



Great Lakes Fishery Trust Milestones

- 1997** GLFT developed its first strategic plan and contracted Public Sector Consultants to manage operations, including sale of lands, development of grant programs, and staff support of the SAT.
- 1998** First pilot grants (11 projects).
- 1999** Funding of the Great Lakes fisheries interpretive facilities at Michigan fish hatchery locations throughout the state. Sale of approximately 6,000 acres of GLFT lands to the U.S. Forest Service Huron-Manistee National Forest through the Trust for Public Lands. Purchase of 1,000 acres of GLFT lands by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- 2000** Joint funding with the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission and Great Lakes Sea Grant Universities to identify and fund research needs related to food web disruptions in the Great Lakes. Joint funding of the Big Rapids dam removal project. Sponsorship of the first Great Lakes Sturgeon Management Coordination Meeting.
- 2001** Collaborative funding for a comprehensive evaluation and restoration of the Muskegon River Watershed.
- 2003** First grant for tribal fishing access. Funding for coastal management education initiative for Great Lakes shoreline property owners. Publication and distribution of the Lake Michigan angler access guidebook and interactive Web access to Lake Michigan shore-fishing guidebook.
- 2004** Partnership funding for acquisition of the Humbug Marsh as part of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. Funding of a Web-based clearinghouse for Great Lakes ecosystem education resources.
- 2006** Funding for acquisition of the Bete Grise Wetland in Lake Superior in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy. Supporting grants for a community involvement project to determine the fate of the Boardman River dams. Funding assistance to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Great Lakes Aquatic Non-indigenous Species Information System.
- 2007** First GLFT Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative awards to four regional hubs in cooperation with the Wege Foundation, the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, and the Fremont Area Community Foundation. Initial funding for research and analysis of management options for addressing Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS).
- 2008** Sale of the last 30 acres of 10,800 acres of property provided to the GLFT as part of the original settlement.





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