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#### UDALL LAUNCHES SPECIAL WATERFOWL STAMP SALE

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, as part of the observance of National Wildlife Week, today launched this year's post-season sale of 1960-61 Migratory Waterfowl Stamps by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The sale was launched at a 2:00 P.M. ceremony in the Secretary's office at which members of the fifth grade class from Bunker Hill School in Washington, D. C., bought the first stamp in the special post-season sale, using part of their P.T.A. funds for this purpose. They received a certificate signed by Secretary Udall.

These Federal stamps, required to be possessed by all hunters during the past migratory waterfowl season, now are a symbol of conservation, gunning having ended. However, the dollars collected through this sale will go into the fund which is used exclusively for the purchase of wetlands needed by waterfowl. The stamps cost three dollars each.

The reward for conservation supporters who make stamp purchases will be a certificate signed by the Secretary of the Interior, and the satisfaction gained from knowledge that the contributed purchase price is an investment which will pay dividends to posterity. The certificate, which is suitable for framing, has a space on which the stamp may be mounted.

"Both young and old have an opportunity to share in this conservation effort to help preserve the Nation's migratory waterfowl resource for the future," commented Secretary Udall.

"There are two reasons why I approve this program and give it wholehearted support," Secretary Udall said. "First, all America has a stake in our migratory birds. We must establish, while we can, islands of natural habitat and havens where our wildlife can rest and reproduce. We must have funds to buy these lands while the opportunity still exists, and I believe that each and every citizen should have a chance to contribute directly to the cause. Secondly, I know no better way to make our youth conscious of our wonderful country than to give them the chance to share, even if only slightly, in the preservation of its resources.

There is no better way to fix the eyes of youth on the vistas of tomorrow than to give them an opportunity to take some responsibility today.

"Because I believe that conservation is a program essential to the physical and psychological well being of our people, I have approved this program, not only for its material value, but for the understanding it will generate."

Checks or money orders for these stamps should be sent to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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