

WHO WE ARE



The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is an agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts & Heritage

Cabinet. Volunteers who serve on our nine-member Commission board are nominated by Kentucky anglers and hunters, appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate. The Commission hires the Commissioner (agency head), approves research and advises the Commissioner.

We employ about 500 full-time and seasonal staff, including: conservation officers; wildlife and fisheries biologists; conservation educators; engineering and IT specialists; marketers; administrators; and customer service representatives.

Our Headquarters is located in Frankfort, but most of our staff work out of field offices across the state. We serve all Kentuckians, and work with landowners, conservation and recreation groups, anglers, hunters, boaters and other stakeholders to achieve our mission.

*Serving People,
Conserving Fish & Wildlife*

WHAT WE DO

Our mission is to conserve, protect and enhance Kentucky's fish and wildlife resources and provide outstanding opportunities for fishing, hunting, trapping, boating, shooting sports, wildlife viewing, and related activities.

With your help, we:

- ❖ Enforce hunting, fishing and boating laws across Kentucky for resource protection and public safety.
- ❖ Own over 165,000 acres and manage with partners over 1 million acres of land and water for the benefit of all fish and wildlife species and public access.
- ❖ Stock over 5 million fish annually in public waters.
- ❖ Build and maintain public boat ramps, shooting ranges, bank fishing access areas, and facilities.
- ❖ Assist over 16,000 private landowners with fish and wildlife habitat improvement.
- ❖ Inform and educate millions of youths and adults through education and outreach programs.
- ❖ Restore streams and wetlands on private and public lands using special grants.

HOW YOU HELP

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is funded by user fees and grants rather than state taxes.

You invest in conservation every time you:

- ❖ Buy a hunting or fishing license
- ❖ Join Kentucky Wild
- ❖ Buy a firearm, ammunition, or fishing or archery equipment
- ❖ Register your boat
- ❖ Buy fuel for your boat

