



The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey was also created by donation from the North American Wildlife Foundation. In 1959 a jet airport was proposed for the area, but local citizens started a campaign to buy the land for a nature sanctuary. To date, approximately 2,573 acres have been acquired and donated to the Federal Government. The recent action by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approved the purchase of an additional 3,264 acres in the Great Swamp to complete the refuge. Great Swamp is a mixed open and wooded wetlands area within 25 miles of New York City that attracts many ducks and other types of wildlife.

The Willamette National Wildlife Refuge is in the Willamette Valley of western Oregon. Two divisions of the Refuge, the Ankeny and Muddy Creek, have been established. The March 23 action by the Commission approved a third unit, the 2,651-acre Baskett Slough Division. The Willamette Valley is a prime wintering area for dusky Canada geese, a subspecies that now numbers only about 16,000 birds. The Baskett Slough Division will be developed as a feeding area for these geese and other waterfowl.

One of the most important Canada goose areas in the National Wildlife Refuge System is Horicon, in southeastern Wisconsin. It is a 20,796-acre marsh that also provides nesting habitat for ducks. The 80-acre addition approved by the Commission will be farmed to produce food for waterfowl, particularly fall concentrations of Canada geese.

The 73,308-acre Santee National Wildlife Refuge is on Lakes Marion and Moultrie, in east-central South Carolina. Approximately 40,000 Canada geese and, for short periods, twice that number of ducks use the area. The 1,022-acre addition just approved by the Commission is a peninsula between two important refuge impoundments.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall is Chairman of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Members are Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Commerce John T. Conner, United States Senator Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska, United States Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana, United States Representative Frank L. Karsten of Missouri, and United States Representative Silvio O. Conte of Massachusetts.

Ex officio members of the Commission, representing the States involved in the March 23 meeting, were: Lester G. McNamara, Director, Division of Fish and Game, New Jersey; Chester E. Kebbe, State Game Commission, Oregon; Fred Roundy, Chief, Fur and Damage Control, Department of Game, Washington; William E. Towell, Director, Conservation Commission, Missouri; Pat Ryan, Assistant Director, Division of Game and Boating, South Carolina; and Karl Bednarik, Wetlands Biologist, Division of Wildlife, Ohio.

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