

# Public Boating and Fishing Access



Excise taxes on fishing equipment and a portion of the motorboat fuel tax support public access to America's waterways for millions of anglers and boaters, and support fishing and aquatic resource education for millions of people nationwide.

Thanks to a strong partnership between fishing and boating manufacturers, state fish and wildlife agencies, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, these benefits help sustain America's fishing and boating heritage and support these activities into the future.

**319**  
boat ramps

constructed  
2014-2021

**8,989**  
access areas

for public boating  
and fishing in 2021

**\$399**  
million

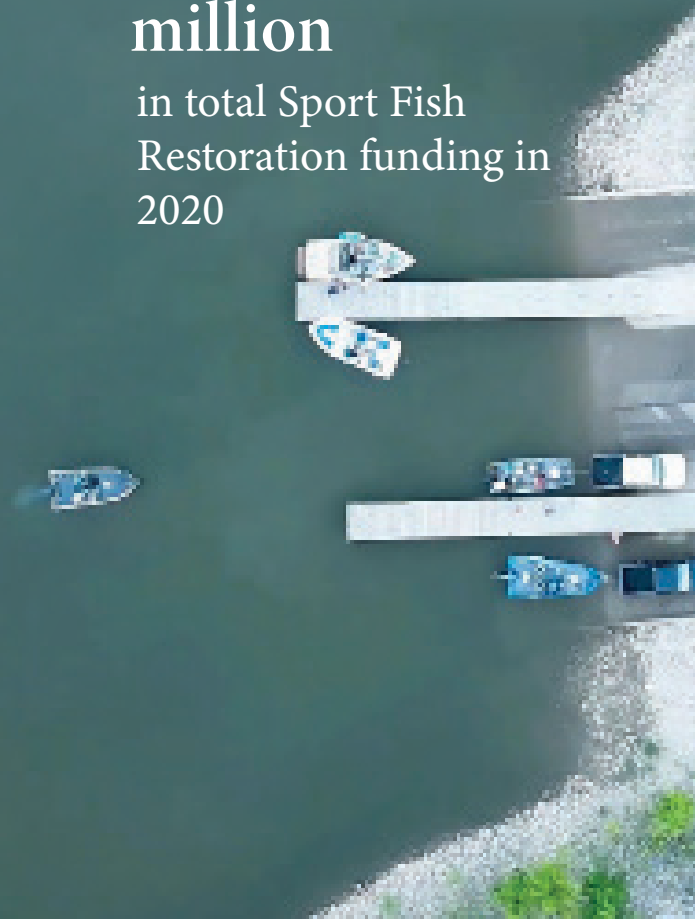
in total Sport Fish  
Restoration funding in  
2020

**850,000+**  
people

receive fishing and aquatic  
resource educations  
2019-2021

**1,074**  
projects

for clean water  
and boating  
infrastructure  
2014-2021



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# Hatcheries and fish stocking



Excise taxes on fishing equipment and a portion of the motorboat fuel tax support fish hatcheries and annual fish stocking efforts all over the country.

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**77**  
species  
of fish stocked  
in 2021

**321**  
hatcheries  
opened and maintained  
in 2021

**1 billion**  
fish stocked  
in 2021



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