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## Edwin "Big Ed" Johnson

Edwin "Big Ed" Johnson (1884-1970) is best remembered as one of the originators of the Dingell-Johnson Act. Johnson was the only person to serve three terms as Governor of Colorado and three terms as a U.S. Senator. As Governor, Johnson created a statewide reorganization and reform movement in the midst of the Great Depression. As a Senator, Johnson was instrumental in the creation of the G.I. Bill of Rights and the Air Force Academy. In 1950 Senator Johnson joined forces with Congressman John Dingell to author the Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950. Known fondly as "Dingell-Johnson," this new law helped to halt the decline of North American fisheries and brought new energy to sport fishing across the nation--a magnificent legacy put in place for future generations of Americans anglers.