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HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN SPENT RECORD \$168 MILLION LAST FISCAL YEAR

Hunters and fishermen spent a record \$168 million for licenses, tags, permits and stamps during the past fiscal year, the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife announced today. This was an increase of almost \$14 million over the previous high, in fiscal year 1967.

Hunting license holders numbered 14,931,270, an increase of 245,538 from a year earlier. Fishing license holders increased 930,670 for a new high of 23,060,332.

License sales, however, provide no accurate measure of the numbers of hunters and fishermen. In several States, sportsmen must purchase separate licenses, stamps, permits or tags for taking different kinds of fish or game. Also, most States do not require persons above or below certain ages to purchase licenses, and most of the coastal States do not require licenses for saltwater fishing. Many persons pursue hunting and fishing in more than one State and consequently are counted more than once.

The figures indicate, though, that hunting and fishing continue as increasing sources of recreation in the United States.

License fees paid by sportsmen are a major source of funds for the States in carrying out their fish and game programs.

State fish and game departments certify the number of their paid hunting and sport fishing license holders to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for use in distributing Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration funds to the 50 States.

A State-by-State breakdown of license sales is shown in the attached tables.

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NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO HUNTERS
FISCAL YEAR 1968

| State | Paid Hunting License Holders 1/ | Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued | Non-Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued | Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued 2/ | Gross Cost to Hunters |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| Alabama | 357,766 | 350,206 | 7,560 | 357,766 | \$ 896,530.60 |
| Alaska | 37,930 | 39,977 | 9,199 | 49,176 | 708,297.00 |
| Arizona | 149,844 | 305,871 | 16,813 | 322,684 | 1,241,924.50 |
| Arkansas | 273,902 | 258,613 | 15,289 | 273,902 | 1,273,711.50 |
| California | 755,137 | 1,459,874 | 1,962 | 1,461,836 | 4,388,080.00 |
| Colorado | 243,452 | 327,926 | 75,746 | 403,672 | 5,180,946.00 |
| Connecticut | 71,915 | 70,667 | 1,248 | 71,915 | 248,263.38 |
| Delaware | 24,783 | 24,068 | 715 | 24,783 | 88,264.10 |
| Florida | 223,435 | 220,665 | 2,770 | 223,435 | 1,198,409.75 |
| Georgia | 323,347 | 318,571 | 4,776 | 323,347 | 1,076,220.12 |
| Hawaii | 8,212 | 7,965 | 247 | 8,212 | 60,989.91 |
| Idaho | 191,684 | 383,793 | 47,122 | 430,915 | 1,577,658.95 |
| Illinois | 491,725 | 484,501 | 7,224 | 491,725 | 1,691,178.25 |
| Indiana | 438,475 | 486,095 | 3,534 | 489,629 | 1,279,051.00 |
| Iowa | 306,823 | 295,276 | 11,547 | 306,823 | 1,049,373.20 |
| Kansas | 221,724 | 204,437 | 17,287 | 221,724 | 869,451.00 |
| Kentucky | 253,173 | 249,355 | 3,818 | 253,173 | 1,066,284.25 |
| Louisiana | 317,737 | 413,961 | 8,422 | 422,383 | 876,456.00 |
| Maine | 203,284 | 168,003 | 35,464 | 203,467 | 1,611,570.13 |
| Maryland | 191,359 | 282,116 | 8,369 | 290,485 | 1,065,504.00 |
| Massachusetts | 138,015 | 136,380 | 1,635 | 138,015 | 777,740.50 |
| Michigan | 903,545 | 1,240,949 | 20,490 | 1,261,439 | 5,557,463.00 |
| Minnesota | 473,402 | 623,480 | 2,781 | 626,261 | 2,588,096.57 |
| Mississippi | 241,859 | 356,433 | 20,797 | 377,230 | 1,091,792.00 |
| Missouri | 427,015 | 578,894 | 15,078 | 593,972 | 2,644,103.00 |
| Montana | 153,506 | 229,695 | 14,966 | 244,661 | 1,593,774.50 |
| Nebraska | 197,020 | 330,391 | 52,251 | 382,642 | 1,755,804.75 |
| Nevada | 61,640 | 97,623 | 12,025 | 109,648 | 679,370.00 |
| New Hampshire | 93,146 | 75,095 | 24,134 | 99,229 | 823,540.00 |
| New Jersey | 181,871 | 218,883 | 3,641 | 222,524 | 1,052,803.00 |
| New Mexico | 107,614 | 113,759 | 7,999 | 121,758 | 1,093,231.75 |
| New York | 731,601 | 1,135,819 | 60,167 | 1,195,986 | 4,217,859.88 |
| North Carolina | 437,039 | 483,631 | 8,075 | 491,706 | 1,657,651.30 |
| North Dakota | 83,417 | 192,841 | 10,630 | 203,471 | 611,247.50 |
| Ohio | 490,223 | 516,710 | 2,254 | 518,964 | 2,256,696.60 |
| Oklahoma | 195,304 | 252,347 | 4,045 | 256,392 | 921,233.00 |
| Oregon | 359,011 | 718,287 | 6,371 | 724,658 | 2,371,993.00 |
| Pennsylvania | 1,062,121 | 1,539,952 | 80,481 | 1,620,433 | 7,455,375.40 |
| Rhode Island | 13,434 | 13,129 | 305 | 13,434 | 41,033.00 |
| South Carolina | 210,468 | 201,969 | 8,499 | 210,468 | 727,778.60 |
| South Dakota | 152,002 | 285,723 | 34,817 | 320,540 | 1,042,284.40 |
| Tennessee | 423,410 | 566,467 | 19,479 | 585,946 | 1,637,934.00 |
| Texas | 688,337 | 869,826 | 10,110 | 879,936 | 2,290,597.50 |
| Utah | 203,834 | 211,546 | 18,585 | 230,131 | 1,807,071.50 |
| Vermont | 144,689 | 110,423 | 49,758 | 160,181 | 1,081,383.12 |
| Virginia | 375,548 | 700,383 | 47,604 | 747,987 | 1,864,695.00 |
| Washington | 326,748 | 655,003 | 2,343 | 657,346 | 2,856,438.50 |
| West Virginia | 227,968 | 210,978 | 17,090 | 228,068 | 907,372.00 |
| Wisconsin | 597,119 | 791,716 | 22,048 | 813,764 | 4,987,796.00 |
| Wyoming | 144,657 | 129,084 | 62,411 | 191,495 | 2,838,466.00 |
| TOTALS 3/ | 14,931,270 | 19,939,356 | 919,981 | 20,859,337 | 88,680,789.01 |

1/ A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses he may purchase. Data certified by State fish and game departments.

2/ Period covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.

3/ Persons who hunted in more than one State are counted in each State where they hunted. Therefore, this figure exceeds the total number of license holders in the United States.

NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO FISHERMEN
FISCAL YEAR 1968

| State | Paid Fishing License Holders <u>1/</u> | Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued | Non-Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued | Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued <u>2/</u> | Gross Cost to Fishermen |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|-------------------------|
| Alabama | 480,280 | 438,684 | 41,596 | 480,280 | \$ 1,044,993.75 |
| Alaska | 74,077 | 53,422 | 32,221 | 85,643 | 542,661.00 |
| Arizona | 308,303 | 280,683 | 163,879 | 444,562 | 1,280,743.50 |
| Arkansas | 542,268 | 371,724 | 170,544 | 542,268 | 2,018,308.00 |
| California | 2,247,700 | 5,330,178 | 81,083 | 5,411,261 | 9,596,525.00 |
| Colorado | 412,684 | 304,357 | 138,464 | 442,821 | 2,193,143.00 |
| Connecticut | 152,781 | 149,206 | 3,575 | 152,781 | 588,569.97 |
| Delaware | 10,857 | 9,827 | 1,030 | 10,857 | 28,117.50 |
| Florida | 588,529 | 460,093 | 151,472 | 611,565 | 1,740,566.25 |
| Georgia | 583,835 | 568,381 | 15,454 | 583,835 | 1,346,794.37 |
| Hawaii | 3,835 | 3,772 | 63 | 3,835 | 12,824.83 |
| Idaho | 301,075 | 233,155 | 180,180 | 413,335 | 1,506,119.55 |
| Illinois | 785,057 | 756,876 | 28,181 | 785,057 | 1,662,441.50 |
| Indiana | 638,657 | 613,305 | 39,113 | 652,418 | 1,640,749.00 |
| Iowa | 420,189 | 400,732 | 19,457 | 420,189 | 1,215,013.70 |
| Kansas | 310,566 | 289,914 | 21,532 | 311,446 | 960,470.00 |
| Kentucky | 439,928 | 336,444 | 103,484 | 439,928 | 1,672,285.75 |
| Louisiana | 292,255 | 276,380 | 16,364 | 292,744 | 605,210.00 |
| Maine | 234,451 | 148,696 | 87,670 | 236,366 | 1,069,017.10 |
| Maryland | 140,467 | 161,454 | 10,790 | 172,244 | 443,283.65 |
| Massachusetts | 233,900 | 229,193 | 4,707 | 233,900 | 1,219,835.50 |
| Michigan | 973,438 | 981,136 | 222,847 | 1,203,983 | 2,803,227.00 |
| Minnesota | 1,421,197 | 1,213,772 | 322,822 | 1,536,594 | 3,526,147.00 |
| Mississippi | 343,996 | 243,439 | 110,594 | 354,033 | 876,056.50 |
| Missouri | 737,524 | 1,085,455 | 158,843 | 1,244,298 | 3,773,153.00 |
| Montana | 205,276 | 139,764 | 65,512 | 205,276 | 1,383,177.50 |
| Nebraska | 221,018 | 236,060 | 25,219 | 261,279 | 953,477.25 |
| Nevada | 120,314 | 68,508 | 55,004 | 123,512 | 431,763.50 |
| New Hampshire | 131,381 | 85,111 | 50,776 | 135,887 | 658,741.00 |
| New Jersey | 174,673 | 275,759 | 9,844 | 285,603 | 936,567.50 |
| New Mexico | 150,443 | 117,706 | 49,706 | 167,412 | 813,789.05 |
| New York | 834,297 | 795,330 | 66,337 | 861,667 | 2,756,930.12 |
| North Carolina | 440,543 | 537,359 | 47,047 | 584,406 | 1,480,056.90 |
| North Dakota | 107,079 | 99,159 | 8,702 | 107,861 | 244,711.00 |
| Ohio | 823,902 | 801,370 | 22,532 | 823,902 | 2,666,360.00 |
| Oklahoma | 476,143 | 432,971 | 54,138 | 487,109 | 1,456,200.00 |
| Oregon | 599,185 | 712,552 | 241,725 | 954,277 | 2,667,891.00 |
| Pennsylvania | 607,527 | 579,244 | 28,283 | 607,527 | 3,117,946.50 |
| Rhode Island | 19,033 | 18,448 | 585 | 19,033 | 57,235.00 |
| South Carolina | 380,332 | 366,710 | 35,035 | 401,745 | 945,205.00 |
| South Dakota | 194,031 | 121,181 | 75,088 | 196,269 | 568,767.00 |
| Tennessee | 794,781 | 947,348 | 211,590 | 1,158,938 | 1,702,588.00 |
| Texas | 1,231,134 | 1,207,428 | 24,641 | 1,232,069 | 2,464,321.10 |
| Utah | 281,146 | 233,446 | 63,074 | 296,520 | 1,298,322.25 |
| Vermont | 125,833 | 81,953 | 43,880 | 125,833 | 316,441.63 |
| Virginia | 415,297 | 614,760 | 58,722 | 673,482 | 1,301,688.00 |
| Washington | 458,120 | 434,994 | 30,847 | 465,841 | 2,396,794.50 |
| West Virginia | 229,538 | 199,630 | 30,008 | 229,638 | 693,777.50 |
| Wisconsin | 1,172,537 | 773,217 | 371,116 | 1,144,333 | 4,599,223.00 |
| Wyoming | 168,925 | 77,066 | 93,937 | 171,003 | 706,083.00 |
| TOTALS <u>3/</u> | 23,060,332 | 24,897,352 | 3,889,313 | 28,786,665 | \$79,985,303.72 |

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