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THREE DUCKS UNLIMITED ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Ducks Unlimited Canada, and Ducks Unlimited de Mexico have received the prestigious International Canvasback Award from the North American Waterfowl Management Plan for "outstanding contributions to the continent's waterfowl and wetlands resources," according to Mollie Beattie, Director of Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Without question, the successes we've achieved through the North American Plan would not have been possible without the three DU organizations," said Beattie. "They have been an invaluable partner in conserving wetland ecosystems that support a vast array of waterfowl and other wildlife."

The awards are conferred annually by the International Plan Committee, made up of members from Canada, Mexico, and the United States, for substantial long-term contributions on a continent-wide basis. The North American Waterfowl Management Plan is an agreement among the three countries to reverse the continent's loss of wetlands and stem the decline in populations of waterfowl and other migratory birds, carried out through joint ventures with public and private sector partners.

"Ducks Unlimited has served on every joint venture, making major commitments of its resources in acquisitions and on-the-ground work in key habitat areas in the three countries, in advocacy of the program, and in playing a leadership role with other conservation partners," said Beattie. "On behalf of the Plan committee and the Service, I am pleased to extend my congratulations and appreciation for DU's truly exemplary contributions."

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