



# DFG SPOTLIGHT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

FEATURING: THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



## DFG Going Green

In addition to managing for ecosystem function, reducing existing stressors, and maintaining vital partnerships and collaborations, an important facet of adapting to climate change is learning to perform our daily operations in a more sustainable fashion. One way in which DFG staff are making our operations more sustainable is by implementing actions that reduce our overall carbon footprint.

## DFG's Law Enforcement Division Going Green

DFG's Law Enforcement Division's (LED) mission is to "protect the habitat, water, wildlife and aquatic life of the State while providing public safety and maintaining a highly trained and professional work force to continue that protection into the future". In addition to providing these services in the field, LED's commitment extends to the activities in the office as well. By adopting work place practices that are more environmentally sustainable the LED is helping to reduce the DFG's carbon footprint and save valuable resources.

## Paperless Practice

For several years now, the LED has been migrating towards a more paperless system. Specifically, the LED policy manual is now housed in DFG's document library and provided to staff in the form of a PDF. The manual and manual updates are no longer shipped or provided as hard copy. Additionally, LED daily policy tests are now taken and tracked via the internet. These actions reduce the flow of paper, helping to preserve trees, forests, and the ecosystem services they provide.

## Electronic Tracking

LED's responsibilities also include reporting to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Service. Reporting for NOAA Fisheries is done via a Google website, and all statistics are tracked electronically. Internally, the LED is required to file monthly reports of spending, citations, mileage, hours, etc. for all districts. This information is tracked

from an individual game warden to the lieutenant, the captain, the assistant chief, and finally to the DFG headquarters office. This tracking is all done electronically. Both of these reporting practices would require more resources to complete if not carried out electronically. Electronic tracking within LED is directly preserving valuable time and resources and contributing to the reduction of DFG's carbon footprint.

## On the Horizon

The LED is currently in the beginning stages of developing an electronic Daily Activity Reporting system for all wardens. This system will eliminate paper tracking of activities and allow LED staff to query information in a more real time manner. The system is tentatively scheduled for web-based operation in early 2012. With more projects to come, the LED is setting a high bar for sustainability in all DFG operations.

