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1985 NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 1985 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation is now available. It is the seventh in the series of comprehensive nationwide surveys of wildlife-associated recreation conducted by the Service every 5 years since 1955.

These surveys represent the most extensive periodic examination of the participation of Americans in wildlife recreation. The data are used widely by public and private wildlife managers to help them more appropriately meet increased or changing demands on fish and wildlife resources. The volume is also widely used by the recreational equipment industry, conservation organizations, and others interested in outdoor recreation.

The Survey concludes that in 1985:

- o 46.4 million, or more than one in four, adult Americans fished.
- o 16.7 million, or more than one in ten, adult Americans hunted.
- o 109.6 million, or over half of all adult Americans, actively participated in nonconsumptive activities such as feeding, observing, or photographing wildlife.

Copies of the Survey may be ordered by mail or phone:

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