

## DID YOU KNOW...

Hunters and anglers provide a significant economic benefit to communities across Iowa. In 1996, anglers spent nearly \$340 million for goods and services generating an economic output of more than \$650 million, supporting 9,118 jobs. Purchases related to fishing generated nearly \$17 million in sales tax revenue.

Hunters and wildlife viewers spent more than \$400 million in 1996. Pheasant hunters alone pump an estimated \$60 million annually into the Iowa economy in the form of food, services and other necessities.

Together with private organizations and other agencies, the DNR is working with farmers and land owners to improve habitat and water

Since 1992, license revenue has funded...

### Fisheries

- Stocked 1 billion fish in Iowa waters
- Built 19 fishing jetties and nine fishing piers
- Restored three lakes
- Installed two lake aeration systems
- Built Brushy Creek Lake, Three Mile Lake and Fogle Lake
- Installed trout stream habitat and bought land for public access to trout streams
- Built 16 earthen rearing ponds at Rathbun Hatchery

### Law Enforcement Activities

- Issued 4,494 citations in 1999 for hunting, fishing and trapping violations.
- Received about 3,000 calls to the Turn In Poachers hotline
- Special Enforcement Operations: Operation Meat Locker, annual game checks, undercover investigations, night time airplane flights to catch deer poachers

quality, restoring lakes and streams, bringing Iowa's wild turkey and deer population to optimum levels. The DNR's fish management programs have increased the walleye population in Iowa rivers five to 10 times the levels of 10 years ago and produced a fourfold increase in catfish caught from the Mississippi River. A new electronic licensing system for Iowa will make license purchases more readily available.

The Fish and Wildlife Division of the Iowa DNR is supported solely on license revenues and excise taxes paid on hunting and fishing equipment and boat registration. License fees have not increased since 1992.

Future license fees will

- Continue wetland restoration
- Fund construction of three new fishing lakes
- Continue hunter safety and aquatic education programs
- Expand cooperative work with private landowners

### Wildlife

- Initiated a private lands habitat improvement program
- Obtained \$5 million in grants for wetland restoration
- Restored 131 wetland basins on private land and 692 basins on public land
- Increased the number of public hunting areas from 333 to 456, an addition of 65,139 acres
- Released 100 peregrines at 10 sites; 549 prairie chickens (since 1987) and wild turkeys in all viable sites in Iowa

### Education and Safety Training

- Educated 7,600 teachers and youth leaders who provided Aquatic Wild and Project Wild programs for 500,000 students each year.
- Held 600 fishing clinics with more than 50,000 participants
- Certified more than 90,000 students in hunter safety and ethics
- Conservation officers trained 30 to 50 individuals in ice rescue and 30 to 50 individuals in swift water rescue techniques