

## ***Funding for Alaska—***

# ***Wildlife restoration***

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Over \$35 million in Federal Aid funds for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs, including more than \$3.6 million for such programs in Alaska, has been apportioned for distribution by the Department of Interior, according to Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska).

Young said funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition and a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers.

Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the area of each state.

Young said Alaska will receive \$2,633,500 for wildlife restoration and \$59,300 for hunter safety programs.

In addition, Young said the state would receive \$1,010,000 for sport fish restoration programs. "Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies," explained Young.