

Development Facts

- SC ranks # 9 nationally in total number of lands converted to development.
- SC ranks # 6 nationally with 30.2 % of farm and forestland converted to development between 1992-97.
- At this rate of development, 0.15 acres per person was converted to development, ranking SC #4 in the nation.

We all need to be involved in conserving our natural resources for the future. Please share this information with family and friends who enjoy the outdoors and ask them to purchase a license, too!



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Working for You Naturally



Join South Carolina's Largest Team Of Conservationists

Your purchase of a hunting or fishing license shows your commitment to protecting and enhancing our natural resources. Everyone who cares about our states natural resources (soil and water quality, air, plants and animals) must financially support efforts to create, enhance, maintain and protect these natural resources! Anglers and Hunters have been supporting conservation efforts for over 60 years !

Projects Funded By Anglers And Hunters

The award winning educational program SC Reel Kids emphasizes fishing while also encouraging children to visit state parks and fish hatcheries to learn about the water cycle, explore aquatic habitats and express themselves through artwork.

The Partners For Trout Program restores cold water trout habitat in SC's upstate and recently won a statewide conservation award.

Over 4 million red drum have been stocked in state waters in the last 3 years.

Over 100 steel-hulled vessels have been sunk off the state's coast since 1969 to create off-shore artificial reefs.

Wild Turkey and white-tailed deer populations have been restored to a record high populations across SC.

Public lands have been bought and are now managed with funding provided by hunters and anglers.

These provide hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreational opportunities. Places such as Jocassee Gorges, Santee Coastal, Donnelly and Bear Island and Webb Center provide excellent opportunities to observe wildlife in natural habitats.



SCDNR is participating in a 26-state, three year dove banding study to obtain accurate harvest and survival rates on a regional and national scale.

SCDNR has been planting on intertidal oyster grounds since the 1980's and is approaching the half-million bushel mark.

Oyster Shell Recycling - over 22,181 US bushels have been recycled since 2000 and 73,274 US Bushels planted.



SC's striped bass program has spanned a half century and has taken the state to a level of international prominence in the field. SCDNR staff routinely monitor striped bass populations as well as largemouth bass (SC # 1 targeted sportfish) and crappie to name a few.

License revenues have allowed SCDNR staff to be actively involved in federal re-licensing of hydroelectric dams in SC. Results include many benefits to our lakes and rivers, such as minimum flows below dams to benefit fish populations and water supply, protection of critical buffer zones along lakeshores and lake level guidelines to maintain spawning habitat for fish.

Through multi-divisional and multi-agency partnerships, SCDNR is taking part in a genetics study to monitor the population of black bear in the Southern Appalachian.

Federal aid funding allows DNR to partner with U.S. Forest Service, S.C. Forestry Commission, Clemson University and corporate and private land owners to utilize their lands under the Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) program. These properties offer many opportunities to fish, hunt, bird watch, hike and other recreational activities. The partnership with U.S. Forest Service is a model program initiated in South Carolina.

Sportsmen and Sportswomen Contributions

Nationwide, sportsmen and sportswomen contribute more than \$1.5 billion per year to wildlife conservation efforts.

- In South Carolina, hunting, fishing, and wildlife recreation provide nearly \$1.1 billion to the state's economy each year.
- Roughly 70 percent of visitors using DNR protected lands are not hunters – they are bird watchers, photographers, hikers, campers or simply people who enjoy nature.
- In 2003, a survey of South Carolina residents found that 91 percent rated protecting natural areas (rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands) as very important.
- Fifty-six percent had participated in watching wildlife near our lakes, streams and rivers.
- Ninety-two percent of resident respondents felt it was very important that there are places for fish and wildlife to live (Responsive Management 2003).
- Based on 2003 census data, DNR constituents (those that purchased licenses) represented only 16 percent of the total South Carolina population.

