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1980 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE REVENUES CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Americans who hunted and fished last year spent a record \$418 million on licenses, tags, permits, and stamps, G. Ray Arnett, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks of the Department of Interior, announced today.

Total income collected from license sales of all kinds was \$45 million over fiscal year 1979 totals, including \$222 million for hunting licenses (up \$23 million from 1979) and \$196 million for fishing licenses (up \$22 million from 1979).

The total number of hunting license holders in the United States reported during fiscal year 1980 was 16,257,074 down from 16,551,886 in 1979. Fishing license holders totaled 27,994,917, compared to 27,947,397 in 1979.

The figures do not fully reflect the actual numbers of hunters and anglers in the United States. They do not include persons who are exempt from buying licenses to hunt or fish. In many States, special provisions are made for senior citizens, persons under 16 years of age, the handicapped, and certain military personnel, and many coastal States do not require licenses for salt-water fishing. In addition, some people purchase licenses in more than one State and, therefore, are counted more than once. The license sales figures are compiled by the States and provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Revenues from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses are used by the States to conduct their fish and wildlife management and restoration programs. The numbers of license holders in each State are used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in determining the amount of funds apportioned to the States under the Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs. Under these programs, States are reimbursed for up to 75 percent of the costs of approved projects. For the current fiscal year, which ends September 30, 1981, \$114 million was apportioned in Federal Aid funds for fish and wildlife conservation.

A State-by-State breakdown of license sales is shown in the attached tables.

NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO HUNTERS
FISCAL YEAR 1980

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	297,562	330,329	27,053	357,382	\$ 3,463,915.50
Alaska	72,192	112,593	10,997	123,590	2,655,874.00
Arizona	198,676	413,000	11,425	424,425	2,893,061.00
Arkansas	348,336	544,341	42,914	587,255	4,419,670.25
California	540,393	870,711	5,049	875,760	6,648,903.00
Colorado	312,419	468,429	111,661	580,090	16,855,235.00
Connecticut	83,636	107,853	979	108,832	486,065.00
Delaware	26,921	24,554	2,367	26,921	222,952.55
Florida	253,619	410,815	3,431	414,246	3,699,706.00
Georgia	384,009	858,988	25,268	884,256	3,066,867.00
Hawaii	11,435	11,301	307	11,608	88,151.50
Idaho	237,989	495,467	46,444	541,911	4,500,469.00
Illinois	353,449	525,514	9,510	533,024	4,746,372.00
Indiana	350,392	488,968	9,584	498,552	2,163,782.00
Iowa	292,947	651,925	82,787	734,712	4,766,028.75
Kansas	248,411	233,508	42,360	275,868	2,478,890.00
Kentucky	309,728	356,995	11,058	368,053	3,119,834.50
Louisiana	384,223	561,436	12,226	573,662	2,984,995.00
Maine	239,353	204,196	36,428	240,624	3,577,496.00
Maryland	169,971	340,561	40,664	381,225	2,294,409.10
Massachusetts	114,631	177,679	2,546	180,225	1,100,312.71
Michigan	957,209	1,404,733	21,866	1,426,599	12,160,035.00
Minnesota	496,038	698,318	7,658	705,976	7,035,941.00
Mississippi	288,510	307,015	30,108	337,123	2,745,382.75
Missouri	473,936	868,019	25,780	893,799	6,233,216.00
Montana	217,410	672,466	125,612	798,078	4,686,632.00
Nebraska	175,101	317,268	42,810	360,078	3,396,699.50
Nevada	52,236	94,828	6,174	101,002	999,563.00
New Hampshire	83,536	89,163	11,291	100,454	1,097,503.75
New Jersey	175,299	237,930	1,565	239,495	2,275,081.00
New Mexico	144,316	140,813	18,663	159,476	3,342,988.82
New York	741,376	1,085,751	35,060	1,120,811	7,775,383.00
North Carolina	353,090	538,612	12,418	551,030	4,218,801.25
North Dakota	100,091	258,641	28,741	287,382	1,435,627.00
Ohio	488,536	696,332	4,280	700,612	5,288,173.00
Oklahoma	301,134	490,258	6,290	496,548	2,772,306.25
Oregon	394,349	904,309	13,962	918,271	6,906,373.00
Pennsylvania	1,272,763	1,928,082	96,762	2,024,844	15,727,925.60
Rhode Island	13,352	16,336	769	17,105	97,696.00
South Carolina	222,319	269,663	28,712	298,375	2,161,971.50
South Dakota	142,733	348,890	46,556	395,446	2,300,256.00
Tennessee	515,621	809,753	26,170	835,923	5,902,493.46
Texas	939,267	1,169,301	24,593	1,193,894	6,199,899.58
Utah	287,596	365,754	15,996	381,750	4,064,330.50
Vermont	137,386	155,216	43,646	198,862	2,134,858.00
Virginia	469,597	855,934	75,400	931,334	4,477,161.50
Washington	360,684	885,046	8,397	893,443	5,952,151.00
West Virginia	314,664	426,121	61,440	487,561	3,246,820.00
Wisconsin	713,152	1,116,755	21,707	1,138,462	11,234,822.00
Wyoming	193,481	223,438	60,184	283,622	9,972,446.00
TOTALS <u>3/</u>	16,257,074	25,563,908	1,437,668	27,001,576	\$222,075,527.32

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 1980

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	556,421	527,744	73,376	601,120	\$ 3,488,933.75
Alaska	196,133	176,054	98,203	274,257	2,622,895.00
Arizona	457,760	328,248	162,964	491,212	3,696,076.00
Arkansas	638,023	561,428	171,772	733,200	5,229,494.50
California	2,186,178	5,788,469	52,909	5,841,378	19,839,776.00
Colorado	707,024	501,393	217,781	719,174	5,313,260.00
Connecticut	198,984	206,498	2,782	209,280	766,424.00
Delaware	15,108	16,990	2,832	19,822	81,649.65
Florida	704,610	539,067	178,111	717,178	4,677,678.00
Georgia	664,794	766,414	33,456	799,870	2,499,279.00
Hawaii	7,594	7,444	188	7,632	25,219.00
Idaho	395,060	283,715	138,657	422,372	2,402,795.00
Illinois	751,531	797,029	43,473	840,502	3,946,316.00
Indiana	716,107	684,557	87,213	771,770	3,507,007.00
Iowa	453,148	439,359	42,819	482,178	2,696,385.25
Kansas	337,017	309,008	37,637	346,645	1,839,507.00
Kentucky	614,047	470,581	127,276	597,857	3,834,228.50
Louisiana	458,144	413,219	49,837	463,056	1,048,312.00
Maine	255,639	179,387	77,238	256,625	2,398,303.00
Maryland	140,200	164,508	17,185	181,693	727,791.47
Massachusetts	186,364	203,368	5,648	209,016	1,751,172.14
Michigan	1,325,156	1,111,050	330,868	1,441,918	10,582,320.00
Minnesota	1,452,016	844,365	287,815	1,132,180	9,461,210.00
Mississippi	441,260	385,813	55,447	441,260	2,846,739.75
Missouri	873,973	1,349,581	219,366	1,568,947	8,404,231.00
Montana	332,085	464,601	292,329	756,930	3,992,869.00
Nebraska	207,762	228,258	17,458	245,716	1,772,757.00
Nevada	171,441	102,201	69,421	171,622	1,341,225.00
New Hampshire	135,472	95,773	40,648	136,421	1,273,892.50
New Jersey	182,079	287,196	8,203	295,399	1,976,803.00
New Mexico	220,504	160,570	72,667	233,237	2,081,131.18
New York	901,936	884,051	79,290	963,341	5,710,284.00
North Carolina	463,517	494,077	46,133	540,210	3,887,627.00
North Dakota	141,065	127,926	13,846	141,772	553,582.00
Ohio	1,004,038	961,209	43,886	1,005,095	7,146,461.00
Oklahoma	620,051	509,670	129,913	639,583	3,542,955.25
Oregon	722,612	886,210	204,352	1,090,562	6,187,213.00
Pennsylvania	1,005,406	948,054	57,352	1,005,406	8,747,077.00
Rhode Island	29,797	27,799	1,998	29,797	174,635.00
South Carolina	422,573	381,360	63,079	444,439	2,129,283.25
South Dakota	137,629	100,712	38,790	139,502	673,254.00
Tennessee	701,508	812,931	232,526	1,045,457	5,184,115.40
Texas	1,745,119	1,634,511	110,608	1,745,119	7,099,037.88
Utah	486,969	349,555	185,276	534,831	3,422,501.50
Vermont	159,269	105,769	54,048	159,817	831,871.00
Virginia	503,494	691,427	76,810	768,237	2,666,293.50
Washington	907,339	1,091,526	109,036	1,200,562	6,315,150.00
West Virginia	277,345	508,855	50,483	559,338	2,128,040.50
Wisconsin	1,515,046	1,089,542	404,680	1,494,222	11,361,125.00
Wyoming	268,570	128,132	138,019	266,151	2,458,598.00
TOTALS 3/	27,994,917	30,127,204	5,055,704	35,182,908	\$196,344,784.97

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