



# Colorado

## 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
2017 Funding	\$54.78 M	\$18.27 M	\$19.42 M	\$8.90 M	\$101.38 M
2017 National Rankings	1	13	15	9	3
Historical Funding Total	\$1.73 B	\$475.72 M	\$272.22 M	\$221.37 M	\$2.70 B
Historical Funding US Rank	1	13	12	10	4

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

- 350 State Wildlife Areas, averaging 1,850 acres each, provide roughly 650,000 acres of public access for sportsmen and women.
- Wildlife research projects, such as Canada lynx monitoring, and an exploration of black bears in urban environments to identify management solutions and assess regional populations.
- More than 90 million sportfish are hatched and stocked into Colorado waters annually by Parks and Wildlife’s (CPW) 19 state fish hatcheries and rearing units.
- CPW manages the largest elk herd in North America, with an estimated population of 264,000 animals.
- CPW manages for more than 960 native species, including mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks, and crustaceans that occur across the state’s 103,000 square miles, including 480 square miles of waters.

This report is made possible thanks to:

**2017 Certified Paid License Holders**  
Fishing: 776,472  
Hunting: 290,064

**2017 Total Licenses/Permits/Tags**  
Fishing: 1,211,056  
Hunting: 63,870



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