

## **What FWS partners are saying about the signing of the Duck Stamp Act of 2014**

### **Ducks Unlimited**

“The additional duck stamp funding provided by waterfowl hunters and other conservationists will not only conserve critical waterfowl habitat, but will also help ensure the future of our waterfowling traditions,” said Ducks Unlimited CEO Dale Hall.

### **Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp**

"Even at \$25, purchasing the stamp is a great value, and it's the easiest thing anyone can do to protect crucial wetland and grassland habitat in the refuge system. Beyond waterfowl, this really helps shorebirds, long-legged waders, raptors, songbirds, and plenty of other wildlife," said Paul Baicich, President of the Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp.

### **National Wildlife Refuge Association**

"The Duck Stamp is one of most important conservation measures we have," said David Houghton, President of the National Wildlife Refuge Association. "It's passage is a huge conservation victory for America's wildlife refuges and an outstanding example of how Americans of all political stripes value their lands and waters."

### **Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**

“For decades, duck hunters have proudly paid their own way,” said TRCP President and CEO Whit Fosburgh, “funding countless conservation initiatives all across the country that have helped increase duck numbers and improve wetland habitat. Yet we are ready to do more and this new law will provide that opportunity. From a practical perspective, the added dollars generated by the new Duck Stamp price will ultimately result in more ducks, better hunting seasons and enhanced access to places where waterfowlers can enjoy quality days afield.”

### **Wild Bird Centers of America**

“Everyone now realizes that successful wildlife conservation begins and ends with habitat protection,” says George Petrides, Sr., founder of the Wild Bird Centers of America, which enthusiastically promotes the Duck Stamp program through its franchise and retail customer network. "The growing number of U.S. birders applauds this new purchase price for the Duck Stamp because it confirms the importance of preserving wild bird habitat and other wildlife conservation needs through the Fish & Wildlife Service.”