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## MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION REAPPROVES ADDITIONS TO EIGHT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission voted reapproval on March 25 of additions to eight national wildlife refuges in the eastern half of the United States. Reapprovals were necessary because of increased prices that are drastically reducing the acreage which can be set aside for waterfowl.

Refuges and acreage involved were Iroquois in New York (806), Great Swamp in New Jersey (701), Erie in Pennsylvania (583), Yazoo in Mississippi (816), Muscatatuck in Indiana (1,571), Sherburne in Minnesota (3,193), Tamarac in Minnesota (120), and Rice Lake in Minnesota (826).

New members of the Commission are Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel (chairman), Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin, Secretary of Transportation John Volpe, Senator Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma, and Representative John Dingell of Michigan. Holdover members are Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana and Representative Silvio Conte of Massachusetts.

Ex officio members of the Commission, representing State fish and game agencies, who attended the meeting in Washington were Charles Brown of New York, Lester MacNamara of New Jersey, Nicholas Vukovich of Pennsylvania, Johnny Laney of Mississippi, David Herbst of Indiana, and David Vesall of Minnesota.

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