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Your Chincoteague Natural History Association at Work

In FY 2007, Chincoteague Natural History Association has provided financial support to programs at Chincoteague and Eastern Shore National Wildlife Refuges amounting to over \$47,000 and \$12,000 respectively. Each year a target amount based on a percentage of the revenues generated from the Refuges' Sales Outlets is determined by the Association Treasurer and submitted to each Refuge. The Refuges then prepare a "Wish List" based on these target amounts. The Wish List identifies projects which are needed for the year and details a justification for each and an estimated cost. The List of projects is presented to the Association Board who then evaluates each project and determines if each meets the mission of the Association. The projects are thoroughly discussed and then voted upon.

This year projects approved for the Eastern Shore of Virginia Refuge included:

- Volunteer Program Support
- Outreach and Environmental Education
- Discretionary Fund (supplies and items to enhance public services and educational programs).

Projects approved for Chincoteague Refuge include:

- Imprest or discretionary fund
- Children in the Woods Camp and the use of the Association Bus for transportation when needed during the week
- Support for the Junior Duck Stamp Program