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#### FISHING LICENSE SALES SHOW SLIGHT DECLINE; REVENUE UP

In spite of a small decline in the number of anglers' licenses sold during the year ended June 30, 1950, fresh-water fishing continued to rank high on the list of America's favorite outdoor sports, Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, reported today to Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

Based on sales records supplied by the States, the Service has completed compilations which show that the total fishing licenses sold in the 1949-50 period numbered 15,337,758. This represents a drop of 140,812 from the all-time high figure of 15,478,570 recorded for the preceding year.

The gross revenue derived by the 48 States from these license sales, \$34,018,009, broke all previous records. The previous high was \$32,657,940 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1949.

Nonresident fishermen purchased 2,029,091 licenses in fiscal year 1950, an increase of 137,745 over the 1,891,346 of the previous year. States which attracted the greatest number of out-of-State anglers were Michigan with 279,668 nonresident license sales; Wisconsin with 279,289; Minnesota with 243,791; Tennessee with 146,892; and Florida with 89,486. By contrast, California reported the sale of only 11,746 nonresident licenses, a decrease of 1,566 from the previous year's 13,312.

In the number of licenses issued, Michigan again headed the list with 1,050,756. California ranked second with 995,830, followed by Wisconsin with 970,792; Minnesota, 914,862; Illinois, 693,352; New York, 667,937; Pennsylvania, 641,552; Missouri, 594,692; Indiana, 579,288; and Tennessee, 557,221.

California exceeded all other States in revenue received with \$3,033,755. Minnesota was in second place with \$2,198,092, followed by Michigan with \$2,008,307; Washington, \$1,914,823; New York, \$1,787,061; Wisconsin, \$1,754,593; Pennsylvania, \$1,343,290; Missouri, \$1,293,808; Oregon, \$1,165,066, and Ohio, \$962,570.

For comparative purposes, the first 10 in the license sales line up are shown for 1949-50 and 1948-49:

	<u>1949-50</u>		<u>1948-49</u>
Michigan	1,050,756	Michigan	1,110,109
California	995,830	California	1,030,617
Wisconsin	970,792	Wisconsin	1,022,004
Minnesota	914,862	Ohio	918,042
Illinois	693,352	Minnesota	862,822
New York	667,937	Illinois	783,073
Pennsylvania	641,552	New York	690,462
Missouri	594,692	Pennsylvania	611,677
Indiana	579,288	Indiana	609,676
Tennessee	557,221	Missouri	599,109

The first 10 States in amount of revenue received are listed below:

<u>1949-50</u>		<u>1948-49</u>	
California	\$3,033,755	California	\$3,138,501
Minnesota	2,198,092	Michigan	2,102,347
Michigan	2,008,307	New York	1,884,403
Washington	1,914,823	Washington	1,749,451
New York	1,787,061	Wisconsin	1,732,158
Wisconsin	1,754,593	Minnesota	1,578,006
Pennsylvania	1,343,290	Missouri	1,340,988
Missouri	1,293,808	Pennsylvania	1,290,313
Oregon	1,165,066	Oregon	1,064,185
Ohio	962,570	Ohio	1,033,251

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 IN THE UNITED STATES

JULY 1, 1949 to JUNE 30, 1950

STATE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL	FEES PAID BY ANGLERS
ALABAMA	141,625	8,940	150,565	\$ 166,861
ARIZONA	60,988	10,014	71,002	222,598
ARKANSAS	190,034	65,566	255,600	437,905
CALIFORNIA	984,084	11,746	995,830	3,033,755
COLORADO	230,050	60,973	291,023	913,998
CONNECTICUT	74,695	3,356	78,051	337,018
DELAWARE	5,084	1,688	6,772	16,796
FLORIDA	186,265	89,486	275,751	654,403
GEORGIA	104,567	3,388	107,955	270,194
IDAHO	157,780	40,253	198,033	682,734
ILLINOIS	663,573	29,779	693,352	722,683
INDIANA	541,204	38,084	579,288	736,993
IOWA	339,975	12,263	352,238	680,470
KANSAS	244,409	7,326	251,735	380,560
KENTUCKY	280,829	42,191	323,020	530,448
LOUISIANA	72,121	10,529	82,650	111,083
MAINE	109,128	52,769	161,897	513,269
MARYLAND	58,328	13,973	72,301	119,932
MASSACHUSETTS	205,606	5,684	211,290	473,850
MICHIGAN	771,088	279,668	1,050,756	2,008,307
MINNESOTA	671,071	243,791	914,862	2,198,092
MISSISSIPPI	105,943	52,075	158,018	413,275
MISSOURI	550,523	44,169	594,692	1,293,808
MONTANA	156,298	27,059	183,357	566,009
NEBRASKA	205,202	11,743	216,945	302,024
NEVADA	20,998	13,236	34,234	120,039
NEW HAMPSHIRE	83,126	41,052	124,178	415,544
NEW JERSEY	104,831	8,121	112,952	355,098
NEW MEXICO	64,057	37,013	101,070	391,165
NEW YORK	639,953	27,984	667,937	1,787,061
NORTH CAROLINA	216,037	36,786	252,823	617,022
NORTH DAKOTA	61,271	443	61,714	25,367
OHIO	821,936	32,454	854,390	962,570
OKLAHOMA	358,142	40,926	399,068	942,968
OREGON	246,480	19,641	266,121	1,165,066
PENNSYLVANIA	622,059	19,493	641,552	1,343,290
RHODE ISLAND	21,365	279	21,644	39,360
SOUTH CAROLINA	154,159	5,535	159,694	209,320
SOUTH DAKOTA	111,097	28,239	139,336	214,912
TENNESSEE	410,329	146,892	557,221	909,323
TEXAS	323,893	7,239	331,132	488,566
UTAH	97,640	4,731	102,371	379,155
VERMONT	73,151	27,205	100,356	255,399
VIRGINIA	273,821	3,208	277,029	532,722
WASHINGTON	418,018	21,415	439,433	1,914,823
WEST VIRGINIA	282,362	15,019	297,381	736,182
WISCONSIN	691,703	279,089	970,792	1,754,593
WYOMING	101,769	46,578	148,347	671,399
	13,308,667	2,029,091	15,337,758	\$34,018,009