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SUPPLEMENTAL FEDERAL AID WILDLIFE FUNDS APPORTIONED

More than \$2½ million--the first 20 percent of the accumulated backlog of Federal aid in wildlife restoration funds--have now been apportioned to the 48 States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands under the terms of the Pittman-Robertson Act, Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton announced today.

The sum of \$2,693,494 included in the second supplemental appropriation bill for 1956, (Public Law 533 approved May 19, 1956), is one-fifth of the backlog of \$13,467,468, the appropriation of which was authorized by the passage of the Bible-Boykin bill (Public Law 375, August 12, 1955, 84th Congress, 1st session). This reserve accumulated from 1939 to 1946 and particularly during World War II years when Congress did not appropriate the full receipts annually from the 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition.

The supplemental appropriation of \$2,693,494 includes \$2,669,494 for the 48 States and an increase of \$15,000 for Alaska, \$5,000 for Hawaii, \$2,000 for Puerto Rico, and \$2,000 for the Virgin Islands. The Fish and Wildlife Service has not made any deduction from the supplemental appropriation for its administration of the Act.

Coupled with the \$12,400,508 previously appropriated from the special wildlife funds for fiscal year 1956, the \$2,693,494 makes a total of \$15,094,001 of Federal money available this year to the States and territories for their wildlife restoration programs.

Public Law 375 provides for the distribution of the accumulated surplus of Federal aid wildlife funds at the rate of one-fifth each year, to be added to the regular appropriation, until the surplus is exhausted. The present formula for apportionment under the Pittman-Robertson Act will apply. The States are also required to supply matching funds on the same basis as they now do for regular funds, i.e. \$1 of State funds for each \$3 of Federal aid.

In addition, Public Law 375 amended the basic Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937 to permit the expenditure of funds for activities concerned with the "management of wildlife areas and resources," although funds for such purposes are limited to "30 percent of the total amount apportioned to a State for any fiscal year."

The revised apportionments to the 48 States for fiscal year 1956 for wildlife projects are attached.

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TABULATION

Revised Apportionment of Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid Funds to the States, Territories,
and Islands Resulting from the Supplemental Appropriation of \$2,693,493.72

Fiscal Year 1956

State	Revised Apportionment	Original Apportionment	Additional Apportionment
Alabama	\$ 248,629.94	\$ 202,151.21	\$ 46,478.73
Arizona	316,403.25	257,255.00	59,148.25
Arkansas	237,744.46	193,300.65	44,443.81
California	685,222.24	557,127.18	128,095.06
Colorado	466,141.08	379,000.94	87,140.14
Connecticut	71,399.96	58,052.50	13,347.46
Delaware	71,399.96	58,052.50	13,347.46
Florida	196,669.53	159,904.24	36,765.29
Georgia	343,476.78	279,267.42	64,209.36
Idaho	288,552.95	234,611.04	53,941.91
Illinois	400,439.30	325,581.42	74,857.88
Indiana	304,476.12	247,557.53	56,918.59
Iowa	311,581.12	253,334.32	58,246.80
Kansas	283,923.00	230,846.60	53,076.40
Kentucky	223,374.98	181,617.39	41,757.59
Louisiana	242,061.94	196,811.02	45,250.92
Maine	165,125.27	134,256.85	30,868.42
Maryland	97,974.87	79,659.50	18,315.37
Massachusetts	81,318.72	66,117.04	15,201.68
Michigan	713,999.68	580,525.00	133,474.68
Minnesota	442,749.52	359,982.18	82,767.34
Mississippi	205,819.65	167,343.85	38,475.80
Missouri	309,712.40	251,814.94	57,897.46
Montana	439,974.15	357,725.64	82,248.51
Nebraska	286,593.19	233,017.63	53,575.56
Nevada	276,527.97	224,833.99	51,693.98
New Hampshire	71,399.96	58,052.50	13,347.46
New Jersey	103,863.58	84,447.38	19,416.20
New Mexico	322,296.22	262,046.35	60,249.87
New York	585,124.54	475,741.70	109,382.84
North Carolina	297,811.60	242,138.87	55,672.73
North Dakota	190,643.19	155,004.47	35,638.72
Ohio	423,861.86	344,625.37	79,236.49
Oklahoma	252,856.21	205,587.42	47,268.79
Oregon	355,429.13	288,985.41	66,443.72
Pennsylvania	560,761.67	455,933.20	104,828.47
Rhode Island	71,399.96	58,052.50	13,347.46
South Carolina	155,287.52	126,258.17	29,029.35
South Dakota	263,908.14	214,573.30	49,334.84
Tennessee	319,785.90	260,005.32	59,780.58
Texas	713,999.68	580,525.00	133,474.68
Utah	276,100.45	224,486.39	51,614.06
Vermont	71,399.96	58,052.50	13,347.46
Virginia	281,674.00	229,018.02	52,655.98
Washington	335,914.69	273,118.99	62,795.70
West Virginia	179,966.03	146,323.29	33,642.74
Wisconsin	435,185.61	353,832.25	81,353.36
Wyoming	300,031.79	243,944.02	56,087.77
TOTALS to States	\$14,279,993.72	\$11,610,500.00	\$2,669,493.72
Alaska	90,000.00	75,000.00	15,000.00
Hawaii	30,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00
Puerto Rico	12,000.00	10,000.00	2,000.00
Virgin Islands	12,000.00	10,000.00	2,000.00
Administration of the Act	670,007.64	670,007.64	0.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$15,094,001.36	\$12,400,507.64	\$2,693,493.72