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NEW RECORD SET IN NUMBER OF HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS

Once again a record has been set in the number of license holders for sport fishing and wild game hunting in the United States, Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton said today. California replaced Minnesota as top ranking State in fishing licenses but Michigan, the only State to record more than a million hunting license sales, retained its lead in hunting.

Fish and Wildlife Service compilations show, Secretary Seaton said, that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, there were 33,163,831 hunting and fishing license holders in this country, an increase of 117,470 over the previous record set in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.

An increase of 270,296 hunting license holders is responsible for the new record. Fishing licenses decreased by 152,826. In spite of the drop in fishing and the gain in hunting licenses, fishing is still the more popular sport. A total of 18,701,983 licenses were sold for angling compared with 14,461,848 for hunting. Conversely, the hunters paid the greater amount for their licenses, tags, permits and stamps—\$46,638,220 compared with \$43,149,674 for fishing licenses, permits and stamps. During the year previous, the total cost to hunters for all licenses was \$42,790,687 and to fishermen \$39,501,838.

There were 14,088,608 resident hunting license holders and 373,240 nonresident; those holding resident fishing licenses total 16,039,876 and the nonresidents total 2,662,107.

Based upon the total number of license holders, the "big ten" States for 1954-1955 and for 1955-1956 were:

FISHING LICENSES

<u>1955-56</u>		<u>1954-55</u>	
California	1,319,190	Minnesota	1,374,942
Minnesota	1,232,647	California	1,285,980
Michigan	1,150,662	Michigan	1,188,134
Wisconsin	1,011,835	Wisconsin	1,084,718
Ohio	880,075	Illinois	881,995
Indiana	844,112	Ohio	877,916
Illinois	739,801	New York	810,519
Tennessee	728,429	Tennessee	742,096
New York	719,780	Pennsylvania	740,034
Pennsylvania	719,715	Indiana	623,717

HUNTING LICENSES

<u>1955-56</u>		<u>1954-55</u>	
Michigan	1,218,781	Michigan	1,186,454
New York	975,551	New York	936,398
Pennsylvania	932,386	Pennsylvania	900,397
Ohio	684,377	Ohio	635,661
Indiana	680,460	California	618,125
California	632,351	Wisconsin	585,769
Wisconsin	616,439	Illinois	516,016
Illinois	528,963	Minnesota	493,450
Minnesota	525,141	Indiana	450,713
Tennessee	461,598	Georgia	425,218

Under the Federal aid formulas for the distribution of Pittman-Robertson funds for the restoration of game and the Dingell-Johnson funds for the restoration of fish, the number of license holders (not the amount paid for licenses) is one factor considered.

Attached are lists of hunting and fishing license holders by States. The fourth column of each table includes not only the total amounts received from license sales but also the totals of money from the sale of permits.

HUNTING LICENSE STATISTICS FOR THE UNITED STATES

July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

State	Paid Hunting License Holders			Total Cost to Hunters for All Licenses, Permits, Tags and Stamps
	Resident	Non-Resident	Total	
Alabama	264,715	3,347	268,062	\$ 568,128
Arizona	98,904	3,391	102,295	517,909
Arkansas	225,906	10,356	236,262	509,897
California	631,198	1,153	632,351	2,636,278
Colorado	262,219	23,046	285,265	2,194,294
Connecticut	54,211	561	54,772	180,807
Delaware	18,442	300	18,742	47,477
Florida	126,184	2,236	128,420	734,216
Georgia	180,605	1,941	182,546	414,413
Idaho	137,708	4,537	142,245	849,512
Illinois	523,772	5,191	528,963	1,345,097
Indiana	677,817	2,643	680,460	713,121
Iowa	370,098	3,965	374,063	625,207
Kansas	189,883	2,142	192,025	450,537
Kentucky	261,619	6,890	268,509	837,968
Louisiana	243,767	2,975	246,742	520,166
Maine	146,108	26,845	172,953	1,060,503
Maryland	142,617	5,222	147,839	548,335
Massachusetts	116,407	1,516	117,923	371,149
Michigan	1,197,155	21,626	1,218,781	3,580,714
Minnesota	523,210	1,931	525,141	1,378,678
Mississippi	178,302	2,629	180,931	346,260
Missouri	359,223	2,517	361,740	1,195,920
Montana	192,353	8,557	200,910	1,201,704
Nebraska	165,258	2,205	167,463	425,805
Nevada	32,164	6,330	38,494	458,266
New Hampshire	66,027	20,508	86,535	534,616
New Jersey	165,358	2,619	167,977	704,818
New Mexico	79,199	3,164	82,363	550,499
New York	949,177	26,374	975,551	2,371,239
North Carolina	340,276	5,981	346,257	830,894
North Dakota	103,906	3,384	107,290	377,379
Ohio	681,463	2,914	684,377	1,727,116
Oklahoma	182,314	2,007	184,321	427,864
Oregon	274,575	1,428	276,003	1,522,433
Pennsylvania	899,931	32,455	932,386	3,793,190
Rhode Island	12,326	180	12,506	29,935
South Carolina	149,415	4,089	153,504	363,442
South Dakota	147,808	20,842	168,650	893,496
Tennessee	459,226	2,372	461,598	638,168
Texas	396,258	2,276	398,534	859,638
Utah	130,081	15,650	145,731	1,100,002
Vermont	74,045	13,382	87,427	349,298
Virginia	374,177	7,386	381,563	907,388
Washington	305,198	679	305,877	1,553,765
West Virginia	268,091	7,283	275,374	644,935
Wisconsin	610,919	5,520	616,439	1,513,852
Wyoming	98,993	38,695	137,688	1,231,892
TOTALS	14,088,608	373,240	14,461,848	\$46,638,220

FISHING LICENSE STATISTICS FOR THE UNITED STATES

July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

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State	Paid Fishing License Holders			Total Cost to Anglers for All Licenses, Permits, Stamps, etc.
	Resident	Non-Resident	Total	
Alabama	435,596	24,649	460,245	\$ 730,444
Arizona	97,943	62,878	160,821	420,119
Arkansas	274,912	135,346	410,258	766,447
California	1,303,256	15,934	1,319,190	3,902,898
Colorado	237,524	107,728	345,252	1,242,002
Connecticut	99,808	3,757	103,565	367,928
Delaware	6,835	885	7,720	16,400
Florida	275,802	178,728	454,530	936,134
Georgia	337,620	7,754	345,374	461,266
Idaho	140,712	52,360	193,072	606,269
Illinois	720,842	18,959	739,801	864,210
Indiana	805,277	38,835	844,112	927,464
Iowa	364,807	16,235	381,042	546,240
Kansas	217,202	5,850	223,052	456,299
Kentucky	335,435	77,793	413,228	878,299
Louisiana	187,466	33,369	220,835	295,955
Maine	129,075	72,046	201,121	744,706
Maryland	107,837	23,051	130,888	238,406
Massachusetts	202,506	4,793	207,299	601,968
Michigan	876,670	273,992	1,150,662	4,770,121
Minnesota	935,802	296,845	1,232,647	2,353,972
Mississippi	131,631	34,160	165,791	378,798
Missouri	509,483	55,606	565,089	1,432,738
Montana	192,353	43,097	235,450	839,828
Nebraska	205,770	9,860	215,630	352,701
Nevada	28,195	23,556	51,751	182,038
New Hampshire	74,001	44,996	118,997	396,699
New Jersey	143,136	10,081	153,217	605,859
New Mexico	65,878	31,583	97,461	366,603
New York	677,353	42,427	719,780	1,628,456
North Carolina	332,648	32,461	365,109	663,439
North Dakota	72,438	1,918	74,356	78,602
Ohio	838,898	41,177	880,075	1,766,917
Oklahoma	364,968	71,804	436,772	948,542
Oregon	300,929	29,488	330,417	1,212,920
Pennsylvania	692,516	27,199	719,715	1,839,567
Rhode Island	17,925	542	18,467	42,942
South Carolina	250,962	13,948	264,910	452,351
South Dakota	98,659	41,972	140,631	275,774
Tennessee	562,062	166,367	728,429	860,936
Texas	467,551	9,893	477,444	736,276
Utah	117,110	8,800	125,910	379,842
Vermont	72,466	34,287	106,753	249,838
Virginia	359,521	13,031	372,552	573,843
Washington	389,275	21,497	410,772	1,496,482
West Virginia	183,791	8,841	192,632	382,091
Wisconsin	680,590	331,245	1,011,835	2,270,264
Wyoming	116,840	60,484	177,324	607,781
TOTALS	16,039,876	2,662,107	18,701,983	\$43,149,674