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STATES GET ADDITIONAL \$35 MILLION FISH AND WILDLIFE FEDERAL AID

Over \$35 million in Federal Aid funds for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs was apportioned for distribution in December 1975 by Secretary of the Interior Thomas S. Kleppe, bringing to \$78.8 million the amount made available to the States in fiscal year 1976 by the Federal Government.

In fiscal year 1975 a total of \$70.3 million was made available to the States.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Lynn A. Greenwalt said these funds will be used by the States and governments of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa to finance fish and wildlife programs. Of the total funds available \$58.6 million is for wildlife restoration and \$20.2 million is for fish restoration.

Federal Aid funds are made available to the States in two apportionments annually as tax receipts become available at the Treasury Department. This year a preliminary apportionment of approximately \$43 million was made on July 1 for fiscal year 1976. The second apportionment, announced today, represents an additional \$35 million.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition and a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds

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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, such as the acquisition of land suitable for habitat, development and management 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 education programs, including construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges. The States, however, may also use these funds for wildlife restoration projects.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of the funds 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 the purchase 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.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds for fiscal year 1976.

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Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1976

	<u>Wildlife Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 926,126	\$ 145,148	\$ 1,071,274
Alaska	2,633,500	59,300	2,692,800
Arizona	1,197,635	74,698	1,272,333
Arkansas	960,423	81,054	1,041,477
California	2,333,284	177,900	2,511,184
Colorado	1,351,152	93,021	1,444,173
Connecticut	263,350	127,788	391,138
Delaware	263,350	59,300	322,650
Florida	891,490	177,900	1,069,390
Georgia	1,024,087	177,900	1,201,987
Hawaii	263,350	59,300	322,650
Idaho	1,069,738	59,300	1,129,038
Illinois	1,207,291	177,900	1,385,191
Indiana	1,008,976	177,900	1,186,876
Iowa	978,607	119,056	1,097,663
Kansas	1,034,535	94,783	1,129,318
Kentucky	777,650	135,672	913,322
Louisiana	931,029	153,535	1,084,564
Maine	584,093	59,300	643,393
Maryland	372,517	165,303	537,820
Massachusetts	263,350	177,900	441,250
Michigan	1,795,065	177,900	1,972,965
Minnesota	1,336,331	160,358	1,496,689
Mississippi	878,144	93,428	971,572
Missouri	1,301,907	177,900	1,479,807
Montana	1,562,144	59,300	1,621,444
Nebraska	941,854	62,532	1,004,386
Nevada	1,022,066	59,300	1,081,366
New Hampshire	263,350	59,300	322,650
New Jersey	340,647	177,900	518,547
New Mexico	1,235,714	59,300	1,295,014
New York	1,518,893	177,900	1,696,793
North Carolina	1,089,250	177,900	1,267,150
North Dakota	740,227	59,300	799,527
Ohio	1,242,267	177,900	1,420,167
Oklahoma	980,151	107,855	1,088,006
Oregon	1,358,865	88,138	1,447,003
Pennsylvania	2,151,006	177,900	2,328,906
Rhode Island	263,350	59,300	322,650
South Carolina	561,152	109,173	670,325
South Dakota	926,222	59,300	985,522
Tennessee	1,127,999	165,377	1,293,376
Texas	2,633,500	177,900	2,811,400
Utah	1,097,654	59,300	1,156,954
Vermont	318,202	59,300	377,502
Virginia	1,055,541	177,900	1,233,441
Washington	1,060,994	143,673	1,204,667
West Virginia	613,621	73,508	687,129
Wisconsin	1,438,850	177,900	1,616,750
Wyoming	1,040,585	59,300	1,099,885
American Samoa	-	-	-
Guam	87,783	-	87,783
Puerto Rico	263,350	-	263,350
Virgin Islands	87,783	-	87,783
Total	\$52,670,000	\$5,930,000	\$58,600,000

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1976

Alabama	\$ 353,935
Alaska	1,010,000
Arizona	417,394
Arkansas	413,458
California	1,010,000
Colorado	498,708
Connecticut	202,000
Delaware	202,000
Florida	506,903
Georgia	403,800
Hawaii	202,000
Idaho	358,489
Illinois	448,930
Indiana	365,391
Iowa	321,498
Kansas	329,459
Kentucky	317,960
Louisiana	289,991
Maine	202,000
Maryland	202,000
Massachusetts	202,000
Michigan	674,194
Minnesota	742,307
Mississippi	286,107
Missouri	524,600
Montana	447,405
Nebraska	271,281
Nevada	317,538
New Hampshire	202,000
New Jersey	202,000
New Mexico	354,922
New York	482,085
North Carolina	332,926
North Dakota	222,493
Ohio	468,672
Oklahoma	416,895
Oregon	495,500
Pennsylvania	489,697
Rhode Island	202,000
South Carolina	229,621
South Dakota	250,013
Tennessee	448,708
Texas	1,010,000
Utah	365,028
Vermont	202,000
Virginia	311,835
Washington	367,873
West Virginia	202,000
Wisconsin	705,952
Wyoming	312,433
American Samoa	67,333
Guam	67,333
Puerto Rico	202,000
Virgin Islands	67,333
Total	\$20,200,000