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NEARLY \$48 MILLION DISTRIBUTED TO STATES FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION AND HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAMS

Distribution to the States of \$47,890,000 in Federal aid for fish and wildlife restoration and for hunter safety programs was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton.

Of the total distributed, \$13,435,000 is for sport fish restoration, \$30,844,900 for wildlife restoration, and \$3,610,100 for hunter safety programs. These amounts include preliminary apportionments made in June 1971.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on certain articles of fishing tackle. Distribution is made according to a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters. Activities performed by the States include acquisition of land and water areas, construction and rehabilitation of lakes, development of access sites and facilities for fishermen, and research to aid in management of sport fisheries.

Wildlife restoration funds are derived from the 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition and the 10 percent excise tax on pistols and revolvers. The distribution for wildlife restoration is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the area of each State. These funds may be used on approved State wildlife projects which include acquisition of land suitable for habitat, development and manipulation of habitat, and research to aid in managing game species.

Distribution of hunter safety funds is based on the relative population of each State and may be used for State hunter safety programs, including construction, operation, and maintenance of public outdoor target ranges. The States, however, may use these funds for wildlife restoration projects also.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds for fiscal year 1972.

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Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1972

Alabama	\$ 240,420
Alaska	671,750
Arizona	279,268
Arkansas	266,265
California	671,750
Colorado	308,903
Connecticut	134,350
Delaware	134,350
Florida	303,570
Georgia	277,059
Hawaii	134,350
Idaho	233,367
Illinois	336,251
Indiana	266,625
Iowa	216,205
Kansas	228,751
Kentucky	205,467
Louisiana	180,676
Maine	134,350
Maryland	134,350
Massachusetts	134,350
Michigan	474,477
Minnesota	534,184
Mississippi	178,231
Missouri	345,749
Montana	292,709
Nebraska	184,460
Nevada	203,085
New Hampshire	134,350
New Jersey	134,350
New Mexico	234,283
New York	341,478
North Carolina	225,955
North Dakota	139,964
Ohio	289,725
Oklahoma	268,099
Oregon	339,104
Pennsylvania	297,390
Rhode Island	134,350
South Carolina	148,128
South Dakota	171,776
Tennessee	299,626
Texas	671,750
Utah	215,615
Vermont	134,350
Virginia	208,192
Washington	264,277
West Virginia	134,350
Wisconsin	478,315
Wyoming	195,552
American Samoa	44,783
Guam	44,783
Puerto Rico	134,350
Virgin Islands	44,783
<u>Total</u>	<u>13,435,000</u>

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1972

	<u>Wildlife</u> <u>Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter</u> <u>Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 583,643	\$ 90,900	\$ 674,543
Alaska	1,542,245	36,101	1,578,346
Arizona	713,452	36,101	749,553
Arkansas	523,670	36,101	559,771
California	1,490,580	108,303	1,598,883
Colorado	762,199	58,255	820,454
Connecticut	154,225	80,027	234,252
Delaware	154,225	36,101	190,326
Florida	515,248	108,303	623,551
Georgia	592,230	108,303	700,533
Hawaii	154,225	36,101	190,326
Idaho	618,206	36,101	654,307
Illinois	684,560	108,303	792,863
Indiana	615,456	108,303	723,759
Iowa	574,398	74,560	648,958
Kansas	614,958	59,359	674,317
Kentucky	439,038	84,966	524,004
Louisiana	552,214	96,153	648,367
Maine	351,469	36,101	387,570
Maryland	225,804	103,522	329,326
Massachusetts	154,225	108,303	262,528
Michigan	1,164,000	108,303	1,272,303
Minnesota	743,048	100,425	843,473
Mississippi	494,377	58,510	552,887
Missouri	761,923	108,303	870,226
Montana	879,317	36,101	915,418
Nebraska	544,056	36,101	580,157
Nevada	597,215	36,101	633,316
New Hampshire	154,225	36,101	190,326
New Jersey	210,819	108,303	319,122
New Mexico	695,876	36,101	731,977
New York	951,151	108,303	1,059,454
North Carolina	636,850	108,303	745,153
North Dakota	415,509	36,101	451,610
Ohio	706,681	108,303	814,984
Oklahoma	558,002	67,545	625,547
Oregon	796,972	55,197	852,169
Pennsylvania	1,282,128	108,303	1,390,431
Rhode Island	154,225	36,101	190,326
South Carolina	322,951	68,370	391,321
South Dakota	509,243	36,101	545,344
Tennessee	601,684	103,568	705,252
Texas	1,542,245	108,303	1,650,548
Utah	602,390	36,101	638,491
Vermont	176,271	36,101	212,372
Virginia	582,589	108,303	690,892
Washington	647,068	89,976	737,044
West Virginia	349,365	36,101	385,466
Wisconsin	862,414	108,303	970,717
Wyoming	628,995	36,101	665,096
Guam	51,408		51,408
Puerto Rico	154,225		154,225
Virgin Islands	51,408		51,408
Total	\$30,844,900	\$3,610,100	\$34,455,000