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Mr. Cottingham, Director of Fish & Game in  
Indiana, in letter of January 27 called our attention  
to the fact that Indiana with 609,676 fishing licenses  
stood 9th from top in sale of these licenses.

We have corrected the press releases we have on  
hand by inserting Indiana on pages 1 and 2 with its  
sales, as per sample attached.

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FISHING LICENSE SALES CONTINUE UPWARD SPIRAL

The popularity of fresh-water fishing in the United States continued its upward spiral during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1949, when the sales of anglers' licenses climbed to a new high record of 15,478,570, Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, reported today to Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

The gross revenue derived by the 48 States from these licenses sale, \$32,657,940, also broke all records for earlier years.

Compared with the previous year when 14,077,961 licenses were sold by the various States for \$27,324,644, the 1948-49 season totals show an increase of 1,400,609 in licenses and \$5,333,296 in revenue.

In the number of licenses issued, Michigan again headed the list, with 1,110,109. California ranked second with 1,030,617, followed by Wisconsin with 1,022,004; Ohio, 918,042; Minnesota, 862,822; Illinois, 783,073; New York, 690,462; Pennsylvania, 611,677; Missouri, 599,109; and Tennessee, 426,437.  
*INDIANA, 607,616*

California exceeded all other States in revenue received with \$3,138,501. Michigan was second with \$2,102,347, followed by New York with \$1,884,403; Washington, \$1,749,451; Wisconsin, \$1,732,158; Minnesota, \$1,578,006; Missouri, \$1,340,988; Pennsylvania, \$1,290,313; Oregon, \$1,064,185; and Ohio, \$1,033,251.

Non-resident fishing licenses totaled 1,891,346, an increase of 292,508 over the total of 1,598,838 for 1947-48. States which attracted the greatest number of out-of-state anglers were Wisconsin, with 285,277 non-resident license sales; Michigan, 283,879; and Minnesota, 214,895. By contrast, California reported the sale of only 13,312 non-resident licenses, an increase of 3,435 over the previous year.

In Alaska the total fishing licenses sold numbered 26,299—21,481 resident and 4,818 non-resident. The revenue received was \$58,145.

In the Territory of Hawaii, 2,027 fishing licenses were sold for \$9,751.

For comparative purposes, the first ten in the license sales line-up are shown for 1948-49 and 1947-48:

1948-49

1947-48

Michigan	1,110,109		Michigan	1,108,510
California	1,030,617		Ohio	931,270
Wisconsin	1,022,004		California	869,251
Ohio	918,042		Wisconsin	843,897
Minnesota	862,822		Minnesota	843,070
Illinois	783,073		Illinois	681,532
New York	690,462		New York	640,428
Pennsylvania	611,677		Pennsylvania	604,967
Missouri	599,109	609,676	Indiana	575,287
Tennessee	426,437		Missouri	571,313

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

1948-49

1947-48

California	\$3,138,501		California	\$2,255,380
Michigan	2,102,347		Minnesota	1,515,272
New York	1,884,403		Wisconsin	1,449,745
Washington	1,749,451		Michigan	1,409,904
Wisconsin	1,732,158		Washington	1,369,492
Minnesota	1,578,006		New York	1,324,385
Missouri	1,340,988		Missouri	1,302,495
Pennsylvania	1,290,313		Pennsylvania	980,725
Oregon	1,064,185		Oregon	958,591
Ohio	1,033,251		Ohio	948,660

In the appended alphabetical tabulation, all combination licenses were included because such licenses entitled the holder to hunt and fish, and in some cases, to trap as well.

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FISHING LICENSE SALES - JULY 1, 1948 to JUNE 30, 1949

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STATE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL	FEES PAID BY ANGLERS
ALABAMA	125,017	8,023	133,040	\$ 148,197
ARIZONA	64,336	13,056	77,392	241,878
ARKANSAS	208,334	62,905	271,239	489,986
CALIFORNIA	1,017,305	13,312	1,030,617	3,138,501
COLORADO	257,925	61,704	319,629	1,032,689
CONNECTICUT	73,827	3,789	77,616	311,855
DELAWARE	4,821	1,544	6,365	14,305
FLORIDA	190,145	83,870	274,015	642,823
GEORGIA	170,048	3,274	173,322	335,717
IDAHO	164,706	40,109	204,815	717,199
ILLINOIS	758,203	24,870	783,073	815,903
INDIANA	570,474	39,202	609,676	770,750
IOWA	406,173	13,367	419,540	812,633
KANSAS	221,785	6,861	228,646	345,814
KENTUCKY	280,767	21,699	302,466	311,082
LOUISIANA	63,675	3,140	66,815	95,075
MAINE	119,391	55,316	174,707	576,201
MARYLAND	56,244	13,050	69,294	115,398
MASSACHUSETTS	225,672	6,201	231,873	518,106
MICHIGAN	826,230	283,879	1,110,109	2,102,347
MINNESOTA	647,927	214,895	862,822	1,578,006
MISSISSIPPI	105,439	30,125	135,564	379,433
MISSOURI	556,659	42,450	599,109	1,340,988
MONTANA	169,233	25,170	194,403	600,421
NEBRASKA	222,287	9,390	231,677	326,431
NEVADA	22,331	11,320	33,651	101,239
NEW HAMPSHIRE	92,132	48,012	140,144	463,351
NEW JERSEY	109,064	8,219	117,283	368,487
NEW MEXICO	65,134	31,310	96,444	355,203
NEW YORK	662,805	27,657	690,462	1,884,403
NORTH CAROLINA	189,257	29,503	218,760	547,280
NORTH DAKOTA	51,452	344	51,796	21,522
OHIO	887,876	30,166	918,042	1,033,251
OKLAHOMA	360,204	48,464	408,668	542,136
OREGON	255,849	21,222	277,071	1,064,185
PENNSYLVANIA	592,639	19,038	611,677	1,290,313
RHODE ISLAND	21,821	324	22,145	42,066
SOUTH CAROLINA	129,641	7,497	137,138	179,000
SOUTH DAKOTA	107,115	26,822	133,937	152,199
TENNESSEE	326,974	99,463	426,437	733,465
TEXAS	293,409	5,239	298,648	301,671
UTAH	85,743	4,909	90,652	313,703
VERMONT	77,436	28,424	105,860	256,381
VIRGINIA	242,700	3,035	245,735	480,379
WASHINGTON	383,085	22,591	405,676	1,749,451
WEST VIRGINIA	320,424	17,796	338,220	729,947
WISCONSIN	736,727	285,277	1,022,004	1,732,158
WYOMING	66,783	33,513	100,296	554,412
TOTALS	13,587,224	1,891,346	15,478,570	\$ 32,657,940