Looking Back on a Successful Season

In 2019, conservation provided fertile common ground for smart policymaking. 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.

The TRCP and its 60 formal partners played a key role in these victories and many others, proving once again that the voice of sportsmen and women transcends politics. Our annual report explores these accomplishments.

Hunting, fishing, and conservation have never been partisan issues. But today, a profound appreciation for the outdoors provides common ground for policymakers across the political spectrum to tackle some of our top priorities. There are still many challenges, such as efforts to legitimize the overfishing of menhaden, rollback the Clean Water Act, or mine in Alaska’s Bristol Bay and Minnesota’s Boundary Waters. But our united front, and that of sportsmen and women across the country, is proving to be a formidable force for good.

Thank you for your enduring support.

Sincerely,

Whit Fosburgh, President and CEO
Rod Nelson, Board Chair

To Guarantee All Americans Quality Places to Hunt and Fish
FIVE TIMES TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS

“Knowing what’s right doesn’t mean much unless you do what’s right.” —THEODORE ROOSEVELT

SECURED TOP RANKINGS FROM ALL THE MAJOR NON-PROFIT RATING ORGANIZATIONS

SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE $200 MILLION FOR EVERGLADES RESTORATION

ACHIEVEMENTS

ADDED A 60TH ORGANIZATION TO THE POLICY COUNCIL

SAW 23% GROWTH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

MOBILIZED SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN TO SEND 35,000 LETTERS TO POLICYMAKERS

HELD THE FIRST EVER HISPANIC SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN SUMMIT

GREW OUR GRASSROOTS PARTNERSHIP OF HUNTERS AND ANGLERS TO 100,000 MEMBERS

Drafted a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan

derived from the calling to ensure that TRCP accurately represents the hunting and fishing public and American populace. Achieving diversity and inclusivity at every level of the organization will enhance creativity, produce better communications, and improve programs and services for our constituents.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Successfully pushed the Senate to include $250 million annually for migration crossings and aquatic connectivity projects in the Highway Bill

WORKED WITH A COALITION TO PERMANENTLY REAUTHORIZE THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND, WHICH INCLUDES $15 MILLION TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP / 4
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Turned up the pressure on Congress to invest in chronic wasting disease research

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The TRCP has received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for six years in a row, a distinction given to only 8 percent of the charities they rate. The TRCP also has a Platinum Seal rating from Guidestar and the highest possible rating from the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2019

ASSETS
Cash $2,056,478
Accounts Receivable $1,405,442
Prepaid Expenses $55,487
Total Fixed Assets $44,966
Security Deposit $42,478
TOTAL ASSETS 3,604,351

LIABILITIES & EQUITY
LIABILITIES
Accounts Payable/Expenses Liabilities $191,819
Accrued Salaries and Related Benefits $229,916
Line of Credit $100,000
Deferred Revenue $337,908
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
January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

REVENUE
Total $7,451,771

Grant Revenue $5,080,537
Event Sponsorships $885,228
Individual Contributions $742,624
Other Contributions $574,294
Jim Range Conservation Fund $10,000
Non-profit and Associations $43,126
Interest Income $15,502

Total Revenue $7,451,771

EXPENSES
Total $5,001,328

Program Services $4,741,426
Management $553,030
Fundraising $716,870

Total Expenses $5,001,328

NET INCOME $2,450,445

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."

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Our Top Priorities in 2020 and Beyond

**Build a coalition in the sportsmen’s community on climate change policies that use lands and waters to sequester carbon, build resiliency, and foster adaptation.**

State wildlife agencies that have been scrambling to combat this fatal disease in wild deer, elk, and moose herds need meaningful federal support. The TRCP will continue to push for these resources.

**Mobilize Sportsmen and Women to Take Action for Conservation**

Continue the TRCP’s grassroots work to engage hunters and anglers in advocacy and the public process of managing public lands. Educate our audience on what’s at stake, offer meaningful opportunities for them to communicate with decision-makers, and amplify their voices to effect policy change.

**Spur Policies That Conserve Migration Corridors and Fund Wildlife Crossings**

Build on recent successes to codify conservation policies for previously overlooked seasonal habitats, like big game migration routes and summer and winter ranges. Secure new funding streams for wildlife-friendly highway overpasses and underpasses, which connect fragmented habitats and keep animals off roads.

**Increase Investments in the Fight Against Chronic Wasting Disease**

Secure new funding streams for better habitat, access, and health initiatives for the fight against Chronic Wasting Disease.

**Ensure Proper Implementation of the Farm Bill**

In 2018, we celebrated passage of the five-year Farm Bill with increased funding for conservation. Now we must push the administration to deliver on all of the bill’s promises for better habitat, access, and public land records so you don’t miss out on hunting or fishing opportunities that are only marked on a paper map in the back of some dusty filing cabinet.

**Address Maintenance Backlog on Federal Public Lands**

Advance legislation with dedicated funding for deferred maintenance projects that undermine Americans’ experiences on public lands. Keep advocating for robust funding of public land agencies so this backlog does not grow.

**Advance the MAPLand Act**

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**Secure Conservation Priorities that Also Support Jobs in Future COVID-19 Economic Recovery Bills, Including Programs That Fund Habitat Improvements.**

Put Americans back to work through conservation. The data at our fingertips on smartphones and GPS units means nothing if it’s incomplete. This legislation promises to modernize public land records so you don’t miss out on hunting or fishing opportunities that are only marked on a paper map in the back of some dusty filing cabinet.

**Increase Understanding in the Fight Against Chronic Wasting Disease**

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**Coordinate With Partners on Climate Change Legislation**

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- **Put Americans Back to Work Through Conservation**
  - Hunters; TIM DONOVAN/FWC: Trout: DEREK EBERLY
  - Jobs: SKYLER BALLARD/CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

- **Ensure Proper Implementation of the Farm Bill**
  - Deer: NYS DEC
  - Soil: OKLA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
  - Backhoe: ROY W. LOWE/USFWS
  - Crossing: COLORADO DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
  - Map: USFWS MIDWEST REGION

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