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FISHING LICENSE SALES SKYROCKET TO NEW HIGHS IN 1946

Fishing holidays for ~~fresh-water~~ anglers swelled license receipts during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1946, to pour an all-time high revenue of ~~\$15,877,361~~ into the treasuries of the 48 States through the purchase of 11,068,717 fishing licenses, according to a report released today by Albert M. Day, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

Compared with the previous year when 8,280,232 licenses were sold by the States for \$10,580,311, the 1945-46 season totals show an increase of 2,788,485 in licenses and ~~\$5,297,050~~ ^{\$4,423,485} in revenue received by the various States.

California ranked first in revenue with \$1,545,026. ~~Massachusetts was in second place with \$1,223,995,~~ followed by Minnesota with \$1,017,686; Michigan, \$945,453; Pennsylvania, \$918,200; Wisconsin, \$909,258; New York, \$799,620; Ohio, \$633,035; Washington, \$521,475; Illinois, \$520,743; and Missouri, \$507,418.

In the number of licenses sold, Michigan exceeded all other States with 904,557. California was second with 764,557, followed by Ohio with 718,842; Minnesota, 627,907; Pennsylvania, 567,000; Illinois, 560,310; New York, 551,927; Indiana, 534,156; and Wisconsin, 517,864.

Non-resident licenses during the 1945-46 season amounted to 1,093,099, an increase of 335,240 over the preceding year.

The appended tabulation summarizes the number of licenses issued and the revenues collected.

ANGLING LICENSE SALES
July 1, 1945 - June 30, 1946

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-resident</u>	<u>Total Licenses</u>	<u>Fees Paid by Anglers</u>
Alabama	58,514	3,588	62,102	\$69,870.00
Arizona	18,963	1,422	20,385	32,072.00
Arkansas	103,095	26,539	129,634	236,763.00
California	755,082	9,475	764,557	1,545,026.00
Colorado	222,643	30,381	253,024	250,707.00
Connecticut	70,648	4,021	74,669	219,420.00
Delaware	3,449	1,277	4,726	12,095.00
Florida	59,020	25,669	84,689	201,399.00
Georgia	73,285	700	73,985	93,651.00
Idaho	168,217	27,597	195,814	252,928.00
Illinois	543,835	16,475	560,310	520,743.00
Indiana	508,883	25,273	534,156	387,142.00
Iowa	316,765	5,451	322,216	280,290.00
Kansas	162,752	2,113	164,865	170,123.00
Kentucky	101,401	4,538	105,939	108,369.00
Louisiana	27,000	8,002	35,002	55,268.00
Maine	103,593	44,246	147,839	248,078.00
Maryland	40,234	7,457	47,691	89,138.00
Massachusetts	190,120	4,675	194,795	1,223,995.00
Michigan	698,589	205,968	904,557	948,453.00
Minnesota	524,475	103,432	627,907	1,017,686.00
Mississippi	6,494	9,158	15,652	37,881.00
Missouri	503,711	23,784	527,495	507,418.00
Montana	139,964	11,381	151,345	178,189.00
Nebraska	133,480	3,484	136,964	195,184.00
Nevada	15,488	3,141	18,629	9,513.00
New Hampshire	88,926	36,878	125,804	254,460.00
New Jersey	97,714	6,186	103,900	211,656.00
New Mexico	45,934	21,976	67,910	152,147.00
New York	537,126	14,801	551,927	799,620.00
North Carolina	67,993	9,197	77,190	127,967.00
North Dakota	35,341	118	35,459	18,024.00
Ohio	702,439	16,403	718,842	633,035.00
Oklahoma	290,887	29,031	319,918	427,970.00
Oregon	164,530	11,022	175,552	460,937.00
Pennsylvania	550,000	17,000	567,000	918,200.00
Rhode Island	15,876	205	16,101	25,108.00
South Carolina	19,689	3,374	23,063	62,869.00
South Dakota	70,089	10,815	80,904	95,802.00
Tennessee	189,402	37,213	226,615	225,279.00
Texas	207,143	5,178	212,321	206,376.00
Utah	75,087	4,510	79,597	118,891.00
Vermont	62,932	19,130	82,062	120,349.00
Virginia	178,877	10,080	188,957	211,950.00
Washington	369,032	10,245	379,277	521,475.00
West Virginia	253,368	10,688	264,056	286,780.00
Wisconsin	335,090	182,774	517,864	909,258.00
Wyoming	68,423	27,028	95,451	197,807.00
United States	9,975,618	1,093,099	11,068,717	\$15,877,361.00

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