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INTERIOR SECRETARY LUJAN ANNOUNCES APPORTIONMENT OF \$351.8 MILLION FOR STATE WILDLIFE PROJECTS

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan today announced \$351.8 million raised from Federal excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment will be apportioned to the states for fish and wildlife-related projects in the United States and territories this year.

"Hunters and fishermen continue to fund the lion's share of this Nation's conservation efforts," Lujan said. "Without the excise taxes they pay on hunting and fishing equipment, states would not be able to pay for many of the fish and wildlife restoration and recreation projects the public has come to take for granted."

The revenues are made available to the states through Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A total of \$156.9 million will be apportioned to the states under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson program, after its congressional sponsors. Another \$194.9 million will be passed along under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, often called the Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux program.

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Excise taxes collected from manufacturers and importers of angling and hunting equipment are paid to the U.S. Department of Treasury and then transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for distribution to the states.

"This money will be spent for everything from building boat ramps to restoring vital wetlands to establishing hunter education and safety programs," said Mike Hayden, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. "It not only conserves wildlife and wildlife habitat but also helps everyone enjoy the great outdoors more."

Fish and Wildlife Director John Turner said, "These programs have long been the model of enlightened self-interest, ever since anglers and hunters lobbied Congress to impose the taxes. They reflect the deep love and respect American sportsmen have for wildlife and our natural heritage."

The \$156.9 million for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1993 comes 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.

The \$194.9 million for sports fish restoration for fiscal year 1993 results from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. In addition, the "Wallop-Breaux" legislation of 1994 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal motorboat fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

The Federal Aid program allows states to set priorities and develop projects based on their own wildlife resource needs. Up to 75 percent of every Sport Fish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration project is funded through these apportioned excise taxes while the remaining 25 percent is funded through state matching funds.

Also in fiscal year 1993, \$32.2 million will be used to fund hunter education and safety programs. These programs for beginning hunters teach safe handling of firearms and archery equipment, respect for wildlife, ethical outdoor behavior, wilderness survival, and how to avoid hunting accidents. To date, more than 20 million hunters, about 700,000 per year, have graduated from state hunter education programs.

The attached tables show the allocation of the final apportionments for fiscal year 1993.

**FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION
FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993**

STATE	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	2,041,326	756,514	2,797,840
ALASKA	6,235,000	322,000	6,557,000
ARIZONA	2,832,064	686,236	3,518,300
ARKANSAS	2,169,639	322,000	2,491,639
CALIFORNIA	4,553,504	966,000	5,519,504
COLORADO	3,274,964	616,805	3,891,769
CONNECTICUT	623,500	615,443	1,238,943
DELAWARE	623,500	322,000	945,500
FLORIDA	1,924,363	966,000	2,890,363
GEORGIA	2,498,858	966,000	3,464,858
HAWAII	623,500	322,000	945,500
IDAHO	2,531,875	322,000	2,853,875
ILLINOIS	2,400,603	966,000	3,366,603
INDIANA	1,925,556	966,000	2,891,556
IOWA	2,108,273	519,888	2,628,161
KANSAS	2,352,668	322,000	2,674,668
KENTUCKY	1,993,391	689,994	2,683,385
LOUISIANA	1,990,055	790,101	2,780,156
MAINE	1,437,628	322,000	1,759,628
MARYLAND	800,240	895,229	1,695,469
MASSACHUSETTS	623,500	966,000	1,589,500
MICHIGAN	5,522,436	966,000	6,488,436
MINNESOTA	3,624,831	819,145	4,443,976
MISSISSIPPI	2,039,717	481,780	2,521,497
MISSOURI	3,436,002	958,063	4,394,065
MONTANA	3,859,526	322,000	4,181,526
NEBRASKA	2,151,073	322,000	2,473,073
NEVADA	2,363,883	322,000	2,685,883
NEW HAMPSHIRE	623,500	322,000	945,500
NEW JERSEY	626,078	966,000	1,592,078
NEW MEXICO	2,896,694	322,000	3,218,694
NEW YORK	3,717,621	966,000	4,683,621
NORTH CAROLINA	2,443,269	966,000	3,409,269
NORTH DAKOTA	1,725,953	322,000	2,047,953
OHIO	2,701,087	966,000	3,667,087
OKLAHOMA	2,350,478	588,944	2,939,422
OREGON	3,113,750	532,164	3,645,914
PENNSYLVANIA	5,315,908	966,000	6,281,908
RHODE ISLAND	623,500	322,000	945,500
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,353,500	652,811	2,006,311
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,069,486	322,000	2,391,486
TENNESSEE	3,049,790	913,150	3,962,940
TEXAS	6,235,000	966,000	7,201,000
UTAH	2,545,853	322,000	2,867,853
VERMONT	623,500	322,000	945,500
VIRGINIA	2,298,186	966,000	3,264,186
WASHINGTON	2,379,569	911,185	3,290,754
WEST VIRGINIA	1,477,784	322,000	1,799,784
WISCONSIN	4,019,299	915,880	4,935,179
WYOMING	2,493,888	322,000	2,815,888
PUERTO RICO	623,500	0	623,500
GUAM	207,833	53,667	261,500
VIRGIN ISLANDS	207,833	53,667	261,500
AMERICAN SAMOA	207,833	53,667	261,500
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	207,833	53,667	261,500
TOTAL	124,700,000	32,200,000	156,900,000

**FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993**

ALABAMA	2,906,529
ALASKA	9,745,000
ARIZONA	3,934,291
ARKANSAS	3,480,568
CALIFORNIA	9,745,000
COLORADO	4,733,545
CONNECTICUT	1,949,000
DELAWARE	1,949,000
FLORIDA	4,838,805
GEORGIA	3,658,086
HAWAII	1,949,000
IDAHO	3,162,075
ILLINOIS	4,098,329
INDIANA	2,963,923
IOWA	2,620,053
KANSAS	2,860,176
KENTUCKY	3,002,032
LOUISIANA	3,124,568
MAINE	1,949,000
MARYLAND	2,775,690
MASSACHUSETTS	1,949,000
MICHIGAN	7,422,266
MINNESOTA	7,111,725
MISSISSIPPI	2,530,907
MISSOURI	4,861,162
MONTANA	4,564,036
NEBRASKA	2,496,402
NEVADA	2,925,325
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,949,000
NEW JERSEY	1,949,000
NEW MEXICO	3,498,747
NEW YORK	5,163,563
NORTH CAROLINA	2,935,558
NORTH DAKOTA	1,949,000
OHIO	5,173,290
OKLAHOMA	3,699,443
OREGON	4,687,479
PENNSYLVANIA	5,287,555
RHODE ISLAND	1,949,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	2,204,222
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,326,550
TENNESSEE	3,806,175
TEXAS	9,745,000
UTAH	3,267,689
VERMONT	1,949,000
VIRGINIA	2,809,740
WASHINGTON	4,774,453
WEST VIRGINIA	1,949,000
WISCONSIN	6,312,678
WYOMING	3,011,030
PUERTO RICO	1,949,000
GUAM	649,667
VIRGIN ISLANDS	649,667
AMERICAN SAMOA	649,667
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	649,667
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	649,667
TOTAL	194,900,000