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## \$6,200,000 DISTRIBUTED TO STATES FOR FISH RESTORATION

Distribution to the States of \$6,200,000 in Federal Aid funds for sport fish restoration was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel.

These funds come from the 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures and flies. Distribution is made according to a formula based on the number of sport fishing license holders in the State and the area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters.

An additional apportionment will be made in the fall. The apportionment announced today will enable States to continue their fish restoration program from July 1 until the final apportionment.

Under the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration program, States are reimbursed for up to 75 percent of the cost of approved projects. Activities performed by the States include acquisition of land and water areas, construction and rehabilitation of lakes, development of access sites and facilities for fishermen, and research to aid in the management of sport fisheries.

This program is administered by Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

The attached table shows the distribution of funds that will be available for use July 1.

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration

Fiscal Year 1971

Alabama	\$ 110,795
Alaska	308,500
Arizona	127,138
Arkansas	125,760
California	308,500
Colorado	146,945
Connecticut	61,700
Delaware	61,700
Florida	135,768
Georgia	127,096
Hawaii	61,700
Idaho	105,069
Illinois	163,499
Indiana	123,779
Iowa	101,112
Kansas	106,249
Kentucky	94,885
Louisiana	96,326
Maine	61,700
Maryland	61,700
Massachusetts	61,700
Michigan	223,479
Minnesota	259,769
Mississippi	83,236
Missouri	161,112
Montana	135,387
Nebraska	88,468
Nevada	96,310
New Hampshire	61,700
New Jersey	61,700
New Mexico	110,037
New York	162,183
North Carolina	106,155
North Dakota	66,823
Ohio	140,912
Oklahoma	125,729
Oregon	154,669
Pennsylvania	132,354
Rhode Island	61,700
South Carolina	85,600
South Dakota	82,796
Tennessee	157,380
Texas	308,500
Utah	102,745
Vermont	61,700
Virginia	93,326
Washington	117,001
West Virginia	61,700
Wisconsin	215,489
Wyoming	100,419
Guam	10,000
Puerto Rico	10,000
Virgin Islands	10,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$6,200,000</u>

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REMARKS BY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WALTER J. HICKEL

AT DEDICATION OF RACHEL CARSON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

SEACOAST OF MAINE, JUNE 27, 1970

Sometimes, those who march to a different drum hear the music before we do. This was the case with Rachel Carson.

Many looked at the wonders of the sea around us, but Rachel Carson saw them.

She had the trained eye of a biologist. But she also had the great gift of a poet of being able to translate what she saw, so that we could see, too.

We are gathered here today to honor this fine woman, who so loved nature that she became a committee of one to save us from ourselves.

She never married because she was wedded to our environmental welfare until her death in April 1964.

She never bore children, but she was the mother of the Age of Ecology.

To some of us here, this dedication holds a special meaning. We from the Department of the Interior are honoring a former fellow employee, for Miss Carson enjoyed a 16-year career with the Department.

Those from the State of Maine are honoring a former neighbor, whose summer home was less than 100 miles from this dedication site at Boothbay Harbor.

It was there that she accomplished much of her work on "The Sea Around Us."

And we are all honoring a great former citizen of the nation and the world.

Because of the fame of "Silent Spring," much of the world remembers Rachel Carson as a crusading prophet -- the last angry woman, so to speak.

But her friends knew better.

They knew she was sensitive and creative with a great sense of humor.

Actually, she was ill-fitted -- physically -- for outdoor research.

Her constitution was frail, even before cancer struck.

She couldn't swim very well and her skin burned very easily in the sun.

But she persevered because she loved her work and the marvels of the living universe.

Mad at the world? Not Rachel Carson, because she loved everyone and everything, insults to humanity enraged her sensibilities.

No one can say just when Rachel Carson grew aware that something was going wrong -- that man was committing biological suicide.

No doubt, her concern evolved gradually, in her day-to-day observations.

But fact piled upon fact in that calm, scientific mind. Effects called for causes and she found them.

She also found that nothing was being done about it. It was then that she went on the attack, and the rest is history.

I can recall few individuals who have been recognized by their contemporaries as was Rachel Carson.

She was elected a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

She was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature in the United Kingdom.

She was named "Conservationist of the Year" by the National Wildlife Federation.

She was named "Woman of the Year in Literature" by Women's Editors of the Associated Press.

She received the National Audubon Society's Audubon Medal.

She received a Guggenheim Award.

She was awarded the Medal of the New York Zoological Society.

She was awarded the John Burroughs Medal for literary and scientific accomplishment.

She won the 1951 National Book Award in nonfiction.

She won the George Westinghouse Science Writing Award.

She received the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award.

She was awarded Honorary Degrees from the Pennsylvania College for Women -- her Alma Mater -- and from Smith, Oberlin and Drexel Colleges.

And most of these honors came before "Silent Spring!"

But I feel as most of you do, that Rachel Carson would have cherished our present tribute more than all the rest.

Here -- close to Upper Wells Marsh -- where the sea has surrendered the land over eons of time, we dedicate a small expanse of this earth to its original role.

The area serves as a resting and feeding place for migratory waterfowl.

It serves as a home for shorebirds, for the muskrat and the mink, and as the delicate nursery grounds for many forms of marine life.

It will also be a refuge for people.

And it is adaptable for limited hunting, and for other pursuits such as clamming, fishing, boating and hiking.

Birdwatchers will find the marshes a particular delight.

I am told that more than 160 species of songbirds use these premises, along with certain rare and endangered species.

We are indebted to many for this occasion.

...Certainly to Miss Ann Cottrell Free, for originating the idea of naming a refuge for Miss Carson.

We are grateful to Governor Kenneth Curtis and the Maine Department of Fish and Game.

And we also acknowledge the welcome assistance we have received from the Nature Conservancy and the Rachel Carson Trust for the Living Environment.

As we dedicate the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, let us also take time to rededicate ourselves...

...To a better understanding of man's relationship to his environment, on the national and international level.

President Nixon showed such dedication, when he started the seventies with a call for all Americans to come together and work to save our environment.

And there is much to be done.

In my own area of responsibility, I believe the Interior Department can do even more to improve the quality of our environment.

Because of this, I intend to take a hard look at the progress that is being made within Interior's vast jurisdiction.

I will do this through a series of environmental inspections around the nation.

The first of these investigations will come early in July, when I will go to the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

I will investigate such environmental and pollution problems as over-crowding...

...The "pollution of the spirit" that can destroy even our great National Parks, if we allow them to become just "parking lots in the woods."

Through these on-scene inspections, we can gain the knowledge, we need, to make the decisions we need.

Rachel Carson showed us this need for action nearly ten years ago....and we are grateful for her concern and efforts.

Now, we are gathered to acknowledge the debt we owe to the memory of this fine American.

The Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge will stand as a high tribute....

....As a salute from a grateful nation, to one who devoted her life to improving the environment for us all.

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