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DUCK STAMP SALES DECLINE DURING FISCAL YEAR 1948

Final reports received by the Fish and Wildlife Service from the Post Office Department on the sales of Federal "duck stamps" during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, show that a total of 1,722,677 of these stamps were sold to sportsmen, conservationists, and philatelists, Albert M. Day, Director of the Service, announced today.

This represents a decrease of 294,142 from the all-time high record of 2,016,819 stamps purchased during fiscal year 1947. Mr. Day attributed the decline to the drastic waterfowl hunting regulations of 1947 which were designed to bring about a very substantial reduction in the kill of ducks and geese.

The largest sale in any one state during fiscal year 1948 was 145,926 in Minnesota. California was second with 137,279, and Texas and Michigan third and fourth, with 121,156 and 91,334.

Other states in the first ten line-up were Wisconsin, 91,326; Illinois, 81,753; Washington, 74,937; Louisiana, 62,998; Oregon 60,390; and South Dakota, 53,513.

Sold for \$1 at post offices, the duck stamps provide funds that help finance the Federal Government's wildlife refuge programs. Every person over 16 years of age who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have on his person one of the stamps of current issue with his signature in ink across its face. Many of these stamps are purchased annually by collectors. The Post Office Department's philatelic agency in Washington, D. C., alone reported a sale of 10,743 during fiscal year 1948.

Sales at post offices in the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico during fiscal year 1948 were as follows, the state's ranking in sales totals being shown in parenthesis:

Alabama (34), 11,210; Alaska (44), 4,113; Arizona (38), 7,427; Arkansas (16), 44,788; California (2), 137,279; Colorado (22), 28,217; Connecticut (40), 6,692.

Delaware (46), 3,284; District of Columbia (50), 1,153; Florida (26), 19,369; Georgia (43), 4,143; Hawaii (52), 104; Idaho (18), 39,470; Illinois (6), 81,753; Indiana (28), 17,038; Iowa (11), 52,719;

Kansas (17), 39,754; Kentucky (42), 5,502; Louisiana (8), 62,998; Maine (35), 10,905; Maryland (32), 12,195; Massachusetts (30), 15,780; Michigan (4), 91,334; Minnesota (1), 145,926; Mississippi (27), 17,322; Missouri (12), 50,733; Montana (21), 31,460.

Nebraska (13), 49,604; Nevada (37), 8,586; New Hampshire (45), 3,428; New Jersey (29), 16,948; New Mexico (41), 6,357; New York (14), 48,029; North Carolina (31), 12,741; North Dakota (15), 47,750;

Ohio (23), 27,087; Oklahoma (19), 33,935; Oregon (9) 60,390; Pennsylvania (20), 32,841; Rhode Island (48), 2,595; South Carolina (39), 6,959; South Dakota (10), 53,513;

Tennessee (25), 19,830; Texas (3), 121,156; Utah (24), 25,522; Vermont (47), 3,161; Virginia (33), 11,418; Washington (7), 74,937; West Virginia (49), 2,243; Wisconsin (5), 91,326; Wyoming (36), 8,658; and Puerto Rico (51), 252.

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