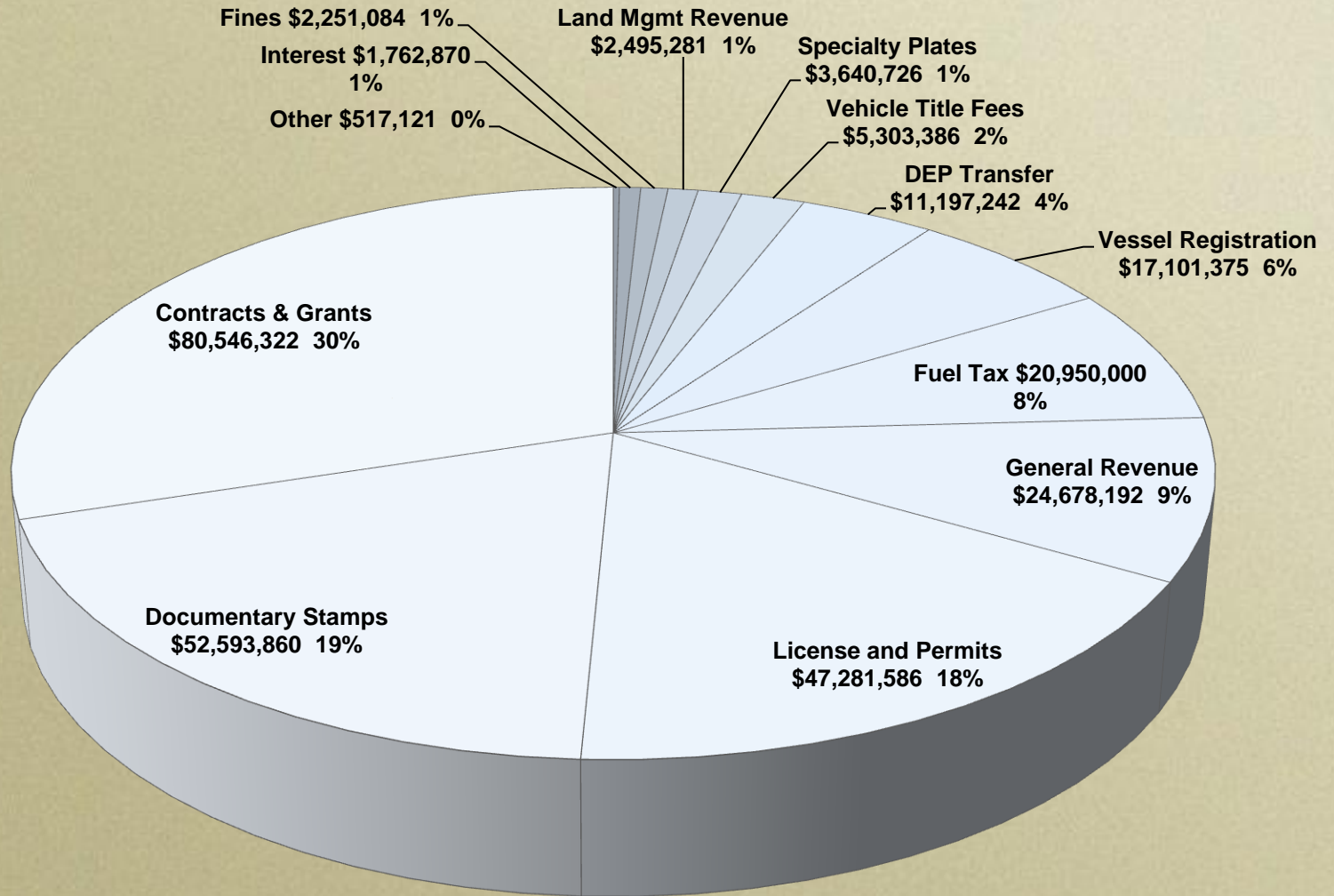
# General Revenue FY 13/14 Base Budget



**\$24,745,688 Total General Revenue**



# Revenue Sources for FY 13/14 Base Budget



**\$291,763,839**





# Fish & Wildlife Research Institute

FTE: 330.5

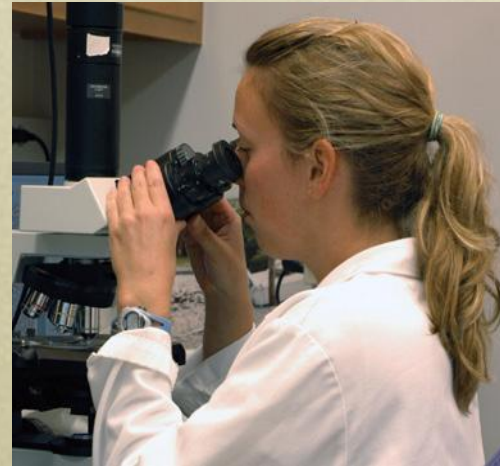
Budget: \$49,076,406



- Collects harvest and biological information
- Conducts assessments of saltwater, freshwater, terrestrial, and imperiled species
- Research provided to resource managers and Commissioners who determine management strategies



# Fish & Wildlife Research Institute



- Provides technical support for natural resource catastrophes including oil spills and natural disasters
- Monitors red tides and other harmful algal blooms
- Collaborates with federal, state, local governments, universities, non-governmental organizations



# Division of Habitat and Species Conservation

FTE: 357

Budget: \$88,347,411



- Manages conservation, species diversity, and abundance of native wildlife
- Develops and implements imperiled species management plans
- Manages fish and wildlife habitat and provides recreational access to public lands and waters



# Division of Habitat and Species Conservation



- Minimizes the impacts of nonnative species on native fish, wildlife and marine life
- Manages invasive plants in public water bodies and conservation lands
- Partners with numerous public and private entities to conserve and enhance habitat resources



# Division of Hunting and Game Management

FTE: 45

Budget: \$6,746,483



- Science-based management
  - Deer
  - Wild turkeys
  - Small game (e.g., quail, doves, squirrels)
  - Waterfowl
  - Alligators
- Hunting opportunities and access on public lands
- Hunter safety training and certification
- Public shooting ranges



# Division of Marine Fisheries Management

FTE: 30

Budget: \$4,693,662



- Coordinates management of over 500 saltwater fish species
- Works with recreational and commercial fishing interests
- Coordinates Florida's artificial reef program
- Coordinates Florida's abandoned trap retrieval program
- Coordinates Federal fisheries issues



# Freshwater Fisheries Management

FTE: 69.5

Budget: \$8,706,393



- Develop fish management plans with public input
- Implement fish management projects, including stocking fish produced at hatcheries
- Partner with local government to enhance public access to lakes, rivers, and man-made waters
- Partnerships to protect water quality and habitat



# Freshwater Fisheries Management



- Assist private landowners managing their ponds
- Partner with industry to provide access to high-quality fishing; e.g. Mosaic Fish Management Area
- Partner with industry to promote and conserve Florida's trophy bass fishing





# Division of Law Enforcement

FTE: 1,051.0

Budget: \$111,287,907

## Natural Resources Conservation & Protection

- State lands protection, including wildlife management areas, state parks, state forests and aquaculture
- Marine fisheries, freshwater fisheries, and wildlife law enforcement
- Environmental crimes enforcement, such as illegal storage/transport of hazardous materials, dumping of chemicals
- Captive wildlife, wildlife pet industry



# Division of Law Enforcement

## Management of Boating and Waterways

- Ensure safe boating for people and resources
- Provide public access for boating



## Public Safety

- Search and rescue missions
- Emergency/disaster response



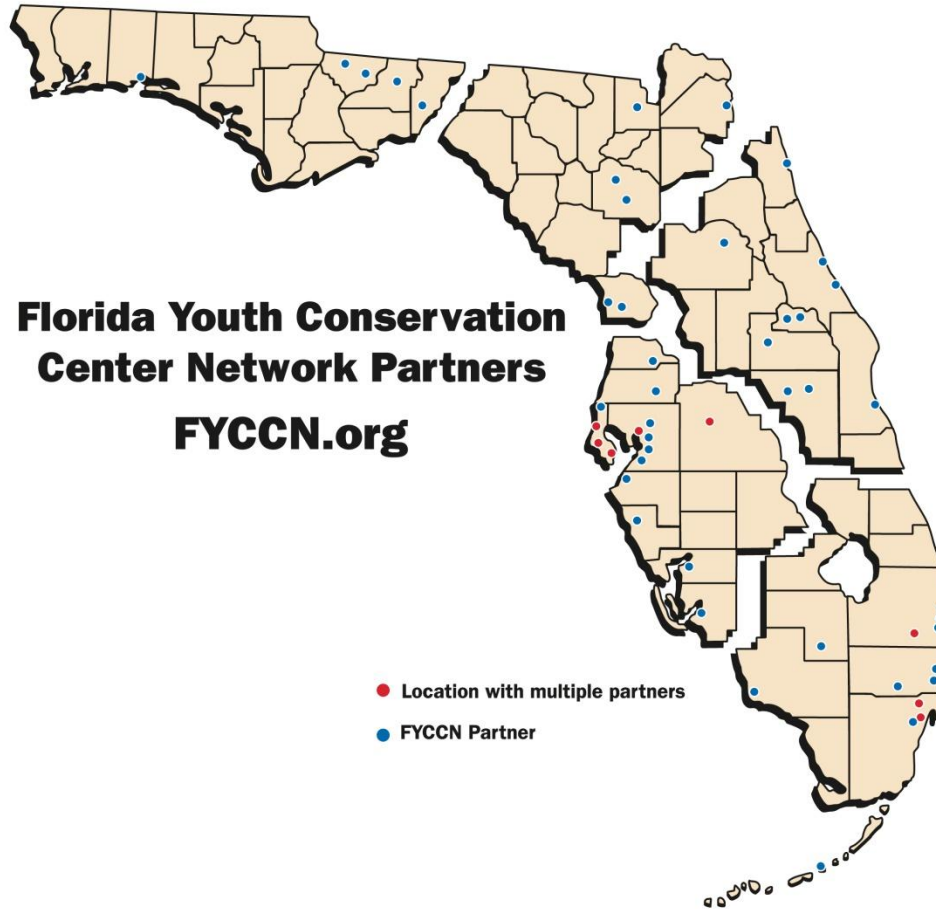
# Creating the Next Generation that Cares...



... about fish and wildlife conservation!



# FYCCN Partner Locations



Over 100 partner sites across Florida and growing....



# 2013/14 Base Budget Review

## Local Projects

Smithsonian Marine Station – Education & Monitoring

Total: \$204,800

- \$124,800 – Provides for long-term data collection of species and habitats in the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie Estuary
  - Program data used by South Florida Water Management District and St. John's Water Management District to monitor changes necessary for water management
  - Match funding of \$89,000 provided by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



# 2013/14 Base Budget Review

## Local Projects

- \$80,000 – Provides for public outreach and education utilizing the Smithsonian Marine Station's Ecosystems Exhibit
  - Collaborative effort with regional governmental and educational entities to educate with living models of marine ecosystems such as mangroves, seagrasses, and coral reefs
  - Total match funding of \$44,050 provided by 2 Water Management Districts and Ft. Pierce Community Redevelopment Agency



# 2013/14 Base Budget Review

## Projected Top Expense Expenditures

- Vehicle motor fuel, building rental, repair parts and maintenance, communications, utilities

## Projected Top Contract Expenditures

- Licensing & Permitting system, chemicals for Invasive Plant Management, Lake Restoration projects, Law Enforcement training, channel marking/signage

## On-Going Cost Savings Measures

- Facility lease negotiations
- Vendors identified for other potential contract renegotiations



# 2013/14 Priority Budget Issues

## Federal Grant Funds

Federal Boating Improvement-FCO	\$3,300,000
Artificial Reef Construction-FCO	\$ 800,000
Triple N Ranch Public Shooting Park-FCO	\$1,400,000
Convert OPS to 28.0 FTE	\$ 0

## Trust Funds

Boating Improvement Program-FCO	\$1,812,000
Marine Youth Conservation Facility-FCO	\$2,000,000
Lake Restoration Projects-FCO	\$1,000,000
Non-Carl Land Management	\$1,000,000
Wildlife Management Area Improvement-FCO	\$ 595,000
Invasive Aquatic Plant Management	\$2,000,000
Critical Vehicle & Vessel Replacement	\$1,983,372





# 2013/14 Automatic Fee Increase

*[s. 328.72(1)(b), F.S.]*

- Vessel registration fees and recreational license fees are scheduled to automatically increase this July by the percentage change in the consumer price index unless the Legislature takes action to do otherwise
- By February 1, 2013, the agency will deliver a report to the Legislature detailing the fee increases and revenue impact of \$6.8 million
- The agency recommends the Legislature take action to postpone the current 2013 implementation date to 2015

