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HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE SALES TOP ALL RECORDS

A record 44 million Americans spent close to \$300 million on State hunting and fishing licenses last year, according to State license sales figures released today by Director Lynn A. Greenwalt of the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Both figures are record highs," said Greenwalt, "and they show that Americans continue to find hunting and fishing major pastimes." One of every five Americans enjoys the outdoors this way. The figures represent an increase of \$26 million in State sales and 600 thousand in license holders over 1974. Since some States do not require licenses for ocean fishing, children under 16, or senior citizens, these figures are considered conservative estimates.

"The revenues derived from these license sales enable States to conduct their fish and wildlife conservation and management programs," Greenwalt said. "Additional funds come from Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs under which States are reimbursed up to 75 percent of the cost of approved projects.

California led the Nation in sales of fishing licenses with 5.9 million licenses, tags, permits, and stamps sold. Closest runner-up was Michigan with 1.7 million sold. Other very heavily fished States were Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin. Wisconsin also attracted the most out-of-State fishermen in the country with 360,000 visitors buying licenses last year. Montana, Tennessee, Minnesota, and Michigan also ranked high with tourist fishermen.

Pennsylvania led all States in the Nation last year in sales of hunting licenses with 1.8 million licenses, tags, permits, and stamps sold. California, Michigan, New York, and Texas ranked just below. Montana had the distinction of being the most frequently visited State by out-of-State hunters. Last year over 127 thousand non-resident permits were sold there.

Hawaii had the fewest licensed hunters and fishermen.

NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO HUNTERS
FISCAL YEAR 1975

State	Paid Hunting License Holders <u>1/</u>	Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued <u>2/</u>	Gross Cost to Hunters
Alabama	336,132	397,230	17,619	414,849	\$ 1,971,521.10
Alaska	67,406	64,720	7,103	71,823	537,292.00
Arizona	176,992	302,670	10,366	313,036	2,575,762.00
Arkansas	351,876	471,606	42,434	514,040	1,948,779.50
California	660,135	1,282,693	2,605	1,285,298	5,414,117.00
Colorado	301,166	396,404	81,634	478,038	8,753,317.86
Connecticut	89,599	96,859	792	97,651	318,251.00
Delaware	29,994	27,434	2,560	29,994	199,947.70
Florida	280,634	277,530	3,104	280,634	2,783,226.00
Georgia	364,392	793,390	15,304	808,694	2,389,851.00
Hawaii	11,950	12,031	294	12,325	92,017.50
Idaho	213,002	454,559	40,856	495,415	2,897,288.00
Illinois	463,296	452,676	10,620	463,296	1,622,272.00
Indiana	472,364	554,552	9,309	563,861	1,969,576.00
Iowa	366,977	456,702	43,248	499,950	3,028,581.50
Kansas	233,770	212,068	21,702	233,770	1,172,088.00
Kentucky	309,177	300,985	8,192	309,177	1,636,511.00
Louisiana	336,380	476,806	10,693	487,499	2,468,190.00
Maine	217,663	182,645	35,741	218,386	2,501,029.00
Maryland	194,448	335,124	12,263	347,387	1,876,786.65
Massachusetts	111,945	197,511	1,385	198,896	952,050.40
Michigan	955,588	1,303,262	25,704	1,328,966	9,331,180.00
Minnesota	453,078	704,733	4,728	709,461	4,698,068.73
Mississippi	332,417	480,146	39,987	520,133	2,079,296.25
Missouri	469,496	707,596	22,975	730,571	4,897,435.00
Montana	220,876	714,058	127,062	841,120	3,334,376.00
Nebraska	204,925	363,242	36,384	399,626	1,963,742.88
Nevada	66,631	113,968	10,132	124,100	1,033,787.50
New Hampshire	83,147	81,605	12,879	94,484	945,297.00
New Jersey	199,230	255,848	550	256,398	1,683,369.00
New Mexico	147,795	139,411	16,978	156,389	1,885,072.38
New York	775,994	1,433,109	66,885	1,499,994	7,351,779.50
North Carolina	422,280	706,957	9,905	716,862	2,783,777.50
North Dakota	106,709	257,292	21,865	279,157	1,139,426.00
Ohio	596,973	699,714	2,920	702,634	3,515,739.00
Oklahoma	269,729	301,229	8,740	309,969	1,757,591.70
Oregon	355,394	852,451	11,523	863,974	3,874,917.00
Pennsylvania	1,245,740	1,748,814	94,825	1,843,639	14,185,507.50
Rhode Island	16,638	19,871	724	20,595	70,350.00
South Carolina	212,559	251,471	19,220	270,691	1,659,905.75
South Dakota	176,850	334,559	63,874	398,433	1,944,372.40
Tennessee	519,783	754,794	19,130	773,924	3,841,633.97
Texas	853,250	1,105,250	19,908	1,125,158	4,875,046.67
Utah	233,247	261,058	17,397	278,455	2,672,436.00
Vermont	141,766	121,303	46,853	168,156	1,904,910.00
Virginia	429,713	846,044	64,084	910,128	4,206,743.50
Washington	346,197	836,878	2,604	839,482	5,190,099.00
West Virginia	288,521	386,728	44,595	431,323	2,240,629.00
Wisconsin	727,012	945,293	17,661	962,954	7,204,116.25
Wyoming	156,971	145,740	76,566	222,306	5,540,521.00
TOTALS <u>3/</u>	16,597,807	24,618,619	1,284,482	25,903,101	\$154,919,581.69

1/ A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses he may purchase. Data certified by State fish and game departments.
2/ Period covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.
3/ Persons who hunted in more than one State are counted in each State where they hunted. Therefore, this figure exceeds the total number of license holders in the United States.

NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO FISHERMEN
FISCAL YEAR 1975

State	Paid Fishing License Holders 1/	Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued 2/	Gross Cost to Fishermen
Alabama	582,017	529,745	89,693	619,438	\$ 1,934,210.85
Alaska	141,941	101,900	45,821	147,721	1,212,251.00
Arizona	424,771	392,556	108,754	501,310	2,678,128.00
Arkansas	732,911	602,526	226,142	828,668	2,949,255.00
California	2,348,293	5,929,068	48,560	5,977,628	16,938,835.00
Colorado	592,996	418,569	195,438	614,007	3,624,033.35
Connecticut	202,681	214,387	4,656	219,043	753,125.00
Delaware	12,600	10,925	1,675	12,600	56,061.90
Florida	919,610	720,796	198,814	919,610	2,651,777.00
Georgia	658,167	724,535	23,979	748,514	2,213,806.00
Hawaii	7,097	7,063	111	7,174	23,695.75
Idaho	376,902	238,363	167,578	405,941	2,058,952.00
Illinois	907,586	852,467	55,119	907,586	2,128,772.50
Indiana	726,981	708,331	59,773	768,104	2,533,080.00
Iowa	513,916	498,393	55,449	553,842	2,119,120.50
Kansas	356,391	333,206	25,954	359,160	1,199,733.00
Kentucky	577,047	452,183	124,864	577,047	2,863,809.00
Louisiana	414,773	384,855	34,050	418,905	909,102.00
Maine	261,400	170,387	91,903	262,290	1,676,250.50
Maryland	126,077	141,415	9,386	150,801	600,394.75
Massachusetts	222,229	220,833	4,724	225,557	1,741,771.75
Michigan	1,192,491	1,456,110	278,266	1,734,376	6,301,606.50
Minnesota	1,398,043	766,617	291,973	1,058,590	5,732,890.00
Mississippi	427,079	359,699	93,289	452,988	1,524,741.50
Missouri	875,546	1,260,954	153,484	1,414,438	5,880,251.00
Montana	275,643	424,160	281,426	705,586	3,118,975.00
Nebraska	257,426	280,453	31,122	311,575	1,235,029.12
Nevada	163,398	91,311	74,579	165,890	832,335.50
New Hampshire	134,687	95,664	42,798	138,462	982,268.00
New Jersey	205,616	338,843	4,053	342,896	1,520,512.00
New Mexico	204,333	253,032	122,732	375,764	1,410,965.87
New York	928,788	898,574	66,247	964,821	5,142,336.75
North Carolina	500,997	558,935	56,192	615,127	2,365,430.25
North Dakota	139,866	128,708	12,828	141,536	389,809.00
Ohio	941,291	915,160	26,131	941,291	3,837,711.00
Oklahoma	612,057	513,801	116,961	630,762	3,043,896.25
Oregon	693,188	970,113	142,846	1,112,959	4,134,613.00
Pennsylvania	894,372	843,426	50,946	894,372	6,492,422.00
Rhode Island	27,781	26,914	1,375	28,289	85,482.00
South Carolina	385,074	343,467	56,149	399,616	1,797,288.45
South Dakota	172,256	124,004	49,688	173,692	593,146.00
Tennessee	829,201	995,344	260,732	1,256,076	3,489,055.11
Texas	1,639,552	1,607,996	32,816	1,640,812	6,586,861.02
Utah	417,284	312,683	107,365	420,048	1,834,066.00
Vermont	144,901	94,725	51,639	146,364	764,553.50
Virginia	434,573	661,645	68,202	729,847	2,447,880.50
Washington	551,539	676,772	41,392	718,164	5,224,099.00
West Virginia	254,217	362,642	42,129	404,771	1,389,984.50
Wisconsin	1,456,401	891,924	368,033	1,259,957	8,948,327.50
Wyoming	252,909	96,790	179,002	275,792	1,599,831.00
TOTALS 3/	27,516,895	30,002,969	4,676,838	34,679,807	\$141,572,532.17

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