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\$24,000,000 IN FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE STATES

Distribution of \$24,000,000 in Federal Aid funds for fish and wildlife research, land acquisition, and development projects will be made to 50 State fish and game agencies on July 1, Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel announced today. This is an increase of \$1,900,000 over aid funds available a year ago.

Of the upcoming allocation, \$18,000,000 is for wildlife restoration and \$6,000,000 is for sport fishery projects.

An additional apportionment will be made next fall. This preliminary distribution enables States with small reserve funds to finance their restoration programs beyond July 1 until the fall's apportionment.

Fish and wildlife restoration funds come from Federal excise taxes collected from manufacturers, importers, and producers of hunting and fishing equipment.

Under the Federal Aid programs, States are reimbursed for up to 75 percent of the cost of approved projects. The laws establishing these programs also provide \$10,000 each to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. Distribution of funds is based on the area of a State and its number of paid hunting and fishing license holders.

Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs are administered by Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

The attached table shows the distribution of funds effective July 1.

ATTACHMENT

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1970

<u>State</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Wildlife</u>
Alabama	\$ 106,421	\$ 349,224
Alaska	298,500	898,500
Arizona	123,589	411,336
Arkansas	116,140	306,401
California	298,500	880,024
Colorado	135,211	436,177
Connecticut	59,700	89,850
Delaware	59,700	89,850
Florida	131,380	293,717
Georgia	127,457	350,757
Hawaii	59,700	89,850
Idaho	101,660	347,670
Illinois	155,109	438,245
Indiana	118,893	350,574
Iowa	100,398	334,047
Kansas	102,173	360,834
Kentucky	92,375	258,254
Louisiana	78,309	317,871
Maine	59,700	209,604
Maryland	59,700	137,887
Massachusetts	59,700	101,254
Michigan	209,493	674,830
Minnesota	268,018	507,414
Mississippi	83,641	272,924
Missouri	156,206	440,047
Montana	131,306	508,828
Nebraska	85,559	332,488
Nevada	93,667	352,105
New Hampshire	59,700	89,850
New Jersey	59,700	124,684
New Mexico	105,741	409,888
New York	160,062	553,414
North Carolina	103,058	396,929
North Dakota	64,309	249,817
Ohio	151,705	393,809
Oklahoma	117,991	310,536
Oregon	155,309	480,233
Pennsylvania	120,886	726,921
Rhode Island	59,700	89,850
South Carolina	78,765	207,437
South Dakota	81,465	306,679
Tennessee	145,756	359,207
Texas	298,500	898,500
Utah	99,668	358,400
Vermont	59,700	108,887
Virginia	90,216	328,213
Washington	116,030	379,424
West Virginia	59,700	197,526
Wisconsin	217,709	496,751
Wyoming	92,125	362,483
Guam	10,000	10,000
Puerto Rico	10,000	10,000
Virgin Islands	10,000	10,000
Totals	\$6,000,000	\$18,000,000