

AGENCY OVERVIEW

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters

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NORTH CAROLINA
Wildlife Resources Commission

PURPOSE



The purpose of the WRC is to develop and administer programs directed to the conservation of fish and wildlife resources and their habitats.



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MISSION



The Wildlife Resources Commission conserves North Carolina's wildlife resources and their habitats and provides programs and opportunities that allow hunters, anglers, boaters and other outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy wildlife-associated recreation.



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VISION

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is providing safe, comprehensive, effective and efficient fisheries, wildlife and boating programs that:

- Conserve the diversity and abundance of the State's wildlife resources.
- Provide diverse opportunities for all citizens regardless of age or physical abilities to access and enjoy hunting, angling, boating and other wildlife-associated experiences.
- Demonstrate to the citizens of North Carolina through education and communication the critical role of wildlife management in sustaining the quality of our wildlife resources and their habitats.
- Sustain working lands and their associated wildlife communities.
- Have a strong and unequivocal statutory base that supports constituent needs and agency sustainability.
- Feature strong partnerships with other natural resource entities to complement the mission of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and leverage resources to achieve that mission.
- Are financially secure through diverse, dedicated and ample funding.
- Are based on sound science.

AGENCY BOARD

NC General Statutes Chapter 143-Article 24

§ 143-240. Creation of Wildlife Resources Commission; districts; qualifications of members.

- 19 members
- Must be an experienced hunter, fisherman, farmer, or biologist, who shall be generally informed on wildlife conservation and restoration problems
- Governor appoints 9 district commissioners to serve 6-year terms
 - Staggered appointments
 - WRC Districts 1, 4, 7
 - WRC Districts 2, 5, 8
 - WRC Districts 3, 6, 9
- Governor appoints 2 at-large commissioners to serve 4-year terms
- NC General Assembly appoints 8 commissioners to serve 2-year terms
 - 4 upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
 - 4 upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House



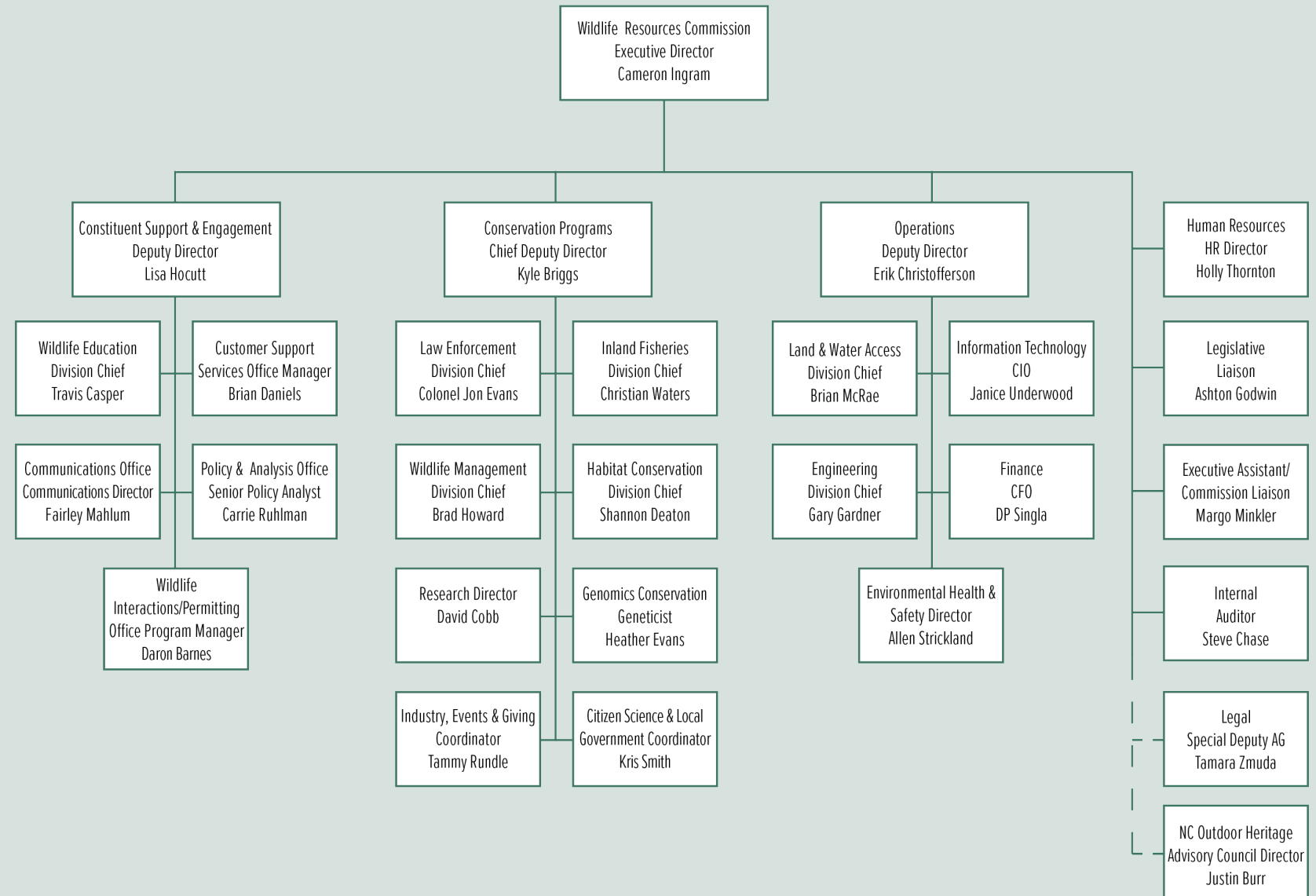
ORGANIZATION

648 full-time staff

- Primarily field-based
- Work in all 100 counties

Agency Program Areas

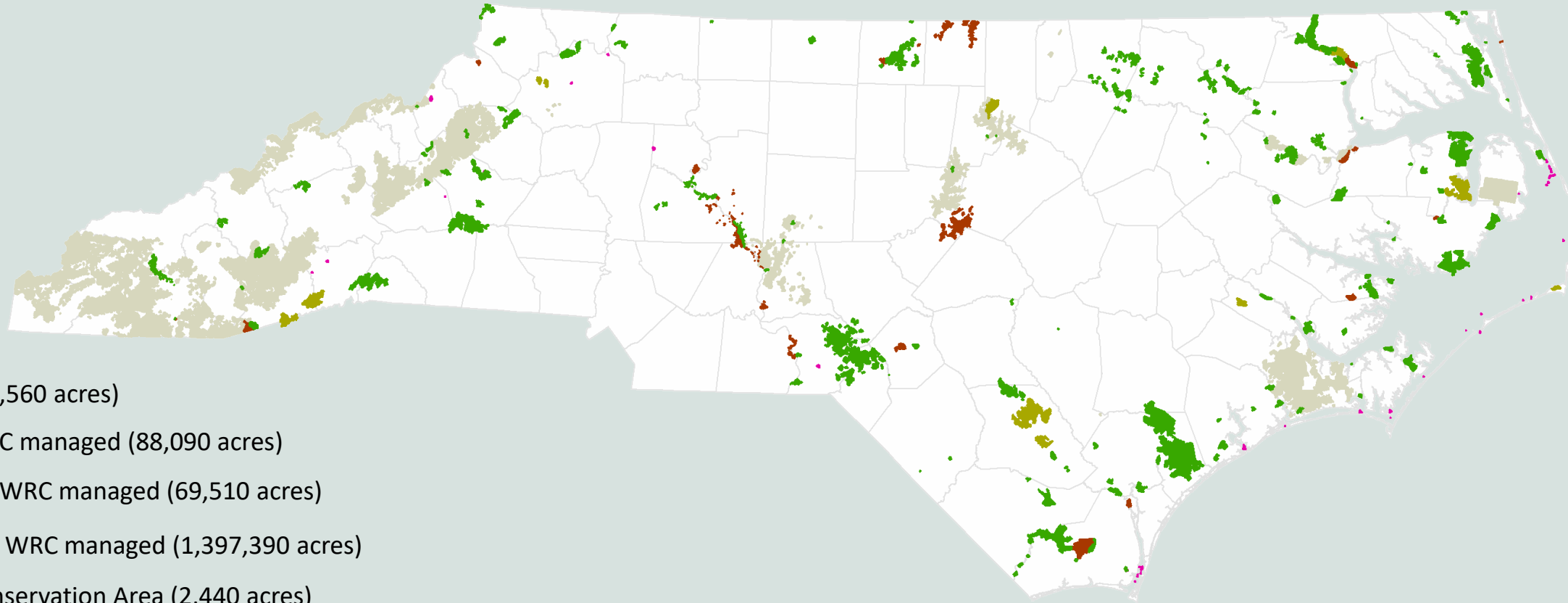
- Wildlife Management
- Inland Fisheries
- Law Enforcement
- Engineering and Land and Water Access
- Wildlife Education
- Administrative Services



- 2 million plus acres of public game lands
 - 500,000 acres of game lands owned
 - 1.6 million acres managed through a cooperative agreement
- 49 lakes and ponds, including 31 dams
- 73 waterfowl impoundments
- 39 camping areas on game lands
- 130 parking areas on game lands
- 1,878 miles of road maintained
- 6 fish hatcheries (~7 million fish stocked annually)
- 200 public fishing areas
- 241 public boating access areas
- 1,600 navigational aids
- 1 education center



GAME LANDS

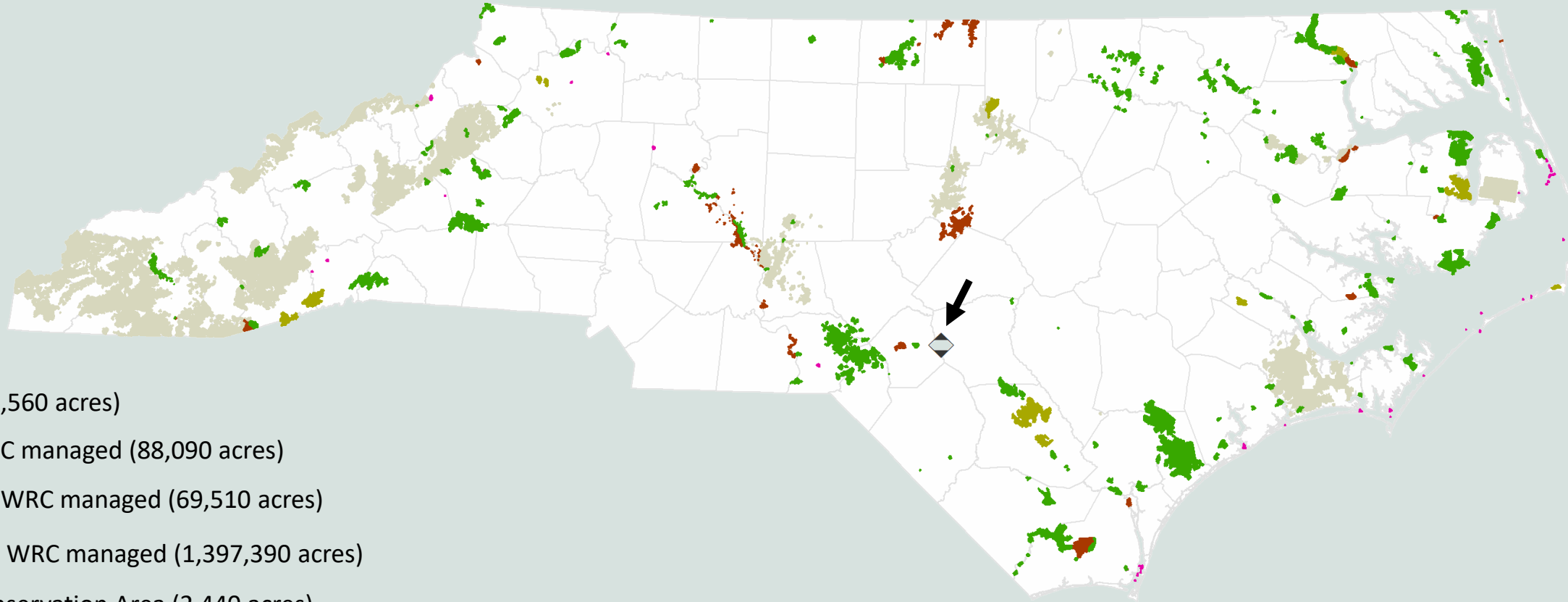


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EDUCATION CENTER



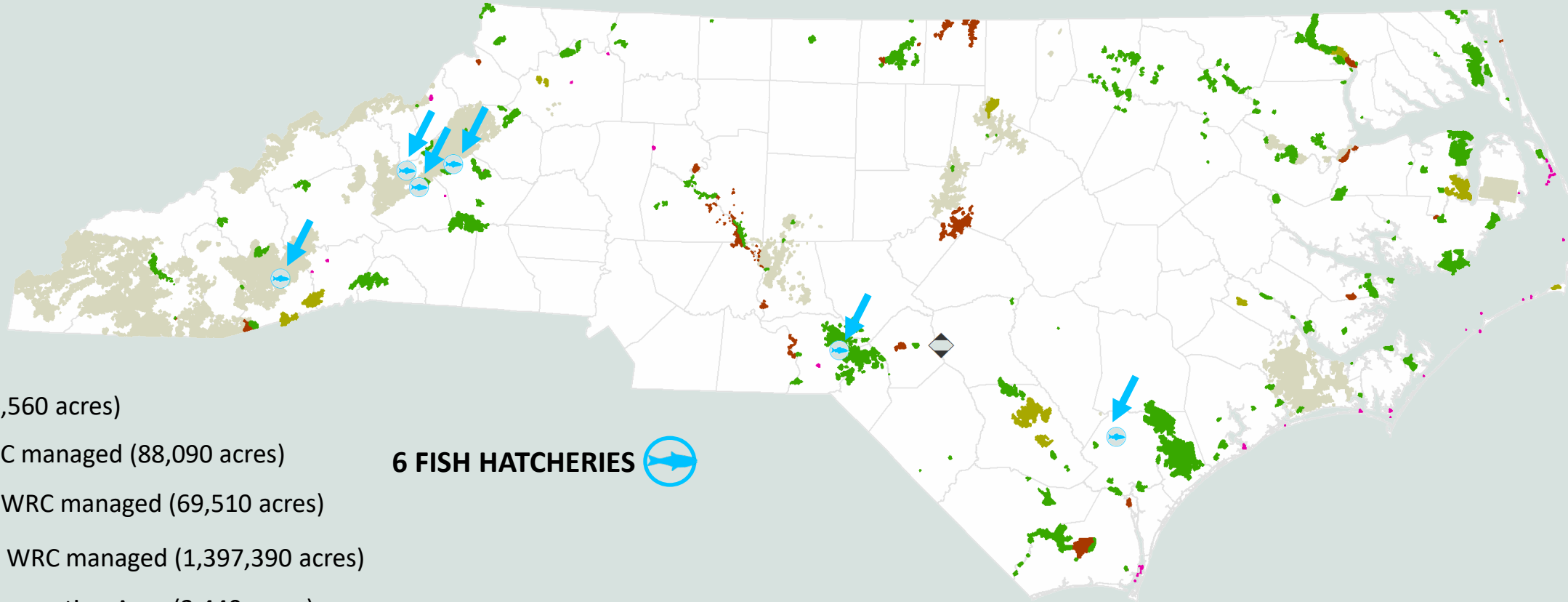
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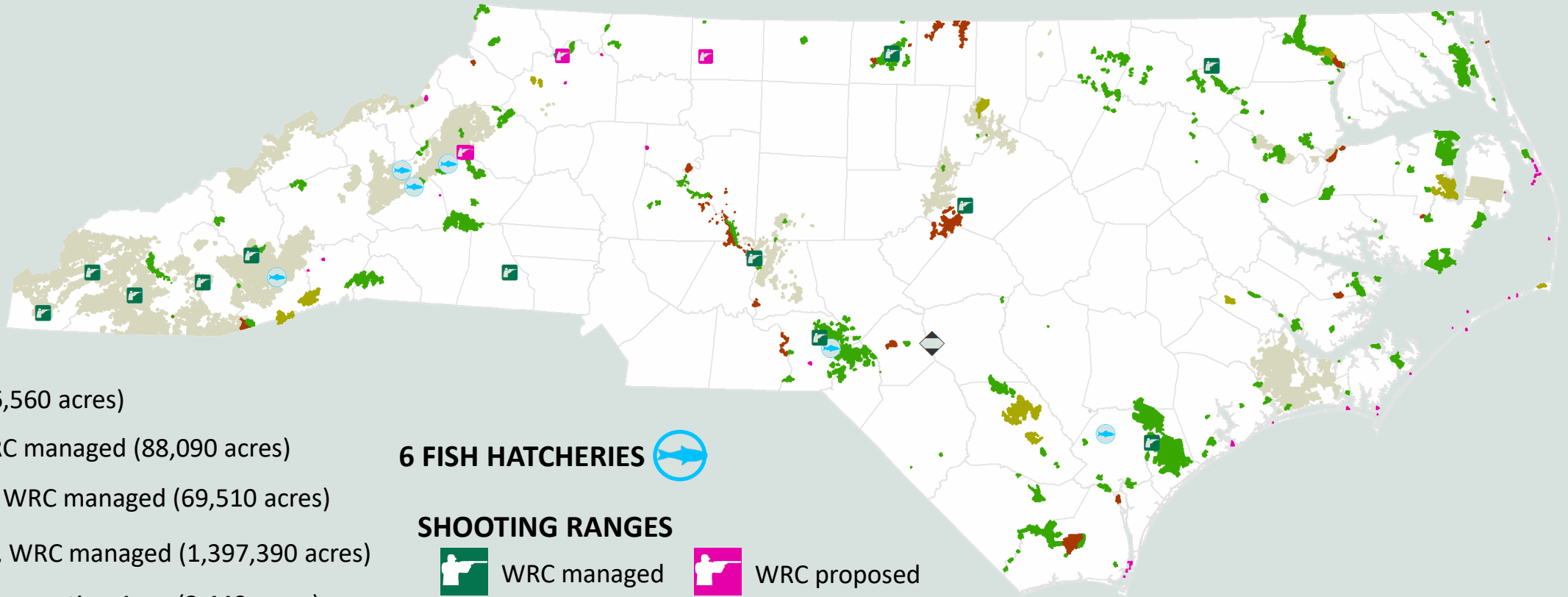
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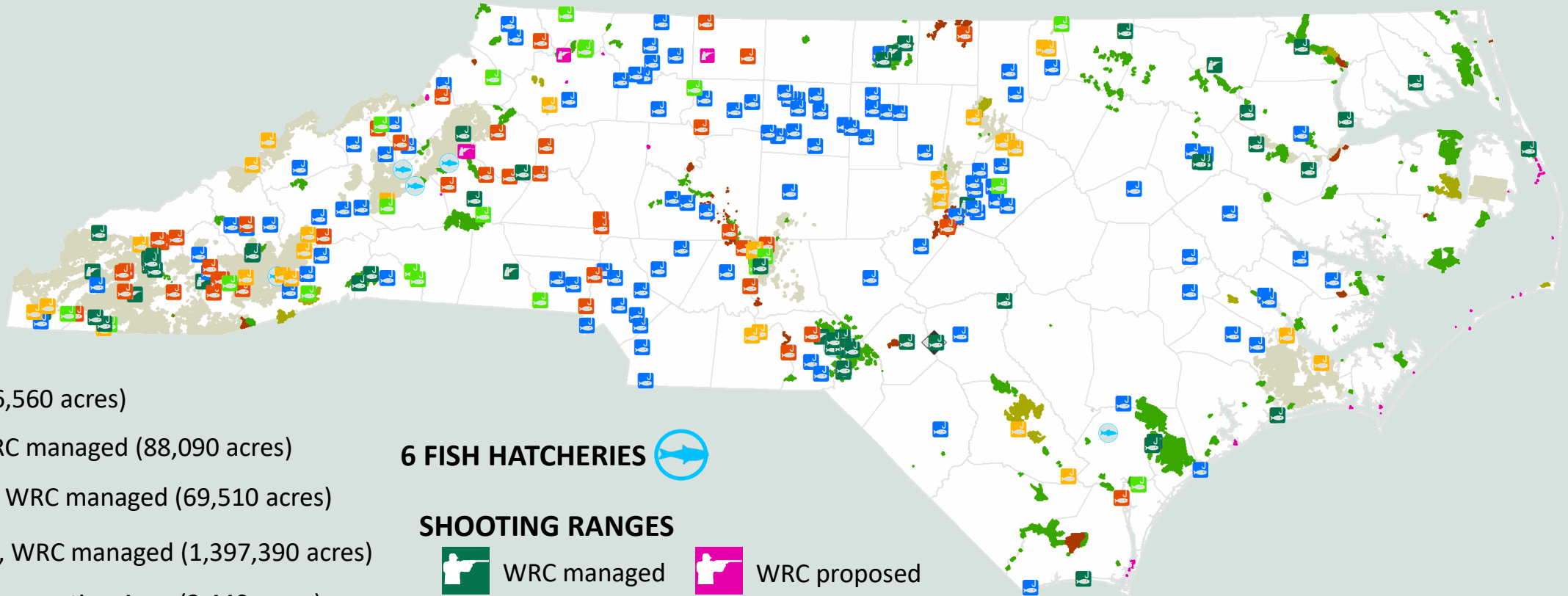


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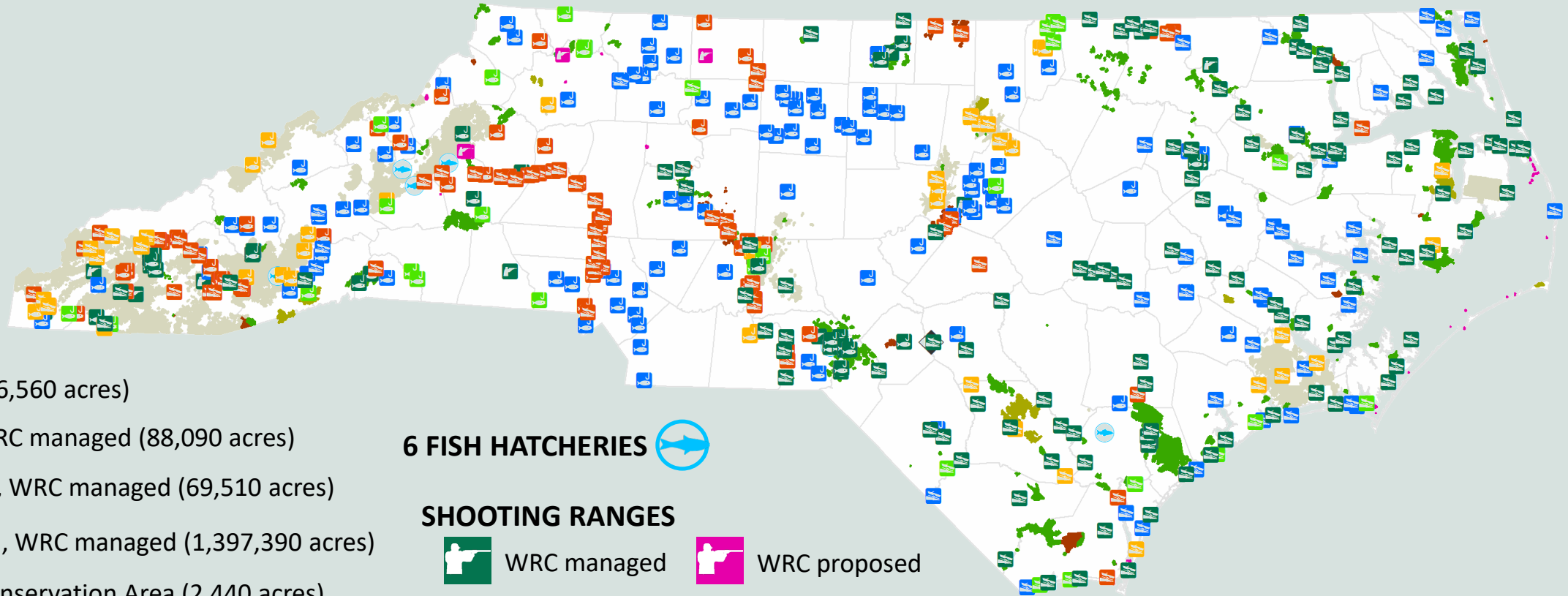


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State owned; WRC managed (13)



Federally owned; WRC managed (25)



Privately owned; coop. managed (62)

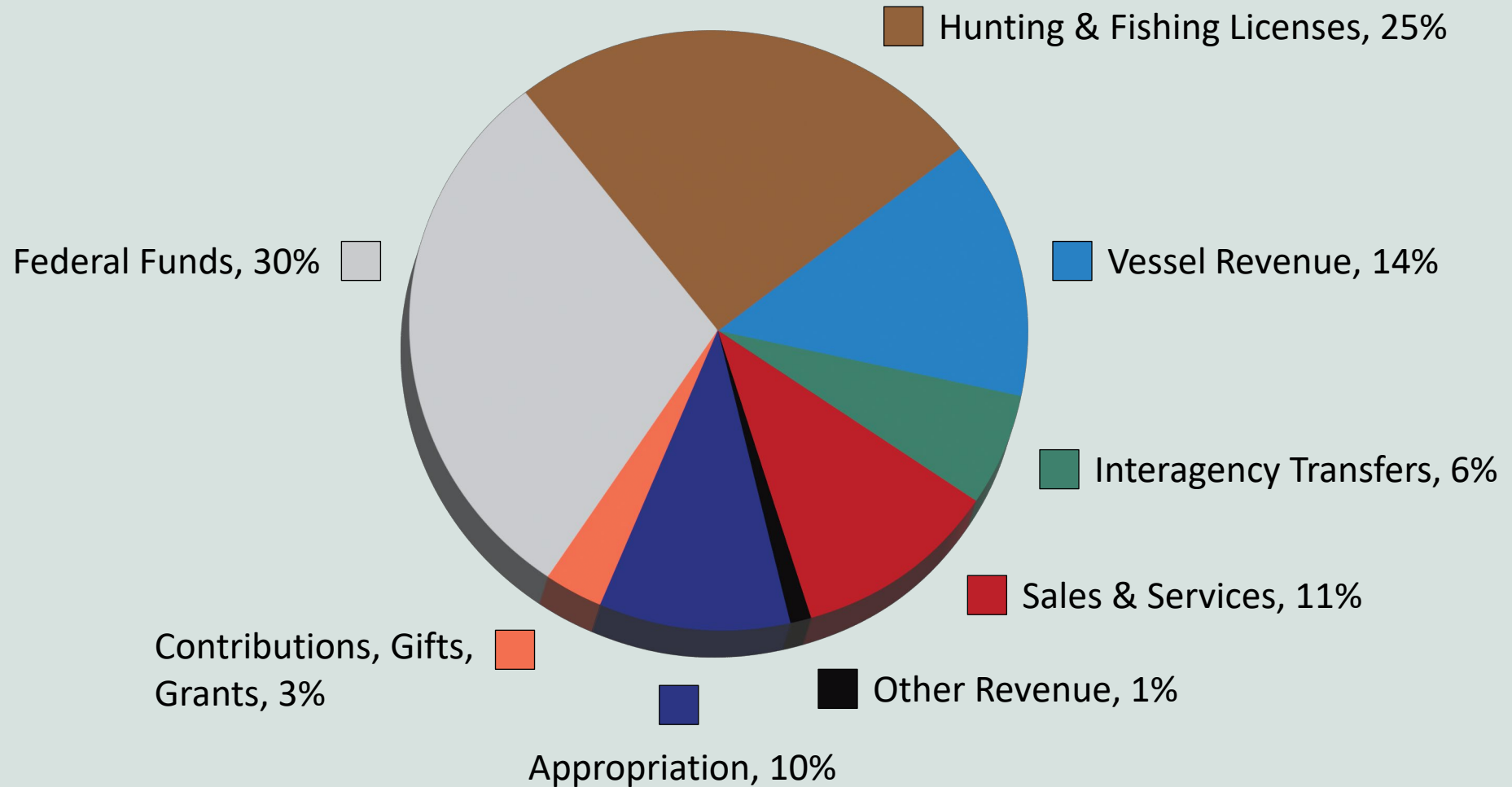


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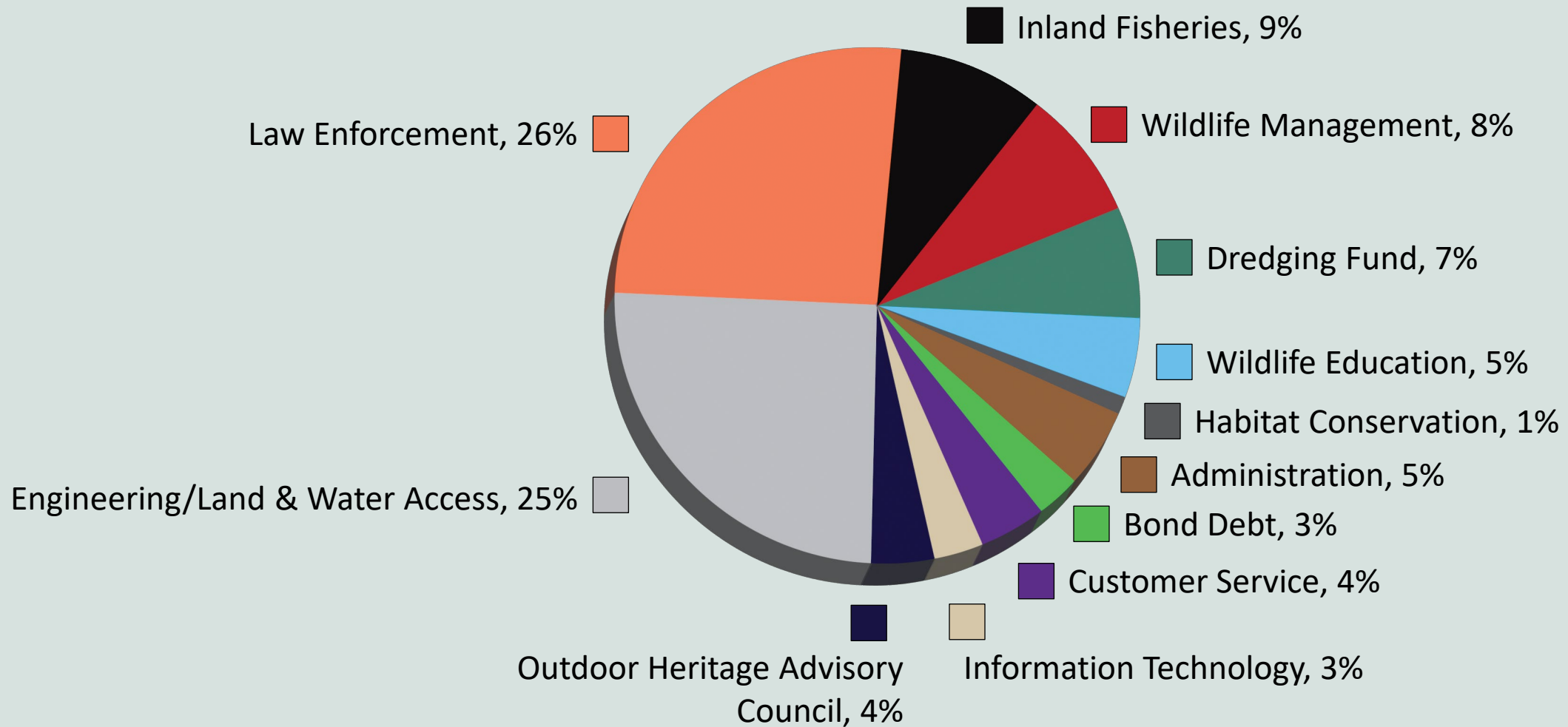


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FY21 REVENUES: \$99,756,891.72



FY21 EXPENDITURES: \$98,279,433.39



BUDGET STRUCTURE, BC LEVEL

- 14350 – Operating Fund/General Fund
- 24350 – Previously Operating Fund, now holds smaller agency revenues (i.e. surplus vehicles, fees, registrations, etc.)
- 24351 – Majority of agency revenues (license sales, timber revenue, non-capital gifts, admin/professional fees, etc.)
- 24352 – Boating Safety Grant and Gas Tax Revenue



RESTRICTED FUNDS

- Approximately 30% of the agency's receipts come from Federal Awards. These awards, in majority, are related to the federal apportionment each state receives from the excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment and supplies.
- Additionally, North Carolina entered into Legislative Assent with G.S. 113-307.1 which states that “no funds accruing to the State of NC from license fees paid by hunters and fishermen shall be diverted for any other purpose than the protection and propagation of game and wildlife in NC...”

RESTRICTED FUNDS

- The agency also carries restricted fund balances in Aquatic Wildlife Diversity (2242), Wildlife Diversity (2252), Waterfowl Program (2254), Falls/Jordan Lake (2165), Outdoor Heritage (2291), and all revenue in budget code 24352 – related to Vessel Registration, Boating Safety Grant, and NC Gas Tax (restrictions can be located at G.S. 75A).
- These restricted funds currently total \$7.8M and represent 68% of the total agency cash balance.

AGENCY ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW

Agency Resources \longleftrightarrow Strategic Plan outcomes

“Enhance effectiveness by optimizing the relationship between agency resources and outcomes”

- Strategic Plan Alignment
- Core Functions
- Whole-Agency Perspective



\$3.3 BILLION spent on wildlife-related recreation in N.C.

- **1.5 million** anglers 16 and older spent **\$1.5 billion** in N.C. on fishing-related activities in 2011.
- **335,000** people 16 and older spent **\$525 million** in N.C. on hunting-related activities in 2011.
- **2.4 million** people 16 and older spent **\$930 million** in N.C. on wildlife-watching activities in 2011.



Source: 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and
Wildlife -Associated Recreation
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



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MOUNTAIN TROUT FISHING-ECONOMIC ENGINE

- **\$383 million** in direct spending, adding to North Carolina's economy
- **\$250 to \$1** return on investment for North Carolina
- **148,991** mountain trout anglers
 - 117,461 residents
 - 31,530 non-residents



To sustain this fishery, the WRC produces and stocks more than **900,000** catchable-size trout.

- Bobby N. Setzer State Fish Hatchery
- Armstrong State Fish Hatchery
- Marion State Fish Hatchery



GAME LAND ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDIES

- Game land users expend almost **\$180 million** annually.
- Over 77% of those expenditures stay within the county where the game land is located
- Value added to the NC economy by game land users exceeds **\$140 million** annually.
- Game land users are willing to pay for use and access to game lands.



QUESTIONS?

