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NUMBER OF HUNTERS, FISHERMEN STEADY, LICENSE REVENUES INCREASE SLIGHTLY

The total number of fishermen and hunters who purchased licenses, stamps, and other permits remained stable in 1991, but overall revenue climbed 4 percent to \$813 million from \$784 million because sales increased.

The money raised through license sales and other fees is used by state wildlife agencies to support wildlife conservation projects and hunting and fishing safety and education programs.

While announcing last year's totals, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director John Turner hailed hunters' and anglers' long-term support of funding wildlife conservation and management efforts. "The nearly 50 million people who hunted and fished last year did more than just have a good time," Turner said. "They also contributed millions of dollars to enjoyment of the great outdoors for all Americans."

Last year, the number of hunters who bought licenses dropped to 15,718,865 from 15,806,864 in 1990, while the number of fishermen who bought licenses rose to 30,742,212 from 30,731,821 in 1990.

While there were fewer hunters, those who did hunt bought more licenses and permits. Last year, hunters purchased 34,089,293 licenses and associated permits, up from the 29,747,175 bought in 1990. Most states require separate stamps for many species, and hunters bought more of these stamps last year. Revenue raised from these sales was \$438,523,280 compared with \$421,984,404 in 1990.

Fishermen purchased 36,990,358 licenses, tags, permits, and stamps, a slight increase from the 36,891,444 bought in 1990. Revenue rose to \$374,928,594 in 1991, up from \$362,781,317 in 1990.

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License sales figures are compiled 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 apportioned in part by the number of paid fishing and hunting license holders in each state.

The Service supports hunting and fishing as recreational activity. Controlled hunting is allowed on more than 250 of the 478 National Wildlife Refuges managed by the Service. "Fisheries USA" is a widely successful program to promote fishing, especially on Service lands. The program ensures recreational fisheries receive full consideration as part of water resource projects, restores depleted or declining fisheries, promotes access to previously unavailable fishing, and educates anglers on fishing techniques and ethics.

Both hunting and fishing have been included as activities in Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan's "Enjoy Outdoors America" initiative to improve outdoor recreational opportunities on Federal lands.

A state-by-state breakdown of 1991 hunting and fishing license sales figures is attached.



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NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES, AND COST TO ANGLERS FISCAL YEAR 1991

State:	Paid Fishing License Holders ¹	Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps	Nonresident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps	Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps ²	Gross Cost To Fishermen
ALABAMA	517,071	412,944	111,132	524,076	\$4,836,791
ALASKA	354,209	184,826	181,196	366,022	5,922,100
ARIZONA	417,222	399,404	145,108	544,512	6,144,529
ARKANSAS	682,201	652,094	158,000	810,094	7,383,084
CALIFORNIA	1,922,882	2,803,433	19,514	2,822,947	38,808,832
COLORADO	719,125	502,653	349,587	852,240	9,623,819
CONNECTICUT	222,655	214,292	8,363	222,655	1,877,949
DELAWARE	28,623	28,452	5,301	33,753	271,504
FLORIDA	1,001,727	1,034,004	424,234	1,458,238	20,735,451
GEORGIA	693,704	770,796	60,332	831,128	5,833,448
HAWAII	8,926	8,827	375	9,202	30,352
IDAHO	388,229	268,610	155,058	423,668	5,079,277
ILLINOIS	834,170	917,652	42,252	959,904	8,195,137
INDIANA	639,173	597,055	99,792	696,847	5,988,250
IOWA	406,872	387,917	46,817	434,734	3,514,889
KANSAS	307,274	262,229	45,045	307,274	2,996,362
KENTUCKY	624,257	557,929	128,229	686,158	5,405,338
LOUISIANA	585,495	535,468	50,027	585,495	4,748,530
MAINE	298,343	203,021	114,171	317,192	6,413,143
MARYLAND	741,087	473,827	51,843	525,670	3,640,010
MASSACHUSETTS	275,895	284,418	13,408	297,826	3,221,801
MICHIGAN	1,584,494	1,478,596	398,501	1,875,097	18,919,468
MINNESOTA	1,536,568	1,138,382	250,470	1,388,852	19,329,939
MISSISSIPPI	431,953	365,165	66,788	431,953	3,067,827
MISSOURI	982,800	1,502,331	120,595	1,622,926	10,185,178
MONTANA	396,867	291,323	255,848	547,171	6,781,844
NEBRASKA	231,774	222,512	38,060	258,572	2,774,294
NEVADA	140,803	184,452	46,906	231,358	2,150,678
NEW HAMPSHIRE	162,910	110,802	52,088	162,900	3,413,374
NEW JERSEY	265,391	399,312	15,107	414,419	4,180,041
NEW MEXICO	238,266	165,119	84,076	249,195	2,987,688
NEW YORK	1,172,485	1,016,826	230,904	1,247,730	12,476,337
NORTH CAROLINA	516,463	528,641	44,591	573,232	8,819,171
NORTH DAKOTA	129,626	129,351	16,906	146,257	1,080,823
OHIO	1,238,994	1,096,994	147,453	1,244,437	11,859,130
OKLAHOMA	637,255	506,279	101,317	607,596	7,513,884
OREGON	773,274	961,904	249,853	1,211,757	11,208,371
PENNSYLVANIA	1,264,472	1,170,979	93,593	1,264,472	14,224,010
RHODE ISLAND	41,537	39,734	2,716	42,450	388,849
SOUTH CAROLINA	443,006	401,855	71,496	473,351	4,629,880
SOUTH DAKOTA	182,989	218,340	53,837	272,177	2,254,713
TENNESSEE	851,168	862,695	183,239	1,045,934	8,702,128
TEXAS	1,878,279	2,389,561	115,723	2,505,284	16,891,539
UTAH	410,793	291,143	153,371	444,514	5,839,389
VERMONT	159,411	102,728	54,683	159,411	1,923,437
VIRGINIA	551,741	635,214	79,496	714,710	6,863,862
WASHINGTON	946,636	1,481,817	90,485	1,572,102	13,622,315
WEST VIRGINIA	244,856	625,856	124,886	750,542	4,102,833
WISCONSIN	1,440,592	1,189,398	336,779	1,526,445	16,507,753
WYOMING	249,919	109,408	186,873	296,079	3,979,243
TOTALS³	30,742,212	31,115,924	5,872,234	36,990,358	\$374,928,594

1 A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses purchased.
(Data certified by State Fish and Game Departments)

2 Period Covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.

3 Persons who fished in more than one State are counted in each State where they fished.



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State:	Paid Hunting License Holders ¹	Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps	Nonresident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps ²	Gross Cost To Hunters
ALABAMA	271,990	254,732	36,999	291,731	\$5,602,329
ALASKA	94,750	174,433	38,498	212,929	6,346,690
ARIZONA	158,742	314,717	21,389	336,108	6,761,353
ARKANSAS	298,219	312,515	25,875	338,390	6,823,191
CALIFORNIA	382,713	723,846	4,049	727,895	12,061,257
COLORADO	326,962	433,251	182,968	616,219	41,890,929
CONNECTICUT	88,803	162,228	7,725	169,951	1,308,552
DELAWARE	24,869	41,624	5,716	47,340	538,435
FLORIDA	204,994	347,290	2,926	350,186	5,259,530
GEORGIA	355,475	941,101	44,205	986,306	8,741,129
HAWAII	9,921	10,058	289	10,347	102,191
IDAHO	236,780	589,291	73,850	663,141	12,339,301
ILLINOIS	342,893	814,910	13,636	828,546	7,591,442
INDIANA	321,816	603,330	13,939	617,269	7,108,916
IOWA	266,010	707,951	85,344	793,295	9,072,713
KANSAS	198,118	161,714	34,402	196,116	5,827,149
KENTUCKY	317,687	513,690	15,503	529,193	5,938,131
LOUISIANA	279,021	542,739	15,260	557,999	5,792,976
MAINE	208,518	203,089	42,521	245,610	6,964,282
MARYLAND	157,358	211,423	27,280	238,683	4,349,719
MASSACHUSETTS	112,519	207,579	4,382	211,961	1,599,559
MICHIGAN	1,156,422	2,052,330	30,983	2,083,313	23,849,929
MINNESOTA	521,268	1,021,242	12,434	1,033,676	15,996,069
MISSISSIPPI	292,285	263,394	28,871	292,265	4,859,380
MISSOURI	547,324	1,021,314	33,591	1,054,905	11,256,497
MONTANA	259,355	469,426	346,251	815,677	12,700,392
NEBRASKA	168,311	327,855	43,993	371,849	5,202,714
NEVADA	52,838	94,166	6,462	100,628	2,206,828
NEW HAMPSHIRE	98,019	121,090	19,953	141,043	2,195,292
NEW JERSEY	125,124	308,069	13,381	321,450	5,284,632
NEW MEXICO	136,558	135,999	15,053	151,052	4,716,951
NEW YORK	728,217	1,420,045	71,708	1,491,753	14,484,815
NORTH CAROLINA	373,145	480,842	10,332	491,174	7,546,456
NORTH DAKOTA	90,409	375,090	33,158	408,248	2,789,771
OHIO	499,904	982,587	7,510	990,097	9,787,750
OKLAHOMA	259,541	333,185	8,689	341,874	6,004,690
OREGON	327,304	939,125	25,064	964,189	10,504,231
PENNSYLVANIA	1,170,119	2,381,198	133,664	2,514,980	27,014,200
RHODE ISLAND	13,352	23,465	1,692	25,157	212,298
SOUTH CAROLINA	196,690	218,335	38,689	257,024	5,504,652
SOUTH DAKOTA	147,977	376,387	102,862	479,249	5,877,769
TENNESSEE	587,802	965,980	43,363	1,009,343	10,304,946
TEXAS	1,105,389	1,325,786	34,036	1,359,822	13,681,905
UTAH	233,596	339,708	33,931	373,639	8,556,632
VERMONT	110,864	128,650	25,494	152,144	3,084,549
VIRGINIA	397,243	810,243	34,440	844,683	10,100,129
WASHINGTON	276,409	692,115	45,452	737,567	10,768,773
WEST VIRGINIA	265,122	717,710	165,637	883,347	7,912,385
WISCONSIN	771,553	1,703,207	45,330	1,748,537	21,465,291
WYOMING	153,093	236,620	99,464	336,084	12,663,590
TOTALS³	15,718,965	28,534,440	2,208,221	34,089,293	\$438,523,289

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