



North Carolina

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	\$10.36 M	\$21.17 M	\$18.19 M	\$11.12 M	\$60.75 M
2019 National Rankings	34	11	11	8	16
Historical Funding Total	\$353.4 M	\$504.61 M	\$294.51 M	\$208.28 M	\$1.36 B
Historical Funding US Rank	30	14	14	16	21

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

- The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) manages over 2,000 miles of cold water streams for public fishing as part of its Public Mountain Trout Waters program.
- The NCWRC manages more than 90 Game Lands, totaling over 2 million acres, for public hunting, fishing, trapping and wildlife viewing.
- 245 public boating access areas and 215 public fishing areas have been constructed across the state on rivers, lakes and coastal waters.
- Wild turkeys have been successfully restored to all 100 counties in the state with a population increase from 2,000 birds in 1970 to an estimated 265,000 birds in 2015.
- State fish hatcheries annually raise more than 6 million fish for stocking in public waters.

This report is made possible thanks to:

**2019
Certified Paid
License Holders**

Fishing: 1,322,117
Hunting: 592,564

**2019 Total
Licenses/
Permits/Tags**

Fishing: 953,890
Hunting: 328,328

