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\$22,100,000 IN FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE STATES

Distribution of \$22,100,000 in Federal Aid funds for fish and wildlife restoration projects will be made available to the 50 States July 1, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today. This is an increase of \$1,500,000 over last year's record preliminary distribution.

Of the \$22,100,000 to be allocated, \$17,400,000 is for wildlife restoration and \$4,700,000 is for sport fishery projects.

An additional apportionment for fish and wildlife restoration projects will be made in the fall of 1968. The preliminary apportionment announced today will enable States with small reserve funds to finance their restoration program from July 1 until the final apportionment for the fiscal year is made this fall, Secretary Udall said.

The fish and wildlife restoration funds come from Federal excise taxes collected from manufacturers, importers, and producers of certain types of hunting and fishing equipment.

Under the Federal Aid programs, States are reimbursed for up to 75 percent of the cost of approved projects. The laws establishing these programs also provide \$10,000 each to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. The total 1969 fiscal year apportionments to these areas are included in those announced today.

Distribution of the funds is based on the number of paid hunting and fishing license holders in a State and the State area. The Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs are administered by Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

The attached table shows the distribution of funds that will be effective July 1.

Apportionments for Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1969

State	Fish	Wildlife
Alabama	\$ 84,753	\$ 339,201
Alaska	235,000	870,000
Arizona	94,827	393,549
Arkansas	91,707	292,478
California	235,000	846,499
Colorado	109,639	450,654
Connecticut	47,000	87,000
Delaware	47,000	87,000
Florida	102,993	280,729
Georgia	103,596	341,516
Hawaii	47,000	87,000
Idaho	78,612	332,114
Illinois	119,657	419,680
Indiana	91,498	342,140
Iowa	78,580	322,905
Kansas	78,360	343,651
Kentucky	69,987	256,330
Louisiana	64,282	299,586
Maine	47,000	202,435
Maryland	47,000	131,849
Massachusetts	47,000	87,537
Michigan	160,218	663,765
Minnesota	207,001	489,198
Mississippi	61,443	260,070
Missouri	126,341	427,206
Montana	106,809	495,181
Nebraska	67,486	327,399
Nevada	71,980	338,826
New Hampshire	47,000	87,000
New Jersey	47,000	114,583
New Mexico	82,521	393,293
New York	129,811	548,635
North Carolina	78,801	384,839
North Dakota	50,134	239,339
Ohio	125,941	430,015
Oklahoma	89,969	312,037
Oregon	118,279	461,121
Pennsylvania	88,504	673,652
Rhode Island	47,000	87,000
South Carolina	61,324	202,183
South Dakota	64,438	278,917
Tennessee	114,538	333,733
Texas	235,000	870,000
Utah	78,201	341,896
Vermont	47,000	101,410
Virginia	67,508	316,737
Washington	90,647	363,152
West Virginia	47,000	198,617
Wisconsin	167,115	470,208
Wyoming	70,500	346,135
Guam	10,000	10,000
Puerto Rico	10,000	10,000
Virgin Islands	10,000	10,000
Totals	\$4,700,000	\$17,400,000

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