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PROGRESS IN SPORT FISHING UNDER DINGELL-JOHNSON PROGRAM

Publication of Fifteen Years of Better Fishing, a booklet describing the first 15 years of action under the Federal Aid to Fish Restoration Act of 1950, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The 32-page booklet was produced by Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in cooperation with State fish agencies and the Sport Fishing Institute. It reports on the projects that comprise the so-called Dingell-Johnson program of Federal-State cooperation in improving fish populations and habitats.

Money for the program comes from a 10-percent excise tax collected by manufacturers of fishing rods, creels, reels, and artificial lures. The tax is paid to the U.S. Treasury, which turns it over to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for apportionment among State wildlife agencies to finance programs that have joint approval.

Sport Fisheries and Wildlife Director John Gottschalk calls the booklet "a report to the fishermen who pay these taxes, telling them how the money was spent."

The publication is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20420, for 50 cents a copy.

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