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INTERIOR SECRETARY CLARK ANNOUNCES \$92 MILLION IN FUNDS FOR STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAMS

Fish and wildlife restoration funds amounting to \$92.1 million have been provided to the 50 States, five Territories, and the District of Columbia as the first of two 1985 Federal aid apportionments, Interior Secretary William Clark announced today. The funds come from special taxes on hunting and fishing equipment purchased by sportsmen.

"Hunters and anglers make substantial contributions to maintain fish and wildlife in America, and these Federal aid programs are major ways they support the management programs of the States," Clark said.

"Over the years, these far-sighted programs have restored to our land such popular species as deer, wild turkey, and wood ducks. They have also inspired fisheries successes such as the growing inland striped bass fishery and the restoration, acquisition, or enhancement of more than 1.2 million acres of fishing waters nationwide. All of these efforts, of course, have also benefited songbirds, small mammals and fishes, and countless other non-game wildlife species," Clark said.

Sport fishing funds, provided as part of the so-called "Dingell-Johnson" program, amount to \$24,800,000. Wildlife funds, under the "Pittman-Robertson" program, total \$67,300,000 and include \$57 million for wildlife restoration projects and \$10,300,000 for hunter safety education.

A second installment of funds will be distributed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service next year after the 1984 fiscal year tax receipts are tallied and released by the Treasury Department. The funds are distributed to the States and Territories to finance fish and game management projects, ranging from land acquisition to scientific research.

Recently enacted legislation has significantly broadened the "Dingell-Johnson" sport fish restoration program and will enable States to expand the scope of their fishery projects. This legislation establishes the "Wallop-Breaux" fund that is expected to add over \$55 million to the program, chiefly by extending manufacturers' excise taxes to additional items of sport fishing equipment and redirecting a portion of existing motorboat fuels taxes into the Sport Fish Restoration Trust Account.

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The new "Wallop-Breaux" provisions, effective October 1, 1984, expand the fisheries restoration program to include:

- Beginning a 10 percent manufacturers' excise tax on tackle boxes and related fishing equipment and a three percent tax on trolling motors and flasher-type fish finders;
- Requiring the States and Territories to use at least 10 percent of their "Dingell-Johnson" money for boating facilities;
- Allowing the States and Territories the option of using up to 10 percent of their funds for aquatic resources education programs; and
- Adding the District of Columbia to the list of recipients of "Dingell-Johnson" funds. (A preliminary apportionment of \$82,667 has been made as the District's first-ever fishery restoration allotment.)

Fish restoration funds have traditionally come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of this money is made under a formula based on the number of angling license holders and the land and water area of each State or Territory. This year, Alaska, California, Texas, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania topped the list of States receiving "Dingell-Johnson" funds.

Wildlife restoration funds come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment, and a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers. Wildlife fund proportions are calculated on the basis of hunting license holders and land area, while the hunter education share is based on the relative population of each State. Texas, Alaska, Pennsylvania, California, Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin will receive the largest shares of "Pittman-Robertson" money. And, for the first time this year, American Samoa will begin receiving "Pittman-Robertson" funds, amounting to \$95,000 for wildlife projects in that Territory.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds by State and Territory.

Preliminary Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1985

	<u>Wildlife Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
ALABAMA	\$ 936,113	\$ 249,399	\$ 1,185,512
ALASKA	2,850,000	103,000	2,953,000
ARIZONA	1,326,348	174,248	1,500,596
ARKANSAS	1,029,971	146,529	1,176,500
CALIFORNIA	2,280,379	309,000	2,589,379
COLORADO	1,522,689	185,209	1,707,898
CONNECTICUT	285,000	199,233	484,233
DELAWARE	285,000	103,000	388,000
FLORIDA	947,784	309,000	1,256,784
GEORGIA	1,136,398	309,000	1,445,398
HAWAII	285,000	103,000	388,000
IDAHO	1,158,484	103,000	1,261,484
ILLINOIS	1,046,112	309,000	1,355,112
INDIANA	882,324	309,000	1,191,324
IOWA	957,885	186,783	1,144,668
KANSAS	1,154,606	151,510	1,306,116
KENTUCKY	879,174	234,741	1,113,915
LOUISIANA	1,114,029	269,525	1,383,554
MAINE	694,785	103,000	797,785
MARYLAND	381,408	270,324	651,732
MASSACHUSETTS	285,000	309,000	594,000
MICHIGAN	1,985,861	309,000	2,294,861
MINNESOTA	1,548,431	261,394	1,809,825
MISSISSIPPI	926,217	161,603	1,087,820
MISSOURI	1,416,880	309,000	1,725,880
MONTANA	1,704,982	103,000	1,807,982
NEBRASKA	976,823	103,000	1,079,823
NEVADA	1,079,172	103,000	1,182,172
NEW HAMPSHIRE	285,000	103,000	388,000
NEW JERSEY	285,762	309,000	594,762
NEW MEXICO	1,334,001	103,000	1,437,001
NEW YORK	1,745,782	309,000	2,054,782
NORTH CAROLINA	1,047,855	309,000	1,356,855
NORTH DAKOTA	790,303	103,000	893,303
OHIO	1,178,066	309,000	1,487,066
OKLAHOMA	1,139,835	193,956	1,333,791
OREGON	1,489,679	168,785	1,658,464
PENNSYLVANIA	2,566,096	309,000	2,875,096
RHODE ISLAND	285,000	103,000	388,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	619,385	199,978	819,363
SOUTH DAKOTA	964,974	103,000	1,067,974
TENNESSEE	1,268,951	294,322	1,563,273
TEXAS	2,850,000	309,000	3,159,000
UTAH	1,173,731	103,000	1,276,731
VERMONT	285,000	103,000	388,000
VIRGINIA	1,125,205	309,000	1,434,205
WASHINGTON	1,121,813	264,793	1,386,606
WEST VIRGINIA	770,208	103,000	873,208
WISCONSIN	1,747,340	301,668	2,049,008
WYOMING	1,184,159	103,000	1,287,159
PUERTO RICO	285,000	--	285,000
GUAM	95,000	--	95,000
VIRGIN ISLANDS	95,000	--	95,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	95,000	--	95,000
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	95,000	--	95,000
TOTAL	\$ 57,000,000	\$ 10,300,000	\$ 67,300,000

Preliminary Apportionment for
Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1985

ALABAMA	\$ 415,446
ALASKA	1,240,000
ARIZONA	525,364
ARKANSAS	430,875
CALIFORNIA	1,240,000
COLORADO	617,078
CONNECTICUT	248,000
DELAWARE	248,000
FLORIDA	516,380
GEORGIA	478,269
HAWAII	248,000
IDAHO	426,424
ILLINOIS	512,065
INDIANA	403,043
IOWA	373,280
KANSAS	377,981
KENTUCKY	409,633
LOUISIANA	397,733
MAINE	248,000
MARYLAND	248,000
MASSACHUSETTS	248,000
MICHIGAN	908,100
MINNESOTA	950,842
MISSISSIPPI	338,054
MISSOURI	634,426
MONTANA	569,383
NEBRASKA	323,483
NEVADA	384,170
NEW HAMPSHIRE	248,000
NEW JERSEY	248,000
NEW MEXICO	449,083
NEW YORK	582,557
NORTH CAROLINA	377,413
NORTH DAKOTA	279,092
OHIO	607,225
OKLAHOMA	498,351
OREGON	597,978
PENNSYLVANIA	644,503
RHODE ISLAND	248,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	286,603
SOUTH DAKOTA	304,420
TENNESSEE	438,772
TEXAS	1,240,000
UTAH	405,744
VERMONT	248,000
VIRGINIA	367,697
WASHINGTON	588,280
WEST VIRGINIA	248,000
WISCONSIN	881,766
WYOMING	389,152
PUERTO RICO	248,000
GUAM	82,667
VIRGIN ISLANDS	82,667
AMERICAN SAMOA	82,667
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	82,667
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	82,667

TOTAL \$ 24,800,000