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FISHING LICENSE SALES CLIMB IN 1958 BUT HUNTING LICENSES DROP

Nearly a million more fishing licenses were sold in the United States during fiscal year 1958 than in the previous year, but hunting licenses showed a decline of 154,000, the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior reported today.

The combined total of 34,941,729 licenses sold to sportsmen in 1958 exceeded all previous records, and represents an increase of 746,546 over the 1957 record of 34,195,183 licenses.

The 1958 total was made up of 20,177,605 fishing licenses and 14,764,124 hunting licenses; in the previous year 19,276,767 fishing licenses and 14,918,416 hunting licenses were sold. The increase in fishing licenses amounted to 900,838; the decrease in hunting licenses was 154,292.

Total cost to hunters and anglers for all licenses, permits, tags, and stamps (not including the Federal "duck stamp") was \$99,018,130, an increase of \$8,401,091 over the previous year's total of \$90,617,039. Hunting licenses amounted to \$53,607,668 of the 1958 total while fishing licenses cost \$45,410,462.

Resident fishing licenses accounted for 17,401,982 of the total; nonresident licenses numbered 2,775,623. The States which attracted the greatest number of nonresident fishermen were Wisconsin (363,332), Minnesota (305,160), Michigan (254,658), Arkansas (167,186), Tennessee (165,257), and Florida (164,767). California led in resident fishing licenses, with 1,388,433. Minnesota was second with 1,104,591, while Ohio had 876,633.

The total of 14,764,124 hunting licenses was divided on the basis of 14,330,450 residents and 433,719 nonresident. Wyoming had the greatest number of nonresident hunters--42,882--followed by Pennsylvania with 40,527. Leaders in resident hunters were: Michigan 1,136,253; New York 953,068, and Pennsylvania 931,927.

Comparative figures for 1957-58 and 1956-57 are shown below for the 10 States having the highest total sales:

FISHING LICENSES

1957-58

Minnesota	1,409,751
California	1,408,698
Wisconsin	1,111,579
Michigan	1,109,434
Ohio	901,890
Indiana	835,151
New York	819,017
Texas	818,341
Illinois	813,521
Tennessee	723,524

1956-57

California	1,411,264
Minnesota	1,243,102
Wisconsin	1,142,726
Michigan	1,119,657
Ohio	911,762
Indiana	846,742
New York	828,636
Illinois	826,426
Pennsylvania	718,863
Tennessee	654,419

HUNTING LICENSES

1957-58

Michigan	1,154,851
New York	974,713
Pennsylvania	972,454
Ohio	739,037
Indiana	664,251
California	642,839
Wisconsin	624,787
Illinois	512,860
Minnesota	509,369
Tennessee	411,021

1956-57

Michigan	1,250,004
New York	1,024,975
Pennsylvania	938,275
Ohio	738,672
Indiana	674,312
California	665,875
Wisconsin	651,669
Illinois	556,215
Minnesota	552,917
Texas	412,961

Attached are an alphabetical tabulation of licenses sales by States, and a tabulation showing the revenue derived by the States from hunting and fishing licenses sales in fiscal year 1958.

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COST OF HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958

State	Total Cost to Hunters for All Licenses, Permits, Tags and Stamps	Total Cost to Anglers for All Licenses, Permits, Stamps, etc.
Alabama	\$ 654,517.00	\$ 762,593.15
Arizona	534,413.00	501,403.50
Arkansas	811,734.25	943,579.60
California	2,885,573.26	4,112,077.00
Colorado	2,748,517.85	1,429,290.50
Connecticut	193,562.89	410,520.59
Delaware	63,345.25	23,689.50
Florida	914,333.50	979,127.75
Georgia	507,274.63	603,830.33
Idaho	830,136.00	916,256.50
Illinois	1,852,822.75	1,219,518.75
Indiana	807,058.75	1,090,004.75
Iowa	692,758.02	598,452.72
Kansas	448,028.75	511,642.75
Kentucky	931,078.05	780,487.00
Louisiana	308,852.80	260,456.00
Maine	1,051,193.37	781,648.12
Maryland	627,679.25	322,319.50
Massachusetts	400,081.12	653,746.87
Michigan	4,797,833.00	2,411,016.00
Minnesota	1,226,936.36	2,318,168.60
Mississippi	422,065.50	402,300.00
Missouri	1,497,669.85	1,792,820.00
Montana	1,032,050.50	678,086.50
Nebraska	525,149.04	378,847.15
Nevada	566,161.00	208,737.50
New Hampshire	602,118.50	446,610.25
New Jersey	788,906.40	599,416.25
New Mexico	628,275.25	438,264.30
New York	2,391,253.50	1,804,129.75
North Carolina	1,048,394.68	794,599.03
North Dakota	450,132.00	83,939.00
Ohio	1,667,251.00	1,855,485.00
Oklahoma	455,577.50	1,072,020.75
Oregon	1,568,765.25	1,285,322.25
Pennsylvania	4,248,392.30	1,811,506.60
Rhode Island	40,782.37	56,097.02
South Carolina	488,841.60	461,721.75
South Dakota	833,601.70	242,253.00
Tennessee	626,753.00	850,601.00
Texas	1,318,350.25	1,741,431.65
Utah	1,362,731.00	421,480.75
Vermont	439,115.50	260,694.75
Virginia	975,015.08	611,826.83
Washington	1,778,369.87	1,606,111.37
West Virginia	625,293.15	461,614.65
Wisconsin	2,549,237.00	2,788,045.25
Wyoming	1,389,685.00	626,670.50
TOTALS	\$53,607,667.64	\$45,410,462.33

FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSE STATISTICS FOR THE UNITED STATES
July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958

State	Fishing Licenses			Hunting Licenses		
	Resident	Non-Resident	Total	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Alabama	464,050	27,046	491,096	297,145	4,392	301,537
Arizona	173,412	18,250	191,662	106,916	4,368	111,284
Arkansas	287,713	167,186	454,899	212,367	13,747	226,114
California	1,388,443	20,255	1,408,698	641,538	1,301	642,839
Colorado	274,901	118,402	393,303	274,263	33,608	307,871
Connecticut	104,651	3,748	108,399	54,780	365	55,145
Delaware	9,996	1,326	11,322	24,965	391	25,356
Florida	315,432	164,769	480,201	150,408	2,388	152,796
Georgia	434,839	14,918	449,757	218,055	2,199	220,254
Idaho	172,869	64,664	237,533	168,484	6,719	175,203
Illinois	793,370	20,151	813,521	505,949	6,911	512,860
Indiana	796,359	38,792	835,151	661,081	3,170	664,251
Iowa	384,609	13,369	397,978	346,613	4,434	351,047
Kansas	243,256	6,498	249,754	187,125	2,166	189,291
Kentucky	334,627	81,501	416,128	290,107	8,518	298,625
Louisiana	159,664	29,210	188,874	281,708	2,571	284,279
Maine	141,447	76,598	218,045	153,571	26,137	179,708
Maryland	82,980	15,196	98,176	154,789	6,407	161,196
Massachusetts	222,817	5,419	228,236	124,849	1,611	126,460
Michigan	854,776	254,658	1,109,434	1,136,253	18,598	1,154,851
Minnesota	1,104,591	305,160	1,409,751	507,276	2,093	509,369
Mississippi	139,780	57,320	197,100	196,760	6,462	203,222
Missouri	598,441	70,124	668,565	393,860	7,797	401,657
Montana	199,731	52,902	252,633	199,731	12,005	211,736
Nebraska	184,303	9,780	194,083	146,712	3,706	150,418
Nevada	26,319	25,622	51,941	29,289	6,573	35,862
New Hampshire	81,977	52,976	134,953	68,755	20,197	88,952
New Jersey	141,540	9,922	151,462	185,609	2,649	188,258
New Mexico	77,807	38,237	116,044	89,234	3,539	92,773
New York	771,245	47,772	819,017	953,068	21,645	974,713
North Carolina	349,616	40,460	390,076	358,826	6,809	365,635
North Dakota	76,340	2,533	78,873	105,174	3,607	108,781
Ohio	876,633	25,257	901,890	232,658	6,379	239,037
Oklahoma	399,710	86,342	486,052	181,576	1,887	183,463
Oregon	349,966	27,755	377,721	275,777	1,472	277,249
Pennsylvania	656,848	29,680	686,528	931,927	40,527	972,454
Rhode Island	16,187	739	16,926	11,615	211	11,826
South Carolina	228,622	17,408	246,030	159,957	5,023	164,980
South Dakota	85,186	41,317	126,503	133,566	20,393	153,959
Tennessee	558,267	165,257	723,524	408,282	2,739	411,021
Texas	818,341	---	818,341	406,935	1,747	408,682
Utah	126,467	12,275	138,742	134,239	18,931	153,170
Vermont	72,817	36,248	109,065	83,079	19,840	102,919
Virginia	365,597	15,150	380,747	388,436	9,033	397,469
Washington	377,180	20,975	398,155	278,133	843	278,976
West Virginia	216,354	10,275	226,629	268,165	5,995	274,160
Wisconsin	748,247	363,332	1,111,579	616,053	8,734	624,787
Wyoming	113,659	68,849	182,508	94,747	42,882	137,629
TOTALS	17,401,982	2,775,623	20,177,605	14,330,405	433,719	14,764,124