

**FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**(A Component Unit of the State of Florida)**  
**TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**



**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

# CONTENTS

	<b>Page No.</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT</b> .....	1
<b>MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS</b> .....	4
<b>BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</b>	
Statements of Net Position.....	6
Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position .....	7
Statements of Operating Expenses.....	8
Statements of Cash Flows.....	9
Notes to the Financial Statements.....	10
<b>REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER <i>GOVERNMENT</i></b>	
<b><i>AUDITING STANDARDS</i></b>	
Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with <i>Government Auditing Standards</i> .....	19
Independent Auditor’s Report on Compliance for Each Major State Project and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General .....	21
Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance .....	23
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.....	24
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings.....	26

**LANIGAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors  
Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc. (a Not-For-Profit organization and component unit of the State of Florida) and its blended component unit, Wildlife Foundation of Florida Mitigation Trust Funds, Inc., as of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, as listed in the table of contents.

***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc. as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matters***

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information on pages 4 and 5 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.'s basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Chapter 10.650, *Rules of the Auditor General*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 14, 2015, on our consideration of Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.'s, internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Lanigan & Associates, P.C.*

Tallahassee, Florida  
September 14, 2015

## Management's Discussion and Analysis

Our discussion and analysis of the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida's (the Foundation) and its blended component unit, Wildlife Foundation of Florida Mitigation Trust Funds (Trust Funds) financial performance provides an overview of the Foundation's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the Foundation's basic financial statements, which begin on page 6. The Foundation was formed on September 29, 1994, as a Not-For-Profit organization to provide assistance, funding and promotional support to contribute to the health and well-being of Florida's fish and wildlife resources and their habitats. The Foundation is the citizen-support organization of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (the Commission) as authorized by Section 379.223, *Florida Statutes*.

The Foundation issues financial statements comprising two components: 1) basic financial statements and 2) notes to the financial statements. The Foundation is considered a component unit of the Commission.

The following table presents the Foundation's condensed consolidated Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2015 and 2014 as derived from the Statements of Net Position.

**Table 1 – Net Position**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Assets	\$ 16,729,257	\$ 14,566,906
Liabilities	531,005	294,547
Net Position	<u>\$ 16,198,252</u>	<u>\$ 14,272,359</u>

The following table presents the Foundation's condensed Statement of Activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 as derived from the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

**Table 2 – Changes in Net Position**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 6,052,680	\$ 6,384,331
Total Expenditures	4,126,787	3,059,147
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 1,925,893</u>	<u>\$ 3,325,184</u>

## **Additional Information**

The Foundation's 13.5% increase in Net Position was largely due to three factors:

- 1) Several Cooperative Agreements were entered into with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the associated revenue resulted in an increase in Mitigation Funds of \$70,260.
- 2) Usage fees from the State of Florida's Sportsmen's National Land Trust specialty license plate were distributed to the Foundation and the license plate was redesigned and sold as the Wildlife Foundation of Florida license plate. This additional revenue totaled \$269,804.
- 3) The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) did not request a disbursement from Imperiled Species funds in support of its Gopher Tortoise Management program. This allowed the fund to accumulate an additional \$1,639,570 in assets.

Unrestricted Funds increased by 15% for the year while Restricted Funds increased by 13% for the year.

## **Requests for Information**

Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Will Bradford, Chief Financial Officer, (850) 921-1144 or [wbradford@wildlifeflorida.org](mailto:wbradford@wildlifeflorida.org).

**FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,129,853	\$ 5,035,427
Grants Receivable	176,969	86,081
Accounts Receivable	57,020	81,607
Prepaid Expenses	5,000	4,954
	4,368,842	5,208,069
<b>Investments</b>		
Securities and Other Negotiable Instruments	12,357,257	9,358,252
	3,158	585
<b>Capital Assets</b>		
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	3,158	585
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 16,729,257</b>	<b>\$ 14,566,906</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 365,702	\$ 269,307
Deferred Revenue	165,303	6,000
Line of Credit	-	19,240
	531,005	294,547
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	531,005	294,547
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investments in Capital Assets	3,158	585
Restricted	15,412,161	13,588,325
Unrestricted	782,933	683,449
	16,198,252	14,272,359
<b>Total Net Position</b>	16,198,252	14,272,359
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 16,729,257</b>	<b>\$ 14,566,906</b>



**FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Imperiled Species	\$ 2,318,263	\$ 1,752,465
Contributions and Donations	1,378,597	1,790,860
Program Service Revenue	947,909	1,022,069
License Plate Revenue	967,890	641,073
Other Program Related Revenue	362,743	72,765
Total Operating Revenues	5,975,402	5,279,232
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Program Expenses	3,419,602	2,495,989
Administrative and Office Expenses	428,934	356,531
Fundraising Expenses	278,251	206,627
Total Operating Expenses	4,126,787	3,059,147
Total Operating Income	1,848,615	2,220,085
<b>Non-Operating Income</b>		
Gain (Loss) on Investments	(226,437)	868,557
Dividend and Interest Income	303,715	236,542
Total Non-Operating Income	77,278	1,105,099
Change in Net Position	1,925,893	3,325,184
Net Position, Beginning of Year	14,272,359	10,947,175
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 16,198,252</b>	<b>\$ 14,272,359</b>

**FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF OPERATING EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**  
**WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Program	Administrative and Office	Fundraising	2015 Total	2014 Total
<b>Expenses</b>					
Accounting and Legal Expense	\$ 7,299	\$ 14,622	\$ -	\$ 21,921	\$ 25,496
Advertising Expenses	14,589	72,361	-	86,950	29,575
Business Registration Fees	123	193	-	316	316
Cash Awards and Grants	3,167,229	1,029	-	3,168,258	2,244,567
Employee Benefits	4,207	22,446	-	26,653	17,131
Fundraising	-	-	252,951	252,951	168,288
Fundraising - Donated	-	-	25,300	25,300	38,339
Insurance	-	5,636	-	5,636	4,812
Interest Expense	256	-	-	256	1,037
Investment Account Charges	38,140	67,245	-	105,385	82,647
Meeting Expense	10,869	5,368	-	16,237	19,596
Merchant Account Fees	144	9,615	-	9,759	9,650
Miscellaneous Expenses	7,809	2,144	-	9,953	1,598
Occupancy	300	159	-	459	459
Occupancy - Donated	8,000	8,001	-	16,001	16,001
Outside Contract Services	8,914	-	-	8,914	24,637
Outside Contract Services- Donated	-	8,673	-	8,673	8,603
Payments in Accordance with Trust & Fund Agreements	102,285	-	-	102,285	115,091
Payroll Taxes	2,430	12,966	-	15,396	15,721
Payroll Taxes - Donated	-	932	-	932	555
Postage	-	194	-	194	168
Printing and Copying	-	314	-	314	232
Salaries and Wages	31,765	169,485	-	201,250	205,500
Salaries and Wages - Donated	-	12,180	-	12,180	7,250
Supplies	-	412	-	412	404
Telephone and Telecommunications	1,467	1,280	-	2,747	1,693
Transfer of Assets Held for Others	(2,565)	-	-	(2,565)	(11,361)
Travel	7,631	11,125	-	18,756	17,115
Web Site Fees	8,549	2,488	-	11,037	13,800
	<u>3,419,441</u>	<u>428,868</u>	<u>278,251</u>	<u>4,126,560</u>	<u>3,058,920</u>
Total Expenses Before Depreciation					
Depreciation Expense	<u>161</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>227</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,419,602</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 428,934</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 278,251</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,126,787</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,059,147</u></b>

**FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
License Plate Program Receipts	\$ 967,890	\$ 641,073
Project Revenue	4,941,211	4,573,500
Payments for Operating Expenses	(3,870,908)	(3,022,360)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	2,038,193	2,192,213
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of Investments	(10,347,326)	(4,716,578)
Proceeds from Sale of Investments	7,119,084	3,434,849
Interest and Dividend Income	303,715	236,542
Net Cash (Used In) Investing Activities	(2,924,527)	(1,045,187)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Principal Payments on Line of Credit	(19,240)	(24,963)
Net Cash (Used In) Financing Activities	(19,240)	(24,963)
Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(905,574)	1,122,063
Cash and Cash Equivalents and Beginning of Year	5,035,427	3,913,364
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<b>\$ 4,129,853</b>	<b>\$ 5,035,427</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Operating Income	\$ 1,848,615	\$ 2,220,085
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	227	227
(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(66,301)	(64,659)
(Increase) in Prepaid Expenses	(46)	(783)
Increase in Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	96,395	31,343
Increase in Deferred Revenue	159,303	6,000
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<b>\$ 2,038,193</b>	<b>\$ 2,192,213</b>

**FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

---

<b>NOTE 1: <i>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</i></b>
--

***Organization***

The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc. (the Foundation) was formed on September 29, 1994, as a Not-For-Profit organization to provide assistance, funding and promotional support to contribute to the health and well-being for Florida's fish and wildlife resources and their habitats. The Foundation is a citizen-support organization of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission created pursuant to Section 379.223, *Florida Statutes*.

As noted below, included in the financial statements of the Foundation are the statements of its blended component unit, the Wildlife Foundation of Florida Mitigation Trust Funds, Inc.

The Wildlife Foundation of Florida Mitigation Trust Funds, Inc. (the Mitigation Trust Funds) was formed on January 25, 2010, as a nonprofit organization to provide funding for the maintenance and land stewardship of projects established by trust agreements entered into by various grantors with the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc. for protection of natural resources. The Mitigation Trust Funds operates in a fiduciary capacity. Fiduciaries receive funds from outside sources, to be held and managed until such time as the outside source requests the funds to perform its specified function. The Mitigation Trust Funds receives fees for maintaining and managing the funds it holds for others.

***Reporting Entity***

In evaluating how to define the Foundation for financial reporting purposes, management has considered the criteria set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 39 *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*. This Statement amends GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and provides additional guidance to determine whether an affiliated organization is considered a component unit of a financial reporting entity.

The Financial Reporting Entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The Foundation is included in the financial statements of the State of Florida, as the State is the primary government of the Foundation.

In evaluating the Foundation as a reporting entity, management has addressed GASB Statement No. 39 in considering all potential component units (traditionally separate reporting entities) for which the Foundation may or may not be financially accountable, and if accountable, including those entities in the Foundation's financial statements.

**NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Based upon the criteria in GASB Statement No. 39, the accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Foundation’s blended component unit, the Wildlife Foundation of Florida Mitigation Trust Funds, Inc. (the Mitigation Trust Funds). The Foundation is a legally separate organization from the Mitigation Trust Funds. In accordance with governmental accounting standards, the Foundation (the primary government) is financially accountable if it appoints a majority of the organization’s governing board and (1) it is able to impose its will on the organization, or (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefit or to impose specific burden on the Foundation. Additionally, the primary government is required to consider other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity’s financial statement to be misleading or incomplete.

<u>Component Unit</u>	<u>Justification for Inclusion in the Reporting Entity</u>
Wildlife Foundation of Florida Mitigation Trust Funds, Inc.	The Foundation, with recommendations of the Mitigations Trust Fund’s Executive Director and CFO, appoint the members of the Board of the Mitigation Trust Fund, and is able to impose its will, as defined by GASB No. 39, on the Mitigation Trust Fund.

***Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation***

The Foundation’s financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Foundation operates as a special-purpose government entity engaged in business type activities. Business type activities are those that are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods and services. Accordingly, these financial statements have been presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations).

The Foundation has adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Foundation considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

<b>NOTE 1: <i>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)</i></b>
--

***Capital Assets***

Capital assets purchased or acquired are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful life.

***Organization Funding***

Operating revenues include grants, contributions, and other revenue sources used to fund the annual operating activities of the Foundation. Specifically, the Foundation's major revenue sources are as follows:

- Conserve Wildlife license plate annual use fee as outlined in F.S. 320.08058(24)
- Discover Florida's Oceans license plate annual use fees as outlined in F.S. 320.08058(50)
- Protect Florida Springs license plate annual use fee as outlined in F.S. 320.08058(61)
- Wildlife Foundation of Florida license plate annual use fee as outlined in F.S. 320.08058(47)
- The mitigation fees from private or public entities for projects to offset adverse impacts to imperiled species
- Program Service Revenues
- Government Grant Funding
- Private and Corporate Donations
- Funds from conservation bank funds for projects to offset adverse impacts to the environment

***Donated Assets***

Contributions of donated non-cash assets are recorded at their fair market values in the period received.

## **NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

### ***Donated Services***

Contributions of donated services that create or enhance non-financial assets or that require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair market values in the period received.

### ***Investments***

Investments are accounted for at fair value in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 31 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*. Additional investment information and fair values are presented in Note 4.

### ***Restricted Assets***

Restricted assets are limited assets generated from revenues which have third-party limitations on their use. The Foundation would typically use restricted assets first, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserve the right to selectively defer the use thereof to a future project.

### ***Income Taxes***

The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc. is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) and, accordingly, is exempt from income taxes, except for any taxes which may arise from unrelated business income.

The Organization has implemented the accounting requirements associated with uncertainty in income taxes using the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740, *Income Taxes*. Using that guidance, tax positions initially need to be recognized in the financial statements when it is more-likely-than-not the positions will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities. It also provides guidance for derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Organization has no uncertain tax positions that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

The Organization is generally no longer subject to examination by the U.S. federal tax authority for years before 2012.

### ***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

***Reclassification***

Certain amounts in the prior year have been reclassified to make the statements comparable.

***Subsequent Events***

Subsequent events were evaluated through September 14, 2015, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. As of this date, no subsequent events were noted.

**NOTE 2: Capital Assets**

The cost and related accumulated depreciation for capital assets as of June 30, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>2015</u>
Equipment	\$ 5,050	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ 7,850
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,465)</u>	<u>(227)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,692)</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 585</u>	<u>\$ 2,573</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,158</u>

**NOTE 3: Restricted Net Position**

Restricted net position consisted of the following as of June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Conserve Wildlife Tag	\$ 1,360,969	\$ 1,668,296
Discover Florida's Oceans Tag	53,943	56,251
Wildlife Foundation of FL Tag	269,804	-
Protect Florida Springs Tag	370,374	323,356
Mitigation Projects	1,399,731	1,329,470
FWC Projects	693,261	697,941
Imperiled Species	7,705,872	6,066,302
Florida Youth Conservation Centers		
Network (FYCCN)	1,404,043	1,590,460
Mitigation Trust Funds	2,054,164	1,750,706
Other	<u>100,000</u>	<u>105,543</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,412,161</u>	<u>\$ 13,588,325</u>



## NOTE 4: *Deposits and Investments*

### *Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits and Investments*

Deposits and investments are held by a brokerage house, and are insured, up to certain limits, by either: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), and other excess private insurance coverage offered by Lloyd's of London. This insurance does not protect against investment losses from market fluctuations or unregistered securities (as defined by SIPC rules).

### *Investments*

As of June 30, 2015 and 2014 the Foundation had the following investments:

Investment	2015			2014		
	Fair Value	Weighted Avg. Maturity (Yrs)	Moody's Rating	Fair Value	Weighted Avg. Maturity (Yrs)	Moody's Rating
Corporate Bonds:						
Corporate Bonds	\$ 26,174	0.00	A1	\$ 53,424	1.11	A1
Corporate Bonds	91,924	0.00	A2	222,941	2.06	A2
Corporate Bonds	54,215	0.00	A3	56,313	3.60	A3
Corporate Bonds	26,288	0.00	Ba2	52,801	3.93	Ba2
Corporate Bonds	55,895	0.00	Baa1	138,510	2.48	Baa1
Corporate Bonds	53,612	0.00	Baa2	185,127	2.61	Baa2
Corporate Bonds	-	0.00	Baa3	51,172	0.21	Baa3
Total Corporate Bonds	308,108			760,288		
Government Agency	-	0.00	N/A	38,197	0.54	AAA
Certificates of Deposits	647,785	N/A	N/A	-	N/A	N/A
Mutual Funds and Closed-end Funds	7,536,788	N/A	N/A	5,343,339	N/A	N/A
Equities	3,864,576	N/A	N/A	3,216,428	N/A	N/A
Total Investments	\$12,357,257			\$9,358,252		

Investment income reflected in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 includes unrealized depreciation and appreciation of (\$224,251) and \$846,127, respectively. This depreciation and appreciation is attributable to the change in fair value of investments during the year.

<b>NOTE 4: <i>Deposits and Investments (continued)</i></b>
--

***Investment Policy***

A formal policy is maintained that outlines the goals and objectives for the Foundation's investments. To provide for diversification in the asset allocation portfolio, investments in any individual security should not exceed approximately 5% of the total market value of the portfolio. Likewise, investments in any industry should not exceed approximately 10% of the total market value of the portfolio. The only exception to this guideline is U.S. Government securities. Diversification will be maintained between and within sectors and industries.

In general, the securities in the total portfolio should be of a quality that makes them readily liquid. Equity investments utilized should be issued by companies with a minimum market capitalization of \$100 million at the time of purchase. Fixed income securities may include debt instruments issued by the U.S. Government and U.S. Corporations. Investments in low-grade bonds, as well as, foreign debt instruments should be kept to a minimum, and only allowed in the long-term pools of assets. Municipal securities may be utilized when they provide distinct yield and/or security advantage.

Domestic securities purchased should be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, traded on a national exchange or over-the-counter market, and conform to the liquidity constraints set forth in the investment policy.

***Credit Risk***

The Foundation's policy is to limit investments in corporate and government debt securities to the top ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs). Investments in low-grade bonds, as well as, foreign debt instruments are kept to a minimum, and only allowed in the long-term pools of assets.

***Interest Rate Risk***

In accordance with its investment policy, the Foundation manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio.

***Concentration of Credit Risks***

The Foundation's investment policy does not allow for an investment in any one individual security that is in excess of 5% of the Foundation's total investments.

**NOTE 5: *Line-of-Credit***

The Foundation has a revolving line-of-credit agreement with a financial institution in which it may borrow up to a maximum amount as determined from time to time by the financial institution based on the value of the securities pledged as collateral. Borrowings under the line bear interest at one-month LIBOR plus 2.25%. The outstanding balance on the line-of-credit was \$19,240 at June 30, 2014. There was no balance outstanding at June 30, 2015. Each project that requires the use of this line-of-credit is approved by the Board of Directors prior to its use.

**NOTE 6: *Related Party Transactions***

The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc. is a citizen support group of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as authorized in Section 379.223 of the Florida Statutes. As also authorized by the statute, the Foundation utilizes Commission personnel, property, and facilities to assist in its activities. The fair market value of these in-kind contributions has been reported in the accompanying financial statements.

**NOTE 7: *Risk Management***

The Foundation is exposed to various risks of loss in the normal course of business. Conventional commercial insurance coverage has been purchased from various independent carriers to insure against such risks and minimize the Foundation's financial exposure to such risks.

The Foundation is not involved in any risk pools with other governmental entities.

**NOTE 8: *Commitments***

The Foundation has contracts outstanding with third parties for the provision of services under the Conserve Wildlife License Plate Program, Protect Florida Springs License Plate Program, Mitigation Programs and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Projects.

**REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER  
*GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS***

**LANIGAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND  
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
*GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Board of Directors  
Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.  
Tallahassee, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc. as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 14, 2015.

***Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.’s internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.'s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Lanigan & Associates, P.C.*

Tallahassee, Florida  
September 14, 2015

**LANIGAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR  
EACH MAJOR STATE PROJECT AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 10.650,  
RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

Board of Directors  
Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Report on Compliance for Each Major State Project**

We have audited Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.'s compliance of with the types of requirements described in the *Florida Department of Financial Services' State Projects Compliance Supplement*, that could have a direct and material effect on its major state projects for the year ended June 30, 2015. Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.'s major state projects are identified in the summary of audit results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

***Management's Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its major state projects.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.'s major State projects based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General. Those standards and Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major State project occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.'s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major State project. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.'s compliance.

***Opinion on Each Major State Project***

In our opinion, Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state projects for the year ended June 30, 2015.

**Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc. is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.'s internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major State project to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major State project and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.'s internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program or State project on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program or State project will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or as combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with the type of compliance requirement of a State project that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses, or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and results of that testing based on the requirements of Chapter 10.650, Rules of the Auditor General. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Lanigan & Associates, P.C.*

Tallahassee, Florida  
September 14, 2015



**FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

---

State Awarding Agency - Projects	CSFA Number	Grantor's Number	State Expenditures
<b>Florida State Department of Highway Safety and Motor</b>			
Conserve Wildlife License Plate Project	76.073	N/A	\$ 801,757
Discover Florida's Oceans License Plate Project	76.084	N/A	65,749
Protect Florida Springs License Plates Project	76.103	N/A	100,663
Wildlife Foundation of Florida Plate Project	76.135	N/A	<u>52,454</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of State Financial Assistance</b>			<u><u>\$ 1,020,623</u></u>

**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

1. The organization follows the accrual basis of accounting in preparing this schedule. This method is consistent with the preparation of the Organization's financial statements.

**FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

---

**I. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS**

1. Type of audit report issued on the financial statements: Unmodified
2. Audit disclosed no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal controls.
3. There were no instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc., disclosed during the audit.
4. Audit disclosed no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over the state projects.
5. Type of audit report issued on compliance with requirements applicable to the major state projects:  
  
Unmodified
6. The audit disclosed no findings required to be reported under Chapter 10.656, *Rules of the State of Florida, and Office of the Auditor General*.
7. Major state projects identification:

<u>State Project</u>	<u>CFSA No.</u>
Conserve Wildlife License Plate Project	76.073

8. Dollar threshold for distinguishing Type A or Type B programs was \$306,187 for state projects.

**FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

---

**II. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH ARE  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT  
AUDITING STANDARDS***

None Reported.

**III. FINDINGS RELATED TO STATE PROJECTS**

None Reported.

**FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

---

**PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS**

None Reported.