IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

YOUR LICENSE DOLLARS
YOUR LEGACY

Fishing | Hunting | Trapping

The Future of Hunting, Fishing and Trapping in Iowa
Why are you here?

• Because you care about hunting, fishing and trapping in Iowa
• To learn about current status of hunting, fishing and trapping
• To have a say in future direction of hunting, fishing and trapping
Your History

• Forefathers wanted a license
  • Sales began July 1, 1909
  • Few deer, turkey, giant Canada geese, and otters
  • Fishing only in rivers and natural lakes, few trout, walleye
  • Predecessors saw need to invest in outdoor recreation
Your History

• Investment made an impact we enjoy today
  • Fish hatcheries
  • Public hunting land
  • Diverse species
• Protected license sales revenue with constitutional amendment in 1996
Money spent on hunting, fishing and trapping licenses goes to

• Manage current resources
• Improve existing areas
• Expand hunting and fishing opportunities
• May only be used in support of hunting, fishing and trapping – NOTHING ELSE
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So who buys the licenses?* (2011 license year)

*Iowans aged 6 to 15 participating in hunting and or fishing in and outside of Iowa is estimated at 180,000 per year according to the USFWS 2005 survey.
Money from sale of licenses

- Generates additional funding from the Federal Government from taxes collected on hunting and fishing supplies
- Is the primary source funding outdoor recreation in Iowa
Good News Stories

- World Class Deer Herd
- Walleye Stocking
- Giant Canada Goose
- Muskie Rearing
- Turkey Restoration
- Trout Natural Reproduction
- Hunter Ed
- Brushy Creek, Lost Grove
- Shallow Lakes Management
- Better Ways to Raise Fish
- Otter, Bobcat Seasons
- Swan, Osprey, Peregrine
- Outreach/Mentored Hunts
- Archery in Schools
Challenges Ahead

• Maintain wildlife populations
• Access to hunting land
• Competition for customers
• Battle invasive species
• New Diseases
• Changing face of rural Iowa
• Rising cost of doing business – Static income
Themes from 2010 Trust Fund Meetings

Roadblocks

• Access to hunting ground is a problem. Hunting leases are increasingly common.
• Competing with TV, video games, athletics, etc. to bring new youth and adults to hunting, fishing and trapping.
• Need to increase shooting sports, hunter education presence in schools.
• High crop prices, ethanol production causing loss of habitat
• Poor water quality impacts recreation
• Low pheasant population
• Invasive species/Urban expansion
Themes from 2010 Trust Fund Meetings

Possible ways to grow participation

• Develop ways to get you engaged in hunting, fishing and trapping
• Improve access to private land
• Reduce habitat loss, showcase best management on public land
• Improve communication and public relation to correct misconceptions
• Review license fee structure, combo licenses
• Have a dove hunting season
• Improve pheasant population
Themes from 2010 Trust Fund Meetings

Improve access to private land

Hunter Access pilot program
- Enrolled more landowners, acres than expected
- Federal program, future funding has been eliminated

Review license fee structure, combo licenses

- Three year hunting, fishing or combo license
- Including a third fishing pole option fee

Have a dove hunting season

- First Dove Season held Sept. – Nov. 2011
Review – Wildlife

Deer Herd

- Herd size has met goals agreed to by all members of the Deer Task Force
- Season proposal includes reduced antlerless deer harvest, fewer hunting options

Furbearers

- Proposed to increase bobcat, otter quotas
Review – Fisheries

Trout

• Record number of trout stamps sold in 2011
• Two more self sustaining trout streams, now 36 streams covering over 63 miles

Invasive species

• Asian carp in Iowa Great Lakes

Walleye netting

• Record year (2011), followed by poor year (2012)

Less funding available for lake restoration
Review – State of the Trust Fund

• License fees are set by the Iowa Legislature
• Average 7 to 11 years between fee increases
• Not adjusted for inflation
• Fish & Wildlife Trust Fund will run a deficit starting July 1, 2015 if no action is taken
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CPI Influence on License Fees

Source: The Federal Reserve
Bank of Minneapolis
“What is a dollar worth?”
Some things increase faster than the rate of inflation

Recent changes in Iowa farmland values

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Source: 2011 Farmland Value Survey
Iowa State University Extension
Michael D. Duffy, extension economist
What hunting and fishing opportunities will be available to your children? grandchildren?

- Outside challenges - Lack of leisure time for kids
  - Demands for athletics, scholastics, work, shift in cultural acceptance for hunting
- Students in Hunter Ed
  - 2000: 14,166
  - 2011: 16,409
Looking ahead 10 years... 20 years...

• What will Iowa’s outdoor resources look like?
• What do YOU want – hunting, fishing, trapping?
• What stands in the way?
• How can we get there?
This is your chance –

Tell us what hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities you want not only today, but for future generations.