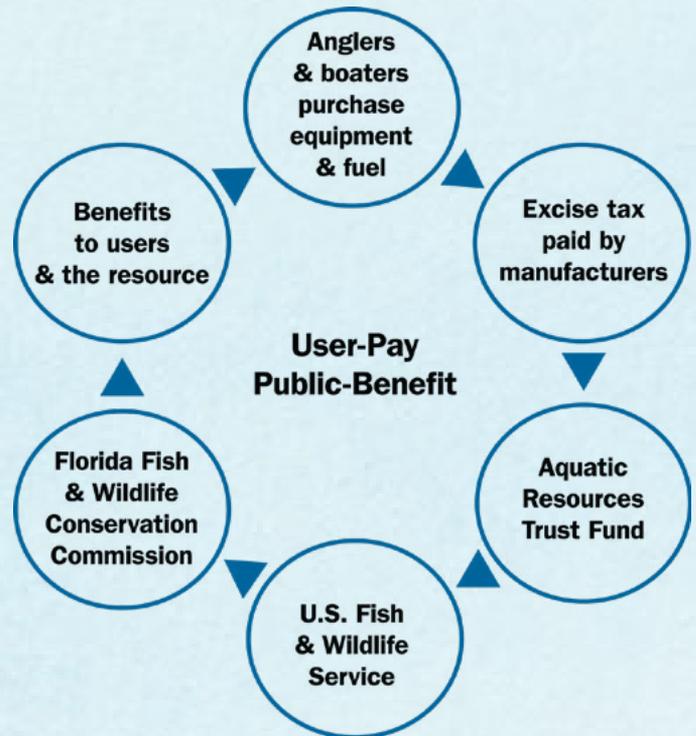


Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

How You Participate

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), is one of the most successful conservation efforts in our nation's history. This program provides funding used to benefit fish and wildlife resources while enhancing recreational fishing and hunting opportunities across the country. Funding for the program is derived from a portion of the sale of motorboat and small engine fuels as well as equipment purchased by anglers, boaters, hunters, archers and recreational shooters.

Funds collected go to federal accounts used specifically for wildlife and sport fish conservation. The USFWS redistributes the funds to states based on the number of resident licensed recreational anglers and hunters, as well as the land and water area of the state. When states receive funding, they are required to make a 25% matching contribution to grant funds. In Florida, funds are managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).



This user-pay, public-benefit cycle of money flow is all part of the Sport Fish Restoration Program

Sport Fish Restoration

Every time you purchase fishing equipment or fuel for your boat, you are contributing to fisheries conservation. Even better, the small contribution you make with each purchase translates into millions of dollars toward restoration and management of fisheries each year. In fact, with your help, Florida receives around \$13 million annually to support both freshwater and saltwater fisheries resources.



These logos indicate that a portion of your purchase was used to fund Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration projects.

How You Benefit

Increased fishing and boating opportunities provided through:

Saltwater Projects – about \$6.5 million annually

- **Angler Outreach:** Interacts with the public to provide information, answer questions, promote fisheries conservation and collect feedback from anglers.
- **Aquatic Education:** Provides hands-on opportunities to learn about responsible angling, basic fishing skills and marine conservation.
- **Marine Fisheries Research:** Researchers gather life history, genetics, health and other biological data used to develop fisheries management strategies.
- **Stock Enhancement Research:** Researchers develop efficient methods of raising fish species to enhance natural populations.
- **Artificial Reefs:** There are over 3,100 artificial reefs in Florida, with about 100 new reefs constructed annually, providing enhanced fishing and diving opportunities as well as tools for fisheries research.

Boating Access – 15% of annual funds

- Maintains existing public boat ramps and funds construction of new boat ramps, marinas and other public launching facilities throughout Florida.

Publications

- Boating and angling guide pamphlets, fish identification posters, this field guide and more.
- Available to the public free-of-charge.
- To request publications, call (850) 487-0554 or visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on “Saltwater Fishing” and “Saltwater Publications.”



For more information on the Sport Fish Restoration Program, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on “Sport Fish Restoration.”