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FEDERAL "DUCK STAMP" SALES SHOW INCREASE IN 1958

Although Federal "duck stamp" sales in fiscal year 1958 showed an increase over the previous year's sales, the all-time high record of 2,369,940 achieved in fiscal year 1956 still stands, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ross Leffler announced today.

A total of 2,355,353 stamps of the 1957-58 issue was sold in fiscal year 1958 to hunters of migratory waterfowl, conservationists, and philatelists, according to final figures supplied by the Post Office Department, the agency responsible for distributing and selling the stamps. This total is 23,339 more than in 1957 but still 14,587 below the 1956 high.

Sales of duck stamps, according to Assistant Secretary Leffler, provide the best available index to the number and location of waterfowl hunters throughout the country.

As an indicator of hunting pressure, duck stamp sales are grouped by waterfowl flyways. The 1958 totals, with the 1957 figures in parentheses, are as follows: Atlantic Flyway, 356,800 (378,753); Mississippi Flyway, 1,004,555 (1,022,695); Central Flyway, 555,525 (491,272); and the Pacific Flyway, 427,799 (428,487).

Individually, by States, California again headed the 1958 list, with a total of 183,011. Other States recording sales in excess of 100,000 were: Texas, 167,385; Minnesota, 151,156; Michigan, 128,131; Illinois, 119,010; Wisconsin, 115,248; and Louisiana, 102,224.

Many duck stamps are also purchased annually by stamp collectors. The Post Office Department's Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C., reported the sale of 10,674 stamps during fiscal year 1958. This compares with 10,807 sold in the previous year.

Sold for \$2 at post offices, the proceeds from duck stamp sales help finance the Federal Government's waterfowl refuge and law enforcement programs. Every individual who has attained the age of 16 years and who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have on his person a stamp of current issue with his signature written across the face. Beginning with the 1959-60 series, the price will be increased to \$3, in accordance with Public Law 85-585.

Attached is a tabulation of sales for fiscal year 1958, by flyways.

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 MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMP SALES
 JULY 1, 1957 to JUNE 30, 1958

ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES

Connecticut.....	8,818
Delaware.....	8,081
District of Columbia...	2,197
Florida.....	34,117
Georgia.....	11,516
Maine.....	12,700
Maryland.....	27,264
Massachusetts.....	20,543
New Hampshire.....	4,910
New Jersey.....	29,777
New York.....	68,559
North Carolina.....	29,502
Pennsylvania.....	47,707
Rhode Island.....	3,059
South Carolina.....	15,018
Vermont.....	4,468
Virginia.....	25,576
West Virginia.....	2,776
Puerto Rico.....	<u>212</u>

Subtotal.....356,800

CENTRAL FLYWAY STATES

Colorado.....	42,541
Kansas.....	73,086
Montana.....	37,018
Nebraska.....	67,041
New Mexico.....	10,207
North Dakota.....	47,070
Oklahoma.....	50,033
South Dakota.....	49,832
Texas.....	167,385
Wyoming.....	<u>11,312</u>

Subtotal.....555,525

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY STATES

Alabama.....	17,173
Arkansas.....	59,064
Illinois.....	119,010
Indiana.....	50,565
Iowa.....	58,994
Kentucky.....	19,527
Louisiana.....	102,224
Michigan.....	128,131
Minnesota.....	151,156
Mississippi.....	19,379
Missouri.....	76,774
Ohio.....	45,107
Tennessee.....	42,203
Wisconsin.....	<u>115,248</u>

Subtotal.....1,004,555

PACIFIC FLYWAY STATES

Alaska.....	9,796
Arizona.....	10,145
California.....	183,011
Idaho.....	32,776
Nevada.....	11,233
Oregon.....	68,285
Utah.....	32,145
Washington.....	80,394
Hawaii.....	<u>14</u>

Subtotal.....427,799

ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES.....	356,800
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY STATES...	1,004,555
CENTRAL FLYWAY STATES.....	555,525
PACIFIC FLYWAY STATES.....	427,799
PHILATELIC AGENCY.....	<u>10,674</u>
GRAND TOTAL.....	<u>2,355,353</u>