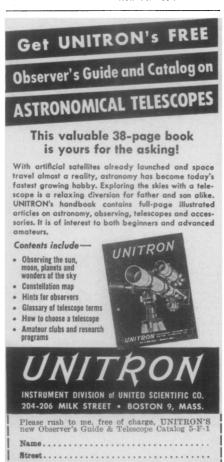


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The report urges that fish and wildlife be given a greater share of the national water supplies, that animal conservation be given equal importance in water development projects (not just a by-product role), that research on fish and wildlife problems be increased and that the need for maximum production of salt water fish be recognized.

Citing the need to expand fishing and hunting opportunities, the report states that 25,000,000 Americans more than 11 years old spent 567,000,000 man-days and more than \$3 billion in the pursuit of these sports in 1955. Within the next 20 years, it is estimated, 68,000,000 Americans will be spending 1,260 million man-days and \$6.3 billion for these purposes if facilities are available.

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