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FISH AND WILDLIFE AID TO STATES TOPS \$89 MILLION

Over \$89 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 \$89.7 million is the first of two installments that will be distributed to the States this year from excise taxes collected in fiscal year 1979. These funds, up nearly \$20 million from last year, will be used by the States to finance their fish and wildlife programs during the first half of fiscal year 1980", Andrus said.

The second installment will be distributed in December after the tally of FY 1979 tax receipts is completed by the Treasury Department. Last fiscal year a total of \$109.3 million in Federal Aid funds was distributed in two installments to State governments.

Of the distribution announced today, \$60.0 million was distributed according to a formula based on hunting license holders and the area of each State for wildlife projects. Another \$8.2 million was distributed, on the basis of State population, for hunter safety programs. Under the Federal Aid to Fish Restoration Program, \$20.6 million was distributed on a formula based on the number of sport fishing license holders and the area of each State.

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.

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Preliminary Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1980

Alabama	\$ 370,066
Alaska	1,030,000
Arizona	454,329
Arkansas	390,873
California	1,030,000
Colorado	502,231
Connecticut	206,000
Delaware	206,000
Florida	471,718
Georgia	404,116
Hawaii	206,000
Idaho	354,143
Illinois	441,145
Indiana	362,548
Iowa	328,173
Kansas	325,598
Kentucky	350,772
Louisiana	302,368
Maine	206,000
Maryland	206,000
Massachusetts	206,000
Michigan	760,193
Minnesota	771,865
Mississippi	280,165
Missouri	510,913
Montana	480,522
Nebraska	264,749
Nevada	323,738
New Hampshire	206,000
New Jersey	206,000
New Mexico	357,552
New York	477,662
North Carolina	323,568
North Dakota	231,510
Ohio	475,507
Oklahoma	420,410
Oregon	539,135
Pennsylvania	536,225
Rhode Island	206,000
South Carolina	247,679
South Dakota	235,968
Tennessee	379,487
Texas	1,030,000
Utah	353,892
Vermont	206,000
Virginia	282,534
Washington	406,296
West Virginia	206,000
Wisconsin	762,204
Wyoming	352,145
Guam	68,667
Puerto Rico	206,000
Virgin Islands	68,667
American Samoa	68,667
Total	\$20,600,000

**Preliminary Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1980**

	<u>Wildlife Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,095,725	\$ 200,711	\$ 1,296,436
Alaska	3,045,000	82,000	3,127,000
Arizona	1,425,571	103,293	1,528,864
Arkansas	1,090,544	112,081	1,202,625
California	2,521,529	246,000	2,767,529
Colorado	1,553,855	128,629	1,682,484
Connecticut	304,500	176,704	481,204
Delaware	304,500	82,000	386,500
Florida	1,023,185	246,000	1,269,185
Georgia	1,220,039	246,000	1,466,039
Hawaii	304,500	82,000	386,500
Idaho	1,183,560	82,000	1,265,560
Illinois	1,281,249	246,000	1,527,249
Indiana	1,082,986	246,000	1,328,986
Iowa	1,144,415	164,631	1,309,046
Kansas	1,185,582	131,066	1,316,648
Kentucky	954,588	187,607	1,142,196
Louisiana	1,094,001	212,309	1,306,309
Maine	715,637	82,000	797,637
Maryland	418,235	228,580	646,815
Massachusetts	304,500	246,000	550,500
Michigan	2,226,746	246,000	2,472,746
Minnesota	1,652,460	221,743	1,874,203
Mississippi	1,004,297	129,192	1,133,489
Missouri	1,495,636	246,000	1,741,636
Montana	1,778,982	82,000	1,860,982
Nebraska	1,006,786	86,469	1,093,255
Nevada	1,140,861	82,000	1,222,861
New Hampshire	304,500	82,000	386,500
New Jersey	386,823	246,000	632,823
New Mexico	1,372,078	82,000	1,454,078
New York	1,752,136	246,000	1,998,136
North Carolina	1,160,628	246,000	1,406,628
North Dakota	858,087	82,000	940,087
Ohio	1,373,157	246,000	1,619,157
Oklahoma	1,160,384	149,142	1,309,526
Oregon	1,584,305	121,877	1,706,182
Pennsylvania	2,685,217	246,000	2,931,217
Rhode Island	304,500	82,000	386,500
South Carolina	681,108	150,964	832,072
South Dakota	964,265	82,000	1,046,265
Tennessee	1,252,522	228,683	1,481,205
Texas	3,045,000	246,000	3,291,000
Utah	1,213,452	82,000	1,295,452
Vermont	359,392	82,000	441,392
Virginia	1,177,941	246,000	1,423,941
Washington	1,258,819	198,672	1,457,491
West Virginia	786,263	101,647	887,910
Wisconsin	1,832,456	246,000	2,078,456
Wyoming	1,319,998	82,000	1,401,998
Guam	101,500	-0-	101,500
Puerto Rico	304,500	-0-	304,500
Virgin Islands	101,500	-0-	101,500
Total	\$60,900,000	\$8,200,000	\$69,100,000