

A Rising Tide

Fishing equipment and boating manufacturers boost our country's conservation efforts by working hard at what they love. The Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950 placed a federal manufacturers' excise tax on fishing equipment and the 1984 Wallop-Breaux amendment captured a portion of the federal gasoline excise tax attributable to motorboats by a formula based on boat registrations. These funds are used by state and territorial fish and wildlife agencies for public boating and fishing access, fish hatcheries and stocking programs, water quality monitoring, sport fish research and aquatic education. Thanks to our partners, the fish and water we cherish and opportunities to pursue our passions and hone our skills will be here for generations to come. Funds are apportioned based on a formula based on 40% land/water area and 60% number of sport fishing licenses sold. No state can receive less than 1% or more than 5% of the total funds available each year (range for territories and District of Columbia is 0.33% to 1%).

200 species

of fish that state agencies monitor, research, and manage with these important funds.

321 state hatcheries

produced 1 billion fish of more than 77 species in 2021.

319 new ramps

constructed in the past six years to improve boater and angler access to the water.

8,989 areas

operated and maintained for public boating and fishing access in 2021.

850,000+ students

have received training annually in aquatic education since 2018.

\$416 million

in total Sport Fish Restoration funding in 2025.



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