

# The Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries



The Commonwealth's  
Wildlife Resource and Recreational Boating  
Agency

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# Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries - Mission

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To manage Virginia's wildlife and inland fish to maintain optimum populations of all species to serve the needs of the Commonwealth;

To provide opportunity for all to enjoy wildlife, inland fish, boating and related outdoor recreation and to work diligently to safe guard the rights of the people to hunt, fish and harvest game as provided for in the Constitution of Virginia;

To promote safety for persons and property in connection with boating, hunting and fishing;

To provide educational outreach programs and materials that foster an awareness of and appreciation for Virginia's fish and wildlife resources, their habitats, and hunting, fishing and boating opportunities.



# VDGIF Employees

Approximately 440 employees statewide in several Divisions or Sections

- Fisheries
- Wildlife
- Wildlife Diversity
- Law Enforcement
- Information and Education
- Boating Safety
- Capital Programs and Facilities
- Administration & Administrative Services
- Policy, Planning, Budget & Legislative

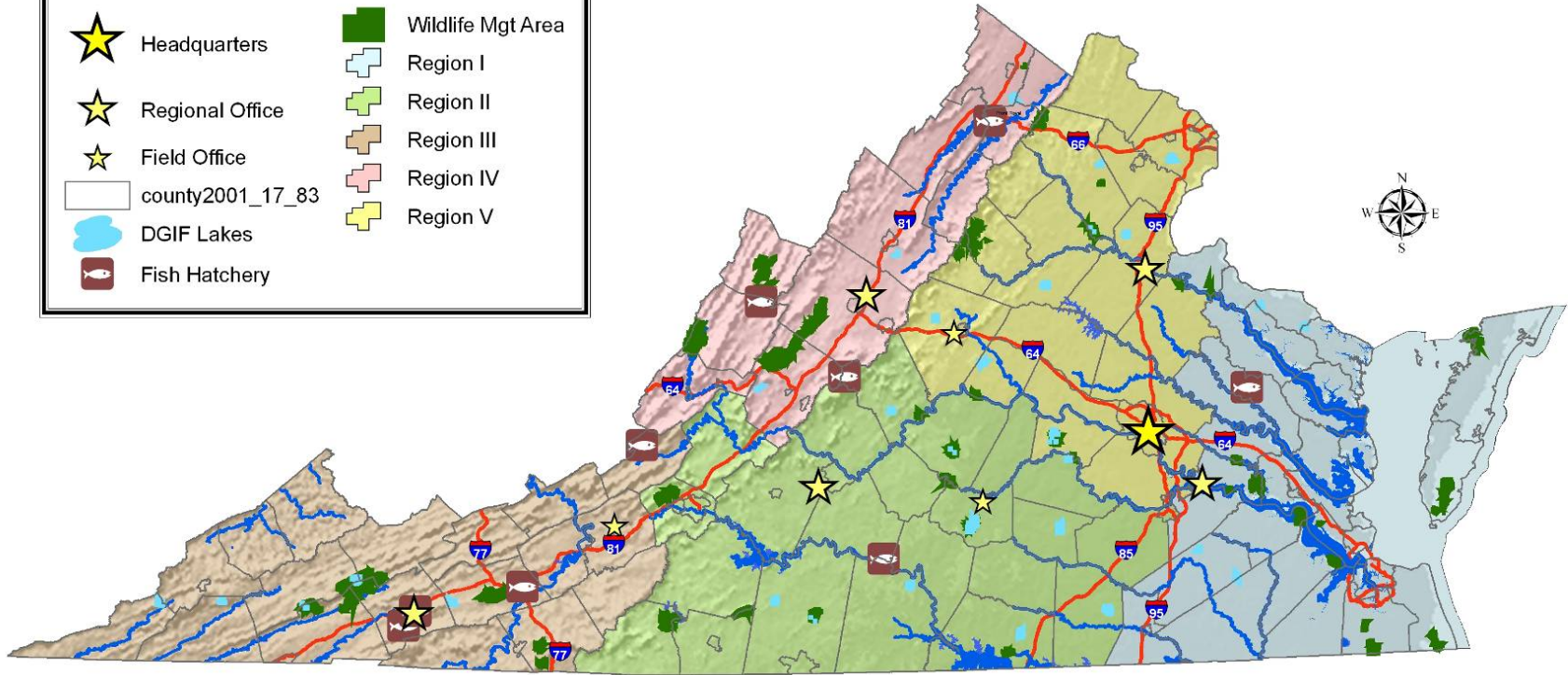


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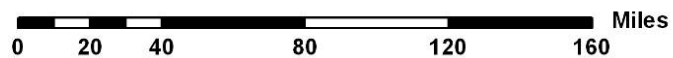
## Legend

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| Headquarters     | Wildlife Mgt Area |
| Regional Office  | Region I          |
| Field Office     | Region II         |
| county2001_17_83 | Region III        |
| DGIF Lakes       | Region IV         |
| Fish Hatchery    | Region V          |



Sources:  
Hydrography - USGS  
Interstates - VDOT  
All Other Data - VDGIF

VDGIF - Fish & Wildlife Information Services - LRHP, GISP 6/08/07



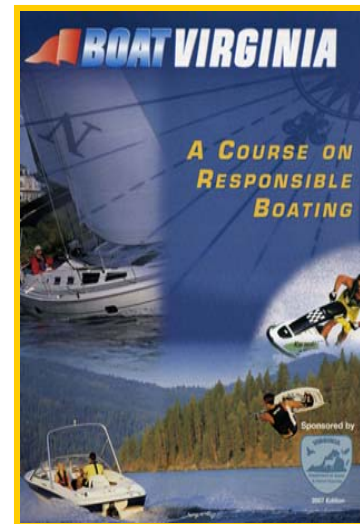
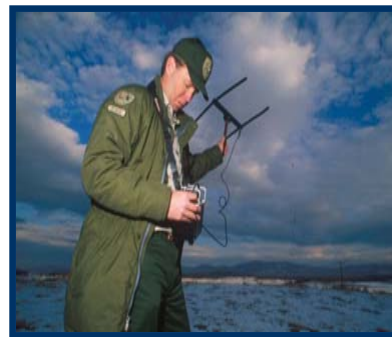
# Facilities

- Approx. 215 Boat Landings Across Virginia
- 37 Public Fishing Lakes
- 38 Wildlife Management Areas - 200,000 Acres
- 8 Fish Hatcheries That Produce
  - 1.2 Million Trout Each Year
  - 13-15 Million Warmwater Fish Raised For Release
- Endangered Aquatic Species Propagation and Restoration Center
- Handicapped-Accessible Fishing Piers
- Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail



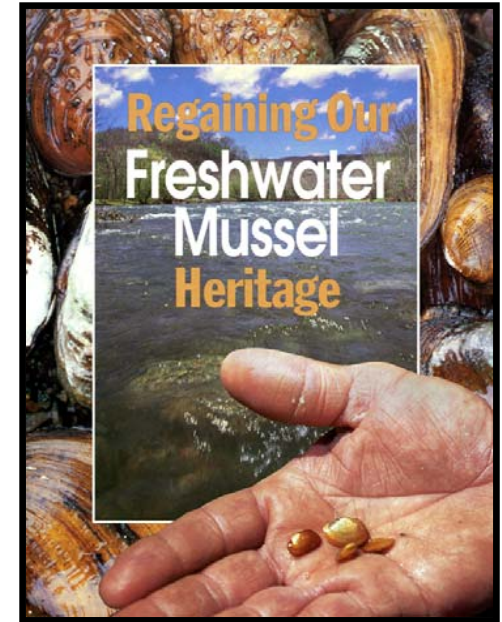
# How we're working toward our mission

- Fish and Wildlife Population Management
- Research and Survey
- Habitat Conservation and Enhancement
- Enforcement
- Information and Education
- Regulations



# Population Management

- Bobwhite Quail and Quail Action Plan
- Coursey Springs Hatchery Renovation
- Endangered Aquatic Species Propagation and Restoration Center



# Research and Survey

- Hunting With Hounds Study
- Monitoring for Wildlife Diseases Like CWD
- Addressing Invasive Species Like Snakehead Fish
- Working With Other Agencies on Issues Like the Shenandoah River Fish Kill
- Impact of Climate Change on Wildlife Populations



## Shenandoah River Fish Kill Task Force

- **State** – DEQ, DGIF, DCR
- **Federal** – USGS, USFWS,
- **Citizens** - Riparian Landowners
  - Citizen Monitoring Groups: FOSR, FONF
  - Anglers / Fishing Guides
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Shenandoah Pure Water Forum
- Canaan Valley Institute
- Potomac Conservancy
- University Researchers (VA Tech, JMU, VCU)
- Agriculture Reps

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# Habitat Conservation and Enhancement

- Consult with private citizens, farmers, foresters, industry, developers, and others to restore and conserve habitat
- Backyard gardens with native plants that support native species
- Partnerships to restore habitat; wetlands work
- Wildlife Action Plan
- Conservation easements
- Acquisition
- Cooperative agreements
- Landowner Incentive Program



# Enforcement

- Boating Patrols, Fishing and Hunting Laws
- Recruit Academy
- Hunter Education



# Information and Education

- Virginia Apprentice Hunting License
- Take Me Fishing Campaign
- Boating Safety Education
- Hunting, Fishing and Boating Outreach



Hunting, the Ultimate Outdoor Experience!

Hunters, share your love of the sport with a family member or friend. Take a young person out and pass along valuable skills.

Virginia's game populations are at an all-time high, and lean naturally free range protein is a healthy alternative to chemically-enhanced, store-bought options.

## TAKE A FRIEND, MAKE A HUNTER

**Buy Your Apprentice Hunting License Today!**

The Virginia Apprentice Hunting License only costs \$11 for Virginia residents and \$21 for nonresidents. The license is good for two years, giving beginners plenty of time to "test drive" hunting and to take the Hunter Education class, which is required before purchasing a Hunting License.

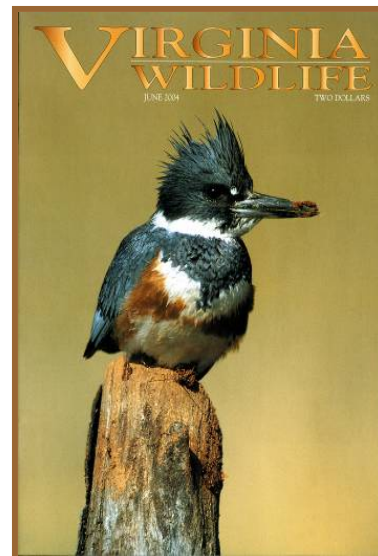
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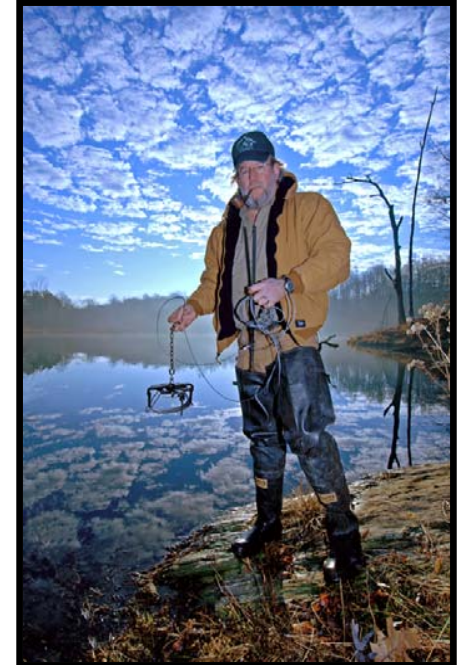
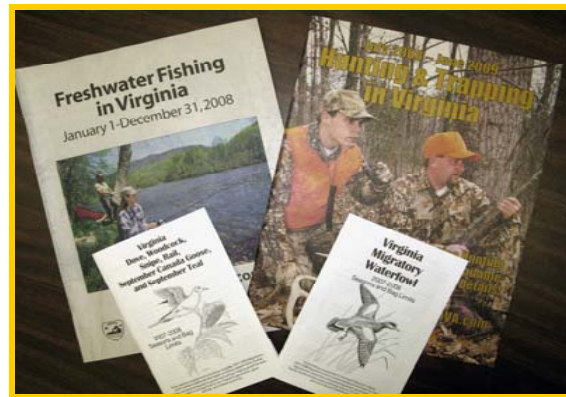
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# Regulations

- HJ231
- Hunting and Trapping Regulation Process



# VDGIF Vision

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To be an innovative leader in fish and wildlife management, recreational boating and the provision of wildlife related recreation. To enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Virginia and our visitors through the benefits delivered by healthy and diverse wildlife resources, their habitats, and the recreation opportunities from hunting, fishing, and boating.

