



# Rhode Island

## 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	\$441,226	\$902,797	\$4.05 M	\$3.70 M	\$9.90 M
2019 National Rankings	50	49	50	48	49
Historical Funding Total	\$12.35 M	\$18.94 M	\$71.88 M	\$97.61 M	\$200.78 M
Historical Funding US Rank	49	49	49	43	49

### Rhode Island sportsmen and women’s contributions to the American System of Conservation Funding:

- The Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife manages over 60,000 acres of land through its 25 Wildlife Management Areas.
- Rhode Island has built 202 boat ramps and shore fishing areas for recreational anglers and boaters.
- In 2015, the Rhode Island Wildlife Action Plan used portions of ASCF to fund 22 individual wildlife management programs throughout the state.
- Rhode Island’s Aquatic Resource Education (ARE) Program is entirely funded through the ASCF, and offers a comprehensive loan program that makes it easier for all people to fish.
- The Division’s Waterfowl Conservation Stamp Program has brought in over 1.2 million dollars since its introduction, and is used for wetland restoration projects and land acquisition in the state.

This report is made possible thanks to:

**2019 Certified Paid License Holders**

Fishing: 64,852  
Hunting: 7,414

**2019 Total Licenses/Permits/Tags**

Fishing: 84,728  
Hunting: 29,929

