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### ANNOUNCES DESIGN FOR NEW FEDERAL "DUCK STAMP"

The design selected for the Federal "duck stamp" to be used during the 1948-49 hunting season will feature buffle-head ducks, Albert M. Day, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, announced today.

All duck stamps show wild ducks or geese of different species in some characteristic flight phase. The design for the 1948-49 stamp is the work of Maynard Reece, staff artist for the Iowa State Department of History and Archives, Des Moines, Iowa. The original sketch, a black and white wash drawing, shows two male and one female buffle-head ducks in flight.

Fifteenth in the series, the new migratory bird hunting stamp, generally called "duck stamp", is now on its way to the engravers and will be available to hunters and philatelists at all first and second class post offices on July 1. All migratory-waterfowl hunters over 16 years of age are required by law to purchase and have a stamp of current issue duly signed when hunting.

Sold for \$1, the duck stamps provide funds that help finance the Federal Government's wildlife refuge program. Ninety percent of the money realized from the sale of the stamps is used by the Fish and Wildlife Service to supplement other funds for the purchase and maintenance of water-fowl refuges throughout the country. The remaining 10 percent is used for printing and distribution of the stamps, enforcement of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, and other Federal activities for migratory bird conservation.

During the 1946-47 season 2,016,819 duck stamps were sold, the highest total for any season to date.

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