



# New York

## Contributions to the American System of Conservation Funding

Through the American System of Conservation Funding [comprised of revenue from sporting licenses and Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux funds], sportsmen and women contribute billions of dollars to conservation. The System is a “user-pays, public-benefits” model, wherein sportsmen and women provide the vast majority of the funding for state fish and wildlife agencies – the primary stewards of our nation’s fish and wildlife resources. The revenue generated through this System helps to conserve fish and wildlife, provide clean water and healthy landscapes, and maintain access to these resources for the public at large, not just hunters and anglers.

	Hunting Licenses	Fishing Licenses	Pittman-Robertson	Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux	Total
2019 Funding	\$24.65 M	\$20.77 M	\$17.47 M	\$8.13 M	\$72.03 M
2019 National Rankings	13	13	13	15	11
Historical Funding Total	\$799.72 M	\$689.49 M	\$344.13 M	\$240.39 M	\$2.07 B
Historical Funding US Rank	8	9	8	8	8

### New York sportsmen and women’s contributions to the American System of Conservation Funding:

- New York State has more than 110 Wildlife Management Areas, averaging 1,790 acres each, totaling nearly 197,000 of public acres of public land available for outdoor recreation by all New Yorkers.
- The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) manages nearly 400 boating and fishing access facilities throughout the state.
- Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River research on the balance between trout, salmon and prey fish is consistently conducted to evaluate the success of stocking programs, and enhance the sport fisheries there.
- The DEC uses sportsmen-generated dollars to support development and improvement of public shooting ranges through a small grants program.
- Every spring the DEC stocks over 309 lakes with approximately 2.3 million freshwater fish.

This report is made possible thanks to:

**2019 Certified Paid License Holders**  
 Fishing: 881,338  
 Hunting: 564,612

**2019 Total Licenses/Permits/Tags**  
 Fishing: 1,187,980  
 Hunting: 1,414,862

