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**NUMBER OF HUNTERS, ANGLERS DOWN SLIGHTLY,  
REVENUE FROM LICENSE SALES CLIMBS**

The number of anglers and hunters fell slightly during 1993, while expenditures for licenses, tags, and other permits rose moderately, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported today.

The Service reported that 30.2 million anglers purchased licenses in 1993, compared with 30.6 million in 1992. The number of hunters buying licenses was 15.6 million, down from 15.7 million in 1993.

These sportsmen bought more licenses, however. The total number of licenses, tags, permits and stamps bought by anglers rose to 38.1 million in 1993 from 37.4 million in 1992. Hunters bought 31.6 million licenses, tags, permits, and stamps in 1993, up from 31.3 million in 1992.

To make these purchases, anglers spent \$412.1 million in 1993, compared with \$398.5 million in 1992, while hunters spent \$492.4 million, compared with \$481.2 million in 1992.

Revenues raised through license sales support state wildlife agencies, their conservation projects, and their hunter education and aquatic resources education programs.

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Service Director Mollie Beattie noted that hunters and anglers have long provided the foundation of conservation in America, having contributed billions of dollars to wildlife conservation projects over the years.

"All Americans owe a debt of gratitude to hunters and anglers for their support of conservation of our natural heritage," Service Director Mollie Beattie said. "Without them, many conservation programs and projects simply would not have been possible."

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 supports hunting and fishing as legitimate recreational activities and has hunting and fishing programs on many of the 499 national wildlife refuges it manages, but only when compatible with the reason a refuge was established. Currently, 268 refuges allow hunting and 253 allow fishing.

A state-by-state breakdown of 1993 hunting and fishing license sales figures is attached.

NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES, AND COST TO HUNTERS  
FISCAL YEAR 1993

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	276,897	257,679	40,182	297,861	\$5,975,832
ALASKA	90,276	166,900	34,423	201,323	7,037,310
ARIZONA	173,695	335,239	23,168	358,407	7,419,098
ARKANSAS	312,785	324,015	29,309	353,324	7,781,210
CALIFORNIA	367,373	731,786	3,853	735,639	13,012,361
COLORADO	313,346	412,033	178,985	591,018	43,312,642
CONNECTICUT	73,389	143,860	4,659	148,519	1,623,786
DELAWARE	23,848	34,874	4,398	39,272	473,690
FLORIDA	191,904	336,742	3,073	339,815	5,334,384
GEORGIA	351,234	955,392	34,941	990,333	11,357,299
HAWAII	10,124	10,350	145	10,495	111,155
IDAHO	253,206	616,336	80,215	696,551	14,822,807
ILLINOIS	323,271	916,215	14,723	930,938	9,411,229
INDIANA	330,849	656,655	14,503	671,158	7,963,282
IOWA	247,494	662,627	83,776	746,403	10,641,922
KANSAS	179,515	149,389	31,126	179,515	6,209,029
KENTUCKY	307,549	511,413	16,414	527,827	6,233,316
LOUISIANA	274,440	540,384	16,873	557,257	6,063,567
MAINE	214,135	183,218	41,839	225,057	6,924,421
MARYLAND	158,528	209,067	30,103	239,170	4,442,707
MASSACHUSETTS	100,762	261,038	7,347	268,385	1,907,111
MICHIGAN	1,140,700	2,115,157	34,864	2,150,021	25,755,869
MINNESOTA	564,203	1,054,594	13,797	1,068,391	18,612,880
MISSISSIPPI	265,198	277,539	48,156	325,695	5,817,243
MISSOURI	455,362	1,026,593	33,106	1,059,699	7,072,533
MONTANA	268,286	716,879	109,864	826,743	18,399,524
NEBRASKA	170,059	319,758	51,086	370,844	5,358,768
NEVADA	51,530	47,416	4,114	51,530	1,158,303
NEW HAMPSHIRE	84,037	119,865	21,618	141,483	2,506,399
NEW JERSEY	118,736	312,438	13,933	326,371	5,968,566
NEW MEXICO	112,779	141,837	17,366	159,203	6,430,559
NEW YORK	758,377	1,484,858	88,156	1,573,014	12,927,238
NORTH CAROLINA	357,760	447,754	8,004	455,758	7,297,224
NORTH DAKOTA	109,908	424,190	62,205	486,395	3,665,994
OHIO	527,336	1,145,318	9,468	1,154,804	12,541,299
OKLAHOMA	273,695	329,160	9,234	338,394	4,914,604
OREGON	315,643	1,051,703	26,723	1,078,426	14,209,129
PENNSYLVANIA	1,173,428	2,295,172	129,575	2,424,747	26,852,582
RHODE ISLAND	13,938	31,420	2,703	34,123	273,279
SOUTH CAROLINA	208,553	221,164	45,420	266,584	5,895,658
SOUTH DAKOTA	179,870	417,761	59,445	477,206	7,567,035
TENNESSEE	571,756	868,616	31,369	899,985	10,858,815
TEXAS	1,081,582	1,453,541	45,165	1,498,706	18,735,777
UTAH	204,814	452,791	29,292	482,083	8,888,303
VERMONT	108,580	132,203	27,415	159,618	2,747,846
VIRGINIA	370,898	848,074	39,030	887,104	11,173,410
WASHINGTON	280,981	688,317	6,924	695,241	13,279,050
WEST VIRGINIA	282,507	645,298	179,632	824,930	9,321,691
WISCONSIN	798,843	1,817,589	47,843	1,865,432	28,872,245
WYOMING	203,784	228,671	135,093	363,764	17,198,884
<b>TOTALS***</b>	<b>15,627,763</b>	<b>29,530,688</b>	<b>2,024,655</b>	<b>31,554,561</b>	<b>\$492,358,865</b>

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

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FISCAL YEAR 1993**

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	543,460	412,350	104,909	517,259	\$5,783,952
ALASKA	374,619	253,969	270,158	524,127	9,176,514
ARIZONA	428,569	423,023	185,430	608,453	6,535,250
ARKANSAS	581,976	485,378	218,566	703,944	7,136,332
CALIFORNIA	2,043,431	3,235,388	51,462	3,286,850	41,351,995
COLORADO	746,959	488,664	420,749	909,413	11,667,656
CONNECTICUT	190,438	178,765	8,503	187,268	2,442,919
DELAWARE	24,725	25,525	5,175	30,700	250,025
FLORIDA	1,004,444	1,014,124	452,752	1,466,876	19,707,145
GEORGIA	669,070	740,594	62,027	802,621	6,798,807
HAWAII	10,634	10,678	342	11,020	35,365
IDAHO	408,312	291,221	175,750	466,971	5,727,322
ILLINOIS	845,536	910,266	43,764	954,030	6,266,690
INDIANA	650,236	606,988	99,448	706,436	6,120,219
IOWA	401,470	384,665	42,001	426,666	4,533,431
KANSAS	286,748	241,342	45,406	286,748	3,505,799
KENTUCKY	633,950	566,121	136,432	702,553	5,612,549
LOUISIANA	606,200	793,156	74,789	867,945	6,563,745
MAINE	285,667	193,676	109,880	303,556	6,138,130
MARYLAND	516,578	456,356	45,460	501,816	4,705,676
MASSACHUSETTS	232,591	427,612	22,831	450,443	3,663,616
MICHIGAN	1,505,862	1,578,844	202,490	1,781,334	18,279,052
MINNESOTA	1,521,085	1,135,821	240,277	1,376,098	20,656,359
MISSISSIPPI	436,076	365,430	70,646	436,076	2,913,594
MISSOURI	1,017,514	1,317,230	264,728	1,581,958	10,472,054
MONTANA	378,960	242,214	291,288	533,502	6,834,603
NEBRASKA	222,873	220,877	30,115	250,992	2,671,114
NEVADA	145,293	104,531	40,762	145,293	1,849,213
NEW HAMPSHIRE	152,704	109,704	53,761	163,465	3,376,016
NEW JERSEY	252,958	373,014	14,069	387,083	4,751,775
NEW MEXICO	225,816	178,999	87,969	266,968	3,208,584
NEW YORK	1,109,161	919,774	194,133	1,113,907	14,146,394
NORTH CAROLINA	535,561	543,544	46,571	590,115	9,399,159
NORTH DAKOTA	114,214	112,468	14,324	126,792	929,424
OHIO	1,212,231	1,084,650	131,796	1,216,446	12,888,048
OKLAHOMA	627,829	473,444	96,796	570,240	6,006,511
OREGON	741,070	915,278	217,026	1,132,304	10,553,226
PENNSYLVANIA	1,193,995	1,850,866	88,698	1,939,564	17,075,729
RHODE ISLAND	39,075	37,149	2,609	39,757	367,265
SOUTH CAROLINA	442,485	402,392	64,493	466,885	4,384,056
SOUTH DAKOTA	187,917	225,190	54,970	280,160	2,304,012
TENNESSEE	860,533	873,201	179,747	1,052,948	9,333,641
TEXAS	1,774,349	2,296,447	124,898	2,421,345	25,120,650
UTAH	449,531	320,573	167,885	488,458	5,955,152
VERMONT	103,416	85,069	54,118	139,187	2,363,194
VIRGINIA	607,877	743,158	82,090	825,248	8,472,342
WASHINGTON	864,482	1,335,933	75,558	1,517,257	15,161,360
WEST VIRGINIA	290,594	542,705	133,923	676,628	4,863,626
WISCONSIN	1,477,797	1,212,072	338,893	1,550,965	21,040,264
WYOMING	207,930	108,808	198,243	307,051	2,966,916
<b>TOTALS***</b>	<b>30,184,801</b>	<b>31,849,246</b>	<b>6,138,710</b>	<b>38,093,721</b>	<b>\$412,066,470</b>

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