



2026 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 opportunities 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 9,000 public boating and fishing areas are operated and maintained by SFR funds.

Welcome New Anglers

Over 500,000 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.



State	Total 2026 SFR
Alabama	\$7,595,714
Alaska	\$22,142,647
American Samoa	\$1,476,177
Arizona	\$9,061,470
Arkansas	\$6,896,518
California	\$20,130,147
Colorado	\$12,067,634
Connecticut	\$4,428,529
Delaware	\$4,428,529
District of Columbia	\$1,476,177
Florida	\$17,054,252
Georgia	\$11,964,124
Guam	\$1,476,177
Hawaii	\$4,428,529
Idaho	\$8,603,494
Illinois	\$7,540,463
Indiana	\$6,425,946
Iowa	\$5,529,528
Kansas	\$6,313,044
Kentucky	\$6,220,963
Louisiana	\$8,129,056
Maine	\$4,472,947
Maryland	\$4,428,529
Massachusetts	\$4,428,529
Michigan	\$13,732,150
Minnesota	\$14,648,140
Mississippi	\$4,909,480
Missouri	\$9,531,472
Montana	\$11,043,935
N. Mariana Islands	\$1,476,177
Nebraska	\$5,702,887
Nevada	\$6,723,920
New Hampshire	\$4,428,529
New Jersey	\$4,428,529
New Mexico	\$7,958,548
New York	\$9,771,904
North Carolina	\$13,226,310
North Dakota	\$5,115,623
Ohio	\$8,901,849
Oklahoma	\$8,234,607
Oregon	\$9,708,616
Pennsylvania	\$10,685,776
Puerto Rico	\$4,428,529
Rhode Island	\$4,428,529
South Carolina	\$5,811,997
South Dakota	\$5,477,893
Tennessee	\$9,238,365
Texas	\$22,142,647
U.S. Virgin Islands	\$1,476,177
Utah	\$8,264,518
Vermont	\$4,428,529
Virginia	\$6,703,964
Washington	\$8,920,812
West Virginia	\$4,428,529
Wisconsin	\$13,478,630
Wyoming	\$6,676,251
Total	\$442,852,945



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Restoring Our Waterways: The Vital Role of Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) Funds in Fisheries Management, Clean Water, 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. After declining to populations one percent of their historic size, SFR funds have helped kickstart a decades-long project to restore lake sturgeon to the Great Lakes.



Raise and Stock Fish

Across the country, over 320 fish hatcheries are supported by SFR funding. In Utah, cutthroat trout have been restored to rivers across the state through SFR-funded projects. State biologists now produce around 2 million cutthroats annually and stock them into over 300 water bodies throughout the state.



Welcome New Anglers

In Texas, at least 13,000 people have caught their first fish at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, constructed with the support of SFR funding. The Center provides the opportunity for visitors to get started fishing as well as education on the vital work being done to manage Texas fisheries.



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 9,000 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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