



Texas

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	\$46.92 M	\$62.52 M	\$30.95 M	\$18.52 M	\$158.90 M
2019 National Rankings	2	2	1	2	1
Historical Funding Total	\$1.07 B	\$1.38 B	\$566.18 M	\$487.90 M	\$3.51 B
Historical Funding US Rank	5	2	1	1	2

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

- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) offers more than 70 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), State Natural Areas, and State Parks, collectively providing more than 1 million acres of public hunting and fishing opportunities.
- TPWD’s 5 freshwater and 4 saltwater hatcheries have stocked over 3.9 billion fry, fingerlings and mature fish into waters across Texas.
- Texas leads the nation in dove hunting with more than 400,000 hunters bagging 5 million mourning doves each fall and winter.
- Texas has built and maintained over 700 freshwater fishing and boating access sites.
- The Trans-Pecos Pronghorn Restoration Project successfully increased the Texas pronghorn population from less than 3,000 individuals in 2012 to around 6,000 in 2018.

This report is made possible thanks to:

2019 Certified Paid License Holders
 Fishing: 1,919,598
 Hunting: 1,162,430

2019 Total Licenses/Permits/Tags
 Fishing: 2,240,922
 Hunting: 1,674,675

