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\$6 MILLION FEDERAL ACCELERATED PUBLIC WORKS FUNDS EARMARKED FOR FISH AND
WILDLIFE PROJECTS

Six million dollars in Federal funds are being made available to State agencies for a major boost in fish and game conservation developments under the Accelerated Public Works Program, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today. Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands also will share in the program.

"This money will make it possible for States to undertake hunting and fishing restoration projects or related betterments which otherwise would have been delayed indefinitely," Secretary Udall said.

The money is provided through the recently inaugurated Accelerated Public Works Program which is reducing unemployment in certain areas throughout the United States.

Actual expenditure of funds will occur after individual State projects are cleared by the Area Redevelopment Administration and project agreements entered into between the Department of the Interior and each State game and fish department. On such approved projects, the Federal Government will bear up to 50 percent of the total cost. The remainder must come from State funds.

Today's Federal allocations will revert to the Treasury and thus will not be available for expenditure after June 30, 1963, unless they are obligated through an approved project agreement before then.

State fish and game departments may use the funds in areas of economic distress to construct capital improvements consistent with regulations of the Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration program. Eligible betterments include buildings, stream bank stabilization and improvement, development of water access areas, roads, public areas, habitat improvement, boat ramps, construction of public fishing lakes, and lake and stream renovation. Land acquisition will not be eligible.

Secretary Udall said the projects will provide employment while simultaneously creating lasting benefits for hunters and fishermen. They also will boost local economy, on a long-term basis through expenditures by hunters and fishermen for numerous items such as food, gasoline, and lodging, as well as hunting and fishing supplies and equipment. The distribution to States will be on the basis of number of unemployed persons and the number of unemployment areas in each State in relation to the total for the United States.

Secretary Udall and other officials of the Department of the Interior and from the Department's Fish and Wildlife Service met in Washington, D. C., November 19 and 20, 1962, with key State representatives to develop basic guidelines for this program. State fish and game directors attending the conference were Frank Groves of Nevada, President of the International Association of Game and Fish Commissioners; William Towell of Missouri, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association; Harry Woodward of Colorado, Chairman of the Grants-In-Aid Committee of the Association; and Bob Aldrich of Florida, past President of the Association. These State officials assisted in developing a statement of policies and procedures to govern the administration of the Accelerated Public Works Program and in developing a formula for apportioning funds to State fish and game departments.

The attached tabulation shows the allocation of funds.

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APPORTIONMENT OF ACCELERATED PUBLIC WORKS FUNDS
FOR
FEDERAL AID IN FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION

Alabama	\$ 195,212	New Hampshire	\$ 14,055
Alaska	86,766	New Jersey	210,113
Arizona	20,999	New Mexico	65,187
Arkansas	169,715	New York	197,696
California	191,246	North Carolina	180,686
Colorado	35,043	North Dakota	10,389
Connecticut	71,650	Ohio	163,698
Delaware	10,000	Oklahoma	130,823
Florida	103,810	Oregon	56,881
Georgia	212,961	Pennsylvania	600,000
Hawaii	14,250	Rhode Island	60,565
Idaho	35,692	South Carolina	92,070
Illinois	-- *	South Dakota	12,888
Indiana	152,637	Tennessee	183,061
Iowa	17,138	Texas	213,382
Kansas	21,251	Utah	45,358
Kentucky	249,201	Vermont	19,396
Louisiana	176,217	Virginia	48,441
Maine	59,108	Washington	77,850
Maryland	46,252	West Virginia	231,103
Massachusetts	99,597	Wisconsin	48,879
Michigan	522,170	Wyoming	16,555
Minnesota	85,082	Guam	13,277
Mississippi	208,564	Puerto Rico	279,832
Missouri	130,242	Virgin Islands	13,277
Montana	41,439		
Nebraska	42,714		
Nevada	15,582		
		TOTAL	\$ 6,000,000

* Illinois was apportioned \$500,000 in an earlier allocation of Accelerated Public Works funds.