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DUCK STAMP SALES INCREASE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today announced that the sale of Federal "duck stamps" totaled 1,565,860 during the 1964-65 fiscal year ending last June 30. The sale was 110,374 more than the previous year and marked the third successive year of gain.

Every person 16 years of age and older is required to have one of the \$3 revenue stamps on his person when hunting migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese, brant, and swans). Proceeds from the duck stamps are used by Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to purchase refuges for migratory birds and to obtain easements on land needed for waterfowl nesting and resting.

The stamp sales have produced more than \$88 million since they were authorized in 1934 to aid in restoring waterfowl populations.

The record sale of duck stamps--2,369,940--occurred in 1955-56. During the period from 1946 to 1959 the annual sale was about or just under two million. The higher sales occurred during a period when waterfowl was more plentiful, hunting regulations were more liberal, and the number of hunters was greater.

Californians bought the largest number of duck stamps during the last year, a total of 135,291; Minnesota was second with 128,631.

The sale in flyways, States and other jurisdictions, with 1963-64 flyway totals in parentheses:

Atlantic flyway, 279,861 (276,292): Connecticut 7,834; Delaware 7,815; District of Columbia 2,267; Florida 26,029; Georgia 7,644; Maine 10,997; Maryland 24,144; Massachusetts 12,918; New Hampshire 4,630; New Jersey 22,462; New York 53,917; North Carolina 23,479; Pennsylvania 37,923; Rhode Island 2,122; South Carolina 13,039; Vermont 4,292; Virginia 16,609; West Virginia 1,263; Puerto Rico 477.

Mississippi Flyway, 663,148 (572,310): Alabama 13,824; Arkansas 34,838; Illinois 53,229; Indiana 16,945; Iowa 37,612; Kentucky 7,146; Louisiana 86,046; Michigan 79,268; Minnesota 128,631; Mississippi 16,145; Missouri 38,148; Ohio 25,178; Tennessee 21,616; Wisconsin 104,522.

Central Flyway 293,114 (275,933): Colorado 26,275; Kansas 27,801; Montana 20,779; Nebraska 28,732; New Mexico 5,088; North Dakota 39,120; Oklahoma 21,566; South Dakota 34,668; Texas 83,392; Wyoming 5,693.

Pacific Flyway 320,799 (323,408): Alaska 8,826; Arizona 8,432; California 135,291; Idaho 25,141; Nevada 9,591; Oregon 43,702; Utah 25,621; Washington 64,175; Hawaii 20.

In addition to these sales 8,938 duck stamps were sold to collectors.

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