

WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT



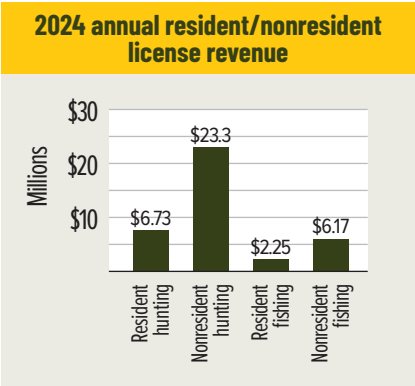
Agency Snapshot



Conserving Wildlife, Serving People

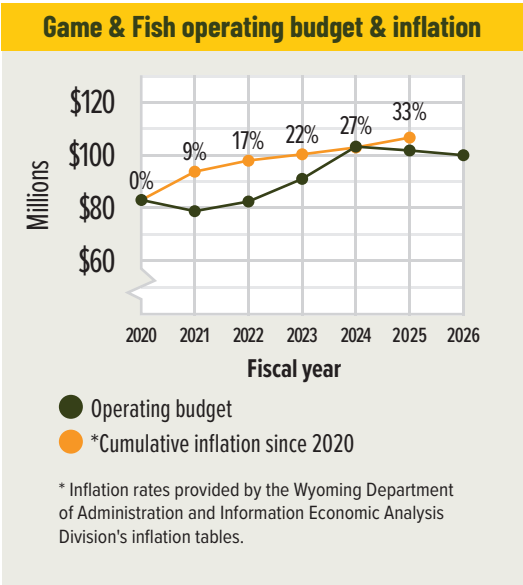
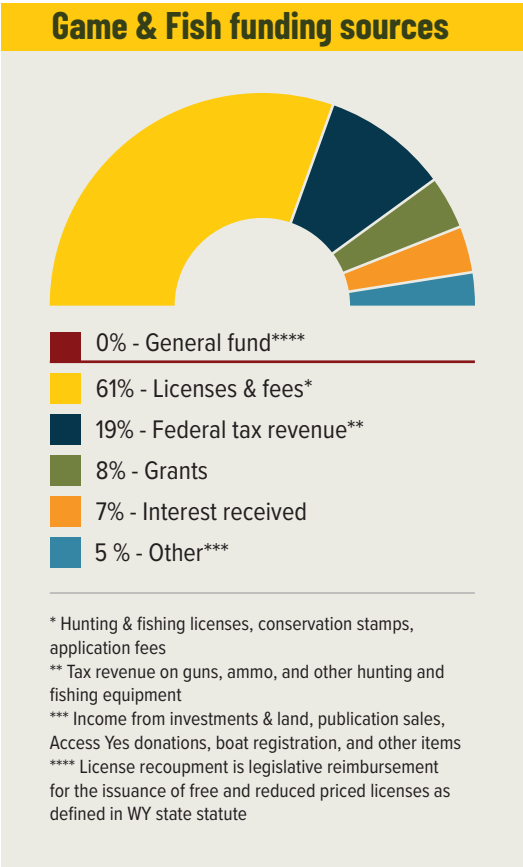
Wyoming Game and Fish Revenue

Nearly 85 percent of revenue comes from hunters, anglers and recreational shooters and boaters. This includes hunting and fishing licenses, conservation stamps and fees. It also includes revenue from federal taxes on firearms, ammunition, fishing tackle, boat fuel and other outdoor equipment. The total revenue for fiscal year 2025 was \$107 million.



Economic impact

Hunters, anglers and wildlife enthusiasts have a significant economic impact on Wyoming. According to the most recent national report, hunters, anglers, and wildlife viewers spend more than \$1 billion annually on travel and equipment in the state. Sportspeople play a vital role in wildlife and our state's economy. The total includes the estimated \$365 million spent by wildlife watchers on travel and retail and the \$33.8 million spent to purchase hunting, fishing and trapping licenses each year. (*Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Report*)





Conserving wildlife

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department takes great pride in overseeing more than 800 species of wildlife and warmly welcomes all residents and visitors to explore our magnificent state. Since 1890, we have passionately prioritized conservation, management and research, reflecting our deep commitment to safeguarding our natural heritage. We truly understand our hunting and fishing traditions play a vital role in connecting people to the breathtaking wild spaces we hold

dear and call home. For more than 130 years, we have strategically invested in habitat and wildlife management, demonstrating our unwavering dedication to this cause. We remain vigilant in our mission, ensuring a vibrant future for generations to come. Whether you are a hunter, angler, trapper, recreational shooter, or wildlife enthusiast, we recognize our shared passion for the rich diversity of fish and wildlife that make Wyoming so extraordinary.



Serving people

The department recognizes people are our greatest allies in conservation. We encourage everyone — whether you are a wildlife viewer, hunter, angler, trapper, or simply exploring our state — to get outside and engage with nature. We want you to experience our outdoor culture and hunting heritage, helping to ensure that fish and wildlife

remain abundant for future generations. Game and Fish is dedicated to working with the public to enhance appreciation, access and information about Wyoming's fish and wildlife. We need your support in the field and at the legislature to continue our conservation efforts and to serve you effectively.



Access Yes!

The Access Yes program was established to address obstacles sportspersons face in finding places to hunt and fish. Game and Fish works with landowners to help provide access to hunting and fishing on private lands. Access Yes has opened more than 2.58 million acres, 94 stream miles and more than 3,964 lake acres for public access.



Habitat work

Quality habitat is a cornerstone of wildlife management. Investing in sound habitat builds a resilient landscape that allows wildlife to withstand the highs and lows of water availability and harsh winters. In 2025, Game and Fish treated more than 200,000 acres to prevent invasive annual grasses. And in 2024, created over 49 miles of connected streams for fish passage and completed hundreds of on-the-ground projects to maintain and improve aquatic and terrestrial habitats.



Education and outreach

Inspiring a conservation ethic among youth and adults remains a priority for the department. Educational programs in the classroom and beyond included Trout in the Classroom, the National Archery in Schools Program, Conservation Crates, and Hunter Education in Schools, which reached a combined 13,623 students across the state. An additional 37,755 people were reached statewide through Game and Fish outreach programs, events and other classroom-based

educational programs. An additional 3,608 students were certified through Wyoming's hunter education program. The Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp hosted nine different camp programs geared towards youth, women and families, where 272 people experienced hands-on conservation learning. Volunteers remain critical in supporting the agency's efforts, with 331 volunteers serving 12,825 hours towards supporting our mission.

Landowners and partners

Game and Fish relies heavily on the significant support and efforts from our partners and landowners to effectively manage Wyoming's fish and wildlife. The commitment of state legislators, our citizens and partner organizations is essential for achieving conservation success. Numerous landowners throughout the state actively participate in wildlife management and habitat improvement on their properties. Many of these dedicated individuals have enrolled more than 2.58 million acres, 94 stream miles and 3,964 lake acres in the Access Yes program across Wyoming.

However, there is still much work to be done. Game and Fish continues the tradition of collaborating with people and partners from all over the state to develop strategies that will conserve wildlife for future generations.



If you are interested in participating please scan this QR code for more information.

Invasives

Aquatic: In 2025, Wyoming faced an increased risk from aquatic invasive species as surrounding states continue to discover new infestations, but Wyoming still remains free of invasive mussels. Over the inspection season, staff inspected more than 76,000 boats to protect the state's waters from invasive aquatic plants and animals. Of those inspections, more than 8,000 were considered high-risk — the highest number since the AIS program was established in 2010 by the Wyoming Legislature. Keeping Wyoming waters clean and invasive-free is a significant undertaking that benefits all Wyoming residents and visiting anglers.



Terrestrial: Game and Fish and partners continue to focus efforts on Invasive Annual Grass (IAG) treatments statewide. In 2025 we put additional emphasis on assisting landowners and land managers with both pre and post fire treatment efforts which resulted in over 200,000 acres of treatments conducted statewide. This work ensures that wildlife have access to high quality habitats.

Wyoming Game and Fish Commission



The Commission, a seven-member board, oversees the department. The members are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate. Each member serves a single six-year term. Commissioners are appointed based on judicial districts and political party affiliation.

BY THE NUMBERS

Over 800

species managed by the Wyoming
Game and Fish Department

309,024

individuals purchased at
least one hunting or fishing
license in 2025

3.14 million

acres of public access areas
providing high quality hunting
and fishing opportunity

48

Game and Fish managed
Wildlife Habitat
Management Areas

7.63 million

fish stocked in 2025

35,731

pheasants stocked in 2025

60,000+

customer service
calls answered

222

habitat projects
executed in 2024*

200k +

acres of habitat treated
for invasives

116

stream miles were
worked on and
improved in 2024*

550+

stream and lake
fish populations
surveyed in 2025

76,067

aquatic invasive
species inspections

64

watercraft with mussels
found at AIS check stations.
The state remains free of
invasive mussels

30,026

samples analyzed by the
forensics lab, 25,253 by the fish
health lab and 4,215 teeth processed
by the tooth aging section in 2024*

5,159

animals tested for chronic
wasting disease in 2025

400

full-time employees

1 million+

people visited the new
Game and Fish website

9.8 million

people were reached by
Game and Fish social media
accounts in 2025

37,755

people were reached at 345
education and outreach
programs in 2025

3,608

students completed their
hunter-education certification

21

state, national and international
awards were won by *Wyoming
Wildlife* magazine in 2025

* 2025 numbers were not available when this document was printed