

Removing the heavy vegetation will increase the water storage capacity of Grays Lake. A separate agreement between the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and Bureau of Indian Affairs will insure irrigation releases to the Fort Hall Reservation. The peripheral dike and other water control structures will stop the flooding of areas outside the dike and this is expected to improve the grazing on surrounding lands.

Under refuge management and development, the annual waterfowl production on the area is expected to increase from the present estimated 3,000 ducks and geese to about 30,000.

Refuges to be enlarged are: Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge, Maryland, 161 acres; Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge, Tennessee, 87 acres; Ravalli National Wildlife Refuge, Montana, 96 acres; Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Georgia, 9,065 acres, and Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, Maine, 98 acres.

The enlargements total 9,507 acres to be acquired at an estimated cost of about \$500,000. Money for purchasing waterfowl refuges comes from the sale of "Duck Stamps" to waterfowl hunters.

The cost of the acreage is expected to range from about \$13.00 to \$620.00 per acre, based on value of the land and improvements. The areas to be purchased include flooded swampland, agricultural land needed for waterfowl food production, and in one case, a partially developed subdivision remaining within the existing refuge area.

In addition to Secretary Udall, members of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission 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 on June 15, representing certain of the States where new refuges or additions were authorized, were: Elwood G. Bizeau, Game Bird Supervisor, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; George B. Shields, Director, Maryland Department of Game and Inland Fish; C. J. Barstow, Tennessee Game and Fish Commission; Wynn Freeman, Chief of Game Management, Montana Fish and Game Commission; and George W. Buckman, Deputy Commissioner, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

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