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STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES TO SHARE \$288 MILLION IN EXCISE TAX RECEIPTS

State fish and wildlife agencies will share in \$288 million in excise taxes paid by America's hunters, target shooters, boaters, and anglers, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt announced today. The agencies will use the money for wildlife conservation through land acquisition, habitat improvement, research, education, and other programs. The funds also will help pay for hunting education programs and wildlife-related recreation projects.

The funds are distributed through preliminary apportionments under two Federal Aid programs administered by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Hunters and anglers continue to be a cornerstone to conservation in America," Secretary Babbitt said. "Their financial contributions through excise taxes paid under the Federal Aid program are vital to maintaining and restoring our nation's fish and wildlife resources."

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson Act), signed in 1937, and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson Act), signed in 1950, collectively have raised more than \$4.6 billion.

The money is distributed to the states for projects proposed by the states and approved by the Service. Federal Aid funds pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of each project while the states contribute at least 25 percent of the cost.

The preliminary apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1995 totals \$159 million. The \$159 million represents a 14-percent increase over FY 1994's preliminary apportionment. The money is derived from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11-percent tax on certain archery equipment. One-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment is made available for state hunter education and safety programs.

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The preliminary apportionment for sport fish restoration for FY 1995 totals \$129 million, down slightly from \$129.6 million last year. The funding results from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The Wallop-Breaux legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Wildlife restoration funds are made available based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each state.

The attached tables show the allocation of the preliminary apportionment for fiscal year 1995. Final apportionments will be announced in the spring of 1995.

**PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995**

STATE	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	2,085,340	775,310	2,860,650
ALASKA	6,300,000	330,000	6,630,000
ARIZONA	2,916,183	703,286	3,619,469
ARKANSAS	2,252,325	330,000	2,582,325
CALIFORNIA	4,541,711	990,000	5,531,711
COLORADO	3,258,377	632,130	3,890,507
CONNECTICUT	630,000	630,733	1,260,733
DELAWARE	630,000	330,000	960,000
FLORIDA	1,895,486	990,000	2,885,486
GEORGIA	2,513,629	990,000	3,503,629
HAWAII	630,000	330,000	960,000
IDAHO	2,622,216	330,000	2,952,216
ILLINOIS	2,355,003	990,000	3,345,003
INDIANA	1,986,744	990,000	2,976,744
IOWA	2,062,039	532,805	2,594,844
KANSAS	2,313,129	330,000	2,643,129
KENTUCKY	1,980,387	707,136	2,687,523
LOUISIANA	1,997,041	809,731	2,806,772
MAINE	1,477,277	330,000	1,807,277
MARYLAND	816,253	917,470	1,733,723
MASSACHUSETTS	630,000	990,000	1,620,000
MICHIGAN	5,543,809	990,000	6,533,809
MINNESOTA	3,835,377	839,496	4,674,873
MISSISSIPPI	1,960,998	493,750	2,454,748
MISSOURI	3,126,900	981,866	4,108,766
MONTANA	3,931,635	330,000	4,261,635
NEBRASKA	2,179,676	330,000	2,509,676
NEVADA	2,378,204	330,000	2,708,204
NEW HAMPSHIRE	630,000	330,000	960,000
NEW JERSEY	630,000	990,000	1,620,000
NEW MEXICO	2,831,435	330,000	3,161,435
NEW YORK	3,887,035	990,000	4,877,035
NORTH CAROLINA	2,415,366	990,000	3,405,366
NORTH DAKOTA	1,816,966	330,000	2,146,966
OHIO	2,844,381	990,000	3,834,381
OKLAHOMA	2,292,989	603,576	2,896,565
OREGON	3,128,262	545,386	3,673,648
PENNSYLVANIA	5,409,486	990,000	6,399,486
RHODE ISLAND	630,000	330,000	960,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,416,145	669,030	2,085,175
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,212,783	330,000	2,542,783
TENNESSEE	3,031,448	935,837	3,967,285
TEXAS	6,300,000	990,000	7,290,000
UTAH	2,462,191	330,000	2,792,191
VERMONT	630,000	330,000	960,000
VIRGINIA	2,227,886	990,000	3,217,886
WASHINGTON	2,424,569	933,823	3,358,392
WEST VIRGINIA	1,565,031	330,000	1,895,031
WISCONSIN	4,181,436	938,635	5,120,071
WYOMING	2,712,852	330,000	3,042,852
PUERTO RICO	630,000	0	630,000
GUAM	210,000	55,000	265,000
VIRGIN ISLANDS	210,000	55,000	265,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	210,000	55,000	265,000
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	210,000	55,000	265,000
TOTAL	126,000,000	33,000,000	159,000,000

**PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995**

ALABAMA	2,003,938
ALASKA	6,450,000
ARIZONA	2,646,107
ARKANSAS	2,102,599
CALIFORNIA	6,450,000
COLORADO	3,224,377
CONNECTICUT	1,290,000
DELAWARE	1,290,000
FLORIDA	3,248,008
GEORGIA	2,392,326
HAWAII	1,290,000
IDAHO	2,153,714
ILLINOIS	2,771,012
INDIANA	2,011,867
IOWA	1,737,775
KANSAS	1,858,506
KENTUCKY	2,033,395
LOUISIANA	2,138,010
MAINE	1,290,000
MARYLAND	1,355,918
MASSACHUSETTS	1,290,000
MICHIGAN	4,840,513
MINNESOTA	4,731,939
MISSISSIPPI	1,701,396
MISSOURI	3,334,781
MONTANA	3,017,980
NEBRASKA	1,641,141
NEVADA	1,951,912
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,290,000
NEW JERSEY	1,290,000
NEW MEXICO	2,296,714
NEW YORK	3,319,550
NORTH CAROLINA	2,006,492
NORTH DAKOTA	1,290,000
OHIO	3,412,342
OKLAHOMA	2,452,055
OREGON	3,127,185
PENNSYLVANIA	3,388,955
RHODE ISLAND	1,290,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,475,049
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,558,240
TENNESSEE	2,573,759
TEXAS	6,450,000
UTAH	2,266,893
VERMONT	1,290,000
VIRGINIA	2,008,831
WASHINGTON	3,010,391
WEST VIRGINIA	1,290,000
WISCONSIN	4,319,053
WYOMING	1,907,277
PUERTO RICO	1,290,000
GUAM	430,000
VIRGIN ISLANDS	430,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	430,000
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	430,000
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	430,000
TOTAL	129,000,000