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CERTIFICATE OF APPORTIONMENT OF \$1,198,616,238 OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORATION (CFDA NO. 15.611) TO THE STATES, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, GUAM, THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

To: State Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Secretary, Department of Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Governor of Guam
Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands
Governor of American Samoa
Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Secretary of the Treasury

Pursuant to the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.), I have, at this time, apportioned \$1,198,616,238 to the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The funds so apportioned are based on the amount credited during Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 to the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Fund. This includes \$65,024,202 that was sequestered in 2022 and is now available. A preliminary apportionment of \$905,533,575 was made on November 10, 2022, and is included as a part of this final apportionment. The funds are available for the FY beginning October 1, 2022, and are available for the period specified in the Act.

Of the total amount apportioned, I have made \$961,844,560 available to the States as provided by Section 4(b) of the Act. This amount includes \$51,427,221 of 2022 sequestered funds. The amounts apportioned to the States are adjusted so that no State shall receive more than 5 percent or less than one-half of 1 percent of the amount apportioned under Section 4(b). This apportioned amount also includes \$1,375,408 of previously apportioned Section 10 funding that was not obligated within the time identified by Section 10(c)(1) of the Act which I have made available in accordance with Section 10(c)(2) of the Act, apportioning this amount in accordance with Section 4(b). Amounts apportioned to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are as provided by Section 8A of the Act.

Of the total amount apportioned, I have made \$228,771,678 available as provided by Section 4(c) of the Act. This includes \$13,140,981 of 2022 sequestered funds. The amounts apportioned to the States are adjusted so that no State shall receive more than 3 percent or less than 1 percent of the total apportioned under Section 4(c).

Of the total amount apportioned, I have made \$8,000,000 in new funding available as provided by section 10(a) of the Act. This amount includes \$456,000 of 2022 sequestered funds. The amounts apportioned to the States are adjusted so that no State shall receive more than 3 percent or less than 1 percent of the total apportioned under Section 10(a). Amounts apportioned to the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are as provided by Section 4(c) of the Act.

Therefore, in accordance with the above, the final apportionment of Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restorations funds for FY2023 is as shown on the enclosed table.

Additional deductions from the Wildlife Restoration Fund and amendments to previous apportionments include:

Sequestration – A total of \$68,437,272 has been temporarily sequestered from the Wildlife Restoration Fund and will be available for apportionment next year.

Multi-State Conservation Grant Program – A total of \$8,000,000 was directed into the Multi-State Conservation Grant Program.

FWS Administration – A total of \$14,523,768 was withheld for FWS Administrative Support.

North American Wetlands Conservation Account - The investment of available Wildlife Restoration Funds yielded \$25,894,326 in accrued interest that was transferred to the North American Wetlands Conservation Account.

Migratory Bird Conservation Fund – A total of \$15,937,104 of previously apportioned Wildlife restoration funds that were not obligated within the timeframes set forth in Section 669b(a)(1) of the Act. In accordance with that Section, these reverted funds have been transferred to the FWS Migratory Bird Conservation Fund.

DIRECTOR

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Enclosures