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INTERIOR APPORTIONS FISH AND GAME RESTCRATION FUNDS TO STATES

Federal Aid funds totaling \$21,425,402 have been apportioned to the States for their fish and game restoration programs for the year ending June 30, 1961, Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton announced today. This includes the partial apportionment of \$12,800,000 made available to the States on July 1.

Of the total amount \$15,589,708 is for the restoration of game and \$5,835,694 is for the restoration of fish.

The current appropriations exceed the 1960 total by \$812,624 despite the fact that the 1960 total included the last of five annual "backlog" payments of \$2,693,494 each. (In 1955 the Congress authorized the appropriation, over a five-year period, of the reserve of \$13,467,468 which had accumulated from 1939 to 1946 when Congress did not appropriate total receipts annually from the excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition.) The apportionment for the restoration of game for last year was \$15,312,778 including the backlog; the apportionment for fish restoration was \$5,300,000 for that year.

These funds are derived from Federal excise taxes collected from the manufacturers--an 11 percent tax on sporting guns and ammunition for the restoration of game (Pittman-Robertson Act, approved September 2, 1937) and a 10 percent tax on fishing rods, reels, creels and artificial lures, baits and flies (Dingell-Johnson Act, approved August 9, 1950). Both taxes apply on the manufacturer's price.

The programs are administered by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service.

Funds are apportioned in accordance with formulas prescribed by Federal laws based upon the area of each State and the number of license holders in the State during the base fiscal year. In the distribution of wildlife restoration funds, one-half of the funds available for distribution is divided among the States according to the ratio which the area of each State bears to the total area of all the States and one-half in the ratio which the number of paid hunting license holders in each State bears to the total number of paid hunting license holders in all States during the prescribed period.

Funds in aid of fish restoration are apportioned similarly with 40 percent of the available funds divided on the basis of area and 60 percent on the basis of sport fishing license holders. The maximum apportionment to any State for either program is limited by law to five percent of the total, while the minimum apportionment for game restoration is one-half percent and for fish restoration one percent.

This year, the maximum amount which can be received by any State for the restoration of game is \$735,100; the minimum is \$73,510. Alaska and Texas received the maximum amount; Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont received the minimum. For the restoration of fish the maximum is \$272,750 and the minimum is \$54,550. Texas, California and Alaska received the maximum amount; Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia received the minimum.

Guam, which became eligible for Federal Aid in 1958, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands each received \$10,000 a year for game restoration programs and \$10,000 each for fish restoration.

Federal Aid money is matched by State money on the basis of not to exceed \$3 Federal Aid to \$1 State funds, although according to the provisions of the Acts the States carry out all projects with their own funds, and are reimbursed for up to 75 percent of project costs.

To obtain the benefits of the Federal grants, the States submit project proposals to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. When Federal Aid projects are approved by the Bureau, the State fish and game departments proceed to carry out the plans, spending their own funds. The States then submit reimbursement claims not to exceed 75 percent of the costs of the project, either periodically or at the completion of the work. All equipment, lands, and structures become the property of the States. All project workers are hired by the States and are State employees.

Apportionments to the 50 States for fiscal year 1961 for both fish and wildlife projects are attached.

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APPORTIONMENT FOR FEDERAL AID IN FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION
FISCAL YEAR 1961

	<u>FISH</u>	<u>WILDLIFE</u>
Alabama	\$108,869.77	\$260,935.59
Alaska	272,750.00	735,100.00
Arizona	102,147.59	315,080.43
Arkansas	106,140.02	227,274.55
California	272,750.00	650,076.33
Colorado	125,839.11	336,005.99 *
Connecticut	54,550.00	73,510.00
Delaware	54,550.00	73,510.00
Florida	114,689.75	210,975.60
Georgia	112,513.42	242,215.40
Hawaii	54,550.00	73,510.00
Idaho	88,831.66	282,827.63
Illinois	140,317.77	364,358.57
Indiana	133,237.89	357,715.87
Iowa	94,865.45	297,082.07
Kansas	89,534.87	297,842.67
Kentucky	85,178.33	219,021.76
Louisiana	60,912.67	239,772.39
Maine	54,570.27	158,899.05
Maryland	54,550.00	100,464.56
Massachusetts	54,550.00	77,152.73
Michigan	217,812.58	458,328.66 *
Minnesota	238,229.15	385,530.61 *
Mississippi	70,115.75	204,484.73
Missouri	142,720.52	325,164.64
Montana	127,037.21	433,731.99
Nebraska	77,045.65	260,099.63
Nevada	78,074.77	276,450.52
New Hampshire	54,550.00	73,510.00
New Jersey	54,550.00	97,482.15
New Mexico	97,683.03	331,224.70
New York	150,730.73	436,262.88
North Carolina	94,573.35	300,355.23
North Dakota	57,360.31	205,849.83
Ohio	152,717.08	410,886.05
Oklahoma	113,716.71	259,116.95
Oregon	109,846.50	359,187.41
Pennsylvania	122,515.72	557,541.26
Rhode Island	54,550.00	73,510.00
South Carolina	62,263.83	149,244.78
South Dakota	69,036.32	270,396.07
Tennessee	144,156.64	290,460.42
Texas	272,750.00	735,100.00
Utah	81,717.37	279,739.05
Vermont	54,550.00	73,510.00
Virginia	86,637.15	285,546.41
Washington	98,993.97	290,866.51
West Virginia	54,550.00	181,239.84
Wisconsin	195,041.57	309,606.44 *
Wyoming	85,604.52	279,672.22

* Portion of funds in the aggregate sum of \$514,569.83 temporarily withheld pending receipt of acceptable certification of paid hunting license holders