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HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE REVENUES TOP \$740 MILLION

The latest hunting and fishing license sales figures, released today by John Turner, director of the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, indicate revenue from these sales rose approximately 4.5 percent in 1989. The number of people buying hunting licenses decreased slightly from the previous year; however, fishing license sales held steady.

A total of 15,858,063 people bought hunting licenses in fiscal year 1989, compared with 15,918,522 during fiscal year 1988. Fishing license purchasers numbered 30,302,244 in fiscal year 1989, compared with 30,182,544 in 1988. Income from sales of licenses and associated permits, tags, and stamps in 1989 reached an overall total of \$740 million, compared with the previous total of \$710 million.

"By purchasing licenses, America's hunters and anglers willingly do their fair share to preserve our wildlife resources, and everyone benefits," Turner said.

Money from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses, permits, tags, and stamps is used to fund state fish and wildlife programs. These license sales figures are compiled

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annually by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from information submitted by state fish and wildlife agencies. State funding through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration programs, both administered by the Service, is determined in part by the number of paid fishing and hunting license holders in each state.

License sales figures tend to fluctuate from year to year for a number of reasons, such as initiation of a special permit, stamp, or tag; price increase; or new regulations governing resident and nonresident licenses or seasonal licenses. For this reason, the total number of hunting and fishing licenses, permits, tags, and stamps sold does not always reflect an actual trend in hunting or fishing activity, but may be attributed to changing state license requirements.

An indication of trends in participation is best measured through a comparison of the numbers of paid license holders (first column in the tables attached) from year to year. These figures provide a general approximation of fishing and hunting activity in each state. However, the figures do not necessarily reflect the actual number of hunters and anglers in the country because some states offer license exemptions to people in special circumstances, such as those who are over or under a certain age, handicapped, or who hunt or fish on their own land. Also, some states sponsor special "free" hunting and fishing days, and persons who hunt or fish in more than one state are counted more than once.

A state-by-state breakdown of 1989 hunting and fishing license sales figures is attached.

NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES, AND COST TO HUNTERS
FISCAL YEAR 1989

State	Paid Hunting License Holders*	Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags Permits & Stamps	Nonresident Hunting Licenses Tags, Permits & Stamps	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps+	Gross Cost To Hunters
ALABAMA	280,622	292,504	34,648	327,152	\$5,737,068
ALASKA	83,291	192,218	36,714	228,932	5,270,638
ARIZONA	170,264	340,573	21,581	362,154	6,216,919
ARKANSAS	353,803	333,924	24,994	358,918	7,249,915
CALIFORNIA	422,909	669,739	7,112	676,851	11,505,607
COLORADO	340,911	385,726	157,732	543,458	31,496,917
CONNECTICUT	87,722	149,198	8,074	157,272	1,169,854
DELAWARE	25,603	41,929	7,891	49,820	593,385
FLORIDA	233,770	417,772	3,064	420,836	4,621,278
GEORGIA	418,001	943,772	38,912	982,684	8,664,423
HAWAII	12,077	12,031	524	12,555	86,327
IDAHO	238,730	571,186	69,260	640,446	11,127,253
ILLINOIS	333,473	630,467	11,421	641,888	6,163,781
INDIANA	303,140	525,033	12,139	537,172	5,947,276
IOWA	259,083	675,833	71,742	747,575	7,595,974
KANSAS	189,926	160,697	29,229	189,926	5,377,758
KENTUCKY	323,473	500,574	13,731	514,305	5,662,946
LOUISIANA	288,534	485,824	8,001	493,825	5,485,156
MAINE	220,263	216,475	44,849	261,324	5,971,060
MARYLAND	164,943	202,577	37,188	239,765	4,442,643
MASSACHUSETTS	111,876	196,959	3,269	200,228	1,545,615
MICHIGAN	938,503	1,946,146	27,165	1,973,311	22,523,242
MINNESOTA	551,377	953,854	10,840	964,694	17,016,577
MISSISSIPPI	302,186	264,282	37,904	302,186	3,668,664
MISSOURI	554,514	1,040,706	33,776	1,074,482	9,042,399
MONTANA	256,238	461,552	344,250	805,802	12,024,100
NEBRASKA	169,199	311,426	42,516	353,942	4,690,146
NEVADA	57,110	107,271	11,224	118,495	2,540,732
NEW HAMPSHIRE	91,983	106,304	21,124	127,428	2,359,032
NEW JERSEY	128,338	293,757	11,215	304,972	5,084,245
NEW MEXICO	147,494	146,558	18,101	164,659	5,391,045
NEW YORK	757,897	1,457,071	69,311	1,526,382	14,894,908
NORTH CAROLINA	335,557	440,030	9,656	449,686	7,577,750
NORTH DAKOTA	86,795	355,347	24,940	380,287	2,517,780
OHIO	497,766	1,014,006	6,867	1,020,873	7,570,067
OKLAHOMA	252,085	348,169	9,197	357,366	5,873,225
OREGON	348,694	922,892	27,757	950,649	11,204,086
PENNSYLVANIA	1,174,424	2,221,570	112,020	2,333,590	26,064,845
RHODE ISLAND	13,372	20,245	1,354	21,599	183,692
SOUTH CAROLINA	196,764	228,495	36,346	264,841	5,395,867
SOUTH DAKOTA	149,713	391,085	108,915	500,000	5,329,196
TENNESSEE	598,616	907,119	16,443	923,562	7,273,107
TEXAS	1,189,077	1,441,947	31,505	1,473,452	14,280,642
UTAH	231,125	303,662	26,232	329,894	7,541,635
VERMONT	113,554	117,282	17,997	132,784	1,987,767
VIRGINIA	412,013	857,261	33,427	890,688	9,610,465
WASHINGTON	259,176	640,464	5,109	645,573	10,001,535
WEST VIRGINIA	306,463	507,066	84,020	591,086	6,626,549
WISCONSIN	729,668	1,391,359	36,848	1,428,207	19,892,920
WYOMING	145,948	210,204	81,484	291,688	10,304,088
TOTALS**	15,858,063	27,352,141	1,939,618	29,289,264	\$400,402,099

* A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses he may purchase.
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FISCAL YEAR 1989

State	Paid Fishing License Holders*	Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags Permits & Stamps	Nonresident Fishing Licenses Tags, Permits & Stamps	Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps+	Gross Cost To Fishermen
ALABAMA	578,959	491,929	116,854	608,783	\$5,350,152
ALASKA	313,557	175,008	163,167	338,175	4,452,112
ARIZONA	457,526	434,832	157,441	592,273	5,551,096
ARKANSAS	733,112	583,028	156,263	739,291	6,756,457
CALIFORNIA	2,164,120	2,869,130	31,907	2,901,037	35,391,143
COLORADO	731,744	520,747	337,535	858,282	8,219,501
CONNECTICUT	222,867	214,640	8,227	222,867	1,714,314
DELAWARE	22,137	23,044	4,528	27,572	223,074
FLORIDA	828,267	635,339	203,406	838,745	7,051,779
GEORGIA	704,068	827,994	58,095	886,089	5,898,504
HAWAII	9,282	9,204	342	9,546	28,687
IDAHO	397,985	280,841	153,102	433,943	4,395,918
ILLINOIS	804,118	907,200	38,851	946,051	5,983,611
INDIANA	626,310	588,222	103,226	691,448	5,887,284
IOWA	408,173	397,358	38,840	436,198	3,510,802
KANSAS	307,004	260,966	46,038	307,004	3,738,295
KENTUCKY	645,701	550,524	128,134	678,658	5,612,962
LOUISIANA	546,650	713,471	56,928	770,399	4,775,271
MAINE	302,922	201,929	118,179	320,108	5,358,387
MARYLAND	301,117	410,411	45,977	456,388	3,390,137
MASSACHUSETTS	237,096	250,468	9,429	259,897	2,728,105
MICHIGAN	1,619,485	1,606,889	439,273	2,046,162	19,057,720
MINNESOTA	1,530,704	1,133,987	238,520	1,372,507	19,871,298
MISSISSIPPI	448,774	379,722	69,052	448,774	2,978,410
MISSOURI	1,047,515	1,495,997	128,692	1,624,689	7,824,364
MONTANA	368,525	292,896	240,221	533,117	6,171,882
NEBRASKA	242,883	203,232	39,685	242,917	2,855,348
NEVADA	157,896	204,732	56,538	261,270	2,364,812
NEW HAMPSHIRE	193,148	100,883	60,324	161,207	3,109,747
NEW JERSEY	250,140	382,875	12,840	395,715	3,925,300
NEW MEXICO	274,502	197,646	87,570	285,216	3,447,804
NEW YORK	1,156,330	984,752	241,550	1,226,302	12,389,898
NORTH CAROLINA	469,002	486,135	41,133	527,268	8,716,540
NORTH DAKOTA	152,083	156,682	18,661	175,343	1,247,326
OHIO	1,147,846	1,021,635	131,344	1,152,979	7,765,823
OKLAHOMA	597,943	487,627	96,192	583,819	7,170,792
OREGON	769,272	985,783	231,356	1,217,139	9,466,218
PENNSYLVANIA	1,173,263	1,091,107	82,156	1,173,263	13,644,169
RHODE ISLAND	40,522	38,642	2,733	41,375	379,293
SOUTH CAROLINA	431,566	391,021	72,437	463,458	4,517,007
SOUTH DAKOTA	199,533	248,395	59,561	307,956	2,501,642
TENNESSEE	759,735	773,785	201,897	975,682	5,986,808
TEXAS	1,934,563	2,491,927	111,168	2,603,095	17,427,430
UTAH	396,003	278,754	167,419	446,173	5,859,138
VERMONT	153,875	102,751	51,126	153,877	1,990,297
VIRGINIA	519,606	621,107	86,878	707,985	6,780,234
WASHINGTON	962,173	1,626,637	92,054	1,718,691	13,363,435
WEST VIRGINIA	286,689	473,355	87,652	561,007	3,146,486
WISCONSIN	1,437,874	1,260,079	359,723	1,619,802	16,987,379
WYOMING	238,079	110,733	167,715	278,448	3,548,475
TOTALS**	30,302,244	30,976,051	5,651,939	36,627,990	\$340,512,666

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