



California

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	\$21.53 M	\$63.07 M	\$21.99 M	\$17.64 M	\$124.24 M
2019 National Rankings	16	1	4	3	2
Historical Funding Total	\$664.12 M	\$2.04 B	\$428.05 M	\$485.283 M	\$3.62 B
Historical Funding US Rank	13	1	4	3	1

California sportsmen and women’s contributions to the American System of Conservation Funding:

- California has built and maintained 1,498 fishing and boating access sites; giving public access to 1,100 miles of coastline, 4,955 lakes and reservoirs, 103 major streams and 74 major rivers.
- The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is starting a multi-year project to study pronghorn antelope in the Carrizo Plain region using GPS/satellite collars to help determine hunting regulations.
- California Waterfowl Habitat Program has been active for 14 years and provides waterfowl habitat management incentives and assistance on 29,295 acres spanning 126 properties throughout the Central Valley.
- 111 Wildlife Management Areas averaging 6,383 acres in size and totals over 708,513 acres of public hunting access.
- CDFW currently manages 1,146,073 acres for species conservation and is home to more than 1,000 vertebrate, 150,000 invertebrate animals, 8,000 vascular plant species, and 350 threatened or endangered species.

This report is made possible thanks to:

2019 Certified Paid License Holders
 Fishing: 1,635,950
 Hunting: 279,248

2019 Total Licenses/Permits/Tags
 Fishing: 2,499,817
 Hunting: 1,005,774

