



Washington

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 |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 2018 Funding | \$ 17.19 M | \$30.49 M | \$15.12 M | \$7.11 M | \$67.22 M |
| 2018 National Rankings | 24 | 6 | 24 | 19 | 13 |
| Historical Funding Total | \$511.41 M | \$664.17 M | \$213.52 M | \$194.36 M | \$1.58 B |
| Historical Funding US Rank | 18 | 8 | 22 | 15 | 13 |

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

- 33 Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) in Washington State, providing over 1 million acres of land that can be accessed by the public for outdoor recreation.
- 700 public access boat ramps.
- The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups have completed 859 fish passage projects and 3,831 other salmon restoration projects, including the opening of an additional 1,118 stream miles for salmon passage.
- In 2015, WDFW researchers conducted surveys on pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep abundance, as well as a study on wolf conflict-deterrence.
- The Hood Canal Steelhead Research Project, which works to restore wild steelhead populations in Hood Canal, has already seen double the returns of steelhead from the initial count of 13,300

This report is made possible thanks to:

2018 Certified Paid License Holders
 Fishing: 686,037
 Hunting: 183,063

2018 Total Licenses/Permits/Tags
 Fishing: 2,446,583
 Hunting: 691,732

