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### FISH AND WILDLIFE AID TO STATES TOPS \$70 MILLION

Over \$70 million in Federal Aid funds for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs has been apportioned to all of the 50 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 announced today.

"The \$70 million is the first of two installments that will be distributed to the States this year from excise taxes collected in fiscal year 1978. The funds will be used by the States to finance their fish and wildlife programs during the first half of fiscal year 1979. The second installment will be distributed in December after the tally of FY 1978 tax receipts is completed by the Treasury Department. Last fiscal year a total of \$87.2 million in Federal Aid funds was distributed in two installments to State governments," Andrus 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, \$45.8 million was distributed according to a formula based on hunting license holders and the area of each State for wildlife projects. Another \$7.3 million was distributed, on the basis of State population, for hunter safety programs. Under the Federal Aid to Fish Restoration Program, \$17.8 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 \$2.4 million going to each. Maximum and minimum limits are placed on the distribution of these funds so that States smaller in area and population such as Delaware, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Hawaii receive reasonable apportionments.

Preliminary Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1979

Alabama	\$ 298,659
Alaska	890,000
Arizona	371,087
Arkansas	345,820
California	890,000
Colorado	441,207
Connecticut	178,000
Delaware	178,000
Florida	411,461
Georgia	339,544
Hawaii	178,000
Idaho	304,510
Illinois	416,680
Indiana	324,649
Iowa	310,738
Kansas	279,860
Kentucky	302,014
Louisiana	258,371
Maine	178,000
Maryland	178,000
Massachusetts	178,000
Michigan	609,136
Minnesota	735,733
Mississippi	246,584
Missouri	458,551
Montana	406,566
Nebraska	242,626
Nevada	274,905
New Hampshire	178,000
New Jersey	178,000
New Mexico	328,469
New York	398,746
North Carolina	270,880
North Dakota	197,102
Ohio	433,220
Oklahoma	343,964
Oregon	447,596
Pennsylvania	437,717
Rhode Island	178,000
South Carolina	206,998
South Dakota	207,031
Tennessee	323,748
Texas	890,000
Utah	337,213
Vermont	178,000
Virginia	241,521
Washington	323,320
West Virginia	178,000
Wisconsin	646,844
Wyoming	292,931
Guam	59,333
Puerto Rico	178,000
Virgin Islands	59,333
American Samoa	59,333
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$17,800,000

Preliminary Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1979

	Wildlife Restoration	Hunter Safety	Total
Alabama	\$ 817,959	\$ 178,682	\$ 996,641
Alaska	2,290,000	73,000	2,363,000
Arizona	1,065,785	91,956	1,157,741
Arkansas	843,255	99,780	943,035
California	1,919,525	219,000	2,138,525
Colorado	1,147,599	114,512	1,262,111
Connecticut	229,000	157,310	386,310
Delaware	229,000	73,000	302,000
Florida	767,344	219,000	986,344
Georgia	902,786	219,000	1,121,786
Hawaii	229,000	73,000	302,000
Idaho	891,841	73,000	964,841
Illinois	1,049,746	219,000	1,268,746
Indiana	838,783	219,000	1,057,783
Iowa	894,197	146,562	1,040,759
Kansas	886,845	116,681	1,003,526
Kentucky	718,463	167,016	885,479
Louisiana	826,203	189,006	1,015,209
Maine	523,715	73,000	596,715
Maryland	332,349	203,492	535,841
Massachusetts	229,000	219,000	448,000
Michigan	1,637,706	219,000	1,856,706
Minnesota	1,095,782	197,405	1,293,187
Mississippi	792,739	115,012	907,751
Missouri	1,147,581	219,000	1,366,581
Montana	1,333,539	73,000	1,406,539
Nebraska	794,161	76,978	871,139
Nevada	863,428	73,000	936,428
New Hampshire	229,000	73,000	302,000
New Jersey	279,534	219,000	498,534
New Mexico	1,076,513	73,000	1,149,513
New York	1,343,342	219,000	1,562,342
North Carolina	879,702	219,000	1,098,702
North Dakota	644,801	73,000	717,801
Ohio	1,083,059	219,000	1,302,059
Oklahoma	858,535	132,773	991,308
Oregon	1,134,597	108,500	1,243,097
Pennsylvania	2,018,826	219,000	2,237,826
Rhode Island	229,000	73,000	302,000
South Carolina	509,540	134,395	643,935
South Dakota	725,976	73,000	798,976
Tennessee	943,676	203,584	1,147,260
Texas	2,290,000	219,000	2,509,000
Utah	923,430	73,000	996,430
Vermont	244,748	73,000	317,748
Virginia	880,828	219,000	1,099,828
Washington	929,317	176,866	1,106,183
West Virginia	581,546	90,490	672,036
Wisconsin	1,333,066	219,000	1,552,066
Wyoming	981,967	73,000	1,054,967
Guam	76,333	- --	76,333
Puerto Rico	229,000	-	229,000
Virgin Islands	76,333	-	76,333
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,800,000</b>	<b>\$7,300,000</b>	<b>\$53,100,000</b>