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STATES TO GET ADDITIONAL \$27.3 MILLION THROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE FEDERAL AID

More than \$27 million in federal aid funds for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs has been apportioned for distribution by Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus. This brings to \$117.3 million the amount made available to the States this fiscal year by the Federal Government, which is \$7.7 million more than the \$109.3 million of fiscal year 1979.

"These funds will be used by each of the 50 States and the governments of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa to finance fish and wildlife programs," Andrus said. "Of the total funds available, \$89 million is for wildlife restoration and \$28 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 \$89.7 million was made on October 5, 1979, for fiscal year 1980. The second apportionment, announced today, represents an additional \$27.3 million.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on handguns, and an 11 percent tax on archery equipment. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the land area of each State.

These funds may be used on such projects as the acquisition of land suitable for habitat, development and management of habitat, and research in wildlife management.

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Hunter safety funds, distributed according to the relative population of each State, may be used by the State wildlife agencies for hunter education programs including construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges. Or, at the State agency's discretion, these funds may also be used for wildlife restoration.

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 land area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters.

These funds are used by the State agency to purchase land and water areas for development or rehabilitation of such areas, development of access sites and facilities for fishermen, and for research in fishery management.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds for fiscal year 1980.

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Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1980

Alabama	\$ 503,002
Alaska	1,400,000
Arizona	617,534
Arkansas	531,284
California	1,400,000
Colorado	682,644
Connecticut	280,000
Delaware	280,000
Florida	641,171
Georgia	549,284
Hawaii	280,000
Idaho	481,360
Illinois	599,615
Indiana	492,784
Iowa	446,061
Kansas	442,560
Kentucky	476,778
Louisiana	410,985
Maine	280,000
Maryland	280,000
Massachusetts	280,000
Michigan	1,033,272
Minnesota	1,049,137
Mississippi	380,807
Missouri	694,446
Montana	653,137
Nebraska	359,853
Nevada	440,032
New Hampshire	280,000
New Jersey	280,000
New Mexico	485,993
New York	649,250
North Carolina	439,801
North Dakota	314,674
Ohio	646,320
Oklahoma	571,431
Oregon	732,804
Pennsylvania	728,849
Rhode Island	280,000
South Carolina	336,651
South Dakota	320,733
Tennessee	515,808
Texas	1,400,000
Utah	481,018
Vermont	280,000
Virginia	384,027
Washington	552,247
West Virginia	280,000
Wisconsin	1,036,006
Wyoming	478,643
Guam	93,333
Puerto Rico	280,000
Virgin Islands	93,333
American Samoa	93,333
Total	\$28,000,000

Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1980

	Wildlife Restoration	Hunter Safety	Total
Alabama	\$ 1,398,210	\$ 276,296	\$ 1,674,506
Alaska	3,885,600	112,880	3,998,480
Arizona	1,819,113	142,191	1,961,304
Arkansas	1,391,598	154,289	1,545,887
California	3,217,620	338,640	3,556,260
Colorado	1,982,810	177,069	2,159,879
Connecticut	388,560	243,249	631,809
Delaware	388,560	112,880	501,440
Florida	1,305,645	338,640	1,644,285
Georgia	1,556,842	338,640	1,895,482
Hawaii	388,560	112,880	501,440
Idaho	1,510,292	112,880	1,623,172
Illinois	1,634,950	338,640	1,973,590
Indiana	1,381,954	338,640	1,720,594
Iowa	1,460,341	226,629	1,686,970
Kansas	1,512,873	180,423	1,693,296
Kentucky	1,218,111	258,258	1,476,369
Louisiana	1,396,010	292,261	1,688,271
Maine	913,194	112,880	1,026,074
Maryland	533,692	314,660	848,352
Massachusetts	388,560	338,640	727,200
Michigan	2,841,460	338,640	3,180,100
Minnesota	2,108,636	305,248	2,413,884
Mississippi	1,281,543	177,844	1,459,387
Missouri	1,908,520	338,640	2,247,160
Montana	2,270,087	112,880	2,382,967
Nebraska	1,284,718	119,032	1,403,750
Nevada	1,455,806	112,880	1,568,686
New Hampshire	388,560	112,880	501,440
New Jersey	493,609	338,640	832,249
New Mexico	1,750,852	112,880	1,863,732
New York	2,235,829	338,640	2,574,469
North Carolina	1,481,030	338,640	1,819,670
North Dakota	1,094,969	112,880	1,207,849
Ohio	1,752,230	338,640	2,090,870
Oklahoma	1,480,719	205,307	1,686,026
Oregon	2,021,667	167,774	2,189,441
Pennsylvania	3,426,495	338,640	3,765,135
Rhode Island	388,560	112,880	501,440
South Carolina	869,134	207,815	1,076,949
South Dakota	1,230,459	112,880	1,343,339
Tennessee	1,598,292	314,802	1,913,094
Texas	3,885,600	338,640	4,224,240
Utah	1,548,437	112,880	1,661,317
Vermont	458,606	112,880	571,486
Virginia	1,503,122	338,640	1,841,762
Washington	1,606,327	273,488	1,879,815
West Virginia	1,003,319	139,925	1,143,244
Wisconsin	2,338,323	338,640	2,676,963
Wyoming	1,684,396	112,880	1,797,276
Guam	129,520	-	129,520
Puerto Rico	388,560	-	388,560
Virgin Islands	129,520	-	129,520
Total	\$77,712,000	\$11,288,000	\$89,000,000