



water and marsh pollution as a result of these developments is increasing. Damage to waterfowl habitat will be immeasurable and the preservation of sections of this area is of vital importance to the preservation of waterfowl in the Atlantic area, Fish and Wildlife officials said.

The addition to the Brigantine Refuge consists of land which is in immediate danger of being lost for waterfowl purposes. At a previous meeting the Commission authorized acquisition of 1,219 acres. The Refuge contains 13,112 acres, exclusive of the two authorizations.

The Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge is important to migrating ducks and nests many mallards and a smaller number of Great Basin Canada geese.

Acquisition of 2,890 acres for the Lake Nettie National Wildlife Refuge was authorized pending a recheck on the Garrison Reclamation Project plans. Part of this area is now being managed as a refuge under easements. It is an important production area.

The additional 841 acres authorized for the existing Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge in Currituck County, North Carolina, and Princess Anne County, Virginia, is primarily to provide winter grazing for the greater snow goose. The additional grazing area will reduce waterfowl depredations on privately owned farms.

The Commission also asked Secretary Udall to intensify his efforts to prevent the Department of Defense from locating a proposed low level practice bombing range in the area of great waterfowl concentrations near Lake Mattamuskeet in North Carolina.

The members of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission are: Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, chairman; Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman; Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges; Senator Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska; Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana; Congressman Frank L. Karsten of Missouri; and Congressman Leon H. Gavin of Pennsylvania.

Ex Officio Members for this meeting were: Mr. Norman P. Knott, Chief, Division of Lands, Department of Game, Washington; Mr. Russell Stuart, Commissioner, Game and Fish Department, North Dakota; Mr. Stuart Critcher, Federal Aid Coordinator, Wildlife Resources Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina; and Mr. Norman G. Wilder, Director of Conservation, Board of Game and Fish Commissioners, Delaware.

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