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INTERIOR SECRETARY LUJAN ANNOUNCES APPORTIONMENT OF MORE THAN \$350 MILLION FOR STATE WILDLIFE PROJECTS

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan said today that more than \$350 million from hunting, fishing, and wildlife revenues will go toward fish and wildlife restoration programs in the United States and territories this year.

"These revenues will be used for projects ranging from land acquisition for wildlife to construction projects for public hunting and fishing areas," Lujan said. "This will help achieve President Bush's goals of creating new recreational opportunities and generating dollars for local economies."

The revenues are made available to the states through Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A total of \$353,400,000 is the final apportionment for fiscal year 1992 under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson program after its Congressional sponsors, and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, often called the Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux program. Excise taxes collected from manufacturers and importers of angling and hunting equipment are paid to the U.S. Department of Treasury and then transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for distribution to the states.

"Hunters and anglers have long been the backbone of the American conservation movement," said Mike Hayden, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. "They were the first to provide major financial support for this Nation's wildlife conservation programs through special taxes on hunting and fishing equipment."

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Fish and Wildlife Service Director John Turner said, "Through the years, this Federal Aid funding has been the key to the success of an extraordinary number of fish and wildlife conservation projects at the state level. In essence, this year's final apportionment means hunters and anglers have indirectly donated over \$350 million to help restore and maintain our Nation's fish and wildlife resources."

The apportionment for sport fish restoration for fiscal year 1992 totals \$202.8 million. 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.

The apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1992 totals \$150.6 million. 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 Federal Aid Program allows states to set priorities and develop projects based on their own wildlife resource needs. Up to 75 percent of every Sport Fish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration project is funded through these apportioned excise taxes while the remaining 25 percent is funded through state matching funds.

Also, in fiscal year 1992, \$27.9 million will be used to fund hunter education and safety programs. These programs for beginning hunters teach safe handling of firearms and archery equipment, respect for wildlife, ethical outdoor behavior, wilderness survival, and how to avoid hunting accidents. To date, over 20 million hunters, about 700,000 per year, have graduated from state hunter education programs.

Hayden added, "The Fish and Wildlife Service has long been an advocate of safe outdoor recreation, especially when it comes to hunting. By making hunter education a priority, we are helping to ensure a safer, more enjoyable outdoor experience." Statistics indicate that since 1970, hunting accidents have decreased by 41 percent.

The attached tables show the allocation of the final apportionments for fiscal year 1992.

**FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1992**

STATE	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	1,978,364	655,489	2,633,853
ALASKA	6,135,000	279,000	6,414,000
ARIZONA	2,802,800	594,596	3,397,396
ARKANSAS	2,318,930	279,000	2,597,930
CALIFORNIA	4,497,984	837,000	5,334,984
COLORADO	3,217,776	534,437	3,752,213
CONNECTICUT	613,500	533,256	1,146,756
DELAWARE	613,500	279,000	892,500
FLORIDA	1,950,453	837,000	2,787,453
GEORGIA	2,476,933	837,000	3,313,933
HAWAII	613,500	279,000	892,500
IDAHO	2,502,136	279,000	2,781,136
ILLINOIS	2,307,388	837,000	3,144,388
INDIANA	1,874,845	837,000	2,711,845
IOWA	2,090,246	450,463	2,540,709
KANSAS	2,279,722	279,000	2,558,722
KENTUCKY	1,991,654	597,852	2,589,506
LOUISIANA	1,927,963	684,590	2,612,553
MAINE	1,433,412	279,000	1,712,412
MARYLAND	763,833	775,680	1,539,513
MASSACHUSETTS	613,500	837,000	1,450,500
MICHIGAN	5,391,209	837,000	6,228,209
MINNESOTA	3,628,608	709,756	4,338,364
MISSISSIPPI	2,001,194	417,443	2,418,637
MISSOURI	3,411,951	830,123	4,242,074
MONTANA	3,772,250	279,000	4,051,250
NEBRASKA	2,116,714	279,000	2,395,714
NEVADA	2,322,419	279,000	2,601,419
NEW HAMPSHIRE	613,500	279,000	892,500
NEW JERSEY	613,500	837,000	1,450,500
NEW MEXICO	2,850,381	279,000	3,129,381
NEW YORK	3,682,822	837,000	4,519,822
NORTH CAROLINA	2,241,923	837,000	3,078,923
NORTH DAKOTA	1,696,089	279,000	1,975,089
OHIO	2,620,410	837,000	3,457,410
OKLAHOMA	2,260,269	510,296	2,770,565
OREGON	3,156,208	461,099	3,617,307
PENNSYLVANIA	5,211,987	837,000	6,048,987
RHODE ISLAND	613,500	279,000	892,500
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,305,975	565,635	1,871,610
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,022,731	279,000	2,301,731
TENNESSEE	3,040,958	791,207	3,832,165
TEXAS	6,135,000	837,000	6,972,000
UTAH	2,486,010	279,000	2,765,010
VERMONT	613,500	279,000	892,500
VIRGINIA	2,413,993	837,000	3,250,993
WASHINGTON	2,306,587	789,505	3,096,092
WEST VIRGINIA	1,479,944	279,000	1,758,944
WISCONSIN	3,833,000	793,573	4,626,573
WYOMING	2,422,429	279,000	2,701,429
PUERTO RICO	613,500	0	613,500
GUAM	204,500	46,500	251,000
VIRGIN ISLANDS	204,500	46,500	251,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	204,500	46,500	251,000
MARIANA ISLANDS	204,500	46,500	251,000
TOTAL	122,700,000	27,900,000	150,600,000

**FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION
FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1992**

ALABAMA	3,073,203
ALASKA	10,140,000
ARIZONA	4,114,699
ARKANSAS	3,825,528
CALIFORNIA	10,140,000
COLORADO	4,825,493
CONNECTICUT	2,028,000
DELAWARE	2,028,000
FLORIDA	4,782,484
GEORGIA	3,752,872
HAWAII	2,028,000
IDAHO	3,379,851
ILLINOIS	4,221,417
INDIANA	3,147,687
IOWA	2,783,602
KANSAS	2,904,021
KENTUCKY	3,168,157
LOUISIANA	3,149,893
MAINE	2,028,000
MARYLAND	2,609,242
MASSACHUSETTS	2,028,000
MICHIGAN	7,785,024
MINNESOTA	7,470,107
MISSISSIPPI	2,601,132
MISSOURI	5,292,492
MONTANA	4,672,312
NEBRASKA	2,626,293
NEVADA	3,020,342
NEW HAMPSHIRE	2,028,000
NEW JERSEY	2,028,000
NEW MEXICO	3,635,284
NEW YORK	5,422,482
NORTH CAROLINA	2,961,959
NORTH DAKOTA	2,124,578
OHIO	5,830,433
OKLAHOMA	3,627,409
OREGON	4,899,402
PENNSYLVANIA	5,247,338
RHODE ISLAND	2,028,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	2,295,192
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,453,825
TENNESSEE	3,950,788
TEXAS	10,140,000
UTAH	3,348,926
VERMONT	2,028,000
VIRGINIA	2,869,655
WASHINGTON	5,040,646
WEST VIRGINIA	2,028,000
WISCONSIN	6,695,366
WYOMING	3,082,866
PUERTO RICO	2,028,000
GUAM	676,000
VIRGIN ISLANDS	676,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	676,000
MARIANA ISLANDS	676,000
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	676,000
TOTAL	\$ 202,800,000