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HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE SALES INCREASE TO RECORD TOTALS

More than \$183 million was spent last year by sportsmen for licenses, tags, permits and stamps to participate in hunting and fishing, an increase of \$14.5 million from 1968, the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife announced today.

License revenues collected by States provide funds for fish and wildlife conservation and management activities.

All States receive additional funds under the Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs. Under these two Federal Aid programs, the States are reimbursed up to 75 percent of the cost of approved projects. A total of \$43 million was apportioned to the States for fish and wildlife projects in fiscal year 1970.

The number of fishing license holders increased by 1,015,816 over the previous year to a record 24,076,148. Fishermen spent \$87,500,774 for licenses--\$7.5 million more than last year.

Hunting license holders numbered 15,269,480, an increase of 338,210 over last year. Expenditures by hunters for licenses and permits exceeded last year's total by over \$7 million for a new high of \$95,709,024.

License sales, however, do not provide an accurate measure of the numbers of hunters and fishermen. In several States, sportsmen purchase separate licenses, stamps, permits or tags for taking different kinds of

fish and game. Also, most States do not require persons above or below certain ages to purchase licenses, and most of the coastal States do not require licenses for saltwater fishing. Some persons hunt or fish in more than one State and, consequently, are counted more than once.

"Fishing and hunting are favorite forms of recreation for millions of Americans," said Assistant Secretary Leslie L. Glasgow, who heads Interior's programs for fish, wildlife, parks, and marine resources. He added that the controlled harvest of fish and game animals is essential, in many instances, to keep wildlife in balance with its food supply and to prevent major die-offs resulting from starvation and disease. Fish and game animals are renewable resources that replenish their kind annually, Dr. Glasgow stresses.

In many years, he points out, many fish and game animals produce a surplus that is larger than their habitat can support. "Controlled harvests are a sensible and practical means of keeping game and fish populations in balance with their environment so that they can continue to be healthy and productive," said Dr. Glasgow.

State fish and game departments certify the numbers of paid hunting and fishing license holders to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. The Bureau uses these figures in distributing Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration funds to the 50 States.

A State-by-State breakdown of license sales is shown in the tables.

NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO FISHERMEN
FISCAL YEAR 1969

State	Paid Fishing License Holders ^{1/}	Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued ^{2/}	Gross Cost to Fishermen
Alabama	513,080	464,598	48,482	513,080	\$ 1,103,931.95
Alaska	81,445	62,546	36,777	99,323	599,494.00
Arizona	321,621	294,201	166,106	460,307	1,395,378.00
Arkansas	612,833	423,179	189,654	612,833	2,280,569.50
California	2,075,435	5,071,159	49,727	5,120,886	9,090,946.00
Colorado	507,312	367,425	152,871	520,296	2,706,839.00
Connecticut	154,441	149,572	4,869	154,441	602,023.82
Delaware	12,335	11,435	900	12,335	29,618.28
Florida	621,729	480,927	168,565	649,492	1,847,089.75
Georgia	584,619	568,766	44,018	612,784	1,384,353.00
Hawaii	3,771	3,701	70	3,771	12,631.50
Idaho	318,127	252,200	177,339	429,539	1,703,237.90
Illinois	851,699	815,787	35,912	851,699	1,818,317.50
Indiana	681,069	650,991	45,606	696,597	1,764,114.80
Iowa	425,515	408,446	17,069	425,515	1,236,241.50
Kansas	332,677	308,854	24,821	333,675	1,031,449.00
Kentucky	460,746	348,794	111,952	460,746	1,961,785.25
Louisiana	415,950	400,406	16,051	416,457	769,939.00
Maine	225,873	136,928	91,690	228,618	1,116,642.37
Maryland	17,858	136,950	10,885	147,835	543,676.25
Massachusetts	246,448	240,457	5,991	246,448	1,264,463.25
Michigan	1,077,005	1,187,067	217,173	1,404,240	4,293,503.20
Minnesota	1,381,648	1,130,701	342,861	1,473,562	3,350,971.50
Mississippi	341,129	245,261	105,175	350,436	884,325.95
Missouri	776,962	1,094,060	179,223	1,273,283	4,574,676.00
Montana	214,673	143,606	71,067	214,673	1,505,396.00
Nebraska	233,818	261,669	26,788	288,457	960,214.62
Nevada	123,672	70,526	56,553	127,079	445,805.00
New Hampshire	131,886	82,327	53,992	136,319	671,005.00
New Jersey	186,105	297,787	10,724	308,511	1,005,406.00
New Mexico	164,194	120,966	58,211	179,177	886,100.35
New York	858,924	822,757	70,277	893,034	2,843,058.00
North Carolina	467,991	545,802	51,069	596,871	2,178,016.60
North Dakota	115,642	106,588	9,960	116,548	264,195.00
Ohio	759,983	737,521	22,462	759,983	2,985,523.00
Oklahoma	529,422	486,437	55,000	541,437	1,746,232.00
Oregon	592,397	702,472	232,143	934,615	3,010,919.00
Pennsylvania	693,533	659,561	33,972	693,533	3,410,058.00
Rhode Island	20,916	20,242	674	20,916	63,109.00
South Carolina	431,061	410,781	44,839	455,620	1,094,889.65
South Dakota	193,273	120,661	76,834	197,495	579,447.00
Tennessee	886,663	1,060,604	241,642	1,302,246	1,920,902.00
Texas	1,369,646	1,343,231	27,413	1,370,644	2,743,658.00
Utah	295,228	226,101	75,429	301,530	1,320,754.00
Vermont	138,314	89,731	48,668	138,399	352,190.50
Virginia	439,398	666,310	64,057	730,367	1,409,392.00
Washington	463,732	440,350	32,309	472,659	2,429,804.50
West Virginia	235,984	203,676	32,408	236,084	720,362.50
Wisconsin	1,172,633	738,478	383,599	1,122,077	4,675,764.00
Wyoming	214,733	93,325	125,683	219,008	912,354.00

TOTALS ^{3/} / 24,0148 - 25,705,920 4,149,560 29,855,480 \$87,500,773.99

- ^{1/} A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses he may purchase.
^{2/} Date certified by State fish and game departments
^{3/} Period covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.
^{4/} Persons who fished in more than one State are counted in each State where they fished. Therefore, this figure exceeds the total number of license holders in the United States.

NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO HUNTERS
FISCAL YEAR 1969

State	Paid Hunting License Holders ^{1/}	Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued ^{2/}	Gross Cost to Hunters
Alabama	356,787	369,407	8,918	378,325	\$ 991,206.50
Alaska	41,852	48,798	10,560	59,358	784,073.00
Arizona	157,530	305,114	18,733	323,847	1,357,271.00
Arkansas	265,897	252,583	13,314	265,897	1,211,172.50
California	757,840	1,449,960	2,315	1,452,275	4,323,909.00
Colorado	283,205	352,505	83,488	435,993	6,363,464.00
Connecticut	73,722	73,158	564	73,722	263,747.68
Delaware	29,796	28,940	856	29,796	103,949.59
Florida	229,285	226,540	2,745	229,285	1,459,663.50
Georgia	318,703	347,233	4,926	352,159	1,196,429.00
Hawaii	8,361	8,108	253	8,361	64,605.00
Idaho	204,799	405,697	52,507	458,204	1,821,388.45
Illinois	406,660	397,743	8,917	406,660	1,434,883.75
Indiana	454,548	507,530	3,643	511,173	1,343,845.90
Iowa	321,647	309,424	12,223	321,647	1,110,192.50
Kansas	218,240	198,251	19,989	218,240	890,772.00
Kentucky	256,340	252,615	3,725	256,340	1,076,467.75
Louisiana	322,076	433,757	9,106	442,863	917,059.00
Maine	205,560	167,759	37,986	205,745	1,833,105.62
Maryland	183,110	249,671	8,257	257,928	1,350,316.00
Massachusetts	140,896	139,272	1,624	140,896	779,757.00
Michigan	918,175	1,249,337	24,335	1,273,672	5,900,086.20
Minnesota	455,660	638,668	3,135	641,803	2,641,816.50
Mississippi	270,737	369,610	24,375	393,985	1,164,633.62
Missouri	450,131	588,183	16,985	605,168	2,898,482.00
Montana	161,051	245,211	14,736	259,947	1,727,049.00
Nebraska	184,274	318,121	39,905	358,026	1,579,258.38
Nevada	63,718	101,040	11,179	112,219	663,012.00
New Hampshire	95,767	72,153	28,047	100,200	910,627.00
New Jersey	181,407	214,538	3,852	218,390	1,054,237.20
New Mexico	110,632	113,199	14,679	127,878	1,187,452.95
New York	725,305	1,249,352	66,874	1,316,226	4,527,249.00
North Carolina	448,864	503,289	7,591	510,880	2,356,781.95
North Dakota	76,478	170,888	11,033	181,921	532,845.00
Ohio	501,537	534,948	1,878	536,826	2,212,648.50
Oklahoma	219,274	280,785	4,661	285,446	1,144,420.00
Oregon	361,081	732,165	8,416	740,581	2,539,613.00
Pennsylvania	1,102,749	1,654,089	98,371	1,752,460	8,108,194.50
Rhode Island	15,814	15,508	306	15,814	51,567.00
South Carolina	223,123	212,030	11,093	223,123	813,801.25
South Dakota	162,233	294,296	44,952	339,248	1,216,067.50
Tennessee	444,983	605,800	20,740	626,540	1,834,015.00
Texas	729,661	911,296	13,021	924,317	2,463,506.51
Utah	207,629	217,767	18,941	236,708	1,885,980.75
Vermont	144,570	115,851	55,748	171,599	1,127,401.00
Virginia	397,139	753,689	53,505	807,194	2,004,506.75
Washington	338,913	708,096	3,353	711,449	3,071,492.75
West Virginia	239,935	222,065	17,970	240,035	959,863.00
Wisconsin	631,875	832,095	28,446	860,541	5,331,315.00
Wyoming	169,911	151,760	68,914	220,674	3,123,822.00
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