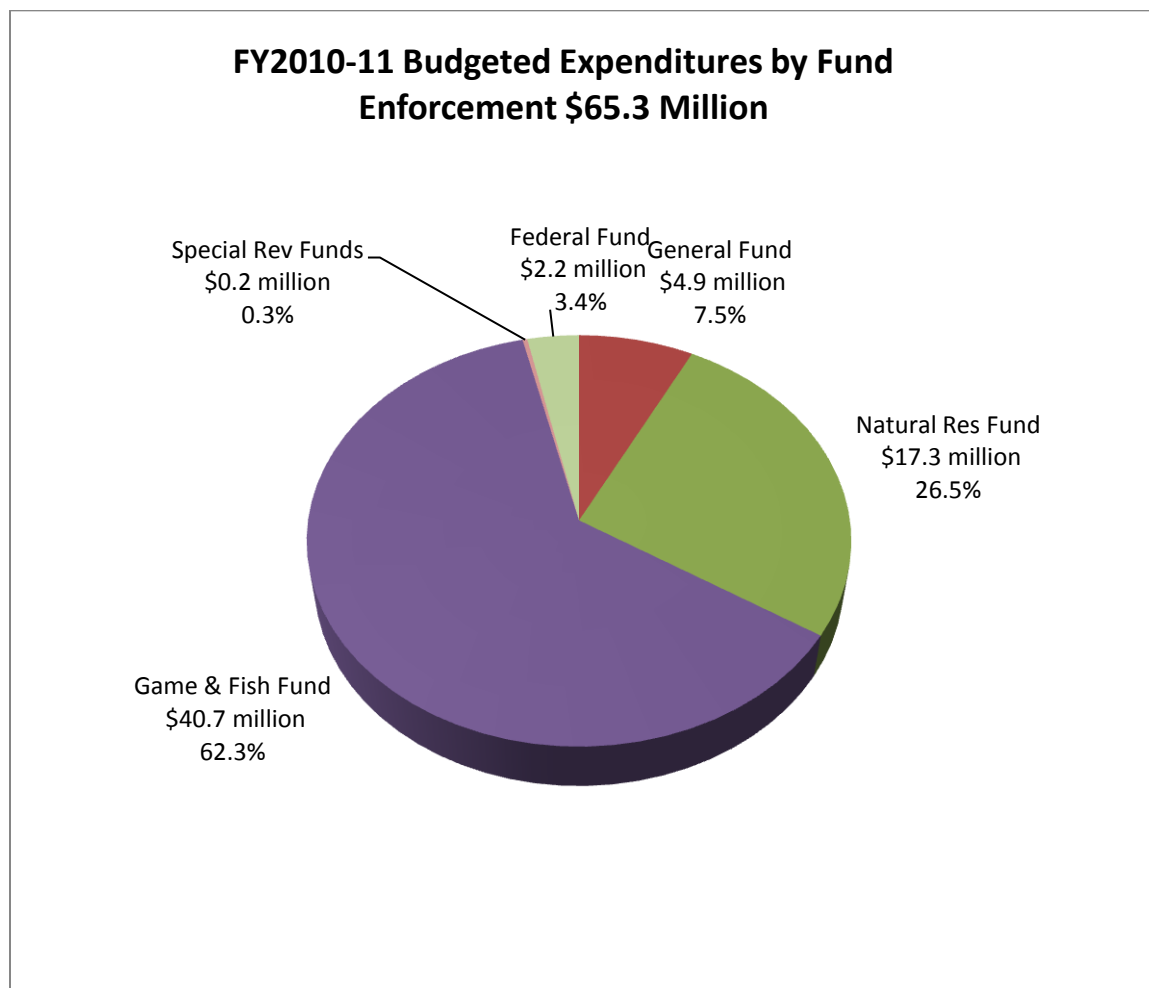
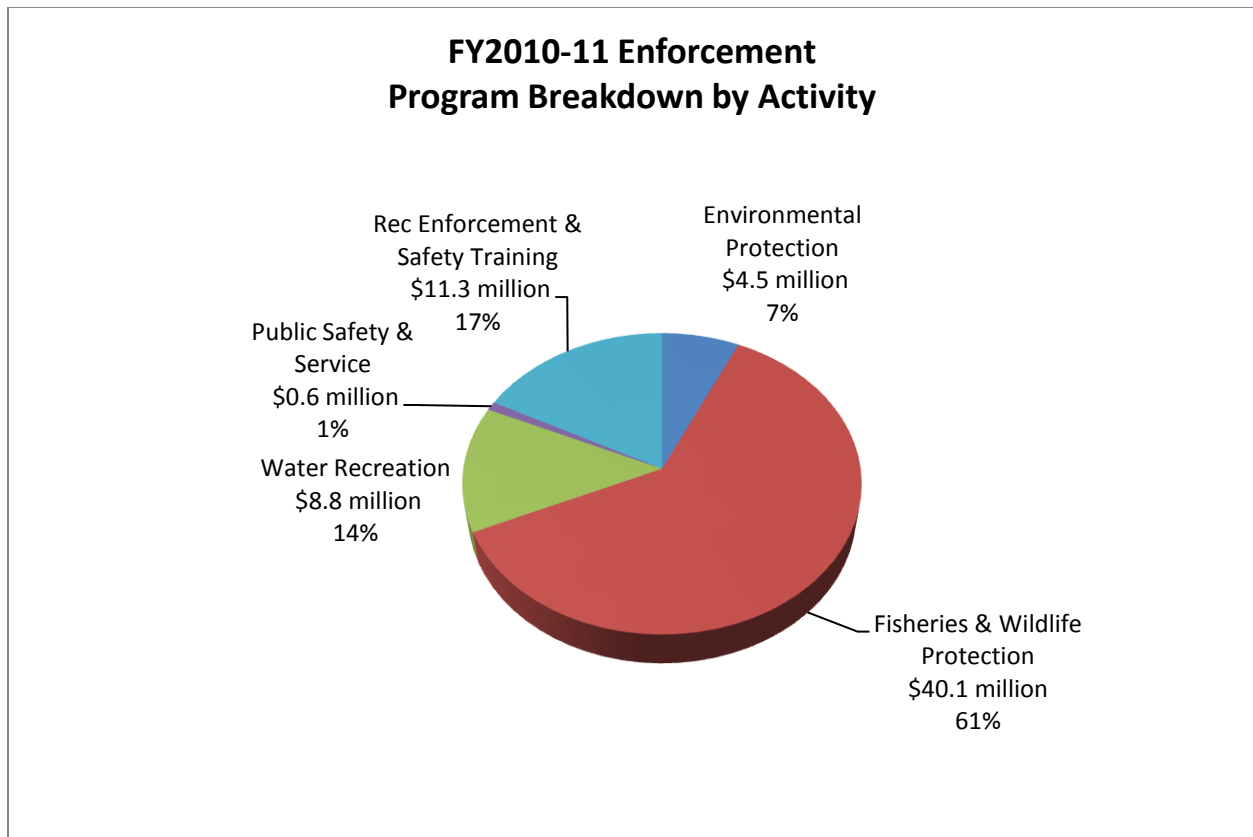


## Enforcement

The Enforcement Division ensures compliance with laws regarding state game and fish, recreational vehicles, natural resource commercial operations, environmental protection, and public safety. Major responsibilities include enforcement of rules and regulations related to hunting and fishing seasons, methods of taking fish and wildlife, and daily harvest and possession limits. The division works to ensure public safety, especially as it related to the handling of firearms by hunters and the safe operation of boats and other recreation vehicles. The division also enforces the law on the commercial use and possession of natural resources, the protection of wetlands, and air and water quality regulations. For more information on the DNR Division of Enforcement please visit: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/enforcement/index.html>





**Game and fish protection** activity is directed at the protection of fisheries stocks while assuring ample harvest or recreational opportunities and to protect small game, migratory waterfowl, and big game populations from unlawful harvest so that overall populations are sustainable in spite of hunting mortality, natural mortality, and environmental factors that may limit wildlife populations.

**Recreational enforcement and safety training** activity enforces laws regarding land-operated recreational vehicles including snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-highway motorcycles (OHMs) and off-road vehicles (ORVs) and non-motorized enforcement services at state parks, state forests, and state recreational trails. This includes administering the ATV Trail Ambassador Program and introductory level safety training for youth and adults for firearms, and advanced hunter education, and in the use of ATVs, OHMs, ORVs, snowmobiles.

**Water recreation** activity is responsible for boat and water safety enforcement and public access enforcement. Through a grant program, the DNR enlists law enforcement support from local sheriffs' departments throughout the state.

**Environmental protection** activity is directed at enforcement of the wetlands conservation act, and enforcement activities involved with protecting water quality, aquatic plants, wildlife management areas, fire, air quality, timber and solid waste.

**Public safety and service** activity is in support of police and sheriff's law enforcement efforts, including disaster response, search and rescue, and nuisance wild animal control.