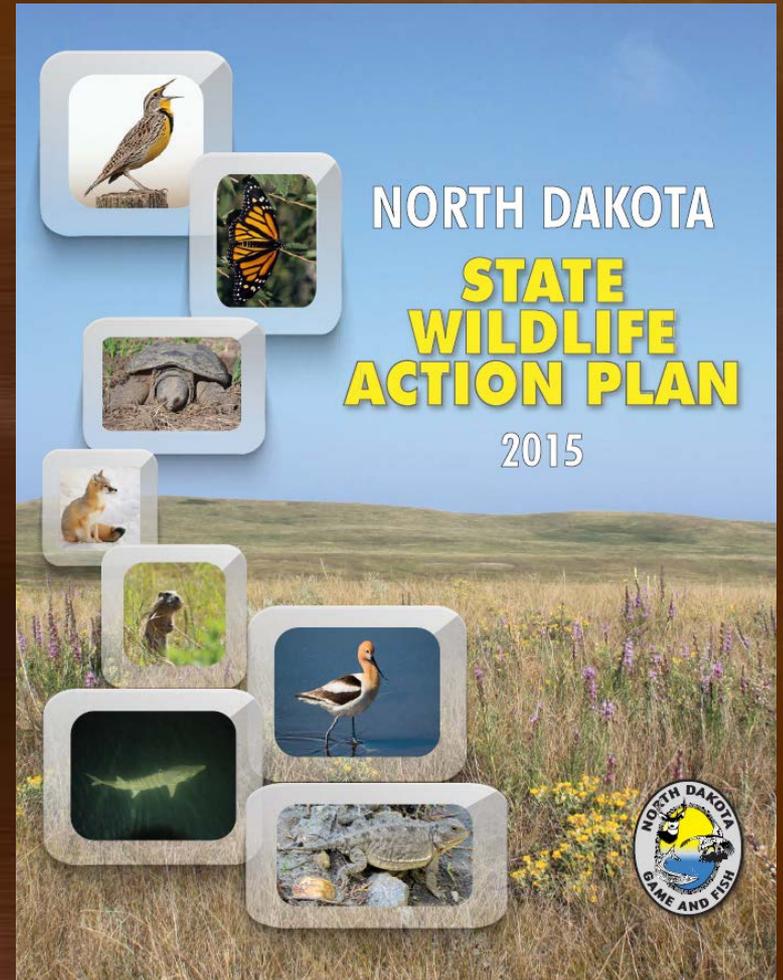


State Wildlife Action Plan (2015 Update)

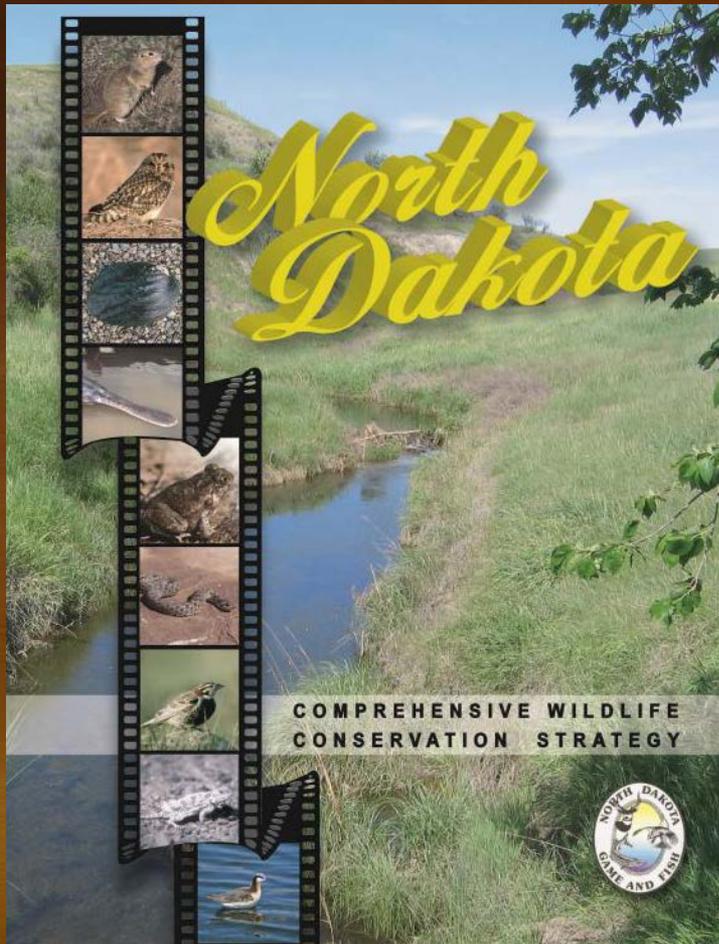
Management Plan for Species
of Conservation Concern



Purpose of Plan

- Conserve Rare, At-risk, and Declining species (*Species of Conservation Concern*)
- Prevent these species from becoming listed as threatened or endangered
- Identify and address threats
- Provide conservation measures to help reverse or stem decline of *Species of Conservation Priority*
- Cheaper to prevent loss than to bring back from brink
- Plan required to receive federal funding

Original Plan - 2005



- North Dakota's first SWG plan, *Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy*, was approved in October 2005
- Identified 100 Species of Conservation Priority
- Provided information on distribution, abundance, habitat requirements, threats, conservation actions, and monitoring techniques
- Included information on a host of fish and wildlife that inhabited the state
- Served as the first comprehensive strategic level plan to address management of nongame and rare or declining fish and wildlife resources.

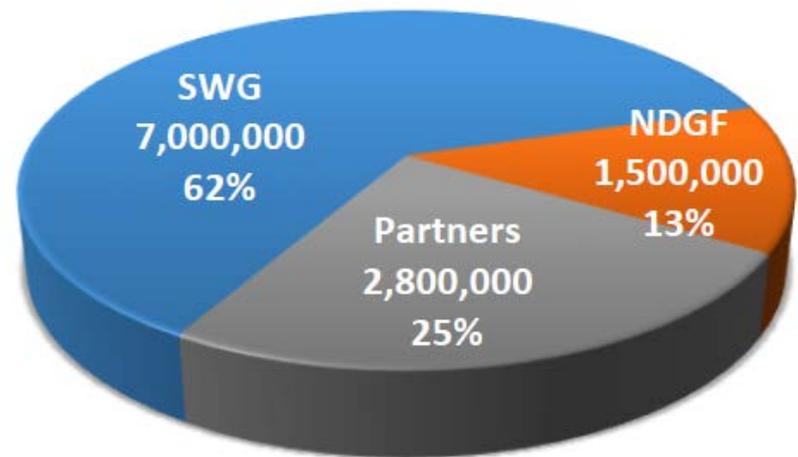
Species Mgmt. vs Funding

- Unlike hunted species, management for nongame species, historically, received no dedicated funding
- 80% of fish and wildlife in N. Dakota are nongame
- Nearly 400 species
 - 80 mammals
 - 75 fish
 - 15 reptiles
 - 11 amphibians
 - Numerous mussels, crustaceans, and insects

Funding to North Dakota

- Nationwide: \$45-70M per yr. (FY03 through FY15)
- Distribution formula = 1/3 land area and 2/3 population (min. 1% of total funding)
- North Dakota: \$400- 700K per yr.
- FY01-15: total of \$7M

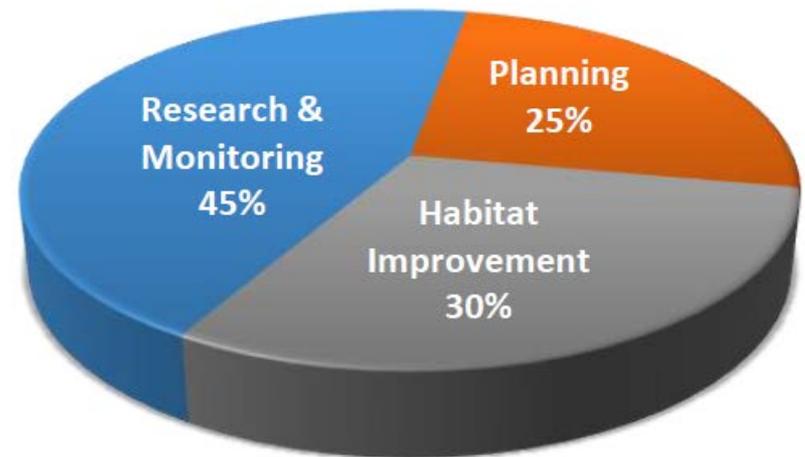
\$11.3 million on SWG projects in North Dakota



Accomplishments – 2005 Plan

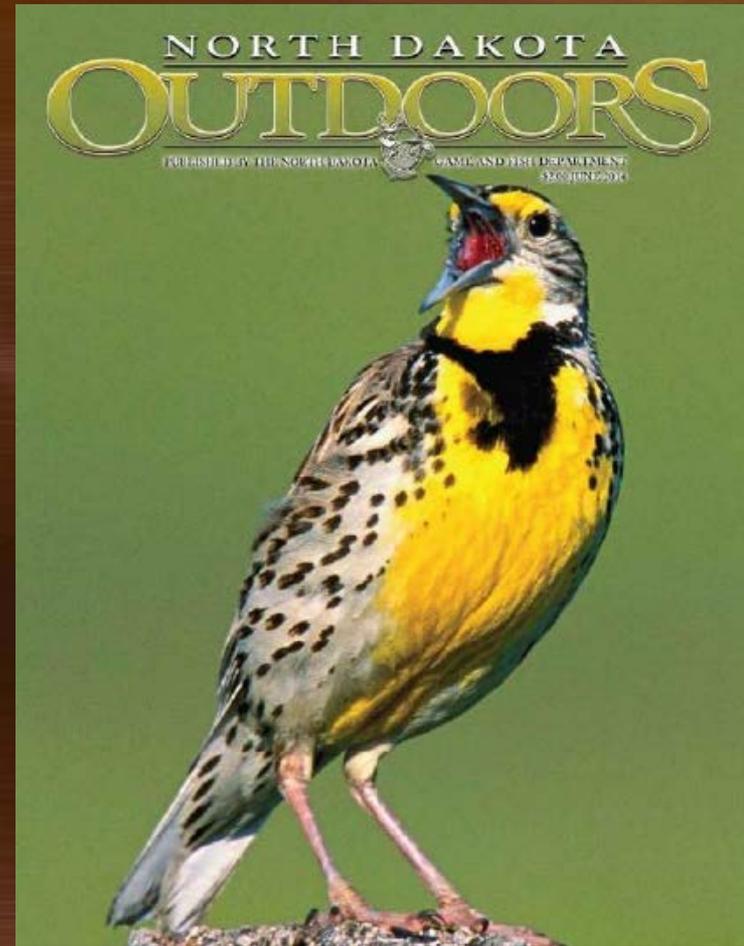
- 60 projects over last 13 yrs. w/ 26 different partners:
 - Research/Monitoring (39 projects)
 - Habitat Improvement
 - 13,000 ac. restored
 - 21,500 ac. enhanced
 - 82,000 ac. protected
 - Planning

Percentage of Total Funding by Project Type



Summary of Changes (2015 Plan)

- Species in 2015 plan increased from 100 to 114
- 2015 plan contains:
 - 47 birds
 - 2 amphibians
 - 9 reptiles
 - 21 mammals
 - 22 fish
 - 10 mussels
 - 3 insects



Completion of 2015 Plan

- 2 yr. work in progress
- Collaboration and coordination meetings (gather input/insight)
 - Internal experts
 - External experts
- Draft plan to conservation partners and other interest groups for review/comment (March-April 2015)
- Public review and comment (May-June 2015)
- Submission to USFWS - Oct. 2015 deadline (submitted in July)
- **Approved (Dec. 2015)**



Access to Plan

- Plan can be found on NDGFD website:

<https://gf.nd.gov/wildlife/swap>

Questions????