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NUMBER OF HUNTERS, ANGLERS STABLE WHILE REVENUE FROM LICENSE SALES CLIMBS

The number of hunters and anglers remained roughly stable during 1994, while expenditures for licenses, tags, and other permits rose sharply, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

The Service reported that 15.34 million hunters purchased licenses last year, a slight decrease from 15.63 million in 1993. Hunters bought the same number of licenses, tags, permits, and stamps--31.6 million--but spent more to do so, \$525.8 million in 1994 compared with \$492.4 million in 1993.

Meanwhile, the number of anglers rose slightly to 30.24 million last year from 30.18 million in 1993. Anglers bought 37.9 million licenses, tags, permits, and stamps, down from 38.1 million in 1993, and spent \$424.7 million on these purchases, up from \$412.1 million.

Revenues raised through license sales support state fish and wildlife conservation management, aquatic resource education programs, and hunting safety and education programs.

"The support hunters and anglers have provided in the form of license fees has been one of the foundations of the conservation movement in America, contributing billions of dollars for wildlife and habitat programs and projects over the years," Service Director Mollie Beattie said. "All Americans have benefited from their contributions."

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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has hunting and fishing programs on many of the 504 national wildlife refuges it manages when compatible with the reason a refuge was established. Currently, 272 refuges allow hunting while 254 allow fishing.

A state-by-state breakdown of 1994 hunting and fishing license sales figures is attached.

**NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES, AND COST TO HUNTERS
FISCAL YEAR 1994**

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	276,235	255,246	41,728	296,974	\$6,069,800
ALASKA	89,956	168,702	36,998	205,700	7,503,781
ARIZONA	182,408	347,376	27,291	374,667	8,169,211
ARKANSAS	313,007	448,897	44,826	493,723	8,774,494
CALIFORNIA	363,397	944,684	4,653	949,337	13,919,587
COLORADO	301,710	384,789	178,199	562,988	42,130,224
CONNECTICUT	67,013	146,105	3,756	149,861	1,233,920
DELAWARE	23,811	37,295	3,864	41,159	473,655
FLORIDA	189,650	333,423	3,298	336,721	5,304,159
GEORGIA	347,795	951,570	49,047	1,000,617	11,383,659
HAWAII	10,673	10,919	144	11,063	119,076
IDAHO	247,113	594,953	59,706	654,659	15,197,794
ILLINOIS	323,991	1,292,440	16,797	1,309,237	10,238,096
INDIANA	332,150	667,362	15,672	683,034	8,249,812
IOWA	232,303	639,087	62,647	701,734	10,310,868
KANSAS	193,172	153,320	39,852	193,172	6,987,228
KENTUCKY	291,009	494,604	15,268	509,872	7,801,474
LOUISIANA	267,324	534,249	13,783	548,032	5,995,223
MAINE	206,801	177,851	41,337	219,188	7,112,306
MARYLAND	149,291	193,694	27,297	220,991	4,105,202
MASSACHUSETTS	100,762	261,038	7,347	268,385	1,907,111
MICHIGAN	1,126,826	1,947,027	34,060	1,981,087	24,175,337
MINNESOTA	563,602	1,009,262	13,639	1,022,901	18,917,974
MISSISSIPPI	252,513	255,868	41,737	297,605	6,718,998
MISSOURI	441,855	1,003,930	31,761	1,035,691	11,261,697
MONTANA	272,032	711,201	116,913	828,114	18,577,376
NEBRASKA	170,225	321,988	48,102	370,090	5,327,065
NEVADA	52,641	76,655	8,150	84,805	1,939,358
NEW HAMPSHIRE	81,827	122,617	23,192	145,809	25,828,279
NEW JERSEY	115,187	310,047	15,311	325,358	6,429,963
NEW MEXICO	112,232	224,392	31,240	255,632	7,596,343
NEW YORK	750,062	1,571,544	57,181	1,628,725	18,583,475
NORTH CAROLINA	350,497	448,278	9,853	458,131	5,698,562
NORTH DAKOTA	109,735	358,504	65,868	424,372	4,508,183
OHIO	534,168	1,109,070	10,114	1,119,184	12,030,641
OKLAHOMA	282,136	329,576	8,684	338,260	5,355,000
OREGON	302,649	1,009,336	28,192	1,037,528	15,115,358
PENNSYLVANIA	1,149,426	2,283,749	128,435	2,412,184	26,421,193
RHODE ISLAND	13,329	30,250	2,676	32,926	252,263
SOUTH CAROLINA	214,086	222,150	47,921	270,071	6,157,852
SOUTH DAKOTA	187,730	430,015	67,274	497,289	8,334,802
TENNESSEE	591,839	876,996	32,582	909,578	11,438,264
TEXAS	1,072,347	1,447,987	50,527	1,498,514	19,238,563
UTAH	164,107	378,239	10,382	388,621	6,947,256
VERMONT	103,942	129,711	24,566	154,277	2,588,984
VIRGINIA	356,653	858,439	40,366	898,805	11,437,343
WASHINGTON	270,286	660,588	7,057	667,645	12,875,561
WEST VIRGINIA	282,507	645,298	179,632	824,930	9,321,690
WISCONSIN	773,261	1,689,583	39,230	1,728,813	26,494,664
WYOMING	136,029	175,516	81,586	257,102	13,194,757
TOTALS***	15,343,300	29,675,420	1,949,741	31,625,161	\$525,753,481

* A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses purchased.

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**NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES, AND COST TO ANGLERS
FISCAL YEAR 1994**

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 Anglers
ALABAMA	512,743	420,954	85,945	506,899	\$5,358,949
ALASKA	392,338	266,595	314,897	581,492	10,266,628
ARIZONA	456,700	444,011	191,929	635,940	6,833,966
ARKANSAS	574,114	491,020	233,255	724,275	7,432,147
CALIFORNIA	2,256,403	3,408,799	60,038	3,468,837	43,080,782
COLORADO	765,251	500,382	440,192	940,574	11,998,156
CONNECTICUT	187,182	177,879	9,303	187,182	1,983,314
DELAWARE	27,328	29,019	5,078	34,097	274,848
FLORIDA	1,039,925	1,056,537	462,154	1,518,691	20,732,154
GEORGIA	661,164	744,690	66,141	810,831	6,769,499
HAWAII	9,282	9,321	259	9,580	30,539
IDAHO	449,590	307,374	191,852	499,226	6,287,464
ILLINOIS	787,924	864,854	28,296	893,150	5,834,742
INDIANA	636,069	598,283	98,447	696,730	6,050,415
IOWA	339,299	332,219	31,670	363,889	3,878,802
KANSAS	316,971	261,082	55,889	316,971	3,753,408
KENTUCKY	573,092	515,123	119,348	634,471	7,572,227
LOUISIANA	613,976	830,711	61,855	892,566	6,446,525
MAINE	273,850	182,085	109,685	291,770	6,472,024
MARYLAND	530,952	446,989	72,055	519,044	4,834,716
MASSACHUSETTS	232,591	427,612	22,831	450,443	3,663,616
MICHIGAN	1,484,622	1,568,982	196,088	1,765,070	18,041,746
MINNESOTA	1,492,988	1,007,980	313,512	1,321,492	19,781,676
MISSISSIPPI	448,368	364,896	83,472	448,368	4,465,696
MISSOURI	937,015	1,248,034	240,262	1,488,296	9,720,186
MONTANA	390,656	246,866	317,266	564,132	7,220,243
NEBRASKA	211,483	204,893	29,203	234,096	2,519,459
NEVADA	155,254	154,213	41,699	195,912	2,301,120
NEW HAMPSHIRE	152,761	109,461	54,595	164,056	3,387,243
NEW JERSEY	241,185	353,788	13,350	367,138	5,000,637
NEW MEXICO	239,284	271,703	104,984	376,687	3,757,040
NEW YORK	1,091,728	916,381	177,778	1,094,159	14,628,755
NORTH CAROLINA	520,015	569,587	52,063	621,650	8,147,622
NORTH DAKOTA	111,612	111,107	13,162	124,269	913,766
OHIO	1,158,726	1,024,745	138,346	1,163,091	11,334,261
OKLAHOMA	693,475	521,142	109,068	630,210	7,114,123
OREGON	698,346	797,382	194,695	992,077	12,189,098
PENNSYLVANIA	1,185,071	1,835,645	81,657	1,917,302	17,258,607
RHODE ISLAND	36,711	54,259	4,002	58,261	448,444
SOUTH CAROLINA	498,597	507,663	74,903	582,566	5,262,329
SOUTH DAKOTA	186,447	222,638	54,032	276,670	2,300,126
TENNESSEE	910,332	935,365	187,089	1,122,454	10,284,027
TEXAS	1,810,293	2,346,843	130,087	2,476,930	25,624,862
UTAH	499,034	346,426	180,914	527,340	6,927,050
VERMONT	112,518	84,880	54,690	139,570	2,355,643
VIRGINIA	632,375	775,940	85,696	861,636	8,877,935
WASHINGTON	729,826	868,862	50,863	919,725	14,468,331
WEST VIRGINIA	290,594	542,705	133,923	676,628	4,863,626
WISCONSIN	1,402,479	1,135,377	335,087	1,470,464	20,784,696
WYOMING	284,657	115,144	229,973	345,117	5,130,069
TOTALS***	30,243,196	31,558,446	6,343,578	37,902,024	\$424,663,337

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