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## FISH AND WILDLIFE AID TO STATES TOPS \$37 MILLION

Over \$37 million of Federal Aid funds for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs has been apportioned by Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus to the States and the governments of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa for use after October 1.

Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus said the \$37 million is the first of two installments that will be distributed to the States this year from excise taxes collected in fiscal year 1977.

The funds will be used by the States to finance their fish and wildlife programs during the first half of fiscal year 1978. The second installment will be distributed in December after the tally of FY 77 tax receipts is completed by the Treasury Department. Last fiscal year a total of \$111 million in Federal Aid funds was distributed in two installments to State governments, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Lynn A. Greenwalt said.

Funds for fish restoration programs come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent excise tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment.

Of the distribution announced today, \$24.0 million was distributed according to a formula based on hunting license holders and the area of each State for wildlife projects. Another \$3.9 million was distributed, on the basis of State population, for hunter safety programs. Under the Federal Aid to Fish Restoration Program, \$9.8 million was distributed on a formula based on the number of sport fishing license holders and the area of each State.

The attached tables show funds distributed by State. Texas, Alaska, California, Pennsylvania, and Michigan are the largest recipients with at least \$1.3 million going to each. Maximum and minimum limits are placed on the distribution of these funds so that States smaller in area and population like Delaware, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Hawaii receive reasonable apportionments.

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1978

Alabama	\$ 170,552
Alaska	490,000
Arizona	205,406
Arkansas	203,472
California	490,000
Colorado	243,991
Connecticut	98,000
Delaware	98,000
Florida	237,750
Georgia	191,539
Hawaii	98,000
Idaho	166,602
Illinois	261,022
Indiana	175,940
Iowa	165,050
Kansas	154,413
Kentucky	158,698
Louisiana	146,800
Maine	98,000
Maryland	98,000
Massachusetts	98,000
Michigan	345,667
Minnesota	379,127
Mississippi	135,977
Missouri	245,764
Montana	217,716
Nebraska	134,373
Nevada	151,781
New Hampshire	98,000
New Jersey	98,000
New Mexico	177,309
New York	227,163
North Carolina	153,959
North Dakota	104,704
Ohio	229,845
Oklahoma	189,453
Oregon	241,872
Pennsylvania	234,894
Rhode Island	98,000
South Carolina	115,802
South Dakota	116,110
Tennessee	185,490
Texas	490,000
Utah	183,330
Vermont	98,000
Virginia	126,851
Washington	177,202
West Virginia	98,000
Wisconsin	342,955
Wyoming	157,430
Guam	32,667
Puerto Rico	98,000
Virgin Islands	32,667
American Samoa	32,667
Total	\$ 9,800,000

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1978

	<u>Wildlife Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 423,866	\$ 95,460	\$ 519,326
Alaska	1,200,000	39,000	1,239,000
Arizona	556,763	49,127	605,890
Arkansas	445,528	53,307	498,835
California	1,021,719	117,000	1,138,719
Colorado	613,242	61,177	674,419
Connecticut	120,000	84,042	204,042
Delaware	120,000	39,000	159,000
Florida	402,426	117,000	519,426
Georgia	473,636	117,000	590,636
Hawaii	120,000	39,000	159,000
Idaho	466,781	39,000	505,781
Illinois	568,938	117,000	685,938
Indiana	448,855	117,000	565,855
Iowa	457,313	78,300	535,613
Kansas	464,350	62,336	526,686
Kentucky	371,635	89,228	460,863
Louisiana	415,630	100,976	516,606
Maine	281,606	39,000	320,606
Maryland	166,385	108,715	275,100
Massachusetts	120,000	117,000	237,000
Michigan	870,761	117,000	987,761
Minnesota	627,442	105,463	732,905
Mississippi	408,199	61,445	469,644
Missouri	590,457	117,000	707,457
Montana	710,720	39,000	749,720
Nebraska	417,876	41,126	459,002
Nevada	460,044	39,000	499,044
New Hampshire	120,000	39,000	159,000
New Jersey	157,942	117,000	274,942
New Mexico	553,771	39,000	592,771
New York	716,305	117,000	833,305
North Carolina	463,072	117,000	580,072
North Dakota	335,237	39,000	374,237
Ohio	557,922	117,000	674,922
Oklahoma	437,611	70,934	508,545
Oregon	591,898	57,966	649,864
Pennsylvania	1,052,662	117,000	1,169,662
Rhode Island	120,000	39,000	159,000
South Carolina	263,313	71,800	335,113
South Dakota	393,794	39,000	432,794
Tennessee	492,714	108,764	601,478
Texas	1,200,000	117,000	1,317,000
Utah	470,795	39,000	509,795
Vermont	126,821	39,000	165,821
Virginia	440,877	117,000	557,877
Washington	480,192	94,490	574,682
West Virginia	298,774	48,344	347,118
Wisconsin	699,017	117,000	816,017
Wyoming	483,111	39,000	522,111
Guam	40,000	-	40,000
Puerto Rico	120,000	-	120,000
Virgin Islands	40,000	-	40,000
Total	\$24,000,000	\$3,900,000	\$27,900,000