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HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE SALES HOLD STEADY, REVENUES INCREASE

Revenues from hunting and fishing license sales rose 5.6 percent in 1990, John Turner, director of the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announced today. The total sales of hunting licenses decreased slightly from the previous year while fishing license sales held steady.

A total of 15,806,864 people purchased hunting licenses during fiscal year 1990, compared with 15,858,063 in 1989. Fishing license purchasers numbered 30,731,821 in fiscal year 1990, compared with 30,302,244 in 1989. Income from the sale of licenses and associated permits, tags, and stamps in 1990 reached an overall total of \$784 million, compared with \$740 million in 1989.

In making the announcement, Turner said, "Nearly 50 million Americans enjoyed hunting and fishing activities last year. These sportsmen and -women, through the purchase of licenses, tags, and stamps, provided vital funding to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans."

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Hunting and fishing are two of the activities highlighted in the Interior Department's recently announced outdoor recreation initiative, "Enjoy Outdoors America."

"Interior Secretary Lujan and I recognize the valuable contributions of our hunters and anglers not only to their own pastime, but to the conservation of this country's natural resources. We look to them as prime examples of good stewardship and conservation of this Nation's wildlife and wild lands. I would like to see more and more Americans showing the same type of commitment," said Turner.

Money from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses, permits, tags, and stamps is used to fund state fish and wildlife programs. 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.

A state-by-state breakdown of 1990 hunting and fishing license sales figures is attached.



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NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES, AND COST TO HUNTERS FISCAL YEAR 1990

| State: | Paid Hunting License Holders ¹ | Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps | Nonresident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps | Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps ² | Gross Cost To Hunters |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ALABAMA | 265,106 | 263,377 | 35,662 | 299,039 | \$7,944,709 |
| ALASKA | 83,505 | 139,830 | 29,585 | 169,415 | 5,196,083 |
| ARIZONA | 165,179 | 335,918 | 23,643 | 359,561 | 6,267,210 |
| ARKANSAS | 349,166 | 326,747 | 22,419 | 349,166 | 7,113,723 |
| CALIFORNIA | 390,655 | 686,644 | 3,211 | 689,855 | 11,197,462 |
| COLORADO | 327,979 | 434,437 | 183,837 | 618,274 | 34,787,896 |
| CONNECTICUT | 90,709 | 154,572 | 8,595 | 163,167 | 1,190,623 |
| DELAWARE | 25,005 | 38,082 | 7,386 | 45,468 | 559,300 |
| FLORIDA | 221,638 | 374,801 | 3,089 | 377,890 | 4,794,851 |
| GEORGIA | 361,984 | 848,906 | 44,173 | 993,079 | 9,016,062 |
| HAWAII | 13,226 | 13,055 | 623 | 13,567 | 130,655 |
| IDAHO | 241,476 | 590,368 | 73,794 | 664,162 | 11,767,967 |
| ILLINOIS | 329,734 | 643,587 | 12,937 | 656,524 | 6,360,386 |
| INDIANA | 317,486 | 580,128 | 12,937 | 593,065 | 6,727,982 |
| IOWA | 271,663 | 731,426 | 81,885 | 813,311 | 8,902,497 |
| KANSAS | 188,314 | 158,057 | 30,257 | 188,314 | 5,893,212 |
| KENTUCKY | 327,083 | 515,541 | 17,159 | 532,700 | 5,947,204 |
| LOUISIANA | 272,202 | 540,526 | 13,558 | 554,084 | 5,659,316 |
| MAINE | 214,518 | 208,528 | 45,467 | 253,995 | 5,949,358 |
| MARYLAND | 151,491 | 202,803 | 23,866 | 226,669 | 4,045,815 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 116,300 | 208,016 | 4,278 | 212,294 | 1,610,271 |
| MICHIGAN | 1,148,163 | 1,978,065 | 30,185 | 2,008,250 | 23,052,205 |
| MINNESOTA | 540,277 | 781,433 | 218,574 | 1,000,007 | 17,800,620 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 292,027 | 260,071 | 31,956 | 292,027 | 4,727,652 |
| MISSOURI | 557,855 | 1,042,919 | 37,707 | 1,080,626 | 10,664,035 |
| MONTANA | 255,333 | 455,312 | 346,251 | 801,563 | 12,140,544 |
| NEBRASKA | 169,888 | 355,328 | 46,274 | 401,602 | 4,969,392 |
| NEVADA | 53,706 | 100,424 | 6,808 | 107,232 | 2,324,119 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 90,078 | 126,821 | 21,811 | 148,632 | 2,341,526 |
| NEW JERSEY | 125,715 | 294,260 | 11,688 | 305,948 | 5,133,299 |
| NEW MEXICO | 138,761 | 138,030 | 14,806 | 152,836 | 4,617,224 |
| NEW YORK | 737,112 | 1,325,234 | 64,421 | 1,389,655 | 14,056,172 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 331,083 | 430,664 | 9,954 | 440,618 | 6,830,524 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 91,102 | 367,497 | 32,399 | 399,896 | 2,833,467 |
| OHIO | 491,494 | 953,041 | 7,094 | 960,135 | 9,812,395 |
| OKLAHOMA | 247,019 | 359,170 | 8,300 | 367,470 | 6,208,819 |
| OREGON | 347,819 | 999,535 | 32,284 | 1,031,819 | 11,742,298 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 1,168,137 | 2,229,960 | 122,497 | 2,352,457 | 26,163,713 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 12,782 | 20,062 | 1,480 | 21,542 | 183,798 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 190,621 | 212,115 | 36,899 | 249,014 | 5,328,747 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 145,823 | 374,587 | 101,005 | 475,592 | 5,767,232 |
| TENNESSEE | 600,413 | 918,953 | 17,974 | 936,927 | 8,303,054 |
| TEXAS | 1,138,011 | 1,370,455 | 33,389 | 1,403,844 | 13,962,529 |
| UTAH | 230,268 | 339,892 | 28,170 | 368,062 | 8,441,979 |
| VERMONT | 109,938 | 115,582 | 27,085 | 142,667 | 2,291,359 |
| VIRGINIA | 439,738 | 848,860 | 36,305 | 885,165 | 10,448,042 |
| WASHINGTON | 268,653 | 655,923 | 4,654 | 660,577 | 10,291,854 |
| WEST VIRGINIA | 272,985 | 608,649 | 161,909 | 770,558 | 8,782,372 |
| WISCONSIN | 741,188 | 1,478,314 | 39,530 | 1,517,844 | 20,402,691 |
| WYOMING | 146,456 | 213,593 | 87,418 | 301,011 | 11,300,161 |
| TOTALS³ | 15,806,864 | 27,450,098 | 2,297,188 | 29,747,175 | \$421,984,404 |

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

(Data certified by State Fish and Game Departments)

2 Period Covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.

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NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES, AND COST TO ANGLERS FISCAL YEAR 1990

| 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 Anglers |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ALABAMA | 531,351 | 437,614 | 115,614 | 553,228 | \$6,889,690 |
| ALASKA | 338,962 | 180,257 | 182,823 | 363,080 | 4,835,417 |
| ARIZONA | 429,952 | 396,659 | 158,352 | 555,011 | 5,152,207 |
| ARKANSAS | 738,989 | 584,113 | 154,876 | 738,989 | 6,804,634 |
| CALIFORNIA | 1,970,879 | 2,826,437 | 18,171 | 2,844,608 | 34,858,889 |
| COLORADO | 694,362 | 483,241 | 331,727 | 814,968 | 9,328,519 |
| CONNECTICUT | 227,510 | 218,579 | 8,931 | 227,510 | 1,807,640 |
| DELAWARE | 23,192 | 24,459 | 4,680 | 29,139 | 234,148 |
| FLORIDA | 928,135 | 1,016,629 | 354,949 | 1,371,578 | 18,898,452 |
| GEORGIA | 678,259 | 746,002 | 57,822 | 821,824 | 5,667,706 |
| HAWAII | 9,679 | 9,559 | 399 | 9,958 | 30,957 |
| IDAHO | 417,864 | 307,803 | 162,554 | 470,357 | 4,724,400 |
| ILLINOIS | 820,395 | 912,162 | 40,789 | 952,951 | 6,097,888 |
| INDIANA | 655,191 | 614,447 | 105,327 | 719,774 | 6,141,268 |
| IOWA | 424,795 | 408,016 | 46,753 | 454,769 | 3,665,223 |
| KANSAS | 291,753 | 247,959 | 43,794 | 291,753 | 3,664,167 |
| KENTUCKY | 635,336 | 539,634 | 129,860 | 669,494 | 5,529,350 |
| LOUISIANA | 556,740 | 516,251 | 40,489 | 556,740 | 4,692,421 |
| MAINE | 296,011 | 197,782 | 113,612 | 311,394 | 5,051,484 |
| MARYLAND | 657,348 | 435,718 | 47,821 | 483,539 | 3,341,465 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 264,344 | 208,016 | 4,278 | 212,294 | 1,610,271 |
| MICHIGAN | 1,577,875 | 1,571,685 | 413,175 | 1,984,860 | 19,212,147 |
| MINNESOTA | 1,551,621 | 1,058,789 | 345,108 | 1,403,897 | 20,971,253 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 423,627 | 357,871 | 65,756 | 423,627 | 2,973,523 |
| MISSOURI | 1,047,205 | 1,622,546 | 145,581 | 1,768,127 | 9,383,473 |
| MONTANA | 375,222 | 286,736 | 251,819 | 538,555 | 6,313,839 |
| NEBRASKA | 244,926 | 234,111 | 39,135 | 273,246 | 2,928,132 |
| NEVADA | 142,914 | 184,752 | 49,761 | 234,513 | 2,207,476 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 156,183 | 106,146 | 50,037 | 156,183 | 3,285,450 |
| NEW JERSEY | 265,892 | 403,157 | 14,474 | 417,631 | 4,184,864 |
| NEW MEXICO | 245,753 | 171,768 | 84,808 | 256,576 | 3,078,094 |
| NEW YORK | 1,181,810 | 1,003,342 | 247,500 | 1,250,842 | 12,704,115 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 490,947 | 508,285 | 44,125 | 552,410 | 8,427,519 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 145,954 | 142,438 | 21,214 | 163,652 | 1,197,338 |
| OHIO | 1,358,991 | 1,186,923 | 179,242 | 1,366,165 | 10,975,155 |
| OKLAHOMA | 575,613 | 465,057 | 90,060 | 555,117 | 7,109,945 |
| OREGON | 751,945 | 986,321 | 221,451 | 1,207,772 | 9,438,546 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 1,186,373 | 1,098,434 | 87,939 | 1,186,373 | 13,853,420 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 40,334 | 38,610 | 2,656 | 41,266 | 377,854 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 442,717 | 401,597 | 72,849 | 474,446 | 4,648,093 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 197,724 | 231,678 | 62,530 | 294,208 | 2,468,792 |
| TENNESSEE | 845,265 | 825,740 | 185,041 | 1,010,781 | 7,535,537 |
| TEXAS | 1,876,801 | 2,407,119 | 110,738 | 2,517,857 | 16,892,805 |
| UTAH | 400,585 | 290,917 | 143,223 | 434,140 | 5,708,589 |
| VERMONT | 156,828 | 103,062 | 51,607 | 154,669 | 2,010,264 |
| VIRGINIA | 535,824 | 588,700 | 83,334 | 672,034 | 6,556,372 |
| WASHINGTON | 965,825 | 1,608,291 | 142,411 | 1,750,702 | 13,823,189 |
| WEST VIRGINIA | 243,033 | 532,289 | 59,330 | 591,619 | 4,627,283 |
| WISCONSIN | 1,470,521 | 1,243,705 | 348,994 | 1,470,521 | 16,999,029 |
| WYOMING | 242,466 | 107,418 | 179,279 | 286,697 | 3,863,025 |
| TOTALS³ | 30,731,821 | 31,096,824 | 5,916,798 | 36,891,444 | \$362,781,317 |

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