



# Public Boating and Fishing Access

Federal excise taxes paid by manufacturers and importers of 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  
have received training  
annually in aquatic  
education since 2018.

**1,074**  
projects  
for clean water  
and boating  
infrastructure  
2014-2021



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# Hatcheries and fish stocking

Federal excise taxes paid by manufacturers and importers of 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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