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OVER \$62 MILLION DISTRIBUTED TO STATES FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION AND HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAMS

Distribution to the States of \$62,015,000 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, \$14,630,000 is for sport fish restoration, \$43,219,000 for wildlife restoration, and \$4,166,000 for hunter safety programs. These amounts include preliminary apportionments made in May 1973.

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 target ranges. The States also may use these funds for wildlife restoration projects.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds for fiscal year 1974.

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1974

	<u>Wildlife Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 749,785	\$ 104,897	\$ 854,682
Alaska	2,160,950	41,660	2,202,610
Arizona	981,994	41,660	1,023,654
Arkansas	765,311	41,660	806,971
California	2,006,515	124,980	2,131,495
Colorado	1,053,790	67,226	1,121,016
Connecticut	216,095	92,351	308,446
Delaware	216,095	41,660	257,755
Florida	737,455	124,980	862,435
Georgia	807,119	124,980	932,099
Hawaii	216,095	41,660	257,755
Idaho	863,985	41,660	905,645
Illinois	1,018,724	124,980	1,143,704
Indiana	854,978	124,980	979,958
Iowa	858,482	86,041	944,523
Kansas	867,970	68,499	936,469
Kentucky	630,388	98,049	728,437
Louisiana	776,756	110,959	887,715
Maine	484,870	41,660	526,530
Maryland	325,910	119,463	445,373
Massachusetts	216,095	124,980	341,075
Michigan	1,434,491	124,980	1,559,471
Minnesota	1,004,981	115,889	1,120,870
Mississippi	726,102	67,519	793,621
Missouri	1,076,986	124,980	1,201,966
Montana	1,267,487	41,660	1,309,147
Nebraska	795,049	41,660	836,709
Nevada	840,898	41,660	882,558
New Hampshire	216,095	41,660	257,755
New Jersey	329,162	124,980	454,142
New Mexico	993,598	41,660	1,035,258
New York	1,212,910	124,980	1,337,890
North Carolina	881,576	124,980	1,006,556
North Dakota	611,226	41,660	652,886
Ohio	1,070,413	124,980	1,195,393
Oklahoma	773,867	77,946	851,813
Oregon	1,121,610	63,696	1,185,306
Pennsylvania	1,791,002	124,980	1,915,982
Rhode Island	216,095	41,660	257,755
South Carolina	446,417	78,898	525,315
South Dakota	744,373	41,660	786,033
Tennessee	889,286	119,516	1,008,802
Texas	2,160,950	124,980	2,285,930
Utah	883,780	41,660	925,440
Vermont	235,650	41,660	277,310
Virginia	854,877	124,980	979,857
Washington	861,101	103,831	964,932
West Virginia	507,995	41,660	549,655
Wisconsin	1,218,698	124,980	1,343,678
Wyoming	882,804	41,660	924,464
Guam	72,032		72,032
Puerto Rico	216,095		216,095
Virgin Islands	72,032		72,032
Total	\$43,219,000	\$4,166,000	\$47,385,000

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1974

Alabama	\$ 256,311
Alaska	731,500
Arizona	297,074
Arkansas	293,362
California	731,500
Colorado	358,147
Connecticut	146,300
Delaware	146,300
Florida	359,602
Georgia	292,719
Hawaii	146,300
Idaho	254,813
Illinois	352,748
Indiana	281,349
Iowa	239,412
Kansas	248,640
Kentucky	231,014
Louisiana	192,416
Maine	146,300
Maryland	146,300
Massachusetts	146,300
Michigan	512,026
Minnesota	597,900
Mississippi	196,807
Missouri	385,579
Montana	323,718
Nebraska	200,361
Nevada	223,370
New Hampshire	146,300
New Jersey	146,300
New Mexico	250,593
New York	327,684
North Carolina	229,903
North Dakota	156,395
Ohio	310,024
Oklahoma	291,688
Oregon	365,175
Pennsylvania	334,090
Rhode Island	146,300
South Carolina	161,664
South Dakota	182,923
Tennessee	338,109
Texas	731,500
Utah	245,739
Vermont	146,300
Virginia	217,853
Washington	260,471
West Virginia	146,300
Wisconsin	532,315
Wyoming	231,605
American Samoa	48,767
Guam	48,767
Puerto Rico	146,300
Virgin Islands	48,767
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$14,630,000</u>