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Federal Duck Stamp Reminder for Waterfowl Hunters

The staff of Chesapeake Marshlands National Wildlife Refuge Complex would like to remind all waterfowl hunters that the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp) is required for all waterfowl hunters, including those who are not required to purchase a hunting license, except those under the age of 16. The stamp must be signed in ink to be valid. If hunters order a stamp online at duckstamp.com, they will receive a purchase code. If hunters purchase a stamp from a sport license agent, DNR online licensing, or a DNR Licensing and Registration Center, they will receive a printed receipt. Both the purchase code and the printed receipt will be accepted as evidence of the purchase for 45 days and must be possessed while hunting waterfowl and coots. The paper stamp will be mailed to the purchaser. The proof of purchase will expire 45 days after the date of purchase and the purchaser must then possess the stamp, signed in ink, while hunting waterfowl and coots.

We hope this reminder will help waterfowl hunters prepare for the upcoming waterfowl season. We wish hunters an enjoyable hunting season, and encourage all hunters to be safe while hunting.

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