



Maine

Contributions to the American System of Conservation Funding

Through the American System of Conservation Funding [comprised of revenue from sporting licenses and Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux funds], sportsmen and women contribute billions of dollars to conservation. The System is a “user-pays, public-benefits” model, wherein sportsmen and women provide the vast majority of the funding for state fish and wildlife agencies – the primary stewards of our nation’s fish and wildlife resources. The revenue generated through this System helps to conserve fish and wildlife, provide clean water and healthy landscapes, and maintain access to these resources for the public at large, not just hunters and anglers.

	Hunting Licenses	Fishing Licenses	Pittman-Robertson	Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux	Total
2019 Funding	\$7.89 M	\$8.34 M	\$6.80 M	\$3.70 M	\$26.73 M
2019 National Rankings	40	30	41	43	39
Historical Funding Total	\$298.79 M	\$256.85 M	\$134.46 M	\$97.65 M	\$ 787.75 M
Historical Funding US Rank	35	30	41	41	38

Maine sportsmen and women’s contributions to the American System of Conservation Funding:

- Maine has 52 Wildlife Management Areas, averaging 1,744 acres each. Overall, 90,729 acres can be accessed by the public for sporting activities, and 576 public boat ramps.
- Youth Conservation Camps, like Maine Youth Field Days, through the sale of moose hunting permits, providing an opportunity for youth and families to learn various outdoor skills such as archery, muzzleloaders, ATV operation, fishing and much more.
- The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) owns and operates 6 fish hatcheries and 2 fish rearing facilities in which they artificially spawn, hatch, and rear six different species of salmonids.
- Each spring, beginning in 1968, a coordinated survey called the Singing Ground Survey (SGS) is conducted in all states with woodcock populations.
- Maine maintains 20 public shooting ranges throughout the state for its sportsmen and women.

This report is made possible thanks to:

**2019
Certified Paid
License Holders**
Fishing: 276,192
Hunting: 162,065

**2019 Total
Licenses/
Permits/Tags**
Fishing: 278,415
Hunting: 245,392



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