

Financial Statements

For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021

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Reports Required in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance

For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of **National Wildlife Federation**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of National Wildlife Federation (the Federation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Federation as of August 31, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Federation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Federation's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
 procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of
 expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Federation's internal control.
 Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Federation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 24, 2023 on our consideration of the Federation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Federation's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Federation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Washington, DC

February 24, 2023

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

	 2022	 2021
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,156	\$ 3,397
Unrestricted investments	83,247	89,764
Grants and other donor restricted receivables, net	15,525	16,007
Bequests and other contributions receivable, net	1,954	3,328
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful		
accounts of \$100 and \$72, respectively	956	1,604
Inventory, nature education materials	1,515	632
Prepaid expenses	6,136	3,064
Charitable gift annuities and other trusts	13,603	15,727
Property, plant and equipment, net	16,321	16,499
Right-of-use asset - operating	3,941	4,788
Other assets	270	427
Permanently restricted investments	 5,489	5,487
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 152,113	\$ 160,724
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 8,782	\$ 4,321
Accrued payroll and related costs	3,623	2,967
Deferred revenue	11,202	10,000
Lease liability - operating	5,257	6,268
Bonds payable, net of premium and unamortized financing fees	10,060	10,469
Accrued pension and post-retirement benefits	10,320	11,528
Charitable gift annuities and other trust obligations	3,045	3,143
TOTAL LIABILITIES	 52,289	 48,696
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	32,409	45,744
Designated	 12,698	 11,117
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	45,107	56,861
With donor restrictions	54,717	 55,167
TOTAL NET ASSETS	99,824	 112,028
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 152,113	\$ 160,724

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

	2022					2021						
		nout Donor		th Donor strictions		Total		out Donor		th Donor strictions		Total
OPERATING REVENUE AND SUPPORT												
Contributions from individuals	\$	33,085	\$	15,822	\$	48,907	\$	28,588	\$	16,176	\$	44,764
Contributions from governments, foundations and corporations		11,360		24,355		35,715		7,787		27,338		35,125
Publications		15,522		-		15,522		14,218		-		14,218
Nature education materials		10,709		-		10,709		11,161		-		11,161
Investment income appropriated for operations		2,560		-		2,560		-		-		-
Royalties		1,426		-		1,426		1,094		_		1,094
Donated advertising and other services		851		-		851		2,086		-		2,086
Other		(253)		-		(253)		3,853		-		3,853
Forgiveness of PPP loan Net assets released from restrictions:		-		-		-		5,994		_		5,994
		20.042		(20.042)				26.046		(26.046)		
Satisfaction of program restrictions		30,912		(30,912)		-		26,916		(26,916)		-
Expiration of time restrictions		9,715		(9,715)				4,734		(4,734)		-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE AND SUPPORT		115,887		(450)		115,437		106,431		11,864		118,295
OPERATING EXPENSES												
Program Services:												
Conservation programs		36,927		-		36,927		30,607		-		30,607
Membership and other nature education programs		32,451		-		32,451		31,384		-		31,384
Education outreach and publications		27,620				27,620		24,305				24,305
Total Program Services		96,998				96,998		86,296				86,296
Supporting Services:												
Fundraising		8,586		_		8,586		8,141		-		8,141
General and administrative		7,463		_		7,463		6,190				6,190
Total Supporting Services		16,049				16,049		14,331				14,331
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		113,047				113,047		100,627		-		100,627
Change in net assets from operations		2,840		(450)		2,390		5,804		11,864		17,668
Nonoperating activities: Investment income (loss) in excess of earnings appropriated for operations Pension and post-retirement related charges, including		(15,800)		-		(15,800)		19,001		-		19,001
net periodic benefit costs other than services cost		1,206				1,206		1,649				1,649
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(11,754)		(450)		(12,204)		26,454		11,864		38,318
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		56,861		55,167		112,028		30,407		43,303		73,710
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$	45,107	\$	54,717	\$	99,824	\$	56,861	\$	55,167	\$	112,028

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES For the Year Ended August 31, 2022 (in thousands)

			Program	Servic	es		Supporting Services							
	nservation rograms	Oth Ec	ership and er Nature ducation ograms	Out	ducation reach and olications	Total Program Services	Fur	ndraising		neral and	Su	Total pporting ervices	<u></u> E	Total xpenses
Salaries and benefits	\$ 18,691	\$	9,734	\$	8,708	\$ 37,133	\$	1,791	\$	4,581	\$	6,372	\$	43,505
Consultants and contractors	9,171		5,597		5,317	20,085		1,159		1,136		2,295		22,380
Printing and production	134		4,866		4,218	9,218		2,595		435		3,030		12,248
Postage, mailing and shipping	25		4,005		4,422	8,452		2,263		373		2,636		11,088
Other	1,331		4,102		1,824	7,257		657		56		713		7,970
Conservation assistance	5,014		20		1,511	6,545		-		20		20		6,565
Occupancy and depreciation														
and amortization	1,670		1,099		1,057	3,826		108		828		936		4,762
Cost of goods sold - merchandise	60		2,737		142	2,939		-		2		2		2,941
Donated advertising and														
other services	390		199		242	831		-		20		20		851
Travel	 441		92		179	 712		13		12		25		737
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 36,927	\$	32,451	\$	27,620	\$ 96,998	\$	8,586	\$	7,463	\$	16,049	\$	113,047

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES For the Year Ended August 31, 2021 (in thousands)

	 Program Services						Supporting Services								
	nservation rograms	Oth Ed	pership and er Nature ducation ograms	Out	ducation reach and olications		Total Program Services	Fur	ndraising		eral and		Total pporting ervices	<u>E</u>	Total xpenses
Salaries and benefits	\$ 16,705	\$	8,596	\$	7,722	\$	33,023	\$	1,610	\$	3,452	\$	5,062	\$	38,085
Consultants and contractors	7,586		6,050		4,711		18,347		1,181		1,023		2,204		20,551
Printing and production	120		4,237		3,758		8,115		2,284		365		2,649		10,764
Postage, mailing and shipping	28		3,769		4,180		7,977		2,282		359		2,641		10,618
Other	1,065		3,436		1,457		5,958		671		192		863		6,821
Conservation assistance	3,116		6		845		3,967		-		-		-		3,967
Occupancy and depreciation															
and amortization	1,601		776		1,094		3,471		110		789		899		4,370
Cost of goods sold - merchandise	15		2,871		368		3,254		-		-		-		3,254
Donated advertising and															
other services	310		1,633		143		2,086		-		-		-		2,086
Travel	 61_		10		27		98		3	-	10		13		111
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 30,607	\$	31,384	\$	24,305	\$	86,296	\$	8,141	\$	6,190	\$	14,331	\$	100,627

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

	 2022	 2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (12,204)	\$ 38,318
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,746	1,474
Realized and unrealized losses (gains) on investments and annuities	13,528	(17,713)
Forgiveness of PPP loan	-	(5,994)
Unrecognized gain on pension and post-retirement plans	(1,206)	(1,649)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Grants and other donor restricted receivables	482	(3,383)
Bequests and other contributions receivable	1,374	(1,763)
Accounts receivable	648	(967)
Inventory, nature education materials	(883)	345
Prepaid expenses	(3,072)	547
Charitable gift annuities and other trusts	2,124	(3,622)
Right of use assets	847	(1)
Other assets	157	184
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,461	454
Accrued payroll and related costs	656	15
Deferred revenue	1,202	2,060
Lease liability - operating	(1,011)	(145)
Accrued pension and post-retirement benefits	(2)	(922)
Charitable gift annuities and other trust obligations	(98)	(175)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	8,749	7,063
CACLLELOVACE FROM INVESTING A CTIVITIES		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(4.500)	(4.770)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(1,568)	(1,772)
Purchases of investments	(24,175)	(17,296)
Sales and maturities of investments	 17,162	 13,036
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	 (8,581)	 (6,032)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Principal payments on bonds	(409)	(434)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(409)	(434)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(241)	597
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	 3,397	 2,800
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 3,156	\$ 3,397
CUIDDI EMENTAL CACUELOW INFODMATION		
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ 411	\$ 425
NONCASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Forgiveness of PPP loan	\$ 	\$ 5,994

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

1. Organization, Purpose and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

National Wildlife Federation (the Federation) is a not-for-profit organization that was formed in the District of Columbia for the purpose of promoting the wise use and proper management of our natural resources. Founded in 1936, the Federation, its member supporters and a national network of affiliated organizations work to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future. Support is provided primarily by individuals, foundations and corporations, along with federal and state grants. Other major revenue sources are memberships, subscriptions to magazines published by the Federation, sales of nature educational materials and royalties.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

State affiliates, who are members of the Federation, are independent and autonomous organizations. As the Federation has no economic interest in or control of state affiliates, their financial activities are not included in the accompanying financial statements of the Federation.

The Federation reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: with and without donor restrictions. Net assets with donor restrictions consist of contributions whose use by the Federation is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that expire by the passage of time or can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the Federation related to those stipulations. Additionally, net assets with donor restrictions include contributions whose use by the Federation is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that the assets be maintained permanently.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes highly liquid money market funds that are not part of the Federation's investment portfolio.

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. Investments in common stock, fixed income funds and equity mutual and index funds, and money market funds are stated at quoted market values. Investments in limited partnerships and private investment funds are reported at fair value based on the net asset value (NAV) as determined by the external partnership or fund manager. As permitted by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the Federation uses NAV as a practical expedient to estimate the fair value of the Federation's ownership interest in limited partnerships and private investment funds, unless it is probable that all or a portion of the investment will be sold for an amount different from NAV. The Federation performs due diligence procedures related to these investments to support recognition at fair value at fiscal year-end. Because many of these investments are not readily marketable, the estimates of fair value involve assumptions and estimation methods which are uncertain, and therefore the estimates could differ from actual results.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

1. Organization, Purpose and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Investments (continued)

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest and dividends are recorded when earned. GAAP realized gains and losses from security transactions are recorded on the average cost basis, and are recorded in the accompanying statements of activities. For unsettled sales as of the reporting period date, the sale price is included with investments in the accompanying statements of financial position.

Investment returns reported in the accompanying statements of activities include realized gains or losses. Unrealized gains and losses resulting from changes in fair value are also included in investment returns in the accompanying statements of activities.

Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation of the limited partnerships and private investment funds, it is reasonably possible that estimated values may differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the partnerships and funds existed. In addition, the partnerships and funds may also have risk associated with their concentrations of investments in certain industries or geographic regions.

Grants and Other Contributions Receivable

Unconditional promises to give, including grants, contributions and bequests that are expected to be collected within one year, are recorded at net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows using a discount rate commensurate with the risks identified. Amortization of the discounts is included in contribution revenue. The allowance method is used to determine the uncollectible amounts. The Federation records an allowance for doubtful accounts on its outstanding receivables based on its collection history, analysis of subsequent collections and specific identification of uncollectible accounts. No allowance was deemed necessary as of August 31, 2022 and 2021. Credit risk with respect to grants and other contributions receivable is limited because the Federation deals with a large number of foundations, grant makers and donors with a wide range of awards and geographic area.

Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable consist primarily of amounts due from third parties for the Federation's publications, advertising and royalties. The allowance method is used to determine the uncollectible amounts. The Federation records an allowance for doubtful accounts on its outstanding receivables based on its collection history, analysis of subsequent collections and specific identification of uncollectible accounts. Amounts determined to be uncollectible are recorded against the allowance.

Charitable Gift Annuities and Other Trusts

The Federation has been named as beneficiary in split income gifts that include charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder and lead trusts, and perpetual trusts. The split interest gifts have been valued based on discount rates approved by the Internal Revenue Service (the

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

1. Organization, Purpose and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Charitable Gift Annuities and Other Trusts (continued)

IRS) on the date of the gift, which range from 0.4% to 9.4%. The Federation serves as the administrator for all charitable gift annuities and certain remainder trusts received. A third party holds amounts received and makes specified payments to annuitants. The excess in fair value of assets received over the liability assumed is recorded as either revenue with or without donor restrictions. The liabilities are included in the accompanying statements of financial position. The assets are adjusted each year based on the fair value of the investments held by the third party. The liability is adjusted each year based on the adjusted life expectancies of the annuitants. Changes in assets and liabilities are recorded in the accompanying statements of activities in other revenue with donor restrictions.

Charitable remainder and lead trusts for which the Federation is not the trustee are recorded as revenue with donor restrictions when the trusts are established. The receivables associated with the charitable remainder and lead trusts are adjusted each year based upon the present value of future cash flows. This change is recorded in the accompanying statements of activities in net assets with donor restrictions as other revenue.

The beneficial interests in perpetual trusts are recorded at fair value and the change in fair value of the trusts is recorded in the accompanying statements of activities in net assets with donor restrictions as other revenue.

Property and Equipment and Related Depreciation and Amortization

The Federation capitalizes all purchases of capital assets that are greater than \$1,000. Building and improvements are recorded at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of 20 to 50 years. Equipment, furniture and software are recorded at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of three to eight years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of 10 years or the life of the lease. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

Impairment of Long Lived Assets

The Federation reviews the carrying amounts of assets whenever events or circumstances indicate that such carrying amounts may not be recoverable. When an asset is considered impaired, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced by a charge to the statements of activities to its current fair value. As of August 31, 2022 and 2021, the Federation has not recognized an impairment loss.

Classification of Net Assets

The Federation's net assets are reported as follows:

 Net assets without donor restrictions represent the portion of expendable funds that are available for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Federation at the discretion of The Federation's management and the Board of Directors (the Board).

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

1. Organization, Purpose and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Classification of Net Assets (continued)

From time to time, the Board designates a portion of these net assets for specific purposes, which makes them unavailable for use at management's discretion. The Federation's management has designated \$1,086 of net assets without donor restrictions to serve as a working capital reserve to secure the Federation's long-term financial viability.

• Net assets with donor restrictions represent funds that are specifically restricted by donors for use in various programs and/or for a specific period of time. These donor restrictions can be temporary in nature in that they will be met by actions of the Federation or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated that the funds be maintained in perpetuity. As of August 31, 2022 and 2021, the Federation had \$9,835 and \$10,761, respectively, of net assets with donor restrictions that are required to be maintained in perpetuity.

Conservation Properties

Conservation properties are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation and are included in property, plant and equipment in the accompanying statements of financial position. The carrying value is adjusted if the fair value is less than the recorded value. Covenants on certain properties restrict their future use to conservation activities.

Revenue Recognition

Contributions and Grants

Unconditional contributions received are recorded as revenue with or without donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor stipulations. Donor restricted contributions are reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the stipulation. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose of a restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the accompanying statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

A contribution, gift or grant is conditional if an agreement includes a barrier that must be overcome and either a right of return of assets transferred or a right of release of a promisor's obligation to transfer assets. The presence of both a barrier and a right of return or right of release indicates that a recipient is not entitled to the contribution until it has overcome the barrier(s) in the agreement. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, when the barrier(s) in the agreement are overcome.

Membership and Publications

The Federation's contribution program promotes subscriptions to National Wildlife® magazine as a benefit of membership in the Federation. Therefore, a portion of the membership revenue is considered to be a contribution and a portion is considered to be an exchange transaction for the magazine. The amount of the contribution less the value to fulfill the magazine benefit is

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

1. Organization, Purpose and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenue Recognition (continued)

Membership and Publications (continued)

recognized as contribution revenue in these financial statements. The remaining amount is recorded as deferred revenue and recognized ratably over one year. Subscription revenue for all other publications, including Ranger Rick®, Ranger Rick Cub®, and Ranger Rick Junior®, is recognized as publications revenue ratably over the subscription period, with the unearned portion classified as deferred revenue in the accompanying statements of financial position. Unconditional donations, bequests, grants and federal and state grant awards are recorded in the reporting period in which they are received at the expected realizable value.

Nature Education Materials

Revenue for nature education materials is recognized, when, or as, the performance obligation is satisfied. The performance obligation is satisfied when the order is placed with the third party service provider, who owns the goods sold and fulfills the orders, independently of the Federation.

Royalties

The Federation enters into several licensing and trademark agreements to use the intellectual property of the Federation. Revenue earned under the royalties is dependent on the performance obligation. Under fixed fee agreements, revenue is earned ratably over the period of the agreement for allowing the third party organization to use the Federation's intellectual property. Under variable agreements, revenue is recognized in the period in which sales of goods utilizing the Federation's intellectual property are reported.

Investment Income

Realized and unrealized gains and losses and investment income (losses) derived from investment transactions are included as income in the year earned.

Donated Services

In-kind contributions are recognized as both revenue and support and expenses in the accompanying statement of activities at the estimated fair value as provided by the donor at the date of donation. In-kind contributions are predominantly professional legal, actuarial, and program advertising services. However, many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks that assist the Federation with its conservation education programs but do not meet the criteria for recording contributed services in the financial statements.

Pension and Retiree Medical Benefits

The Federation sponsors a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan and a contributory defined contribution savings plan covering substantially all full-time employees. Liabilities and expenses under the defined benefit pension plan are actuarially determined.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

1. Organization, Purpose and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The cost of providing the various conservation education programs and supporting services has been accounted for on a functional basis in the accompanying statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among program and supporting services based on total direct expenses or total salaries, benefits and related expenses.

Conservation education programs consist of conservation advocacy, education outreach, publications, and other nature and membership education programs. These activities result in goods and services being distributed to beneficiaries, customers and members that fulfill the purposes and mission for which the Federation exists.

Supporting services include fundraising and general and administrative expenses. Fundraising activities include publicizing and conducting fundraising campaigns, maintaining donor mailing lists, preparing and distributing fundraising materials and conducting other activities involved with soliciting contributions. General and administrative activities include oversight, business management, general recordkeeping, budgeting, finance and other related administrative activities, except for direct conduct of program services and fundraising activities.

Certain costs are allocated among benefiting program and supporting services in the accompanying statements of activities. Occupancy expenses are allocated directly to programs and supporting services where the property is used based on square footage. Other costs are allocated based on salary expense. General and administrative costs that have been allocated include utilities, repairs and maintenance, and other administrative departments, such as finance, human resources and information systems.

Promotional Costs

Promotional costs of children's publications and the Federation's catalog, including postage, artwork and fulfillment, are deferred as prepaid expenses and amortized to expense over the period during which future benefits are expected to be received (generally one to four months).

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement, defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with GAAP and requires disclosures about fair value measurements for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The ASC emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement, and therefore, a fair value measurement should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, the ASC established a fair value hierarchy based upon the transparency of the inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability. These inputs may be observable, whereby market participant assumptions are developed

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1. Organization, Purpose and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

based on market data obtained from independent sources, and unobservable, whereby assumptions about market participant assumptions are developed by the reporting entity based on the best information available in the circumstances. If the inputs used to measure the financial instruments fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the instrument.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities accessible at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, including the reporting entity's own assumptions in determining the fair value measurement.

The Federation follows the accounting guidance that permits, as a practical expedient, the fair value of investments within its scope to be estimated using NAV or its equivalent. NAV or its equivalent is the value per share or value of ownership interest in capital, as provided by the partnership or fund, whose financial statements are prepared in a manner consistent with the measurement principles of an investment company or that has the attributes of an investment company. In accordance with the standard, investment funds measured at NAV are excluded from the fair value hierarchy.

Deferred Financing Costs and Amortization

Deferred financing costs are presented as a reduction of the carrying amount of the related debt liability and the related amortization charge is included in interest expense. Financing costs are amortized over the term of the debt liability using the straight-line method. GAAP requires that the effective yield method be used to amortize financing costs. However, the effect of using the straight-line method is not materially different from the results that would have been obtained under the effective yield method.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

1. Organization, Purpose and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform to the current year presentation.

Measure of Operating Results

Operating revenue and expenses generally reflect those revenues and expenses that management can influence, including annual authorized operating support from the endowment and investment pool based on the spending formula established by the Federation's Board of Directors. To clarify net assets from operations without and with donor restrictions, under GAAP, unconditional promises to give are recognized as revenue when received, including contributions with donor-imposed restrictions. When the restriction expires, that is, when the specified purpose for which the contribution was restricted has been fulfilled and/or when the specified time has elapsed, net assets with donor restrictions are released and reclassified as net assets without donor restrictions. Due to these timing differences, net assets released from restrictions may exceed revenue recognized from donor-restricted contributions, resulting in a reduction in net assets with donor restrictions. All expenses are recorded as without donor restrictions.

Nonoperating activities include investment earnings (losses) of the investment portfolio in excess of endowment and other earnings appropriated for expenditure and post-retirement and pension related changes other than net periodic benefit cost.

Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2020-07, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): *Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets*, which requires organizations to present contributed nonfinancial assets as a separate line item in the statement of activities, apart from cash and other financial assets, and disaggregate into different categories those nonfinancial assets. For each category of utilized assets, the description of programs or other activities in which the assets are utilized and any donor-imposed restrictions on the use of assets need to be disclosed. The standard did not have a material impact on the financial statements, and the Federation has updated disclosures as necessary.

2. Grants and Other Donor Restricted Receivables

At August 31, 2022 and 2021, grants and other donor restricted receivables included the following unconditional promises to give:

	2022			2021
Amount due in less than one year	\$	14,708	\$	14,115
Amount due in one to five years		<u>858</u>		1,963
Subtotal		15,566		16,078

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

2. Grants and Other Donor Restricted Receivables (continued)

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Less: Discount (5%) \$ (41) \$ (71)

Total \$ 15,525 \$ 16,007

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During 2016, the Federation received a grant award from a foreign government agency of approximately \$6,800, to be paid over five years, to support a conservation program. The Federation recognized approximately \$850 as revenue for the year ended August 31, 2021. During 2021, the Federation received a grant award from a foreign government agency of approximately \$4,200, to be paid over five years, to support a conservation program. The Federation recognized approximately \$850 as revenue for the year ended August 31, 2022. The remaining amount is conditional upon annual parliamentary budget approval. As of August 31, 2022, and 2021, total conditional grants were approximately \$2,500 and \$3,350, respectively.

3. Bequests and Other Contributions Receivable

At August 31, 2022 and 2021, bequests and other contributions receivable included the following unconditional promises to give:

	 2022	2021		
Amount due in less than one year Amount due in one to five years	\$ 1,923 50	\$	2,963 385	
Subtotal	1,973		3,348	
Less: Discount (5%)	 <u>(19</u>)		(20)	
Total	\$ 1,954	<u>\$</u>	3,328	

The Federation received \$2,958 and \$2,757 in the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, from a monthly donor program. The pledges from this program are deemed to be conditional because donors can cancel their participation at any time. Therefore, the pledges are recognized as revenue only when payment is received.

4. Investments and Permanently Restricted Investments

Investments, including permanently restricted investments, at fair value, consisted of the following as of August 31, 2022 and 2021:

	 2022	 2021
Common stocks	\$ 11,315	\$ 15,219
Money market funds	3,935	11,803
Limited partnerships and private investment funds	19,288	26,275
Mutual funds – fixed income	25,105	8,990
Mutual and index funds – equity	 23,604	27,477
Total Unrestricted Investments	83,247	89,764

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4. Investments and Permanently Restricted Investments (continued)

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Limited partnerships and private		
Investment funds – permanently restricted	\$ 5,489	\$ 5,487
Total Investments	\$ 88,736	\$ 95,251

5. Charitable Gift Annuities and Other Trusts

Charitable gift annuities and other trusts consisted of the following as of August 31, 2022 and 2021:

	 2022	 2021
Charitable gift annuities	\$ 5,640	\$ 6,571
Charitable remainder trusts	3,617	3,880
Perpetual trusts	4,346	5,274
Charitable lead trusts	 _	 2
Total Charitable Gift		
Annuities and Other Trusts	\$ 13,603	\$ 15,727

The estimated liabilities for the above charitable gift annuities and other trusts consisted of the following as of August 31, 2022 and 2021:

		2022	 2021
Charitable gift annuities Charitable remainder trusts	\$	2,875 170	\$ 2,930 213
Total Estimated Liabilities for Charitable Gift Annuities and Other Trusts	<u>\$</u>	3,04 <u>5</u>	\$ 3,143

6. Property, Plant and Equipment

The Federation's property, plant and equipment consisted of the following as of August 31, 2022 and 2021:

	 2022	 2021
Land	\$ 3,947	\$ 3,947
Building and improvements	14,064	13,874
Equipment, furniture and vehicles	14,992	14,352
Leasehold improvements	1,275	1,345
Conservation properties	 <u>689</u>	 689
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	34.967	34.207

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

6. Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

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Less: Accumulated Depreciation

and Amortization \$ (18,646)

Property, Plant and Equipment, Net \$\frac{16,321}{2} \frac{16,499}{2}

(17,708)

The Federation recorded depreciation and amortization expense on its property, plant and equipment of \$1,746 and \$1,474 for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, and is included in occupancy and depreciation on the statements of functional expenses.

7. Bonds Payable, Note Payable and Line of Credit

The Federation had the following debt obligations as of August 31, 2022 and 2021:

	 2022	 2021
Taxable and non-taxable variable rate, Series 2019 Plus: Unamortized original issue premium	\$ 9,305 1,038	\$ 9,695 1,099
Less: Unamortized debt issuance costs Less: Underwriter's discount	(214) (69)	(250) (75)
Total Bonds and Notes Payable, Net	\$ 10,060	\$ 10,469

For the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, the Federation recorded interest expense of \$411 and \$425, respectively. On the statements of functional expenses, interest expense is included in other expenses.

Bonds Payable

In August 2018, the Federation issued through, the Fairfax Economic Development Authority, \$8,820 of Series 2018A Tax-exempt Green Bonds and \$1,970 of Series 2018B Taxable Green Bonds. The Series A Bond was issued at premium of \$1,287. There was an underwriter's discount of \$93 and a cost of issuance of \$361.

As of August 31, 2022 and 2021, the Federation was in compliance with all of its financial and affirmative covenants.

Costs associated with the issuance of bonds have been deferred and are amortized over the terms of the bonds. The Federation uses the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. The bond issuance costs are presented as a direct deduction from the face amount of the debt.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

7. Bonds Payable, Note Payable and Line of Credit (continued)

Bonds Payable (continued)

The Federation is required to make interest payments twice a year on September 1 and March 1, and a principal payment annually on September 1. Aggregate annual maturities of the bonds are due as follows:

For the Year Ending August 31,		
2023		\$ -
2024		405
2025		420
2026		440
2027		455
Thereafter		7,585
Total Bond	ds Payable	9,305
Unamortiz	ed Premium	1,038
Unamortiz	ed Discount	(69)
Deferred F	Financing Fees	 (214)
Total		\$ 10,060

Line of Credit

The Federation has an unsecured operating line of credit based on two tiers from \$2,000 to \$8,000 that expires March 31, 2023. As of August 31, 2022 and 2021, there was no balance drawn on the line of credit. Beginning February 28, 2022, the interest rate on the line of credit is a rate per year equal to the Bloomberg Short Term Bank Yield Index (BSBY) Daily Floating Rate plus 0.75%, which was 3.18% at August 31, 2022. Prior to February 28, 2022, the line of credit bore interest at the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate daily floating rate plus 0.75%, which was 0.83% at August 31, 2021.

Under the most restrictive financial covenant, the Federation must maintain a liquidity ratio of at least 1 to 1. At August 31, 2022 and 2021, the Federation was in compliance with this financial covenant.

Note Payable

On May 2, 2020, the Federation entered into a Small Business Administration loan with its financial institution under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for the amount of \$6 million. The loan was to mature on May 2, 2022, with a fixed interest rate of 1% per annum. Monthly payments of principal and interest would commence ten months after the end of the forgiveness covered period. The loan amount was eligible for forgiveness pursuant to the PPP, which established minimum amounts of the loan to be used to cover payroll costs and the remainder can be used for mortgage interest, rent and utility costs over a specified period of time after the loan is made; and the number of employees and compensation levels are

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

7. Bonds Payable, Note Payable and Line of Credit (continued)

Note Payable (continued)

maintained. On June 23, 2021, the Federation applied for forgiveness of the PPP loan, and on August 30, 2021, received approval of the PPP loan forgiveness request. The Federation recognized the forgiveness of the loan's principal in the amount of \$5,994 in the accompanying statement of activities in 2021.

Net Assets

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

The net assets without donor restrictions as of August 31, 2022 and 2021, were as follows:

		2022	 2021
Undesignated	\$	32,409	\$ 45,744
Federation's fund		8,011	5,625
Board designated:			
Beere Fund		1,086	1,086
Conservation Program Reserve Fund		3,601	 4,406
Total Net Assets Without			
Donor Restrictions	<u>\$</u>	<u>45,107</u>	\$ <u>56,861</u>

Board designated net assets represent amounts designated for specific uses. The Beere Fund was designated by the Board after receipt of a bequest in 1993 permitting the Board to determine the use for these funds. The funds can be used at the Board's discretion. The Conservation Program Reserve Fund, formerly known as the Endangered Species Fund, was established as a separate Board designated net asset fund in 1986 from the sale of property donated to the Federation in 1976. The Conservation Program Reserve Fund may be used to fund conservation programs. The Federation's designated funds relate to management internally designating a portion of net assets for future investments.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

The net assets with donor restrictions were available with the following purpose and time restrictions as of August 31, 2022 and 2021:

	 2022	 2021
Purpose:		
Conservation programs	\$ 11,648	\$ 8,468
Education outreach and publications	2,128	1,121
Time	4,190	5,497
Time and Purpose:		
Conservation programs	22,940	24,582
Education outreach and publications	3,976	4,738
Restricted in perpetuity	 9,835	 10,761
Total	\$ 54,717	\$ 55,167

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

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8. Net Assets (continued)

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions (continued)

At August 31, 2022 and 2021, net assets with donor restrictions that were restricted in perpetuity, and the income from which these assets was expendable to support the following:

		2022	 2021
Conservation and advocacy programs	\$	257	\$ 255
Education outreach and publications		503	503
Any activities of the organization		4,729	 4,729
Subtotal		5,489	5,487
Perpetual trusts		4,346	 5,274
Total	<u>\$</u>	9,835	\$ 10,761

Endowment Net Assets

ASC 958-205, Reporting Endowment Funds provides guidance on the net asset classification of donor-restricted endowed funds for a not-for-profit organization. The Federation is subject to the Commonwealth of Virginia's Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), and adopted ASC 958-205 as of September 1, 2008.

The Federation has interpreted the Commonwealth of Virginia's UPMIFA as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowed funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Federation classifies as net assets with donor restrictions (a) the original value of gifts donated to a permanent endowed fund, and (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowed funds. The associated gains and income on donor-restricted endowed funds are classified as net assets with donor restrictions until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Federation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

In accordance with UPMIFA, the Federation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowed funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of the Federation and the donor-restricted endowed fund
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the Federation
- The investment policies of the Federation

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

8. Net Assets (continued)

Endowment Net Assets (continued)

Endowed Investments and Spending Policies

Endowed assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Federation must hold in perpetuity. The Federation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowed assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment.

The primary financial objective of the investment policy is to maintain intergenerational equity by preserving and enhancing real purchasing power, while at all times keeping in mind the utmost importance of protecting capital. The primary investment objective of the investment policy is to secure sufficient income and portfolio growth over time to meet the ongoing requirements of the Federation. The total return objective is an average annual real rate of return of 6% as measured over a full market cycle, generally three to five years. The Federation targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk parameters. The Federation's spending policy governs the use of resources in the various endowed funds for program expenses and administrative costs. Endowed funds are used for the specified purpose, or over the specified time period, as indicated by the donor. Endowed funds for which there is some discretion in how the funds are expended are not used to cover operating deficits in specific units.

The annual amount made available for spending, also known as the annual "endowment draw," from endowed funds is determined as 4.5% to 6% of the 12-quarter trailing average fair value of the endowment. Draws are used solely for the purposes set forth by the donor in the gift instrument, subject to the submission of a budget that has been reviewed and endorsed by executive management and approved by the Federation's Audit/Finance Committee.

The Federation's endowed funds consist of 18 funds established for a variety of purposes. All funds are donor-restricted. Net assets associated with endowed funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Endowment Funds with Deficits

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowed funds may fall below the level that the donor requires the Federation to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In this situation, the decline in fair value of the funds is accounted for in net assets with donor restrictions. As of August 31, 2022 and 2021, there were no deficiencies for the endowed funds.

The Federation has a policy that permits spending from underwater endowment funds depending on the degrees to which the fund is underwater, unless otherwise precluded by donor stipulations or laws and regulations. There were no expenditures from underwater funds as of August 31, 2022 and 2021.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

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8. Net Assets (continued)

Endowment Net Assets (continued)

Endowment Funds with Deficits (continued)

The endowment activity was as follows for the year ended August 31, 2022:

		/ithout)onor <u>trictions</u>		h Donor strictions	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year Net investment loss Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	\$	- - -	\$	5,708 (177)	\$ 5,708 (177) -
Endowment Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>5,531</u>	\$ <u>5,531</u>

The endowment activity was as follows for the year ended August 31, 2021:

	D	thout onor <u>rictions</u>		h Donor strictions	 <u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year Net investment gain Appropriation of endowment	\$	- 6	\$	5,579 180	\$ 5,579 186
assets for expenditure		(6)		<u>(51</u>)	 <u>(57</u>)
Endowment Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	5,708	\$ 5,708

9. Employee Benefit Plans

Defined Benefit Retirement Plan

National Wildlife Federation Retirement Income Plan (the Plan) is a noncontributory, defined benefit plan for Federation employees. All employees who reach age and length-of-service requirements and whose employment began prior to January 1, 2003, automatically became participants in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the minimum funding requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

During October 2008, the Federation announced that effective January 1, 2009, for employees then 55 years old and older, the Plan would continue to exist as it was. For employees in the Plan who were under age 55, the Plan would freeze their individual earned pension benefit as of December 31, 2008, and give them enhanced benefits under the Tax Deferred Annuity Plan (the TDA Plan). This preserved all the benefits they had earned to date and guaranteed them a monthly pension for life, as they had expected.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

9. Employee Benefit Plans (continued)

Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (continued)

In March 2013, the Plan agreement was amended and the accrued benefits of all participants were frozen effective June 30, 2013, and no participant would earn any additional pension amounts after that date. No employment with the Federation on or after July 1, 2013, is counted as benefit service under the Plan. The final average earnings of all participants were frozen effective June 30, 2013, and would not change after that date.

The changes in the funded status of the Plan for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, were as follows:

		2022		2021
Change in benefit obligation:				
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$	(24,875)	\$	(25,270)
Service cost		(449)		(334)
Interest cost		(617)		(624)
Actuarial gains Settlements		3,833		229
Administrative expenses		-		-
Benefits paid		1,210		- 1,124
Additional plan termination liability		(747 <u>)</u>		-
Benefit Obligation at End of Year		(21,645)		(24,875)
Change in plan assets				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year		20,600		17,445
Employer contribution		859		1,624
Actual return on plan assets		(3,266)		3,005
Settlements		-		- (0.50)
Administrative expenses		(366)		(350)
Benefits paid		<u>(1,210</u>)	-	(1,124)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year		<u> 16,617</u>		20,600
Funded Status				
(Accrued Pension Liability)	<u>\$</u>	(5,028)	\$	<u>(4,275</u>)

In accordance with ASC 715, the service cost component of the net periodic benefit costs are included in salaries and benefits within the various functional classifications and the remaining components are reported in postretirement-related charges, including net periodic benefit costs other than service cost within nonoperating activities on the statements of activities for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021. The accrued pension liability for the retirement plan is included in accrued pension and post-retirement benefits in the accompanying statements of financial position.

In determining the benefit obligation, a discount rate at August 31, 2022 and 2021, of 2.50% was assumed. The rate of increase in future compensation levels assumed was 0% at August 31, 2022 and 2021, since the final earnings in the Plan have been frozen. A rate of return on Plan assets of 5.5% at August 31, 2022 and 2021 was assumed. This assumption is based on historical returns and is adjusted from time to time to reflect actual plan asset experience.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

9. Employee Benefit Plans (continued)

Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (continued)

In July 2022 the governing body of the Retirement Income Plan approved the termination of the Plan with an effective date of August 9, 2022. Participants with vested benefits were given a choice of electing to receive their Plan benefit in an immediate lump sum payment or to roll their benefits over into an annuity administered by United of Omaha Life Insurance Company. 105 participants elected a lump sum payment, totaling \$8M, and 187 participants chose the annuity option, with a total gross premium of \$12.6M.

The components of the Federation's net periodic pension cost for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, consisted of the following:

		2022	 2021
Employee service cost Interest cost	\$	449 617	\$ 334 624
Expected return on plan assets		(1,089)	(958)
Settlement charge Net amortization and deferral:		-	-
Unrecognized net actuarial loss		-	243
Unrecognized prior service credit		(8)	 (8)
Total Net Periodic Pension Cost	<u>\$</u>	(31)	\$ 235

Items not yet recognized as a component of net periodic pension cost for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, consisted of the following:

		2022		2021
Prior service cost	\$	(18)	\$	(25)
Net actuarial loss		<u> 2,558</u>		1,66 <u>9</u>
Total	<u>\$</u>	2,540	\$	<u> 1,644</u>

The Plan also follows ASC 820 (see Note 1) for the valuation of investments in the Plan. Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at August 31, 2022 and 2021.

Money market funds – The carrying value is considered to be a reasonable estimate of the fair value.

Mutual funds – The fair value is based on quoted NAV of the shares held by the Plan.

Guaranteed investment contracts – The fair value of the guaranteed investment contracts is determined by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the credit worthiness of the issuer.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

9. Employee Benefit Plans (continued)

Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (continued)

The preceding methods as described may produce fair value calculations that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with those of other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Investments of the Plan consist of deposits in an Immediate Participation Guarantee Contract with Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Co., investments in Vanguard Institutional Investments and funds from the Federation's operations that are commingled with Endowment investments in Vanguard 500 Index Fund Signal. In order to achieve a dependable income stream for the payment of benefits and expenses of the Plan, as well as growth in the investments, the trustees of the Plan have adopted an investment strategy which includes the following weighted average target asset allocation for investments in Vanguard: equity and money market funds 50%, bond and other fixed income funds 40%, and other investments 10%, net of insurance contracts comprising 3% of the total allocation. From time to time, the investment managers will buy and sell funds to achieve this target allocation.

The Plan's weighted average asset allocation at August 31, 2022 and 2021, by asset category, was as follows:

	2021	2020
Mutual Funds:		
Equity and money market funds	62%	62%
Fixed income	37%	37%
Other Investments	<u> </u>	1%
Total	<u> 100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

9. Employee Benefit Plans (continued)

Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of August 31, 2022 and 2021:

		2022 Total	in Ma Io	ed Prices Active rkets for lentical Assets evel 1)	O Obse In	nificant other ervable puts evel 2)	Unob Ir	nificant eservable nputs evel 3)
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund Vanguard Federal Money	\$	107	\$	107	\$	-	\$	-
Market Fund Vanguard Investments Mutual Funds:		2,587		2,587		-		-
Fixed income		12,339		12,339		-		-
Balanced funds		1,584		1, <u>584</u>				
Total Assets	\$	16,617	\$	16,617	\$		\$	
		2021 Total	in Ma Ic	ed Prices Active rkets for lentical Assets evel 1)	O Obse In	nificant other ervable puts evel 2)	Unob Ir	nificant eservable evel 3)
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund Vanguard Investments Mutual Funds:	\$	112	\$	112	\$	-	\$	-
Fixed income		7,772		7,772		-		-
Domestic stock funds International stock funds		7,770 4,046		7,770 4,046		-		-
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Total Assets	\$	20,600	\$	20,600	<u>\$</u>		<u> </u>	

Contributions

Generally, the Federation's funding policy is to contribute annually an amount in accordance with ERISA guidelines. Based upon projections from its actuary, management of the Federation expects to contribute approximately \$260 to the Plan during the year ending August 31, 2023.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

9. Employee Benefit Plans (continued)

Post-Retirement Benefits

Other Information

Other changes in plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in pension and postretirement related changes other than net periodic pension cost were as follows for the years ended August 31:

	2	022	 <u> 2021 </u>
Net gain (loss) Prior service (cost) credit	\$	(888) (8)	\$ 2,169 (8)
Total	<u>\$</u>	(896)	\$ 2,161

Amounts in net assets without restrictions expected to be amortized into net periodic pension cost during the year ending August 31, 2022, consisted of:

Net loss	\$ -
Prior service cost	 (8)
Total	\$ (8)

The Federation sponsors a self-insured, post-retirement medical plan that covers its employees who retire with a minimum of 10 years' employment and are age 55 or older, and have been in the group medical plan for the continuous 12 months prior to retirement. The Plan is contributory and retiree contributions have been established as a percentage of premiums. For fiscal year 2013 and after, the retiree contribution was increased, resulting in a decrease in the total future benefit obligation. In addition, the Federation sponsors a post-retirement life insurance plan that covers all retirees whose benefits commencement date was January 1, 1987, or after and who retire with a minimum of 10 years' employment and are age 55 or older. These plans are unfunded.

Components of the net periodic post-retirement benefit cost for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, included the following:

	2	022	 2021
Service cost Interest cost	\$	427 197	\$ 398 172
Amortization of prior service costs		(493)	(493)
Net Periodic Post-Retirement Benefit Cost	\$	<u> 131</u>	\$ 77

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

9. Employee Benefit Plans (continued)

Post-Retirement Benefits (continued)

Other Information (continued)

A national 9% annual rate of increase in the per capita costs of covered health care benefits was assumed, gradually decreasing to 4% by the year 2031. At August 31, 2022 and 2021, a discount rate of 2.75%, was used to determine the accumulated benefit obligation. The effective discount rate was developed using the yield curve listed in the Citigroup Pension Liability Index.

The following sets forth the Plan's changes in benefit obligation and accrued benefit costs reported in the accompanying statements of financial position at August 31, 2022 and 2021:

		2022	2021
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$	(7,253)	(6,274)
Service cost		(427)	(398)
Interest cost		(197)	(172)
Participant contributions		(164)	(207)
Benefits paid		348	346
Actuarial gain (loss)		2,401	(548)
Benefit obligation at end of year		(5,292)	(7,253)
Plan assets at end of year		_	
Funded Status			
(Accrued Benefit Liability)	<u>\$</u>	(5,292)	<u>\$ (7,253)</u>

The accrued benefit liability for post-retirement benefits is included in accrued pension and post-retirement benefits in the accompanying statements of financial position.

Increasing or decreasing the assumed health care cost trend rates by one percentage point in 2021 would have the following effect:

		1%		1%
	Increase		<u>Decrease</u>	
Effect on total service and interest cost	\$	78	\$	152
Effect on benefit obligation	\$	1,067	\$	1,707

Other changes in benefit obligations recognized in other than net periodic benefit cost are \$1,479 and \$581 for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Items not yet recognized as a component of the net periodic post-retirement benefit cost for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, consisted of the following:

		2022		<u> 2021 </u>
Prior service cost	\$	(1,787)	\$	(2,280)
Net actuarial (gain)/loss		(1,339)		1,087
Total	<u>\$</u>	(3,126)	\$	<u>(1,193</u>)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

9. Employee Benefit Plans (continued)

Post-Retirement Benefits (continued)

Other Information (continued)

Of the cumulative unrecognized amount as of August 31, 2021, \$493 is included in net periodic post-retirement benefit cost for the year ending August 31, 2022.

Contributions

Benefits are funded on a pay as you go basis. Management of the Federation contributed \$139 during the year ended August 31, 2021. Based upon projections from its actuary, management expects to contribute \$184 to its post-retirement plan during the year ending August 31, 2022.

Estimated Future Benefit Payments

The following benefit payments are expected to be paid for the next 10 years ending August 31:

	Pension Benefits	Reti	Post- irement enefits
2023	\$ 21,645	\$	185
2024	-		207
2025	-		221
2026	-		233
2027	-		228
2028 to 2032	-		1,281

Employee Retirement Savings Plan

The Federation has a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. The Federation matches one dollar for each dollar contributed by the employee up to a maximum of 5% of the employee's base compensation, based on length of service. The Federation contributed approximately \$1,748 and \$1,643 for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Self-Insured Medical Plan

The Federation maintains a self-insured medical plan for the benefit of its employees. A stoploss policy is in effect, which limits the Federation's loss per individual employee to \$185 and an aggregate stop-loss of \$4,594. The Plan is administered through a contractual relationship with an unrelated company. The Federation is solely responsible for all claims incurred up to the amount of the stop-loss provisions. The Federation's expense under the Plan amounted to \$3,657 and \$3,020 for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The Federation included a provision for estimated claims incurred, but not yet reported, in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the accompanying statements of financial position in the amount of \$617 and \$407 as of August 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

10. Availability and Liquidity

The Federation regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its annual operating needs and other contractual commitments, while also striving to preserve the principal and return on the investment of its funds. The Federation's financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date for general expenditures at August 31, 2022 and 2021, were as follows:

	 2022	 2021
Cash and cash equivalents Grants, bequest and other contributions receivable Accounts receivable Investments	\$ 3,156 17,494 956 88,737	\$ 3,397 19,335 1,604 95,251
Total Financial Assets Available Within One Year	110,343	119,587
Less: Amounts unavailable for general expenditures within one year due to donors' restriction with purpose and time restriction Amounts unavailable to management without Board approval: Board-designated for working capital reserve	54,717 12,698	55,167 11,117
Financial Assets Available to Meet General Expenditures Within One Year	\$ 42,928	\$ 53,303

The Federation has various sources of liquidity at its disposal, including cash and cash equivalents and investments, which are available for general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations as they come due. Management is focused on sustaining the financial liquidity of the Federation throughout the year. This is done through monitoring and reviewing the Federation's cash flow needs on a weekly basis. As a result, management is aware of the cyclical nature of the Federation's cash flow related to the Federation's various funding sources and is therefore able to ensure that there is cash available to meet current liquidity needs. As part of its liquidity plan, excess cash is invested in publicly traded investment vehicles, including mutual funds and equity securities, or to support organizational initiatives. The Federation can liquidate its investments anytime, and therefore the investments are available to meet current cash flow needs with the exceptions of the investments being held in perpetuity. To help manage unanticipated liquidity needs, the Federation has a committed line of credit of \$2 million to \$8 million, all of which was unused and available to draw upon as of August 31, 2022. Additionally, the Federation has board-designated net assets that could be available for current operations with Board approval, if necessary.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

11. Commitments and Contingencies

Operating Leases

The Federation leases office space, vehicles and equipment under operating leases, the last of which expires in 2028. Certain office space leases include rent escalations, abatement periods and lease incentives. The leases also include tenant allowances totaling approximately \$1 million to build out and furnish the office space. The tenant allowances are reflected as lease liability-operating in the accompanying statements of financial position and are being amortized ratably over the terms of the leases. Under GAAP, all rental payments, including fixed rent increases, less any rental abatements and other incentives, are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

The Organization has also entered into multiple noncancelable leases for equipment for its office locations. The leases contain fixed rate payments over the lease term that began in 2017 and expires in 2022. The leases are accounted for as operating leases under the lease accounting guidance.

All leases noted above are accounted for in accordance with ASC 842, *Leases*, and lease liabilities are recorded based on the present value of the future payments of the lease, discounted at estimated incremental borrowing rates at 0.9%, based on comparable interest rates available to the Federation under borrowing arrangements for similar amounts and duration of the leases. The Federation has established right of use assets equal to the remaining lease liabilities under the lease agreements.

Total rental expense for operating leases was approximately \$1,371 and \$1,409 for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Future minimum rental payments as of August 31, 2022, are as follows:

For the Year Ending August 31,	<u>-</u>		
2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 Thereafter		\$ 	941 964 988 770 857 942
Total			5,462
Less: F	Present Value Discount		<u>(205</u>)
Lease	Liability	<u>\$</u>	5,257

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

11. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

Compliance Audit

The Federation has received federal grants that are subject to review, audit and adjustment by various federal agencies for qualified expenses charged to the grants. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursement to the federal agencies for any expenditures or claims disallowed under the terms of the agreements. The amount of expenditures which may be disallowed by the federal agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Federation expects such amounts, if any, to be insignificant.

Other

The Federation may also be party to various legal actions and claims arising in the ordinary course of operations. However, as of August 31, 2022 and 2021, management was not aware of any such actions or claims.

12. Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Federation to a concentration of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalent balances maintained at various creditworthy financial institutions.

While the amount at a given bank, at times, exceeds the amount guaranteed by federal agencies and, therefore, bears some risk, the Federation has not experienced, nor does it anticipate, any losses on its funds. At August 31, 2022 and 2021, the amount in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit of \$250 was approximately \$2,569 and \$2,889, respectively.

Donated Services

The Federation receives various kinds of in-kind contributions of time and pro bono services from members of the community and volunteers related to program operations. These services are recognized if the services received create or enhance long-lived assets or require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing these skills and would typically need to be purchased if not donated. The Federation recognizes in-kind contribution revenue and a corresponding expense in an amount approximating the estimated fair value at the time of the donation.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

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13. Donated Services (continued)

During the year ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, the Federation received donated professional legal, actuarial, and program advertising services.

	<u>Donated Services</u>				
	2	022		2021	
Advertising services	\$	303	\$	1,618	
Legal, actuarial and other consulting services		528		468	
General and administrative		20			
Total	\$	<u>851</u>	\$	2,086	

All donated services were utilized by the Federation's programs and supporting services. There were no donor-imposed restrictions associated with the donated services. Donated advertising is valued using third-party estimated billing rates in like circumstances. Donated legal, actuarial and other consulting services are valued at the standard hourly rates charged for those services.

14. Allocation of Joint Costs

The Federation accounts for joint costs incurred for informational materials and activities that are included in fundraising appeals in accordance with ASC 958-720-45, *Accounting for Costs of Activities That Include Fundraising*, in determining costs to be allocated. For the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, the Federation incurred joint costs of \$18,013 and \$17,021, respectively. Of those costs, \$7,548 and \$7,243 were allocated to fundraising expense, \$9,249 and \$8,666 were allocated to membership education and other nature education programs and \$1,216 and \$1,112 were allocated to general and administrative expense in 2022 and 2021, respectively. Other direct and allocated operating expenses of \$1,038 and \$898 were also incurred for fundraising activities during 2022 and 2021, respectively.

15. Income Taxes

The Federation has received determination letters from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that it has been granted an exemption from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC), except for tax on any income that may be a result of unrelated business transactions. Additionally, the IRS has classified the Federation as a public charity under IRC Section 509(a)(1). The Federation believes that operations are consistent with the nature of its exemptions granted by the IRS. The Federation is required to report unrelated business income to the IRS. The Federation's unrelated business income consists of advertising income in publications. There was no significant net unrelated business income for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021.

The Federation reviews and assesses all activities annually to identify any changes in the scope of the activities and revenue sources and the tax treatment thereof to identify any uncertainty in income taxes. For the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, management

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

15. Income Taxes (continued)

did not identify any uncertainty in income taxes requiring recognition or disclosure in these financial statements. It is the Federation's policy to recognize interest and/or penalties related to uncertainty in income taxes, if any, in income tax or interest expense. The Federation's tax returns are subject to possible examination by the taxing authorities; however, no examinations are currently pending or in progress. For federal purposes, the tax returns essentially remain open for possible examination for a period of three years after the respective filing deadlines of those returns.

16. National Wildlife Federation Action Fund

National Wildlife Federation Action Fund (NWF Action Fund) is a not-for-profit organization that was formed in Colorado in 1989 for the purpose of conducting conservation advocacy programs such as National Wildlife Action. In August 2008, National Wildlife Action was renamed National Wildlife Federation Action Fund. NWF Action Fund advocates for the conservation interests of hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts from all walks of life and political stripes. Through grassroots action and focused legislative campaigns, NWF Action Fund works to give wildlife and wildlife enthusiasts a voice in the democratic process and raises the visibility of key conservation such as like global warming with voters and elected officials.

Although certain Federation employees serve on NWF Action Fund's Board of Directors, the Federation officers and employees represent less than 50% of the total officers and Directors for NWF Action Fund and the Federation does not control a majority of the appointments to NWF Action Fund's Board of Directors. As such, the Federation does not consolidate the activities of NWF Action Fund.

The Federation provided \$832 and \$220 in grants to NWF Action Fund for the years ended August 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. In addition, NWF Action Fund reimburses the Federation for certain costs such as leased staff, benefits, miscellaneous expenses and overhead costs. As of August 31, 2022 and 2021, NWF Action Fund owed the Federation \$66 and \$94, respectively, for such costs.

17. Fair Value Measurement

The Federation's financial assets measured at fair value as of August 31, 2022 and 2021, are classified in the statements of financial position as follows:

		2021		
Charitable gift annuities and other trusts	\$	13,603	\$	15,727
Unrestricted investments		83,247		89,764
Permanently restricted investments		5,489		5,487
Total	\$	102,339	\$	110,978

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

17. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

The following tables set forth the fair values of financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis by their fair value hierarchy classification as of August 31:

		2022 Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets/ Liabilities (Level 1)		in Active Markets for Significant Identical Other Assets/ Observable U 22 Liabilities Inputs		Other Observable Inputs		Unok I	inificant oservable nputs evel 3)
Charitable remainder and perpetual trusts Investments and permanently restricted investments, including charitable gift annuity investments: Common stocks:	\$	7,963	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,963		
Large cap Fixed income mutual funds:		11,315		11,315		-		-		
Bond funds Government securities Equity mutual and index funds:		25,726 588		25,726 588		-		-		
Large blend Small and mid-blend International equities Money market fund		15,818 2,011 9,537 4,604		992 2,011 9,537 4,604		14,826 - - -		- - - -		
Subtotal		77,562	\$	54,773	\$	14,826	\$	7,963		
Limited partnerships and private investment funds ^(a)	 \$	24,777 102,339								
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

17. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

		2021 <u>Total</u>	in Mar Id A Lia	ed Prices Active rkets for entical ssets/ abilities evel 1)	Obs Ir	nificant Other ervable oputs evel 2)	Unok I	inificant oservable nputs evel 3)
Charitable remainder and perpetual trusts Investments and permanently	\$	9,156	\$	-	\$	-	\$	9,156
restricted investments, including charitable gift annuity investments: Common stocks:								
Large cap Fixed income mutual funds		15,219		15,219		-		-
Bond funds		9,525		9,525		-		-
Government securities Equity mutual and index funds:		395		395		-		-
Large blend		17,836		2,022		15,814		-
Small and mid-blend		2,455		2,455		-		-
International equities		12,310		12,310		-		-
Money market fund		12,320		12,320				
Subtotal		79,216	\$	54,246	\$	<u> 15,814</u>	\$	9,1 <u>56</u>
Limited partnerships and private investment funds ^(a))	31,762						
Total	\$	110,978						

⁽a) These investments are measured at NAV or its equivalent as a practical expedient and have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statement of financial position.

The Federation has included in the tables below the category, fair value, redemption frequency and redemption notice period for those assets whose fair value is estimated using NAV per share or its equivalent for which fair value is not readily determinable as of August 31, 2022 and 2021. For the Federation, such investments include limited partnerships and private investment and hedge funds.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended August 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

17. Fair Value Measurement (continued)

The following table sets forth a summary of the Federation's investments with a reported NAV as of August 31, 2022:

Investment Type	Fa	ir Value	Redemption Frequency	Notice Period (Days)
Fund partnerships – International Fund partnerships – International Fund partnerships – International Fund partnerships – International Global Equity Fund Fund Partnerships – International	\$	4,108 1,586 3,122 2,672 4,836 7,511	Annually Annually Annually Quarterly Quarterly Monthly	65 60 15 60 30 30
Fund partnerships – International Total	\$	942 24,777	III-liquid	N/A

The following table sets forth a summary of the Federation's investments with a reported NAV as of August 31, 2021:

Investment Type	Fai	ir Value	Redemption Frequency	Notice Period (Days)
Long-short equity portfolio funds Fund partnerships – International Fund partnerships – International Fund partnerships – International Fund partnerships – International Global Equity Fund Fund partnerships – International	\$	2,167 4,618 1,641 4,078 3,136 6,919 8,864	Annually Annually Annually Annually Quarterly Quarterly Monthly	90 65 60 15 60 30
Fund partnerships – International		339	III-liquid	N/A
Total	<u>\$</u>	<u>31,762</u>		

There were \$942 and \$339 unfunded commitments or illiquid investments at August 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

18. Subsequent Events

The Federation has evaluated subsequent events through February 24, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events noted that required adjustment to or disclosure in these financial statements.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors of **National Wildlife Federation**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of National Wildlife Federation (the Federation), which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 24, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Federation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Federation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Federation's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Federation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

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The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Washington, DC February 24, 2023



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors of **National Wildlife Federation**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited National Wildlife Federation (the Federation) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Federation's major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2022. The Federation's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Federation complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Federation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for its major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Federation's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Federation's federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Federation's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Federation's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Federation's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Federation's internal control over compliance relevant to
 the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances
 and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the
 Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness
 of the Federation's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is
 expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Washington, DC

February 24, 2023

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR				
Bureau of Land Management				
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation				
Fish, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Resource Management	15.231	0801.19.063102	\$ -	\$ 23,234
Fish, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Resource Management	15.231	2501.22.073871	-	2,768
Total Fish, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Resource Management for ALN 15.231				26,002
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management	15.244	L20AC00515		24,809
Total Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management for ALN 15.244				24,809
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation				
Wildlife Resource Management	15.247	2505.21.071006		25,027
Wildlife Resource Management	15.247	2501.22.073871		7,165
Total Wildlife Resource Management for ALN 15.247			-	32,192
Fish and Wildlife Service				
Multistate Conservation Grant Program	15.628	F21AP00225-00		111,211
Total Multistate Conservation Grant Program for ALN 15	5.628			111,211
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	15.631	F21AC02560-00	_	19,154
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	10.001	12171002000-00		15,164
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	15.631	2505.21.071006		44,206
Total Partners for Fish and Wildlife for ALN 15.631				63,360
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation				
Great Lakes Restoration	15.662	2008.20.067030		78,617
Total Great Lakes Restoration for ALN 15.662				78,617
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation				
NFWF-USFWS Conservation Partnership	15.663	2501.20.070724		18,043
Total NFWF-USFWS Conservation Partnership for ALN	15.663			18,043
Adaptive Science	15.670	F21AC00460-00	-	99,564
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation				
Adaptive Science	15.670	0403.20.068970		343,164
Adaptive Science	15.670	0403.21.072182		98,592
Total Adaptive Science for ALN 15.670				541,320
Geological Survey				
Pass-Through from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies'				
U.S. Geological Survey Research and Data Collection	15.808	G21AC10854-00		33,749
Total U.S. Geological Survey Research and				
Data Collection for ALN 15.808				33,749

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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (continued) National and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers	15.820	G21AC10874-00	\$ -	\$ 60,267
Total National and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers for ALN 15.820				60,267
Total U.S. Department of the Interior				989,570
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)				
NOAA Mission-Related Education Award	11.008	NA20SEC0080005		150,006
Total NOAA Mission-Related Education Award for ALN 11.008				150,006
Marine Sanctuary Program	11.429	NA20NOS4290085		33,257
Total Marine Sanctuary Program for ALN 11.429				33,257
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Office of Coastal Management Office of Coastal Management	11.473 11.473	0318.18.062169 0318.20.068787	<u> </u>	299,505 54,499
Total Office of Coastal Management for ALN 11.473				354,004
Total U.S. Department of Commerce				537,267_
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)				
EPA Rose Through from The Montens Association				
Pass-Through from The Montana Association Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants	66.460	C9-99833620		79
	00.400	C9-99033020		
Total Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants for ALN 66.460			-	79
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation				
Chesapeake Bay Program	66.466	0600.19.066263	-	14,848
Chesapeake Bay Program	66.466	0600.20.070371	-	240,206
Chesapeake Bay Program	66.466	0603.20.068873	-	24,148
Chesapeake Bay Program	66.466	CB96341401	-	3,675
Chesapeake Bay Program Chesapeake Bay Program	66.466 66.466	18937 19920	-	24,486 13,942
Total Chesapeake Bay Program for ALN 66.466				321,305
Pass-Through from The Nature Conservancy				
Great Lakes Program	66.469	NWF-A106313-12/22-01		21,414
Total Great Lakes Program for ALN 66.469				21,414
Environmental Education Grants	66.951	01F81901		43,647
Total Environmental Education Grants for ALN 66.951				43,647
Total EPA				386,445

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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
<u>United States Forest Service</u> Pass-Through from the Montana DNRC				
Cooperative Forestry Assistance	10.664	ConED-19-002	\$ -	\$ 2,758
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation			<u> </u>	· , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Cooperative Forestry Assistance	10.664	1903.21.071293	<u> </u>	45,415
Total Cooperative Forestry Assistance for ALN 10.664				48,173
National Institute of Food and Agriculture				
Pass-Through from University of Minnesota				
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education	10.215	2020-38640-31522		33,514
Total Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education for ALI	N 10.215			33,514
Pass-Through from North Carolina State University				
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	10.310	2018-68011-28372		45,948
Total Agriculture and Food Research Initiative for ALN 10.310)			45,948
Natural Resources Conservation Service				
Conservation Reserve Program	10.069	NR206740XXXXG006		10,302
Total Conservation Reserve Program for ALN 10.069				10,302
Soil and Water Conservation	10.902	NR206740XXXXG006	_	10,302
Soil and Water Conservation	10.902	NR2172XXXXG003	-	147,208
Soil and Water Conservation	10.902	NR214532XXXXC011	-	11,550
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation				
Soil and Water Conservation	10.902	1903.19.063782	-	60,249
Soil and Water Conservation	10.902	1903.20.067467	-	30,560
Soil and Water Conservation	10.902	2501.20.070724	-	5,273
Soil and Water Conservation	10.902	1903.21.071293	-	114,186
Total Soil and Water Conservation for ALN 10.902				379,328
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	10.912	NR206740XXXXG006	-	10,302
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	10.912	NR214310XXXXC016	-	42,771
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	10.912	NR223A750013G029		18,667
Total Environmental Quality Incentives Program for ALN 10.9	12		<u> </u>	71,740
Conservation Stewardship Program	10.924	NR206740XXXXG006	-	10,302
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation				
Conservation Stewardship Program	10.924	2501.20.070724		3,995
Total Conservation Stewardship Program for ALN 10.924				14,297
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	10.931	NR206740XXXXG006	-	10,302
Pass-Through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation				
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	10.931	2501.20.070724		6,711
Total Agricultural Conservation Easement Program for ALN 1	0.931			17,013
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>-</u>	620,315

See accompanying notes to this schedule.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients		Through to		Through to		Through to		Through to		Through to		Through to		Through to		al Federal enditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)																			
Cooperating Technical Partners	97.045	N/A	\$		\$ 195,438														
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security for ALN	97.045				 195,438														
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE Pass-Through from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Legacy Resource Management Program	12.632	1903.21.071293		<u>-</u>	18,815														
Total U.S. Department of Defense for ALN 12.632					 18,815														
U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT Pass-Through from Solidaridad North America USAID Foreign Assistance for Programs Overseas	98.001	72052722CA00002		-	38,378														
Total U.S. Agency for International Development for	ALN 98.001			-	38,378														
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$	-	\$ 2,786,228														

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal award activity of National Wildlife Federation (the Federation) under programs of the federal government for the year ended August 31, 2022. The information is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Federation, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Federation.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

3. Indirect Cost Rates

The Federation has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under Uniform Guidance.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

<u>Financiai Statements</u>					
Type of auditors' report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:	Unmo	odified			
Internal control over financial reporting: Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		Yes Yes	X X	No None	Reported
None compliance material to financial statements noted?		Yes	X	No	
Federal Awards					
Internal control over major federal program(s): Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		Yes Yes	X X	No None	Reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal programs:	Unmo	odified			
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR, 200 516(a)?		Yes	_X_	No	
Identification of major federal programs:					
Name of Federal Program or Cluster				ssista	ance umbers
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Adaptive Science				15.24 15.67	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type	e B pro	grams:		\$	750,000
Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?	Х	Yes		No	

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

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SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None required to be reported.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None required to be reported.

SECTION IV – SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

Financial Statement Audit Findings

None reported.

Major Federal Award Programs Audit Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported.