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STATES TO GET ADDITIONAL \$49.5 MILLION THROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE FEDERAL AID

Over \$49 million in Federal Aid funds for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs has been apportioned for distribution by Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus. This brings to \$87.2 million the amount made available to the States this fiscal year by the Federal Government.

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, \$62.9 million is for wildlife restoration and \$24.3 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 \$37.7 million was made on October 3, 1977, for fiscal year 1978. The second apportionment, announced today, represents an additional \$49.5 million.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds 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 1978.

**Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1978**

	<u>Wildlife Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 955,004	\$ 215,397	\$ 1,170,401
Alaska	2,705,000	88,000	2,793,000
Arizona	1,254,784	110,851	1,365,635
Arkansas	1,003,800	120,282	1,124,082
California	2,302,275	264,000	2,566,275
Colorado	1,381,907	138,041	1,519,948
Connecticut	270,500	189,634	460,134
Delaware	270,500	88,000	358,500
Florida	906,770	264,000	1,170,770
Georgia	1,067,147	264,000	1,331,147
Hawaii	270,500	88,000	358,500
Idaho	1,051,899	88,000	1,139,899
Illinois	1,281,762	264,000	1,545,762
Indiana	1,011,164	264,000	1,275,164
Iowa	1,030,366	176,677	1,207,043
Kansas	1,046,414	140,656	1,187,070
Kentucky	837,285	201,335	1,038,620
Louisiana	936,430	227,843	1,164,273
Maine	634,472	88,000	722,472
Maryland	374,805	245,306	620,111
Massachusetts	270,500	264,000	534,500
Michigan	1,961,524	264,000	2,225,524
Minnesota	1,413,734	237,968	1,651,702
Mississippi	919,689	138,645	1,058,334
Missouri	1,330,328	264,000	1,594,328
Montana	1,601,771	88,000	1,689,771
Nebraska	941,708	92,796	1,034,504
Nevada	1,036,932	88,000	1,124,932
New Hampshire	270,500	88,000	358,500
New Jersey	355,769	264,000	619,769
New Mexico	1,248,104	88,000	1,336,104
New York	1,613,601	264,000	1,877,601
North Carolina	1,043,308	264,000	1,307,308
North Dakota	755,544	88,000	843,544
Ohio	1,256,836	264,000	1,520,836
Oklahoma	986,099	160,055	1,146,154
Oregon	1,333,781	130,795	1,464,576
Pennsylvania	2,371,093	264,000	2,635,093
Rhode Island	270,500	88,000	358,500
South Carolina	593,257	162,010	755,267
South Dakota	887,472	88,000	975,472
Tennessee	1,109,985	245,416	1,355,401
Texas	2,705,000	264,000	2,969,000
Utah	1,081,869	88,000	1,169,869
Vermont	285,693	88,000	373,693
Virginia	993,231	264,000	1,257,231
Washington	1,081,984	213,209	1,295,193
West Virginia	673,068	109,084	782,152
Wisconsin	1,574,717	264,000	1,838,717
Wyoming	1,088,785	88,000	1,176,785
Guam	90,167	-	90,167
Puerto Rico	270,500	-	270,500
Virgin Islands	90,167	-	90,167
Total	\$54,100,000	\$8,800,000	\$62,900,000

**Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1978**

Alabama	\$ 422,899
Alaska	1,215,000
Arizona	509,324
Arkansas	504,526
California	1,215,000
Colorado	604,997
Connecticut	243,000
Delaware	243,000
Florida	589,524
Georgia	474,940
Hawaii	243,000
Idaho	413,104
Illinois	647,229
Indiana	436,260
Iowa	409,256
Kansas	382,882
Kentucky	393,505
Louisiana	364,004
Maine	243,000
Maryland	243,000
Massachusetts	243,000
Michigan	857,113
Minnesota	940,081
Mississippi	337,167
Missouri	609,394
Montana	539,846
Nebraska	333,191
Nevada	376,356
New Hampshire	243,000
New Jersey	243,000
New Mexico	439,653
New York	563,272
North Carolina	381,755
North Dakota	259,623
Ohio	569,922
Oklahoma	469,767
Oregon	599,744
Pennsylvania	582,442
Rhode Island	243,000
South Carolina	287,141
South Dakota	287,881
Tennessee	459,940
Texas	1,215,000
Utah	454,584
Vermont	243,000
Virginia	314,539
Washington	439,390
West Virginia	243,000
Wisconsin	850,387
Wyoming	390,362
Guam	81,000
Puerto Rico	243,000
Virgin Islands	81,000
American Samoa	81,000
Total	\$24,300,000