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INTERIOR SECRETARY LUJAN ANNOUNCES \$354 MILLION FOR STATE WILDLIFE PROJECTS

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan today announced \$354 million will be made available to state wildlife agencies this year to help finance fish and wildlife restoration programs. This distribution of Federal Aid funding by the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service constitutes the final apportionment for fiscal year 1991.

A portion of the funds made available includes fiscal year 1990 money withheld to meet the Federal deficit reduction targets of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, commonly called the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act.

These revenues are generated by excise taxes paid by sporting goods manufacturers and credited to the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Fund (Pittman-Robertson) and the Sport Fish Restoration Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund (Dingell-Johnson). The funds are then automatically appropriated to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Service Director John Turner said, "We can thank America's hunters and anglers for many of the outdoor recreation opportunities we all enjoy today. Through a voluntary tax paid on each purchase of sporting equipment, they have helped pay for such things as land acquisition, habitat management, courses in

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hunter education and outdoor ethics, and improved public access. Whether you just like to observe wildlife or are an amateur nature photographer, hiker, camper, or boater, it is likely your outdoor experience is more rewarding due to the funds generated by these taxes."

The apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1991 totals \$157.4 million. Of that amount, \$17.6 million is money withheld in fiscal year 1990 under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act. This money results from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11-percent tax on certain archery equipment. One-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment is available for state hunter education programs.

The apportionment for sport fish restoration for fiscal year 1991 totals \$196.5 million. Of that amount, \$14.5 million is money withheld in fiscal year 1990. This funding results from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. In addition, the "Wallop-Breaux" legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal motorboat fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Wildlife restoration funds are made available based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each state.

The apportionments reflect the total amount of Federal money available to each state for fish and wildlife restoration programs. State funding must pay for 25 percent of the cost for each project approved under the two programs.

The attached tables show the allocation of the final apportionments for fiscal year 1991.

**FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991**

STATE	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	2,068,470	769,407	2,837,877
ALASKA	6,235,000	327,000	6,562,000
ARIZONA	2,871,913	696,564	3,568,477
ARKANSAS	2,373,036	327,000	2,700,036
CALIFORNIA	4,698,076	981,000	5,679,076
COLORADO	3,320,591	626,477	3,947,068
CONNECTICUT	623,500	624,159	1,247,659
DELAWARE	623,500	327,000	950,500
FLORIDA	2,028,221	981,000	3,009,221
GEORGIA	2,726,766	981,000	3,707,766
HAWAII	623,500	327,000	950,500
IDAHO	2,534,147	327,000	2,861,147
ILLINOIS	2,358,279	981,000	3,339,279
INDIANA	1,849,564	981,000	2,830,564
IOWA	2,076,790	527,903	2,604,693
KANSAS	2,325,189	327,000	2,652,189
KENTUCKY	2,008,785	700,539	2,709,324
LOUISIANA	2,020,890	802,665	2,823,555
MAINE	1,480,347	327,000	1,807,347
MARYLAND	825,784	908,799	1,734,583
MASSACHUSETTS	623,500	981,000	1,604,500
MICHIGAN	4,679,246	981,000	5,660,246
MINNESOTA	3,727,832	830,848	4,558,680
MISSISSIPPI	2,071,084	489,840	2,560,924
MISSOURI	3,451,894	973,036	4,424,930
MONTANA	3,842,303	327,000	4,169,303
NEBRASKA	2,150,826	327,000	2,477,826
NEVADA	2,378,531	327,000	2,705,531
NEW HAMPSHIRE	623,500	327,000	950,500
NEW JERSEY	635,640	981,000	1,616,640
NEW MEXICO	2,934,753	327,000	3,261,753
NEW YORK	3,814,853	981,000	4,795,853
NORTH CAROLINA	2,294,194	981,000	3,275,194
NORTH DAKOTA	1,710,362	327,000	2,037,362
OHIO	2,683,116	981,000	3,664,116
OKLAHOMA	2,318,152	598,011	2,916,163
OREGON	3,212,569	540,461	3,753,030
PENNSYLVANIA	5,308,946	981,000	6,289,946
RHODE ISLAND	623,500	327,000	950,500
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,349,750	663,937	2,013,687
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,072,773	327,000	2,399,773
TENNESSEE	3,078,800	927,363	4,006,163
TEXAS	6,235,000	981,000	7,216,000
UTAH	2,531,634	327,000	2,858,634
VERMONT	623,500	327,000	950,500
VIRGINIA	2,349,192	981,000	3,330,192
WASHINGTON	2,309,278	925,715	3,234,993
WEST VIRGINIA	1,628,158	327,000	1,955,158
WISCONSIN	3,846,413	929,276	4,775,689
WYOMING	2,463,521	327,000	2,790,521
PUERTO RICO	623,500	0	623,500
GUAM	207,833	54,500	262,333
VIRGIN ISLANDS	207,833	54,500	262,333
AMERICAN SAMOA	207,833	54,500	262,333
MARIANA ISLANDS	207,833	54,500	262,333
TOTAL	\$ 124,700,000	\$ 32,700,000	\$ 157,400,000

**FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN FISH RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991**

ALABAMA	3,181,190
ALASKA	9,825,500
ARIZONA	4,099,535
ARKANSAS	3,743,634
CALIFORNIA	9,825,500
COLORADO	4,849,526
CONNECTICUT	1,965,100
DELAWARE	1,965,100
FLORIDA	4,347,403
GEORGIA	3,805,644
HAWAII	1,965,100
IDAHO	3,225,638
ILLINOIS	4,096,027
INDIANA	3,001,315
IOWA	2,666,096
KANSAS	2,876,986
KENTUCKY	3,156,831
LOUISIANA	3,032,503
MAINE	1,965,100
MARYLAND	1,965,100
MASSACHUSETTS	1,965,100
MICHIGAN	7,824,968
MINNESOTA	7,283,305
MISSISSIPPI	2,631,955
MISSOURI	5,211,671
MONTANA	4,506,996
NEBRASKA	2,543,660
NEVADA	2,968,755
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,965,100
NEW JERSEY	1,965,100
NEW MEXICO	3,620,331
NEW YORK	5,255,739
NORTH CAROLINA	2,869,168
NORTH DAKOTA	2,078,583
OHIO	5,021,656
OKLAHOMA	3,633,264
OREGON	4,849,047
PENNSYLVANIA	5,138,619
RHODE ISLAND	1,965,100
SOUTH CAROLINA	2,249,112
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,385,702
TENNESSEE	3,596,485
TEXAS	9,825,500
UTAH	3,247,784
VERMONT	1,965,100
VIRGINIA	2,757,464
WASHINGTON	4,936,390
WEST VIRGINIA	1,965,100
WISCONSIN	6,511,119
WYOMING	2,973,034
PUERTO RICO	1,965,100
GUAM	655,033
VIRGIN ISLANDS	655,033
AMERICAN SAMOA	655,033
MARIANA ISLANDS	655,033
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	655,033

TOTAL

\$ 196,510,000