Looking Back on a Successful Season

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Lawmakers also invested in the next generation of hunters by modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Act. On the administrative front, the Department of Interior made it harder to dispose of federal lands that are important for public access and outdoor recreation. And the Department of Commerce shut down the Atlantic menhaden fishery after Omega Protein—the only company that still practices industrial reduction fishing of this key forage species—decided to ignore federal catch limits.

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Released a report with ONX showing that there are 6.35 million acres of state land in the West that are inaccessible to the public

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Worked with the Administration to propose backcountry conservation areas totaling 462,000 acres in three Western states.

With this management tool, the BLM has the authority to conserve extraordinary fish and wildlife habitat from fragmentation and development, maintain important access, and focus management activities on the conservation and restoration of key habitats, all while sustaining traditional uses of the land.

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Partnered with Colorado Governor Polis to issue an executive order: conserving migration corridors.

Held OUR saltwater media summit at ICAST in Orlando, Florida.

Opposed the rollback of the Clean Water Act and its safeguards for wetlands and headwater streams.

Succeeded in convincing the U.S. Commerce Department to shut down overfishing of Atlantic menhaden.

Succeeded in getting Congress to pass the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan.

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Pushed federal land management agencies to identify inaccessible public lands and develop a plan to increase access to them.

Held the Administration accountable for implementing the Farm Bill to ensure that $5 billion for conservation hits the ground.

Worked with the interior department to ensure BLM land important for recreational access is never designated as suitable for disposal.

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Turned up the pressure on Congress to invest in chronic wasting disease research.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
Period: December 31, 2019

ASSETS
Cash $2,056,478
Accounts Receivable $1,405,442
Prepaid Expenses $55,487
Total Fixed Assets $46,466
Security Deposit $42,476
TOTAL ASSETS 3,604,351

LIABILITIES & EQUITY
LIABILITIES
Accounts Payable/Acrued Liabilities $151,819
Accrued Salaries and Related Benefits $125,316
Line of Credit $150,000
Deferred Revenue $537,000
Deferred Rent $169,770
TOTAL LIABILITIES $1,084,513

EQUITY
Net Assets $1,079,393
Net Income $1,440,445
TOTAL EQUITY $2,519,838

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Period: January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

REVENUE

Total
Grant Revenue $2,389,021
Event Sponsorships $489,228
Individual Contributions $742,624
Other Contributions $574,754
Jim Range Conservation Fund $10,000
Non-profit and Associations $441,726
Interest Earnings $15,927
Total Revenue $7,491,371

EXPENSES

Total
Program Services $4,741,426
Management $553,030
Fundraising $742,624
Total Expenses $6,037,080

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