

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

Total appropriated through June 30, 1968-----	\$2, 047, 914
Total funds available through Dec. 31, 1967-----	1, 156, 629
Total obligated through Dec. 31, 1967-----	¹ 922, 000
Percent of funds available obligated Dec. 31, 1967-----	79. 7
Rare and endangered species project, key deer of Florida-----	¹ \$822, 963
Recreation acquisition-----	99, 037
Total -----	922, 000

¹ Preliminary.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Secretary, I want to thank you for the fine statement and the support which the Department has given to the land and water conservation fund. I think all of us who have been following these various programs in connection with needs for new parks and recreation areas have known right along that we need to put the program on a sound financial footing.

I do think that the pending measure really gives some meaning to a long-range recreation program. We can authorize these projects but if we are not able to fund them we are doing a disservice in many instances in which, as you pointed out, the land values skyrocket. So there is that much less available for recreation than would be available otherwise.

I wonder if you could supply for the record—maybe Dr. Crafts can do this—the administrative costs in connection with the collection of user fees. I note that the user fees collected in 1965 was \$1.3 million, \$5 million in 1966—these are fiscal years—and in fiscal year 1967 it was \$5.6 million. It is estimated to be \$7 million in 1968, the current fiscal year. It runs 3 or 4 percent of the total amount going into the fund.

I think it would be helpful to the committee to get some indication as to the cost of administering the program. If you have that available now, fine. If you don't, we can get that later.

Dr. Crafts?

Dr. CRAFTS. The best estimate we have, Senator Jackson, is that the cost of the fee collection runs about 20 percent of the fees that are collected.

The CHAIRMAN. One-fifth off the figures I just recited would give you a net?

Dr. CRAFTS. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. That is very helpful.

When the Chair is referring to the figures, he refers to user fees collected by all Federal agencies.

Dr. CRAFTS. Yes; that is the figure I gave you. It varies somewhat by agencies.

The CHAIRMAN. Right.

We have a breakdown by agencies. I gave the totals rather than the individual department collections. But I think this information will be most helpful. If you wish to supplement it in any way in connection with the hearing, we would appreciate having it.