



Massachusetts 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	\$2.41 M	\$4.65 M	\$6.78 M	\$3.70 M	\$17.54 M
2019 National Rankings	46	43	43	45	45
Historical Funding Total	\$89.35 M	\$169.81 M	\$116.92 M	\$97.16 M	\$ 473.69 M
Historical Funding US Rank	46	40	44	43	44

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

- The state of Massachusetts has built 268 boat ramps that are open to the public.
- Massachusetts now has 213 Wildlife Management Areas, 106 Wildlife Conservation Easements, and 68 access areas totaling to over 207,238 acres of public hunting area.
- The Upland Game Bird Habitat Management Program has restored and managed over 1,000 acres of upland habitat for recreational bird hunting in Massachusetts.
- Massachusetts’ 2015 Wildlife Action Plan outlines funding and assignment of 119 wildlife restoration projects and 8 fishery and stream restoration projects throughout the state.
- Since 2001, Massachusetts’ Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has provided \$50,000 annually for range development and improvement to promote recreational shooting within the state.

2019 Certified Paid License Holders
 Fishing: 173,299
 Hunting: 57,970

2019 Total Licenses/Permits/Tags
 Fishing: 391,205
 Hunting: 260,969

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