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NUMBER OF HUNTERS, ANGLERS REMAINS STEADY; REVENUE FROM LICENSE SALES CLIMBS SHARPLY

More than 46 million hunters and anglers purchased licenses, tags, permits, and stamps in 1992, roughly the same as in 1991. But total revenues from these sales climbed 7.6 percent to \$879.7 million.

This is good news for fish and wildlife conservation since money raised through license sales supports state fish and wildlife agencies, their conservation projects, and their hunting, fishing, and education programs.

In announcing last year's figures, Acting U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Richard Smith noted that hunters and anglers have traditionally been major supporters of fish and wildlife conservation.

"Quite simply, the hundreds of millions of dollars contributed by hunters and anglers each year are the backbone of state fish and wildlife conservation efforts," Smith said.

While the total number of hunters who purchased licenses climbed slightly in 1992 to 15,746,706 from 15,718,865 in 1991, the number of licenses, tags, permits, and stamps purchased declined from 34.1 million in 1991 to 31.3 million last year. This, however, is still nearly 2 million more licenses, tags,

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permits, and stamps purchased than in 1990. Revenue from these purchases totaled \$481.2 million, 9 percent higher than the \$438.5 million taken in during 1991.

The number of anglers who purchased licenses in 1992 was 30,623,765 compared with 30,742,212 in 1991. Sales of licenses, tags, permits, and stamps climbed just over 1 percent and revenue climbed 5.9 percent to \$398.5 million.

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.

Under the Federal Aid program, hunters pay an 11-percent excise tax on sport arms and ammunition, a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11-percent tax on certain archery equipment. Anglers pay a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. In addition, a portion of the Federal excise tax on motorboat fuels is designated for sport fish restoration under the Federal Aid program. The money is granted to the states by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to fund fish and wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation projects.

A state-by-state breakdown of 1992 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 1992

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	531,848	431,347	104,566	535,913	\$5,205,483
ALASKA	377,802	182,341	208,633	390,974	6,441,126
ARIZONA	422,011	406,530	140,606	547,136	6,189,811
ARKANSAS	628,562	534,067	211,081	745,148	7,709,108
CALIFORNIA	2,070,046	3,255,434	50,714	3,306,148	41,791,259
COLORADO	723,511	483,214	393,866	877,080	11,511,372
CONNECTICUT	195,212	189,048	8,178	197,226	2,413,362
DELAWARE	26,180	28,689	5,121	33,810	269,004
FLORIDA	1,053,612	1,078,250	460,429	1,538,679	20,690,291
GEORGIA	691,831	767,827	62,037	829,864	5,818,565
HAWAII	12,191	12,023	528	12,551	40,674
IDAHO	420,938	302,289	175,081	477,370	5,901,387
ILLINOIS	843,319	939,419	43,993	983,412	6,314,179
INDIANA	658,539	613,261	102,421	715,682	6,195,442
IOWA	421,515	400,783	47,165	447,948	3,625,675
KANSAS	321,911	271,895	50,016	321,911	3,131,953
KENTUCKY	625,922	565,086	128,872	693,958	5,503,340
LOUISIANA	637,460	811,699	70,269	881,968	5,401,834
MAINE	280,500	189,883	107,773	297,656	6,076,950
MARYLAND	536,648	477,455	54,091	531,546	3,611,013
MASSACHUSETTS	255,313	268,296	12,830	281,126	2,760,765
MICHIGAN	1,577,701	1,669,468	205,459	1,874,927	18,980,146
MINNESOTA	1,600,604	1,170,141	259,761	1,429,902	22,743,822
MISSISSIPPI	458,353	380,676	77,677	458,353	3,324,378
MISSOURI	993,386	1,309,419	250,506	1,559,925	6,017,935
MONTANA	375,404	284,622	249,865	534,487	6,625,861
NEBRASKA	224,430	218,159	31,129	249,288	2,674,844
NEVADA	133,221	174,290	40,832	215,122	2,066,871
NEW HAMPSHIRE	154,406	111,761	53,025	164,786	3,404,856
NEW JERSEY	252,826	377,265	14,078	391,343	4,763,754
NEW MEXICO	233,722	182,458	84,901	267,359	3,312,283
NEW YORK	1,148,725	943,782	210,058	1,153,840	14,874,415
NORTH CAROLINA	521,603	530,840	44,106	574,946	9,090,500
NORTH DAKOTA	116,529	117,223	14,044	131,267	951,574
OHIO	1,169,529	1,045,540	128,522	1,174,062	11,340,119
OKLAHOMA	666,810	517,601	108,514	626,115	8,005,542
OREGON	739,128	935,664	222,256	1,157,920	10,583,919
PENNSYLVANIA	1,181,685	1,093,348	88,337	1,181,685	13,196,151
RHODE ISLAND	38,797	36,238	2,559	38,797	364,316
SOUTH CAROLINA	450,749	406,891	69,424	476,315	4,645,901
SOUTH DAKOTA	178,502	214,492	50,790	265,282	2,175,762
TENNESSEE	884,276	902,490	185,778	1,088,268	9,380,699
TEXAS	1,741,903	2,245,414	116,426	2,361,840	24,073,949
UTAH	443,150	310,280	160,213	470,493	6,134,616
VERMONT	107,831	82,215	54,365	136,580	2,452,993
VIRGINIA	567,209	653,496	80,280	733,776	7,195,284
WASHINGTON	928,259	1,392,054	84,400	1,476,454	15,047,653
WEST VIRGINIA	282,729	543,772	134,895	678,667	5,026,844
WISCONSIN	1,455,548	1,202,133	342,351	1,544,484	18,646,809
WYOMING	261,879	111,830	211,146	322,976	4,777,834
TOTALS³	30,623,765	31,372,398	6,013,967	37,386,365	\$398,482,223

- 1 A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses purchased.
(Data certified by State Fish and Game Departments)
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State:	Paid Hunting License Holders ¹	Residential Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps	Nonresident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps ²	Gross Cost To Hunters
ALABAMA	274,551	257,262	38,308	295,570	\$5,748,037
ALASKA	93,418	164,602	37,013	201,615	5,611,693
ARIZONA	164,518	318,875	20,756	339,631	6,985,842
ARKANSAS	312,555	324,167	27,151	351,318	9,113,047
CALIFORNIA	372,038	707,624	3,602	711,226	12,354,449
COLORADO	301,910	403,492	168,969	572,461	40,435,025
CONNECTICUT	73,305	145,788	6,878	152,666	1,592,715
DELAWARE	24,226	37,085	4,407	41,492	487,123
FLORIDA	198,015	342,770	2,914	345,684	5,140,908
GEORGIA	364,353	972,199	37,048	1,009,247	9,772,162
HAWAII	10,090	10,334	218	10,552	103,147
IDAHO	246,372	577,318	68,672	645,990	12,511,834
ILLINOIS	326,194	948,465	14,509	962,974	9,355,623
INDIANA	339,066	667,905	14,224	682,129	8,049,483
IOWA	275,489	694,192	96,190	790,362	9,797,108
KANSAS	185,032	152,749	32,283	185,032	7,293,679
KENTUCKY	312,637	508,637	15,850	524,487	6,078,378
LOUISIANA	274,881	537,000	15,530	552,530	5,866,623
MAINE	211,196	179,232	41,533	220,765	6,847,279
MARYLAND	158,765	213,129	28,870	241,999	4,451,864
MASSACHUSETTS	111,971	206,572	4,018	210,590	1,585,627
MICHIGAN	1,171,721	2,074,881	33,803	2,108,684	24,548,031
MINNESOTA	545,085	1,067,651	11,110	1,078,761	18,883,915
MISSISSIPPI	300,802	264,774	36,028	300,802	5,600,399
MISSOURI	549,670	1,024,859	32,262	1,057,121	12,984,364
MONTANA	265,727	480,222	354,214	834,436	12,992,500
NEBRASKA	169,933	327,489	46,980	374,469	5,266,213
NEVADA	51,649	89,413	5,842	95,255	2,249,946
NEW HAMPSHIRE	84,996	118,649	20,291	138,940	2,444,554
NEW JERSEY	121,277	307,059	13,505	320,564	5,898,830
NEW MEXICO	92,394	132,968	19,213	152,181	5,687,201
NEW YORK	771,196	1,446,977	83,893	1,530,870	17,803,384
NORTH CAROLINA	359,391	451,642	10,251	461,893	7,374,240
NORTH DAKOTA	97,968	403,619	40,976	444,595	3,109,592
OHIO	533,185	1,024,942	8,143	1,033,085	10,491,683
OKLAHOMA	275,311	346,388	8,272	354,660	6,562,315
OREGON	319,025	1,042,956	25,841	1,068,797	14,238,391
PENNSYLVANIA	1,170,602	2,407,866	129,545	2,537,411	27,525,501
RHODE ISLAND	12,875	29,926	2,555	32,481	251,387
SOUTH CAROLINA	205,997	222,337	41,285	263,622	5,736,271
SOUTH DAKOTA	164,855	367,860	82,324	450,184	6,111,986
TENNESSEE	602,465	951,923	39,494	991,417	10,854,990
TEXAS	1,045,858	1,409,008	37,811	1,446,819	17,891,430
UTAH	233,436	401,365	27,559	428,924	8,980,216
VERMONT	107,162	131,302	26,090	157,392	2,696,757
VIRGINIA	380,544	882,082	37,928	920,010	11,064,320
WASHINGTON	265,668	652,963	5,907	658,870	12,358,634
WEST VIRGINIA	281,506	656,712	184,313	841,025	9,530,208
WISCONSIN	773,759	1,791,461	50,368	1,841,829	28,238,115
WYOMING	162,067	236,339	130,207	366,546	14,651,943
TOTALS³	15,746,706	29,115,030	2,224,953	31,339,983	\$481,208,962

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