

## Baseline and Collaborative Funding Summary

In FY08, both baseline funding and collaborative funding will be available to Chapters.

**Each Chapter will receive the same amount of baseline funding in FY08 as in FY07.**

Completion of the Chapter Annual Report and thus completion of the annual Chapter certification process will trigger payment of the baseline funding, just as it did with the “safety net” payments in past years. Funds will be directly deposited into Chapter checking accounts.

**Collaborative funds are additional *new monies* that will be allocated to each state and earmarked for distribution to Chapters.** The only requirements for collaborative funds are: (1) decisions about funding priorities and allocations to Chapters need to be made by Chapters together with their State Office or, where there is no State Office, with Chapter Services; (2) funds are intended to support conservation projects (defined broadly to include education, citizen science, policy, restoration, etc.) and provide an opportunity to align state and Chapter priorities; and (3) the process of allocation needs to be simple.