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DEADLINE NEARS FOR DUCK STAMP CONTEST, INTERIOR ANNOUNCES

The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife today reminded artists intending to enter the annual Federal "duck stamp" contest that entries must be in the mail before midnight November 15. Next year's Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamp will be chosen from entries which meet the deadline.

John S. Gottschalk, Bureau Director, urged submission of designs showing species of waterfowl that hve never appeared on the "duck stamp." Species yet to be featured include cinnamon teal; red-breasted and hooded mergansers; white-winged, common, and surf scoters; old-squaw, Barrow's goldeneye, fulvous and black-bellied tree ducks; emperor, cackling and Ross' geese.

Mr. Gottschalk said a drawing of any species of North American waterfowl will be eligible, however, with the exception of pintail, mallard, canvasback, brant, or nene (Hawaiian goose). Because these five species appeared on duck stamps within the past five years, they will not be considered for next year's stamp.

All persons 16 years of age or older who hunt migratory waterfowl are required to have a duck stamp in addition to a State hunting license. All receipts from the sale of these $3 stamps, less the cost of printing and distribution, are used by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to acquire habitat areas for migratory waterfowl.

Drawings must be sent to the Office of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240. A free copy of the "rules for the Annual Duck Stamp Design Contest," plus the agreement covering reproduction rights, are available from the same office.

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