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#### **STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES TO SHARE \$268.6 MILLION IN EXCISE TAX RECEIPTS**

State fish and wildlife agencies will share in \$268.6 million in excise taxes paid by America's hunters, target shooters, boaters, and anglers, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt announced today. The agencies will use the money for fish and wildlife conservation through land acquisition, habitat improvement, research, education, and other programs.

The funds also will help pay for hunting education programs and wildlife-related recreation projects. They are distributed through preliminary apportionments under two Federal Aid programs administered by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Wildlife conservation in America literally depends on the hundreds of millions of dollars hunters and anglers contribute each year through excise taxes and license fees," Secretary Babbitt said. "Wherever a state is conserving a wetland, restoring a river or lake, or building a barrier-free trail through the woods, you can just about be sure sportsmen and women have contributed money to the project."

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The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson Act), signed in 1937, and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson Act), signed in 1950, collectively have raised more than \$2.4 billion.

The money is distributed to the states for projects proposed by the states and approved by the Service. Federal Aid funds pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of each project while the states contribute at least 25 percent of the cost.

The preliminary apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1994 totals \$139 million. The money is derived 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 made available for state hunter education programs.

The \$139 million represents a 47 percent increase over FY 1993's preliminary apportionment. The increase was largely due to significantly greater sales of firearms and hunting equipment during the year.

The preliminary apportionment for sport fish restoration for fiscal year 1994 totals \$129.6 million. The funding results from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The "Wallop-Breaux" legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

The \$129 million represents a decrease of 12 percent over FY 1993's preliminary apportionment. One reason for the decrease was the Treasury Department's withholding of \$17 million to offset past overpayments to the program. Another \$15 million in Wallop-Breaux taxes was set aside for implementation of the Clean Vessel Act of 1992.

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 attached tables show the allocation of the preliminary apportionment for fiscal year 1994. Final apportionments will be announced in the spring of 1994.

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**PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE  
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>WILDLIFE RESTORATION</b>	<b>HUNTER EDUCATION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
ALABAMA	1,828,187	642,567	2,470,754
ALASKA	5,582,500	273,500	5,856,000
ARIZONA	2,545,781	582,875	3,128,656
ARKANSAS	1,981,758	273,500	2,255,258
CALIFORNIA	4,024,576	820,500	4,845,076
COLORADO	2,835,466	523,902	3,359,368
CONNECTICUT	558,250	522,744	1,080,994
DELAWARE	558,250	273,500	831,750
FLORIDA	1,692,046	820,500	2,512,546
GEORGIA	2,256,628	820,500	3,077,128
HAWAII	558,250	273,500	831,750
IDAHO	2,289,809	273,500	2,563,309
ILLINOIS	2,082,916	820,500	2,903,416
INDIANA	1,774,105	820,500	2,594,605
IOWA	1,910,974	441,582	2,352,556
KANSAS	2,060,649	273,500	2,334,149
KENTUCKY	1,758,923	586,066	2,344,989
LOUISIANA	1,759,435	671,095	2,430,530
MAINE	1,290,042	273,500	1,563,542
MARYLAND	717,359	760,388	1,477,747
MASSACHUSETTS	558,250	820,500	1,378,750
MICHIGAN	4,968,482	820,500	5,788,982
MINNESOTA	3,310,231	695,764	4,005,995
MISSISSIPPI	1,846,316	409,214	2,255,530
MISSOURI	3,069,072	813,759	3,882,831
MONTANA	3,463,858	273,500	3,737,358
NEBRASKA	1,923,792	273,500	2,197,292
NEVADA	2,105,567	273,500	2,379,067
NEW HAMPSHIRE	558,250	273,500	831,750
NEW JERSEY	558,250	820,500	1,378,750
NEW MEXICO	2,435,523	273,500	2,709,023
NEW YORK	3,455,324	820,500	4,275,824
NORTH CAROLINA	2,130,588	820,500	2,951,088
NORTH DAKOTA	1,565,155	273,500	1,838,655
OHIO	2,517,750	820,500	3,338,250
OKLAHOMA	2,148,440	500,237	2,648,677
OREGON	2,769,979	452,009	3,221,988
PENNSYLVANIA	4,734,073	820,500	5,554,573
RHODE ISLAND	558,250	273,500	831,750
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,237,400	554,484	1,791,884
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,902,566	273,500	2,176,066
TENNESSEE	2,765,353	775,610	3,540,963
TEXAS	5,582,500	820,500	6,403,000
UTAH	2,269,477	273,500	2,542,977
VERMONT	558,250	273,500	831,750
VIRGINIA	1,990,896	820,500	2,811,396
WASHINGTON	2,084,936	773,941	2,858,877
WEST VIRGINIA	1,371,427	273,500	1,644,927
WISCONSIN	3,586,823	777,929	4,364,752
WYOMING	2,254,738	273,500	2,528,238
PUERTO RICO	558,250	0	558,250
GUAM	186,083	45,583	231,666
VIRGIN ISLANDS	186,083	45,583	231,666
AMERICAN SAMOA	186,083	45,583	231,666
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	186,083	45,583	231,666
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111,650,002</b>	<b>27,349,998</b>	<b>139,000,000</b>

**PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH  
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994**

ALABAMA	1,966,301
ALASKA	6,480,000
ARIZONA	2,627,218
ARKANSAS	2,194,575
CALIFORNIA	6,480,000
COLORADO	3,158,025
CONNECTICUT	1,296,000
DELAWARE	1,296,000
FLORIDA	3,334,864
GEORGIA	2,428,822
HAWAII	1,296,000
IDAHO	2,176,375
ILLINOIS	2,746,418
INDIANA	2,014,864
IOWA	1,775,417
KANSAS	1,935,055
KENTUCKY	2,000,460
LOUISIANA	2,194,816
MAINE	1,296,000
MARYLAND	1,387,415
MASSACHUSETTS	1,296,000
MICHIGAN	4,966,388
MINNESOTA	4,873,963
MISSISSIPPI	1,742,549
MISSOURI	3,257,014
MONTANA	3,009,466
NEBRASKA	1,643,700
NEVADA	1,928,308
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,296,000
NEW JERSEY	1,296,000
NEW MEXICO	2,316,461
NEW YORK	3,381,155
NORTH CAROLINA	1,963,904
NORTH DAKOTA	1,296,000
OHIO	3,285,758
OKLAHOMA	2,526,822
OREGON	3,108,881
PENNSYLVANIA	3,331,183
RHODE ISLAND	1,296,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,483,448
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,537,130
TENNESSEE	2,605,942
TEXAS	6,480,000
UTAH	2,245,832
VERMONT	1,296,000
VIRGINIA	1,903,519
WASHINGTON	3,134,315
WEST VIRGINIA	1,296,000
WISCONSIN	4,232,386
WYOMING	2,029,251
PUERTO RICO	1,296,000
GUAM	432,000
VIRGIN ISLANDS	432,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	432,000
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	432,000
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	432,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129,600,000</b>