



DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

news release

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

For Release August 5, 1983

David Klinger 202/343-5634

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE REVENUES CONTINUE TO RISE

American hunters and anglers spent a record \$486 million in 1982 on licenses, tags, permits, and stamps, Secretary of the Interior James G. Watt announced today.

Revenues from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses are used by the States to finance their fish and wildlife management programs. The numbers of license holders in each State are used to determine the amount of funds apportioned to the States under the "Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration" programs. Under these programs, the States are reimbursed for up to 75 percent of the costs of approved projects undertaken to benefit their fish and wildlife resources. For the current fiscal year, which ends September 30, 1983, \$140 million was apportioned in Federal Aid funds for fish and wildlife conservation.

Total income collected from license sales in 1982 of all kinds was \$31 million over fiscal year 1981 totals, including \$259 million for hunting licenses (up \$17 million from 1981) and \$227 million for fishing licenses (up \$14 million from 1981).

The total number of hunting license holders in the United States reported during fiscal year 1982 was 16,748,541--up from 1981's total of 16,638,584. Fishing license holders totaled 29,581,326, increasing from 29,277,241 as reported in 1981.

These figures only approximate the actual number of hunters and anglers in the United States. They do not include, for example, people who are exempt from paying a fee for hunting or fishing licenses. In many States, special provisions are made for senior citizens, people under 16 years of age, the handicapped, and certain military personnel. Also, many coastal States do not require licenses for saltwater fishing. In addition, some people purchase licenses in more than one State and, therefore, are counted more than once.

Fluctuations in annual totals can often be attributed to variations in year-to-year hunting and fishing forecasts, changes in State licensing requirements, and shifting weather patterns.

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 1982

State	Paid Hunting License Holders 1/	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 2/	Gross Cost to Hunters
Alabama	302,234	331,412	30,158	361,570	3,694,558.00
Alaska	84,383	129,407	19,068	148,475	2,813,203.00
Arizona	187,262	319,228	11,430	330,658	3,569,571.00
Arkansas	348,722	612,849	44,863	657,712	4,956,326.50
California	539,557	807,458	5,345	812,803	6,912,375.00
Colorado	350,689	520,115	119,056	639,171	18,314,150.00
Connecticut	86,798	119,466	1,504	120,970	590,415.00
Delaware	27,261	35,651	5,067	40,718	315,874.60
Florida	262,747	449,744	3,664	453,408	4,031,485.50
Georgia	368,880	842,724	25,292	868,016	4,458,600.75
Hawaii	11,459	11,625	310	11,935	84,352.16
Idaho	249,527	508,234	47,827	556,061	6,381,244.00
Illinois	351,225	546,038	9,767	555,805	4,695,100.00
Indiana	356,538	539,299	15,239	554,538	3,720,645.00
Iowa	304,474	692,704	94,965	787,669	5,353,176.75
Kansas	242,982	237,522	43,038	280,560	3,623,153.00
Kentucky	315,531	440,279	11,451	451,730	3,355,709.25
Louisiana	402,096	609,190	9,879	619,069	3,242,735.00
Maine	232,980	200,822	37,487	238,309	3,972,639.00
Maryland	172,738	318,431	36,782	355,213	2,733,960.89
Massachusetts	115,676	194,163	2,824	196,987	1,344,938.42
Michigan	1,150,160	1,441,389	22,439	1,463,828	13,444,159.57
Minnesota	542,927	961,929	9,570	971,499	8,487,267.00
Mississippi	288,973	252,562	36,411	288,973	3,106,353.00
Missouri	474,108	846,047	31,235	877,282	6,373,812.00
Montana	223,065	767,425	159,822	927,247	5,466,888.00
Nebraska	187,653	337,574	51,962	389,536	3,805,783.75
Nevada	74,827	112,008	8,049	120,057	1,617,980.00
New Hampshire	88,400	94,718	12,947	107,665	1,391,365.25
New Jersey	135,127	235,904	3,868	239,772	2,965,073.00
New Mexico	153,251	145,815	19,265	165,080	3,783,405.00
New York	784,183	1,226,835	50,031	1,276,866	9,290,184.00
North Carolina	338,435	499,518	11,469	510,987	4,057,763.50
North Dakota	94,884	334,351	30,524	364,875	2,017,961.00
Ohio	475,010	739,554	6,476	746,030	6,008,285.00
Oklahoma	291,783	421,667	5,065	426,732	3,837,952.12
Oregon	405,951	946,366	18,570	964,936	7,946,504.00
Pennsylvania	1,312,403	2,158,926	110,335	2,269,261	17,216,607.70
Rhode Island	13,286	17,610	853	18,463	124,195.00
South Carolina	204,206	250,336	34,343	284,679	3,170,231.75
South Dakota	168,873	302,411	80,435	382,846	3,745,864.00
Tennessee	573,842	779,156	10,001	789,157	5,469,586.00
Texas	1,011,549	1,380,853	27,675	1,408,528	7,569,913.38
Utah	246,336	318,577	13,220	331,797	5,004,333.00
Vermont	138,965	128,846	31,182	160,028	1,949,893.00
Virginia	451,082	813,045	67,495	880,540	6,178,695.00
Washington	338,993	812,603	7,554	820,157	7,792,777.00
West Virginia	331,182	450,878	65,166	516,044	3,741,279.50
Wisconsin	756,005	1,223,179	25,692	1,248,871	13,217,553.00
Wyoming	179,323	245,033	73,541	318,574	11,658,604.00
TOTALS 3/	16,748,541	26,711,476	1,600,211	28,311,687	258,604,481.34

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 1982

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	590,691	554,075	82,383	636,458	3,734,985.50
Alaska	243,699	213,871	143,671	357,542	3,541,518.00
Arizona	487,711	434,767	185,431	620,198	3,681,350.00
Arkansas	620,010	552,502	159,729	712,231	5,409,408.00
California	2,480,158	6,196,324	60,179	6,256,503	24,724,319.00
Colorado	740,605	587,833	251,072	838,905	6,180,855.00
Connecticut	216,271	217,047	3,507	220,554	829,694.00
Delaware	16,690	18,354	3,010	21,364	88,976.00
Florida	675,541	523,530	163,298	686,828	4,584,081.00
Georgia	641,865	762,035	33,055	795,090	4,637,423.45
Hawaii	8,277	8,327	164	8,491	51,657.49
Idaho	408,220	282,105	145,722	427,827	3,442,718.00
Illinois	893,314	970,392	48,303	1,018,695	5,602,000.00
Indiana	691,156	655,632	100,052	755,684	4,452,588.00
Iowa	485,818	471,940	45,290	517,230	2,928,639.00
Kansas	330,384	296,798	46,948	343,746	2,398,019.00
Kentucky	638,243	551,412	130,229	681,641	3,986,308.25
Louisiana	509,901	462,036	53,253	515,289	1,158,960.00
Maine	238,629	162,000	77,676	239,676	2,511,658.00
Maryland	125,235	173,626	15,779	189,405	1,132,217.78
Massachusetts	197,101	214,214	6,076	220,290	2,100,565.25
Michigan	1,376,317	1,349,998	205,734	1,555,732	11,515,579.82
Minnesota	1,677,611	940,274	305,180	1,245,454	9,598,867.00
Mississippi	403,120	351,811	51,309	403,120	2,671,704.00
Missouri	941,943	1,464,246	171,389	1,635,635	6,566,431.00
Montana	347,876	451,845	337,244	789,089	4,549,964.00
Nebraska	239,283	251,616	26,738	278,354	1,935,446.00
Nevada	175,456	101,832	68,477	170,309	1,611,008.00
New Hampshire	139,432	96,481	43,530	140,011	1,677,264.50
New Jersey	200,727	312,635	7,992	320,627	2,240,180.00
New Mexico	249,675	175,239	89,814	265,053	2,444,504.50
New York	977,093	945,345	97,033	1,042,378	6,170,171.00
North Carolina	475,032	513,221	71,161	584,382	4,302,939.50
North Dakota	179,180	156,091	24,281	180,372	703,729.00
Ohio	1,136,708	1,068,396	68,312	1,136,708	8,161,876.00
Oklahoma	634,740	507,030	123,074	630,104	4,759,622.31
Oregon	690,720	814,486	208,524	1,023,010	7,527,617.00
Pennsylvania	1,092,949	1,026,174	66,775	1,092,949	9,629,785.00
Rhode Island	29,066	27,973	1,802	29,775	187,723.00
South Carolina	414,341	375,927	62,518	438,445	3,038,145.75
South Dakota	198,323	212,105	73,431	285,536	1,435,698.00
Tennessee	734,941	721,466	159,965	881,431	4,792,315.00
Texas	1,909,503	1,798,056	111,447	1,909,503	9,252,699.62
Utah	431,204	318,112	147,441	465,553	4,430,316.00
Vermont	138,965	107,348	56,631	163,979	1,029,098.00
Virginia	585,962	755,181	87,687	842,868	4,341,056.00
Washington	887,030	1,057,372	118,075	1,175,447	7,936,845.00
West Virginia	298,740	545,205	58,427	603,632	2,329,473.50
Wisconsin	1,504,290	1,209,631	394,962	1,604,593	12,322,926.00
Wyoming	271,580	142,192	145,895	288,087	2,606,473.50
TOTALS 3/	29,581,326	32,106,108	5,139,675	37,245,783	226,947,399.32

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 fished in more than one State are counted in each State where they fished.