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FEDERAL DUCK STAMP SALES REGISTER DECLINES IN 1957

Federal "duck stamp" sales in fiscal year 1957 dipped below the previous year's all-time high record, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ross Leffler announced today.

A total of 2,332,014 stamps of the 1956-57 issue was sold to hunters of migratory waterfowl, conservationists, and philatelists, according to final figures supplied to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife by the Post Office Department, the agency responsible for distributing and selling the stamps. This is 37,926 less than last year's record total of 2,369,940.

Sales of duck stamps, according to Director Daniel H. Janzen of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, provide the best available index to the number and location of waterfowl hunters throughout the country.

As an indicator of hunting pressure, duck stamp sales for fiscal year 1956 were grouped, for the first time, by waterfowl flyways. The 1957 total on the same basis, with 1956 figures in parentheses, are as follows: Atlantic Flyway, 378,753 (387,035); Mississippi Flyway, 1,022,695 (1,019,145); Central Flyway, 491,272 (523,630); and the Pacific Flyway, 428,487 (430,597).

Individually, by States, California again headed the 1957 list, with a total of 180,300. Other States recording sales in excess of 100,000 were: Texas, 166,268; Minnesota, 150,550; Michigan, 140,648; Wisconsin, 130,306; Illinois, 117,650; and Louisiana, 102,734.

Many duck stamps are also purchased annually by stamp collectors. The Post Office Department's Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C., reported the sale of 10,807 stamps during fiscal year 1957. This compares with 9,533 in the previous year.

Sold for \$2 at post offices, the proceeds from duck stamp sales help finance the Federal Government's waterfowl refuge and law enforcement programs. Every individual who has attained the age of 16 years and who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have on his person a stamp of current issue with his signature written across the face.

Attached is a tabulation of sales for fiscal year 1957, by flyways.

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MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMP SALES
JULY 1, 1956 to JUNE 30, 1957

ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES

Connecticut.....	8,725
Delaware.....	7,905
District of Columbia...	2,483
Florida.....	40,862
Georgia.....	12,405
Maine.....	12,861
Maryland.....	28,326
Massachusetts.....	22,197
New Hampshire.....	5,088
New Jersey.....	26,600
New York.....	73,697
North Carolina.....	30,318
Pennsylvania.....	51,860
Rhode Island.....	3,350
South Carolina.....	17,613
Vermont.....	4,684
Virginia.....	26,633
West Virginia.....	2,942
Puerto Rico.....	<u>204</u>

Subtotal.....378,753

CENTRAL FLYWAY STATES

Colorado.....	36,289
Kansas.....	46,845
Montana.....	33,970
Nebraska.....	56,502
New Mexico.....	8,886
North Dakota.....	44,300
Oklahoma.....	44,399
South Dakota.....	43,368
Texas.....	166,268
Wyoming.....	<u>10,445</u>

Subtotal.....491,272

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY STATES

Alabama.....	20,245
Arkansas.....	55,136
Illinois.....	117,650
Indiana.....	47,659
Iowa.....	57,505
Kentucky.....	18,622
Louisiana.....	102,734
Michigan.....	140,648
Minnesota.....	150,550
Mississippi.....	20,598
Missouri.....	72,873
Ohio.....	46,738
Tennessee.....	41,431
Wisconsin.....	<u>130,306</u>

Subtotal.....1,022,695

PACIFIC FLYWAY STATES

Alaska.....	9,428
Arizona.....	9,251
California.....	180,300
Idaho.....	34,945
Nevada.....	11,288
Oregon.....	65,264
Utah.....	32,011
Washington.....	85,997
Hawaii.....	<u>3</u>

Subtotal.....428,487

ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES.....	378,753
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY STATES.....	1,022,695
CENTRAL FLYWAY STATES.....	491,272
PACIFIC FLYWAY STATES.....	428,487
PHILATELIC AGENCY.....	<u>10,807</u>

GRAND TOTAL 2,332,014