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NUMBER OF HUNTING LICENSES SOLD GOES DOWN; REVENUE UP

Hunting licenses sold in the 48 States during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, were down in number but the revenue was up, Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, reported today.

Hunters paid \$29,814,327 in fees for 11,391,810 licenses during the 1947-48 shooting season. Compared with the preceding year, license sales declined 674,953 from a high of 12,066,763 but fees jumped \$1,255,880 from the previous total of \$28,558,447.

The revenue received for 1947-48—the largest ever recorded—was the result of increased hunting pressure in a number of states plus increased fees. The gross total included such items as big game permits, special area permits, and deer tags, which may be required in addition to the regular license fees.

In commenting on the license decline, Mr. Day pointed out as one factor the decrease of 73,295 non-resident licenses in South Dakota under the previous year. This loss was attributed largely to the fact that out-of-state hunters were prohibited from hunting pheasants and grouse until 10 full days after the opening dates of the seasons, and were also prohibited from hunting migratory waterfowl or big game. An increase of 11,484 in resident licenses, however, did not offset the non-resident loss. Total fees paid by hunters in South Dakota for fiscal year 1948 amounted to \$477,205, a decrease of \$1,396,555 compared with the previous year.

In Maine, license sales dropped 27,882 in number and \$72,861 in revenue because severe forest fires and extremely dry conditions in the woods were responsible for a ban being placed on hunting during the fall of 1947.

In Colorado licenses dropped from a total of 414,274 in 1946-47 to 354,788 in 1947-48. Non-resident licenses numbered 116,147 in 1946-47; in 1947-48 the number sold was 9,397. A sharp increase in license fees accounts for this drop. Resident licenses in 1947-48 increased 47,264 over the 1946-47 total of 298,127 for this type of license. Despite the drop in total licenses sold, Colorado's revenue from this source amounted to \$1,658,056 in 1947-48, or an increase of \$514,781 over the preceding year.

For comparative purposes, the "big ten" in the license sales line-up are shown for the 1947-48 and 1946-47 hunting seasons. After many years of supremacy in heading this list, Michigan yielded first place in 1947-48 to Pennsylvania. Minnesota, which held fifth place in the 1946-47 line-up, dropped to eleventh place in 1947-48.

<u>1947-48</u>		<u>1946-47</u>	
Pennsylvania	847,559	Michigan	1,046,839
Michigan	819,406	Pennsylvania	843,040
New York	784,312	New York	826,774
Ohio	627,802	Ohio	702,510
California	503,753	Minnesota	495,370
Illinois	417,664	California	483,176
Indiana	391,810	Illinois	426,270
Washington	387,152	Colorado	414,274
Wisconsin	381,152	Washington	381,174
Colorado	354,788	Wisconsin	378,941

The first ten States in revenue received are listed below:

<u>1947-48</u>		<u>1946-47</u>	
Michigan	\$2,688,573	Pennsylvania	\$1,896,016
Pennsylvania	2,039,274	South Dakota	1,873,760
Colorado	1,658,056	Michigan	1,719,248
Washington	1,556,291	New York	1,378,222
New York	1,434,023	Washington	1,267,268
California	1,315,587	California	1,248,922
Missouri	1,051,448	Colorado	1,143,275
Oregon	950,741	Missouri	937,973
Wisconsin	923,603	Oregon	914,480
Illinois	871,260	Illinois	883,766
			393,548

Non-resident hunting licenses declined from ~~11,673,245~~ in 1946-47 to 180,952 ~~11,210,858~~ in 1947-48. Pennsylvania headed the list with 28,012 out-of-state license sales.

The sale of Federal migratory-bird hunting stamps, commonly called "duck stamps", declined in 1947-48 to 1,722,677, a drop of 294,142 from 1946-47 when the sale of 2,016,819 of these stamps broke all previous records. The Federal stamp, at \$1.00 each, in addition to a state license, is required of every waterfowl hunter over 16 years of age.

The appended tabulation summarizes by states the number of hunting and duck stamps issued and the fees paid by hunters.

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STATE HUNTING LICENSE AND FEDERAL DUCK STAMP SALES

JULY 1, 1947 to JUNE 30, 1948

STATE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL	FEE PAID BY HUNTERS	FEDERAL DUCK STAMPS
ALABAMA	219,135	1,844	220,979	\$ 418,297.00	11,210
ARIZONA	55,507	1,769	57,276	266,193.50	7,427
ARKANSAS	174,261	3,316	177,577	316,381.50	44,788
CALIFORNIA	502,583	1,170	503,753	1,315,587.00	137,279
COLORADO	345,391	9,397	354,788	1,658,055.50	28,217
CONNECTICUT	47,403	517	47,920	198,435.00	6,692
DELAWARE	20,313	389	20,702	26,819.40	3,284
FLORIDA	99,287	1,504	100,791	459,332.50	19,369
GEORGIA	136,993	1,933	138,926	305,465.75	4,143
IDAHO	151,076	2,347	153,423	548,922.00	39,470
ILLINOIS	414,900	2,764	417,664	(10) 871,260.00	81,753
INDIANA	390,727	1,083	391,810	584,528.38	17,038
IOWA	268,579	633	269,212	559,247.25	52,719
KANSAS	178,962	1,906	180,868	297,605.10	39,754
KENTUCKY	187,204	1,824	189,028	379,827.00	5,502
LOUISIANA	175,482	1,233	176,715	381,789.00	62,998
MAINE	93,859	11,580	105,439	350,587.90	10,905
MARYLAND	109,223	3,132	112,355	318,444.75	12,195
MASSACHUSETTS	119,214	1,531	120,745	328,747.00	15,780
MICHIGAN	808,360	11,046	819,406	2,688,572.50	91,334
MINNESOTA	344,710	1,441	346,151	610,207.75	145,926
MISSISSIPPI	192,730	1,769	194,499	388,915.00	17,322
MISSOURI	300,520	2,444	302,964	1,051,447.50	50,733
MONTANA	137,356	1,092	138,448	676,549.00	31,460
NEBRASKA	184,922	1,578	186,500	265,202.45	49,604
NEVADA	19,255	2,402	21,657	147,904.00	8,586
NEW HAMPSHIRE	90,918	10,437	101,355	423,632.00	3,428
NEW JERSEY	138,747	1,907	140,654	316,254.00	16,948
NEW MEXICO	51,436	2,428	53,864	306,273.25	6,357
NEW YORK	777,208	7,104	784,312	1,434,023.20	48,029
NORTH CAROLINA	240,813	2,685	243,498	638,295.30	12,741
NORTH DAKOTA	87,448	1,949	89,397	274,675.50	47,750
OHIO	627,108	694	627,802	(12) 685,838.00	27,087
OKLAHOMA	158,418	1,036	159,454	205,877.75	33,935
OREGON	203,102	5,518	208,620	950,740.50	60,390
PENNSYLVANIA	819,547	28,012	847,559	2,039,274.00	32,841
RHODE ISLAND	11,869	149	12,018	27,246.50	2,595
SOUTH CAROLINA	121,741	2,957	124,698	273,155.35	6,959
SOUTH DAKOTA	136,315	12,852	149,167	477,205.00	53,513
TENNESSEE	265,332	1,232	266,564	549,829.00	19,830
TEXAS	250,724	1,241	251,965	536,175.50	121,156
UTAH	122,780	5,670	128,450	(11) 726,639.30	25,522
VERMONT	63,321	6,924	70,245	226,656.25	3,161
VIRGINIA	253,117	5,449	258,566	682,221.50	11,418
WASHINGTON	386,520	632	387,152	1,556,291.00	74,937
WEST VIRGINIA	287,413	2,652	290,065	614,606.00	2,243
WISCONSIN	378,363	2,789	381,152	923,603.30	91,326
WYOMING	60,666	4,991	65,657	531,491.00	8,658
ALASKA					4,113
DIST. OF COL.					11,896
HAWAII					104
PUERTO RICO					252
TOTALS	11,210,858	190,952	11,391,810	\$29,814,326.93	1,722,677