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## STATES TO GET ADDITIONAL \$33 MILLION THROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE FEDERAL AID

Over \$33 million in Federal Aid funds for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs has been apportioned for distribution in December by Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton, bringing to \$70.3 million the amount made available to the States this year by the Federal Government.

In fiscal year 1974 a total of \$62 million was made available to the States.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Lynn A. Greenwalt said these funds will be used by the States and governments of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa to finance fish and wildlife programs. Of the total funds available \$53.5 million is for wildlife restoration and \$16.8 million is for fish restoration.

Federal Aid funds are made available to the States in two apportionments annually as tax receipts become available at the Treasury Department. This year a preliminary apportionment of \$37 million was made on July 1 for fiscal year 1975. The second apportionment, announced today, represents an additional \$33 million.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition and a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the area of each State. These funds may be used on approved State wildlife projects such as the acquisition of land suitable for habitat, development and management of habitat, and research to aid in managing game species.

Distribution of hunter safety funds is based on the relative population of each State and may be used for State hunter education programs, including construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges. The States, however, may also use these funds for wildlife restoration projects.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of the funds is made according to a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters. Activities performed by the States include the purchase of land and water areas, construction and rehabilitation of lakes, development of access sites and facilities for fishermen, and research to aid in management of sport fisheries.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds for fiscal year 1975.

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1975

Alabama	\$ 292,681
Alaska	842,500
Arizona	337,889
Arkansas	328,322
California	842,500
Colorado	396,677
Connecticut	168,500
Delaware	168,500
Florida	419,202
Georgia	336,136
Hawaii	168,500
Idaho	302,573
Illinois	405,469
Indiana	302,507
Iowa	265,823
Kansas	280,247
Kentucky	260,822
Louisiana	222,404
Maine	168,500
Maryland	168,500
Massachusetts	168,500
Michigan	560,667
Minnesota	677,148
Mississippi	215,397
Missouri	446,889
Montana	378,945
Nebraska	231,041
Nevada	260,377
New Hampshire	168,500
New Jersey	168,500
New Mexico	291,984
New York	401,393
North Carolina	273,950
North Dakota	182,028
Ohio	362,779
Oklahoma	331,722
Oregon	432,442
Pennsylvania	394,775
Rhode Island	168,500
South Carolina	188,301
South Dakota	208,527
Tennessee	392,275
Texas	842,500
Utah	299,546
Vermont	168,500
Virginia	257,567
Washington	311,992
West Virginia	168,500
Wisconsin	614,699
Wyoming	266,803
American Samoa	56,167
Guam	56,167
Puerto Rico	168,500
Virgin Islands	56,167

Total \$16,850,000

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1975

	<u>Wildlife</u> <u>Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter</u> <u>Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 871,460	\$ 114,566	\$ 986,026
Alaska	2,446,000	45,500	2,491,500
Arizona	1,095,670	45,500	1,141,170
Arkansas	891,243	45,500	936,743
California	2,171,510	136,500	2,308,010
Colorado	1,194,032	73,422	1,267,454
Connecticut	244,600	100,863	345,463
Delaware	244,600	45,500	290,100
Florida	820,748	136,500	957,248
Georgia	948,677	136,500	1,085,177
Hawaii	244,600	45,500	290,100
Idaho	989,492	45,500	1,034,992
Illinois	1,142,017	136,500	1,278,517
Indiana	935,602	136,500	1,072,102
Iowa	906,485	93,972	1,000,457
Kansas	975,262	74,813	1,050,075
Kentucky	719,191	107,087	826,278
Louisiana	869,042	121,186	990,228
Maine	543,157	45,500	588,657
Maryland	356,200	130,474	486,674
Massachusetts	244,600	136,500	381,100
Michigan	1,561,435	136,500	1,697,935
Minnesota	1,268,140	126,571	1,394,711
Mississippi	843,501	73,743	917,244
Missouri	1,252,294	136,500	1,388,794
Montana	1,443,925	45,500	1,489,425
Nebraska	888,798	45,500	934,298
Nevada	954,989	45,500	1,000,489
New Hampshire	244,600	45,500	290,100
New Jersey	336,701	136,500	473,201
New Mexico	1,147,771	45,500	1,193,271
New York	1,345,236	136,500	1,481,736
North Carolina	1,027,862	136,500	1,164,362
North Dakota	694,117	45,500	739,617
Ohio	1,131,224	136,500	1,267,724
Oklahoma	906,964	85,130	992,094
Oregon	1,272,737	69,567	1,342,304
Pennsylvania	2,033,595	136,500	2,170,095
Rhode Island	244,600	45,500	290,100
South Carolina	519,515	86,171	605,686
South Dakota	846,807	45,500	892,307
Tennessee	1,039,294	130,533	1,169,827
Texas	2,446,000	136,500	2,582,500
Utah	1,030,647	45,500	1,076,147
Vermont	286,528	45,500	332,028
Virginia	984,153	136,500	1,120,653
Washington	986,660	113,402	1,100,062
West Virginia	564,413	45,500	609,913
Wisconsin	1,368,550	136,500	1,505,050
Wyoming	987,090	45,500	1,032,590
American Samoa	-0-	-0-	0-
Guam	81,533	-0-	81,533
Puerto Rico	244,600	-0-	244,600
Virgin Islands	81,533	-0-	81,533
Total	\$48,920,000	\$4,550,000	\$53,470,000