



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## INFORMATION SERVICE

### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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The apportionment of \$2,260,000 among the states for the restoration and development of their wildlife resources in the fiscal year 1947 was announced today by Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug under the terms of the Pittman-Robertson Act.

Federal funds allotted to the states this year are nearly three times as great as the \$380,000 apportionment of last year, the Secretary pointed out, and the largest since 1942 when \$2,530,000 was provided.

In order to obtain the Federal grants, the states must contribute 25 percent of the cost of the projects. On this basis the total amount which will be available for Federal-aid wildlife work during 1946-47 will be more than three million dollars. All projects are approved by the Fish and Wildlife Service on behalf of Secretary Krug to determine whether they are sound in character and design.

The funds used by the Federal Government for the Federal Aid program come from the 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition. Although the income from this tax is earmarked for wildlife restoration work, it can be expended only when appropriated by Congress. On June 30, 1946, prior to the appropriation of program funds for this year, the special Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration fund in the Treasury contained \$15,967,468.61.

On July 24 the President signed the bill amending the Pittman-Robertson Act to permit the states to use not more than 25 percent of their annual apportionments for the maintenance of completed projects. In addition, the amendment

provides for changing the maximum and minimum limits "so that no state shall receive less than one-half of one percent nor more than five percent of the total amount apportioned to all the states." This formula will be used for computing the 1948 apportionments.

Under the terms of the Pittman-Robertson Act, the Federal funds are apportioned to the states on the basis of land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Since the Act became effective on July 1, 1938, the following amounts have been apportioned to the states, exclusive of Territories, for each fiscal year: 1939, \$890,000; 1940, \$1,400,000; 1941, \$2,300,000; 1942, \$2,530,000; 1943, \$1,128,000; 1944, \$910,000; 1945, \$806,500; and 1946, \$880,000.

The 1947 appropriation by the Congress was \$2,500,000, of which \$200,000 will be required for the administration of the program, \$20,000 for the conduct of wildlife restoration projects in Alaska, \$10,000 in Hawaii, and \$5,000 each in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, leaving the balance of \$2,260,000 for the 47 participating states. Nevada, because it has not passed assent legislation, is the only ineligible state.

The top-ranking state in the apportionment of 1947 funds is Michigan which will receive \$129,652. Texas ranks second with \$119,818. California gets \$103,132, and Pennsylvania, in fourth place, receives \$100,427.

Allotments to each state are listed in alphabetical order as follows:

Alabama, \$34,090; Arizona, \$48,002; Arkansas, \$28,686; California, \$103,132; Colorado, \$70,106; Connecticut, \$6,526; Delaware, \$5,000; Florida, \$31,247; Georgia, \$29,815; Idaho, \$48,611; Illinois, \$62,327; Indiana, \$68,414; Iowa, \$52,098; Kansas, \$44,700; Kentucky, \$25,631.

Louisiana, \$35,224; Maine, \$28,322; Maryland, \$15,376; Massachusetts, \$14,783; Michigan, \$129,652; Minnesota, \$76,488; Mississippi, \$31,004; Missouri, \$57,504; Montana, \$68,678; Nebraska, \$48,219; Nevada, \$43,502; New Hampshire,

\$12,898; New Jersey, \$20,238; New Mexico, \$50,218; New York, \$93,508; North Carolina, \$35,616; North Dakota, \$34,172; Ohio, \$87,330.

Oklahoma, \$42,763; Oregon, \$55,290; Pennsylvania, \$100,427; Rhode Island, \$5,000; South Carolina, \$20,575; South Dakota, \$47,687; Tennessee, \$33,794; Texas, \$119,818; Utah, \$44,137; Vermont, \$10,159; Virginia, \$36,109; Washington, \$64,941; West Virginia, \$33,734; Wisconsin, \$62,007; and Wyoming, \$42,441.

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