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TENTH ANNUAL FEDERAL "DUCK STAMP" DESIGN CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The tenth annual Federal "duck stamp" contest to select a design for the 1959-60 issue of these stamps which waterfowl hunters must purchase will open this year on August 1 and close on November 3, the Department of the Interior announced today.

Wildlife artists who desire to enter their drawings in the contest should submit them on or before the deadline date to the Office of Information, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C. Judging of the designs will take place in November by a committee composed of waterfowl authorities.

This year artists are being asked to submit drawings which show a retriever in action. The idea has been suggested by several conservation organizations whose members are anxious to promote a campaign to reduce crippling losses by the use of retriever dogs while hunting. Crippling losses are now estimated to be approximately 25 percent of the annual kill of migratory waterfowl.

Designs submitted which do not show a retriever at work will not be eliminated from the contest judging. Each design will be judged on its merit. Artists submitting such designs are reminded that the subject must be a true-to-life portrait of waterfowl. The species depicted should be readily identifiable and shown in position and plumage "as the hunter sees them."

In the case of waterfowl portrait-type entries, preference will be given in the judging to species which have not been used on a stamp within the past five years. The retriever type of design, however, may use any species of waterfowl.

All interested artists are eligible to enter the contest and may submit as many designs as they wish. Upon request to the Service, prospective contestants will be sent a leaflet containing contest rules and suggestions, along with a copy of the agreement covering reproduction rights. This agreement is to be signed and returned to the Service prior to the contest judging. If an artist submits more than one design, he is required to sign a separate agreement for each one.

A free copy of the leaflet, "Rules for the Annual Federal Duck Stamp Contest" is available to interested artists by writing to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Information, Washington 25, D. C.

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