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# A REEL SUCCESS: Sport Fish Restoration Celebrates its 75th Year



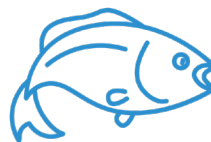
The Sport Fish Restoration Act, turning 75 this year, is a cornerstone of America's conservation heritage — and a promise for its future. This landmark legislation has ensured that the fish we catch and the waters we cherish stay healthy, sustainable, and accessible to everyone.

By investing proceeds from a national fuels tax and a federal excise tax on fishing equipment — paid by the manufacturers — into state conservation programs, Congress created a partnership that helps our angling and boating resources thrive. Thanks to the Sport Fish Restoration Act, our waters will continue to support future generations as they enjoy the outdoors, pursue their passions, and build memories that last a lifetime.

Sport Fish Restoration funds deliver boating safety, clean water, habitat management, public access, aquatic education, angling opportunities, and research. **Here's a quick look at just how much impact these funds have.**

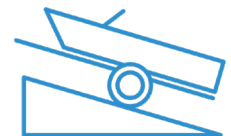
## \$381 MILLION+

in Sport Fish Restoration funds were available to states and territories in 2024. That enabled:



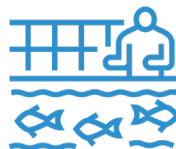
**200+ species**

of sport fish to be managed, studied, and monitored by state fish and wildlife agency biologists.



**9,000+ boating and fishing access**

areas for public use to be maintained and operated nationwide.



**320+ hatcheries**

to stock more than 1 billion fish annually, including more than 75 different species.



**850,000 students**

to receive aquatic education and be introduced to fishing each year.



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