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SECRETARY UDALL ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY FEDERAL AID APPORTIONMENT

A preliminary apportionment of \$12,850,000 of Federal Aid funds will be made available July 1 for State fish and wildlife projects, Secretary of the Interior Udall announced today. The balance of Federal Aid fish and wildlife restoration program funds for the year ending June 30, 1962, will be apportioned in October. The comparable preliminary apportionment in 1960 was \$12,800,000.

Secretary Udall stated that the early apportionment was made to help States program their Federal Aid activities more advantageously. It has been of special importance to those States operating on a revolving fund basis.

Under the Federal fish and wildlife restoration programs, States spend their own funds on approved projects and are then reimbursed up to 75 percent of the cost. Many States have exhausted or will have exhausted their Federal Aid funds for programming projects to start during the next fiscal year. The partial apportionment makes it possible for these States to secure approval for projects to start on July 1, 1961, or soon thereafter and to claim reimbursement therefor. Otherwise, many States would have to hold up projects until the regular apportionment in the autumn.

Federal Aid funds are derived from an excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition and on sporting rods, reels, creels, and artificial lures. Distribution of the two funds is made on formulas based upon the number of paid license holders in a State and on its area, as prescribed by law. Both Federal Aid Acts are administered by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service.

Of the \$12,850,000, a total of \$9,850,000 is for the restoration of wildlife and \$3,000,000 for the restoration of fish. No indication was given relative to the possible total apportionment, but in the last five years wildlife restoration funds have amounted to between 14 and 15.5 million dollars and fish restoration funds have been approximately \$5,000,000.00. Last year fish restoration funds amounted to \$5,836,000.00.

A state by state preliminary apportionment of the funds which will become available July 1, 1961, is attached.

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APPORTIONMENT FOR FEDERAL AID IN FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION
FISCAL YEAR 1962

	<u>FISH</u>	<u>WILDLIFE</u>
Alabama	\$ 53,707.81	\$178,391.17
Alaska	148,500.00	491,000.00
Arizona	55,444.06	211,475.65
Arkansas	52,723.84	152,776.02
California	148,500.00	439,883.43
Colorado	60,522.74	* 225,278.75
Connecticut	29,700.00	49,100.00
Delaware	29,700.00	49,100.00
Florida	66,306.91	141,931.62
Georgia	60,224.12	164,505.38
Hawaii	29,700.00	49,100.00
Idaho	48,024.18	183,278.21
Illinois	77,911.80	243,926.11
Indiana	78,040.74	251,267.28
Iowa	51,767.44	189,830.98
Kansas	47,853.64	200,968.28
Kentucky	42,866.98	146,355.65
Louisiana	32,593.84	163,915.18
Maine	31,047.22	108,466.63
Maryland	29,700.00	65,408.92
Massachusetts	29,700.00	51,266.59
Michigan	114,787.98	* 291,986.95
Minnesota	148,500.00	* 241,172.42
Mississippi	40,519.97	142,280.20
Missouri	79,844.63	226,023.91
Montana	70,011.94	295,257.52
Nebraska	42,860.36	179,285.16
Nevada	41,577.99	185,621.51
New Hampshire	29,700.00	49,100.00
New Jersey	29,700.00	65,431.92
New Mexico	52,896.59	224,056.97
New York	81,214.06	276,220.26
North Carolina	53,029.29	204,379.97
North Dakota	29,700.00	133,770.96
Ohio	84,336.56	274,891.19
Oklahoma	63,225.61	175,435.98
Oregon	61,691.88	243,857.13
Pennsylvania	69,194.49	381,207.38
Rhode Island	29,700.00	49,100.00
South Carolina	31,686.70	100,030.90
South Dakota	38,009.12	176,586.66
Tennessee	69,884.89	199,123.86
Texas	148,500.00	491,000.00
Utah	44,288.58	190,728.99
Vermont	29,700.00	49,100.00
Virginia	44,493.64	190,993.60
Washington	55,434.41	194,735.23
West Virginia	29,700.00	107,124.03
Wisconsin	110,203.00	* 197,606.47
Wyoming	41,067.99	167,844.22
Guam	10,000.00	10,000.00
Puerto Rico	10,000.00	10,000.00
Virgin Islands	10,000.00	10,000.00

*Portion of funds in the amount of \$358,765.76 temporarily withheld pending receipt of acceptable certification of paid hunting license holders.