



2025 Apportionment for the Sport Fish Restoration Act (SFR)

The Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950 placed a manufacturers' federal 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 eligible to state and territorial fish and wildlife agencies for sport fish management, raising and stocking fish, habitat protection and enhancement, education, and constructing and maintaining fishing and boating access.

This law is unique and is essential to the conservation, management, and enhancement of sport fish and their habitats, and to provide angling and boating access in the United States for current and future generations.

What do these funds do?

Restore and Manage Fisheries

Biologists study, monitor, and manage over 200 species of sport fish with SFR funds.

Provide Public Access

In total, more than 8,900 public boating and fishing areas are operated and maintained by SFR funds.

Welcome New Anglers

Over 850,000 people receive fishing aquatic resources education, supported by SFR funding, each year.

Raise and Stock Fish

Every year, 1 billion fish from over 77 different species are produced by state fish hatcheries funded by SFR.



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State	Total 2025 SFR
Alabama	\$7,119,164
Alaska	\$20,819,138
American Samoa	\$1,387,942
Arizona	\$8,377,930
Arkansas	\$6,600,245
California	\$19,033,303
Colorado	\$11,474,198
Connecticut	\$4,163,828
Delaware	\$4,163,828
District of Columbia	\$1,387,942
Florida	\$15,893,093
Georgia	\$11,196,889
Guam	\$1,387,942
Hawaii	\$4,163,828
Idaho	\$8,026,968
Illinois	\$7,082,983
Indiana	\$5,863,240
Iowa	\$5,175,955
Kansas	\$5,603,776
Kentucky	\$5,841,976
Louisiana	\$7,902,226
Maine	\$4,296,647
Maryland	\$4,163,828
Massachusetts	\$4,163,828
Michigan	\$12,766,193
Minnesota	\$14,101,420
Mississippi	\$4,705,334
Missouri	\$8,740,560
Montana	\$10,327,917
N. Mariana Islands	\$1,387,942
Nebraska	\$5,337,943
Nevada	\$6,290,520
New Hampshire	\$4,163,828
New Jersey	\$4,163,828
New Mexico	\$7,296,244
New York	\$9,025,671
North Carolina	\$12,980,672
North Dakota	\$4,780,108
Ohio	\$8,336,071
Oklahoma	\$7,897,462
Oregon	\$9,134,695
Pennsylvania	\$10,175,606
Puerto Rico	\$4,163,828
Rhode Island	\$4,163,828
South Carolina	\$5,424,482
South Dakota	\$5,138,988
Tennessee	\$8,616,203
Texas	\$20,819,138
U.S. Virgin Islands	\$7,727,758
Utah	\$4,163,828
Vermont	\$1,387,942
Virginia	\$6,215,243
Washington	\$8,313,303
West Virginia	\$4,163,828
Wisconsin	\$12,863,784
Wyoming	\$6,317,890
Total	\$416,382,754

Restoring Our Waterways: The Vital Role of Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) Funds in Fisheries Management and Outdoor Activities



Restore and Manage Fisheries

SFR funds have been a vital source used to support the management of sport fish and their habitats. In Vermont, SFR funds have been used to assist in the restoration of walleye, salmonids, and lake sturgeon throughout Lake Champlain to create a self-sustaining population capable of supporting the fisheries.



Raise and Stock Fish

Across the country, over 320 fish hatcheries are supported by SFR funding. In Colorado, SFR funding helps support the operation and maintenance of 16 fish hatcheries that produce and stock more than 83 million fish annually. These hatcheries sustain public fisheries throughout the state.



Welcome New Anglers

In California, SFR funding has been used to develop their Classroom Aquarium Education Program and Fishing in the City Program. Both of these programs provide opportunities for students, teachers, and California residents to learn more about aquatic resources and participate in angling events throughout the state.



Provide Public Access

Between 2014 and 2021, 319 new fishing and boating access sites were constructed with the support from SFR funds. In total, more than 8,989 public boating and fishing areas are operated and maintained each year. These facilities provide public access opportunities for fishing and boating across the U.S.



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