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#### STAMP COLLECTORS ASKED TO HELP FEDERAL DUCK STAMP DRIVE

An appeal to stamp collectors to publicize the nationwide campaign which the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service, is conducting to promote the after-season sale of the 1959-60 Federal "duck stamp" was made today by Daniel H. Janzen, Director of the Bureau.

The purpose of the special drive is to offset the loss of revenue from the regular sales--down an estimated 25 percent--which finance the Fish and Wildlife Service's acquisition of wetlands for waterfowl refuges.

Each purchaser of a \$3 duck stamp during the campaign, which continues through June 30, will receive a special certificate signed by Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton. The certificate attests that the purchaser has made "a contribution to the essential management and protection of these birds, which constitute so vital a part of the American wildlife heritage."

The drive is sponsored by the Service with the support of the various national conservation organizations. The help of local conservation groups, newspapers, TV and radio stations is being solicited in every part of the Nation. Today's special appeal to stamp collectors was suggested to Director Janzen by a number of philatelists who expressed their desire to participate in this unique promotion.

From the viewpoint of the philatelist, the annual duck stamp is one of the most artistic stamps issued today. Each issue depicts a distinctive waterfowl scene and represents the work of a well-known wildlife artist. The design for the 1959-60 duck stamp, being sold during the drive, features a Labrador retriever carrying a mallard drake. The black retriever used as a model by artist Maynard Reece is the famous "King Buck" belonging to John Olin of Nilo Kennels in Illinois. This stamp, nearly twice the size of a special delivery stamp, is multicolor and was printed on the Giori press.

Stamp collectors desiring to aid this drive and add to their collections should send in a check or money order, made out to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife (address, Washington 25, D. C.) for \$3 for each stamp desired. Plate blocks of four are obtainable at \$12. Stamps will be mailed in glassine envelopes so that the purchaser can then hinge-mount his stamp on the special certificate or place it in his own collection.

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