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FISHING LICENSES SALES SOAR TO NEW HIGH RECORD

Fresh water fishing in the United States moved up another notch in its standing in the big league of national sports during the year ending June 30, 1948, when the number of anglers' licenses sold reached a new high record of 14,582,739, Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, announced today.

The gross revenue derived by the 48 States from these license sales, \$28,350,069, also broke all previous records.

Compared with the previous year when 12,620,464, fishing licenses were sold by the various States for \$22,667,301, the 1947-48 season totals show an increase of 1,962,275 in licenses and \$5,682,768 in revenue.

In the number of licenses issued, California headed the list with 1,374,029 (an increase of 525,583 over the previous year). Michigan ranked second with 1,108,510, followed by Ohio with 931,270; Wisconsin, 843,897; Minnesota, 843,070; Illinois, 681,532; New York, 640,428; Pennsylvania, 604,967; Indiana, 575,287; and Missouri, 571,313.

California again exceeded all other States in revenue received with \$3,280,805 (an increase of \$1,562,739 over the previous year). Minnesota was second with \$1,515,272, followed by Wisconsin with \$1,449,745; Michigan, \$1,409,904; Washington, \$1,369,492; New York, \$1,324,385; Missouri, \$1,302,495; Pennsylvania, \$980,725; Oregon, \$958,591; and Ohio, \$948,660.

Tourists, engaged in sport fishing in waters outside their home States, bought 1,605,661 non-resident licenses, an increase of 140,963 over 1946-47. States which attracted the greatest number of out-of-state anglers were Michigan, with 281,825 non-resident license sales; Wisconsin, 245,993; and Minnesota, 198,470. By contrast, California reported the sale of only 16,700 non-resident licenses.

For comparative purposes, the first ten in the license sales line-up are shown for 1947-48 and 1946-47:

	<u>1947-48</u>		<u>1946-47</u>
California	1,374,029	Michigan	989,333
Michigan	1,108,510	California	848,446
Ohio	931,270	Minnesota	765,335
Wisconsin	843,897	Ohio	669,613
Minnesota	843,070	Wisconsin	653,147

Illinois	681,532	New York	631,238
New York	640,428	Pennsylvania	599,572
Pennsylvania	604,967	Illinois	536,868
Indiana	575,287	Missouri	526,737
Missouri	571,313	Indiana	522,033

The first ten States in amount of revenue received are listed below:

<u>1947-48</u>		<u>1946-47</u>	
California	\$3,280,805	California	\$1,718,066
Minnesota	1,515,272	Minnesota	1,328,316
Wisconsin	1,449,745	New York	1,316,513
Michigan	1,409,904	Missouri	1,095,219
Washington	1,369,492	Michigan	1,094,694
New York	1,324,385	Wisconsin	1,093,082
Missouri	1,302,495	Washington	1,064,993
Pennsylvania	980,725	Pennsylvania	978,315
Oregon	958,591	Oregon	831,696
Ohio	948,660	Ohio	680,364

The appended tabulation summarizes the number of licenses issued and the revenue collected for all the states during 1947-48.

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STATE FISHING LICENSE SALES - JULY 1, 1947 to JUNE 30, 1948

STATE	RESIDENT	NON- RESIDENT	TOTAL	FEES PAID BY ANGLERS
ALABAMA	105,940	5,758	111,698	\$ 121,865
ARIZONA	58,248	9,233	67,481	204,302
ARKANSAS	210,452	50,136	260,588	459,993
CALIFORNIA	859,374	9,877	③ 869,251	2,255,380
COLORADO	253,036	45,451	⑬ 298,487	770,138
CONNECTICUT	74,311	3,754	78,065	315,261
DELAWARE	4,562	1,543	6,105	14,138
FLORIDA	160,521	62,629	223,150	519,854
GEORGIA	119,086	1,384	120,470	157,161
IDAHO	148,852	36,482	185,334	571,942
ILLINOIS	659,714	21,818	⑥ 681,532	711,730
INDIANA	540,641	34,646	⑨ 575,287	695,304
IOWA	324,676	9,177	⑬ 333,853	655,087
KANSAS	221,973	5,086	227,059	344,026
KENTUCKY	219,915	10,791	230,706	236,422
LOUISIANA	59,353	4,702	64,055	106,373
MAINE	93,750	66,533	160,283	415,395
MARYLAND	54,286	8,639	62,925	124,860
MASSACHUSETTS	206,753	5,535	212,288	480,585
MICHIGAN	826,685	481,825	① 1,108,510	1,409,904
MINNESOTA	644,600	198,470	② 843,070	1,515,272
MISSISSIPPI	100,900	9,905	110,805	333,018
MISSOURI	536,201	35,112	⑩ 571,313	1,302,495
MONTANA	137,356	21,356	158,712	492,743
NEBRASKA	193,022	6,138	199,160	276,880
NEVADA	23,616	9,178	32,794	67,651
NEW HAMPSHIRE	90,918	56,581	147,499	563,130
NEW JERSEY	104,945	7,999	112,944	339,536
NEW MEXICO	54,068	26,810	80,878	267,410
NEW YORK	616,870	23,558	⑦ 640,428	1,324,385
NORTH CAROLINA	143,218	22,283	165,501	433,264
NORTH DAKOTA	48,269	252	48,521	25,070
OHIO	902,936	28,334	⑤ 931,270	948,660
OKLAHOMA	337,953	39,755	⑫ 377,708	500,519
OREGON	234,014	31,549	⑬ 265,563	958,591
PENNSYLVANIA	587,913	17,054	⑤ 604,967	980,725
RHODE ISLAND	20,513	323	20,836	38,092
SOUTH CAROLINA	108,014	5,240	113,254	147,646
SOUTH DAKOTA	96,423	23,727	120,150	134,332
TENNESSEE	265,332	-----	⑰ 265,332	535,057
TEXAS	255,615	5,108	260,723	257,456
UTAH	98,862	4,431	103,293	371,427
VERMONT	71,660	26,960	98,620	247,425
VIRGINIA	243,286	14,126	257,412	597,430
WASHINGTON	386,520	20,541	⑪ 407,061	1,369,492
WEST VIRGINIA	288,212	15,738	⑩ 303,950	650,531
WISCONSIN	597,904	245,993	④ 843,897	1,449,745
WYOMING	87,855	27,318	115,173	626,942
TOTALS	12,479,123	1,598,838	14,077,961	\$ 27,324,644