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Fresh-water anglers fishing for food, as well as for recreation, brought \$9,857,229 in revenue to the 48 States and Alaska from the sale of 7,846,168 fishing licenses during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1944, according to a tabulation submitted today to the Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Compared with the preceding year when 8,028,674 licenses were sold for \$10,024,329 the 1943-44 totals indicate a decrease of 182,506 in licenses and \$167,100 in revenue.

California exceeded all other States in revenue received with \$902,188. Michigan ranked second with \$723,451, followed by Minnesota with \$599,150; New York, \$584,619; Wisconsin, \$578,385; Pennsylvania, \$533,666; Washington, \$376,670; Ohio, \$363,236; Oregon, \$360,365; and Illinois, \$350,827.

In the number of licenses sold, Michigan led with 701,310. Ohio was second with 587,429, followed by Indiana with 461,369; Illinois, 452,301; California, 446,568; Minnesota, 419,341; New York, 403,814; Wisconsin, 352,223; Missouri, 336,868; Pennsylvania, 331,336, the tabulation indicates.

Total license sales include 1,555,356 combination hunting and fishing licenses which were sold by States having a license system that makes it necessary for hunters to purchase combination licenses. No doubt many of the license holders did not fish, but the number is not known.

The appended tabulation summarizes by States the number of licenses issued and the revenues collected.

ANGLING LICENSE SALES
July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1944

State	Resident	Non-Resident	Total Licenses	Fees Paid By Anglers
Alabama	38,366	1,435	39,801	\$ 44,207
Arizona	33,776	2,839	36,615	33,183
Arkansas	36,572	13,214	49,786	97,060
California	442,046	4,522	446,568	902,188
Colorado	148,644	15,312	163,956	157,650
Connecticut	45,548	2,078	47,626	151,862
Delaware	2,520	710	3,230	7,017
Florida	63,997	16,012	80,009	140,174
Georgia	39,563	400	39,963	51,174
Idaho	119,029	12,753	131,782	157,814
Illinois	444,231	8,070	452,301	350,827
Indiana	441,528	19,841	461,369	333,615
Iowa	199,135	3,243	202,378	179,720
Kansas	139,243	2,543	141,786	143,197
Kentucky	79,698	6,304	86,002	92,350
Louisiana	32,793	8,090	40,883	62,956
Maine	87,060	27,329	114,389	176,348
Maryland	26,710	3,582	30,292	52,326
Massachusetts	135,035	2,793	137,828	247,696
Michigan	564,740	136,570	701,310	723,451
Minnesota	379,948	39,393	419,341	599,150
Mississippi	9,823	3,778	13,601	24,466
Missouri	324,153	12,715	336,868	290,780
Montana	106,653	5,924	112,577	126,562
Nebraska	109,066	1,507	110,573	106,578
Nevada	16,294	801	17,095	26,997
New Hampshire	59,882	28,719	88,601	159,611
New Jersey	77,888	4,239	82,127	168,571
New Mexico	30,556	11,799	42,355	92,799
New York	395,493	8,321	403,814	584,619
North Carolina	54,299	6,145	60,444	85,237
North Dakota	26,876	119	26,995	13,795
Ohio	579,859	7,570	587,429	363,236
Oklahoma	150,480	10,292	160,772	209,849
Oregon	134,118	5,547	139,665	360,365
Pennsylvania	324,862	6,474	331,336	533,666
Rhode Island	11,726	183	11,909	15,306
South Carolina	16,506	1,753	18,259	42,038
South Dakota	58,220	2,913	61,133	69,618
Tennessee	127,523	18,198	145,721	153,370
Texas	128,190	4,042	132,232	124,475
Utah	57,503	2,548	60,051	91,654
Vermont	48,805	11,189	59,994	82,451
Virginia	115,109	5,405	120,514	124,873
Washington	278,398	6,966	285,364	376,670
West Virginia	169,634	7,035	176,669	188,200
Wisconsin	245,936	106,287	352,223	578,385
Wyoming	50,535	14,406	64,941	111,937
UNITED STATES	7,208,569	621,908	7,830,477	\$9,840,073
Alaska	14,714	977	15,691	17,156
TOTALS	7,223,283	622,885	7,846,168	\$9,857,229