

The Effects of Domestic Security on Fish and Wildlife Agencies across the United States

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The role of many fish and wildlife, natural resource, and other types of conservation agencies have evolved over the last 50 years. No longer are these agencies only responsible for the protection of the nation's fish and wildlife populations. Since the terrorist events of September 11, 2001 many resource agencies are often asked to take an active role in the protection of the nation's sea ports, nuclear power plants, water supplies, and other vital assets. Additional personnel are not made available to carry out these added responsibilities. Additional responsibilities related to domestic security present new challenges of budget, equipment, training, and other needs for leaders of conservation agencies across the country.