

Activity	Residents	Non-Residents	Total
<b>Non-Consumptive</b>	\$4,702,100	\$59,786,000	\$64,488,100
<b>Hunting</b>	\$4,600	\$0	\$4,600
<b>Fishing</b>	\$210,600	\$0	\$210,600
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,917,200</b>	<b>\$59,786,000</b>	<b>\$64,703,200</b>

Figure 6: Visitor Recreation Expenditures Associated with the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge (2016)<sup>209</sup>

	Residents	Non-Residents	Total
<b>Economic Output</b>	\$4,917,200	\$59,786,000	\$64,703,200
<b>Jobs</b>	57	697	753
<b>Jobs Income</b>	\$1,307,000	\$15,853,900	\$17,160,900
<b>State and Local Tax Revenue</b>	\$383,100	\$5,065,700	\$5,448,800

Figure 7: Local Economic Contributions Associated with Recreation Visit to the Okefenokee NWR (2016)<sup>210</sup>

**2. The application ignores the ecological goods and services provided by the Okefenokee Swamp and neighboring wetlands.**

In addition to direct economic benefits, the Okefenokee Swamp provides a number of ecological goods and services to the local community, including:

- (1) maintenance and conservation of environmental resources, services and ecological processes; (2) protection of natural resources such as fish, wildlife, and plants; (3) protection of cultural and historical sites and objects; (4) provision of educational and research opportunities; and (5) outdoor and wildlife-related recreation.<sup>211</sup>

An assessment by the University of Georgia, prepared for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, estimates the gross economic value from wetlands in the Refuge to be approximately \$125,000,000 per year:

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<sup>209</sup> *Id.*

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<sup>211</sup> *Id.* at 1.