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**WV FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAMS TO RECEIVE \$2.6 MILLION**  
*Rahall Says Hunters and Fishermen To Benefit*

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) today announced that West Virginia will receive \$2.6 million in federal assistance for fish and wildlife restoration programs.

"We have a real outdoor ethic in West Virginia and this funding will contribute to our efforts to provide for expanded hunting and fishing opportunities in a responsible fashion," Rahall said.

The funding comes from two special accounts financed by hunters and anglers through excise taxes paid on sporting equipment. West Virginia will be able to use its share to benefit fish and wildlife by providing for land acquisition, habitat improvement, research and education.

"West Virginia's hunters and anglers can take pride in doing their part to enhance our fish and wildlife resources," Rahall said.

According to Rahall, West Virginia will receive \$1,355,245 in Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Funds and \$1,252,000 in Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Funds. The Division of Natural Resources, Department of Commerce, Labor & Environmental Resources, will be the grant recipient.

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