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Fresh-water anglers fishing for food as well as for recreation brought \$10,024,329 in revenue to the 48 States from the sale of 8,028,674 fishing licenses during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1943, according to a tabulation submitted to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Of the 8,028,674 licenses sold, 7,283,777 were purchased by residents and 744,897 by nonresidents of states, it is shown. Reports indicate that 1,601,392 combination hunting and fishing licenses were sold by States having license systems which requires sportsmen to buy combination licenses in order. The Service points out that their statistics do not include the vast number of anglers who are permitted to fish without State licenses along the sea-coasts and in tidal waters.

Compared with the preceding year when 8,423,218 licenses were sold for \$10,731,040, the 1942-43 totals indicate a decrease of 394,544 in licenses and \$706,711 in fees.

California exceeded all other States in revenue received with \$871,157. Minnesota ranked second with \$788,311, followed by Michigan with \$738,068; Wisconsin, \$644,383; Pennsylvania, \$630,043; New York, \$517,678; Ohio, \$414,484; Illinois, \$381,451; Indiana, \$361,258, and Washington, \$347,705.

In the number of licenses sold, Michigan led with 719,441. Ohio was second with 667,155, followed by Minnesota with 495,394; Indiana, 495,005; Illinois, 491,449; California, 431,333; Pennsylvania, 386,578; Wisconsin, 377,961; New York, 355,133; and Missouri, 334,774, the tabulation indicates.

The appended table summarizes by States the number of licenses issued and the revenues collected.

State	Number of Licenses Issued	Revenue Collected
Alabama	10,000	\$10,000
Alaska	10,000	\$10,000
Arizona	10,000	\$10,000
Arkansas	10,000	\$10,000
California	431,333	\$871,157
Colorado	10,000	\$10,000
Connecticut	10,000	\$10,000
Delaware	10,000	\$10,000
District of Columbia	10,000	\$10,000
Florida	10,000	\$10,000
Georgia	10,000	\$10,000
Idaho	10,000	\$10,000
Illinois	491,449	\$381,451
Indiana	495,005	\$361,258
Iowa	10,000	\$10,000
Kansas	10,000	\$10,000
Kentucky	10,000	\$10,000
Louisiana	10,000	\$10,000
Maine	10,000	\$10,000
Massachusetts	10,000	\$10,000
Michigan	719,441	\$738,068
Minnesota	495,394	\$788,311
Mississippi	10,000	\$10,000
Missouri	334,774	\$347,705
Montana	10,000	\$10,000
Nebraska	10,000	\$10,000
Nevada	10,000	\$10,000
New Hampshire	10,000	\$10,000
New Jersey	10,000	\$10,000
New Mexico	10,000	\$10,000
New York	355,133	\$517,678
North Carolina	10,000	\$10,000
North Dakota	10,000	\$10,000
Ohio	667,155	\$414,484
Oklahoma	10,000	\$10,000
Oregon	10,000	\$10,000
Pennsylvania	386,578	\$630,043
Rhode Island	10,000	\$10,000
South Carolina	10,000	\$10,000
South Dakota	10,000	\$10,000
Tennessee	10,000	\$10,000
Texas	10,000	\$10,000
Vermont	10,000	\$10,000
Virginia	10,000	\$10,000
Washington	347,705	\$347,705
West Virginia	10,000	\$10,000
Wisconsin	377,961	\$644,383
Wyoming	10,000	\$10,000

ANGLING LICENSE SALES
July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943

State	Resident	Non- resident	Total Licenses	Fees Paid by Anglers
Alabama.....	40,008	1,433	41,441	\$44,374.00
Arizona.....	33,243	2,976	36,219	62,622.00
Arkansas.....	34,616	14,004	48,620	93,147.00
California.....	427,209	4,124	431,333	871,157.00
Colorado.....	142,878	24,353	167,231	171,029.00
Connecticut.....	41,530	1,963	43,493	138,763.00
Delaware.....	2,696	420	3,116	5,521.00
Florida.....	58,989	12,929	71,918	120,445.00
Georgia.....	27,504	300	27,804	37,635.00
Idaho.....	120,481	13,158	133,639	158,220.00
Illinois.....	483,047	8,402	491,449	381,451.00
Indiana.....	472,306	22,699	495,005	361,258.00
Iowa.....	212,101	3,861	215,962	194,010.00
Kansas.....	130,253	2,488	132,741	133,839.00
Kentucky.....	82,113	4,310	86,423	87,641.00
Louisiana.....	30,608	11,053	41,661	85,873.00
Maine.....	69,151	26,102	95,253	149,557.00
Maryland.....	32,035	1,732	33,767	47,424.00
Massachusetts....	124,571	2,336	126,907	229,622.00
Michigan.....	532,585	186,856	719,441	738,068.00
Minnesota.....	415,210	80,184	495,394	788,311.00
Mississippi.....	11,457	2,789	14,246	23,366.00
Missouri.....	319,173	15,601	334,774	282,726.00
Montana.....	103,607	6,686	110,293	124,446.00
Nebraska.....	104,685	1,119	105,804	100,718.00
Nevada.....	15,429	1,046	16,475	26,426.00
New Hampshire....	54,754	23,020	77,774	133,179.00
New Jersey.....	71,162	3,537	74,699	152,803.00
New Mexico.....	30,551	11,188	41,739	91,824.00
New York.....	346,864	8,269	355,133	517,678.00
North Carolina...	53,378	6,337	59,715	81,169.00
North Dakota.....	28,326	144	28,470	14,307.00
Ohio.....	658,436	8,719	667,155	414,484.00
Oklahoma.....	140,734	8,256	148,990	192,009.00
Oregon.....	113,547	8,579	122,126	319,584.00
Pennsylvania.....	378,426	7,952	386,378	630,043.00
Rhode Island.....	10,805	154	10,959	13,975.00
South Carolina...	15,980	1,382	17,362	31,800.00
South Dakota.....	56,293	3,342	59,635	67,129.00
Tennessee.....	139,406	17,929	157,335	167,339.00
Texas.....	142,722	3,130	145,853	134,531.00
Utah.....	55,813	2,056	57,869	83,135.00
Vermont.....	53,801	12,153	65,954	90,787.00
Virginia.....	139,649	5,262	144,911	150,101.00
Washington.....	264,497	5,056	269,553	347,705.00
West Virginia...	163,569	7,290	170,859	179,903.00
Wisconsin.....	247,701	130,260	377,961	644,383.00
Wyoming.....	49,877	17,958	67,835	108,812.00
Totals	7,283,777	744,897	8,028,674	\$10,024,329.00