



# Thank you hunters, trappers and sport shooters for your support!

Hunters, trappers and sport shooters help provide funding for the Division of Wildlife Conservation through payment of federal taxes on firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment, and through state hunting license and tag fees. These important sources of funding help the State of Alaska sustainably manage wildlife in trust for the people, for today and for future generations.

You can buy your license online and check out upcoming ADF&G events at [www.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov).



# Managing today for wildlife tomorrow

In the mid-1800s hunters and anglers realized they needed to set limits to protect rapidly disappearing wildlife, and assume a greater responsibility for managing wild habitats. Their efforts are the backbone of the North American Wildlife Conservation Model. Among the model's principles are that fish and wildlife belong to all Americans, and that wildlife resources should be managed sustainably for today and for future generations.

Hunters also recognized the need for a significant and sustainable source of funding for wildlife stewardship. In 1937, sportsmen successfully lobbied Congress to pass the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act, which put a tax on the sale of all firearms and ammunition. This was followed in 1950 by the Dingell-Johnson Act, which placed a similar tax on fishing equipment. Today, every time you buy hunting and fishing gear, you contribute to this fund. It generates roughly \$1 billion every year. This money has been used far and wide to conserve America's wildlife and habitats, and has been the core funding for wildlife research and management nationwide and in Alaska.

