

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

Resolution #84-35-GB

ALASKA WATERFOWL STAMP

WHEREAS, Alaska produces a fall flight of some 10 million ducks, one million Geese and 90,000 swans that benefit all four flyways, Canada, Mexico and other Pacific Rim countries; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska plays a principal role in the management of Pacific Flyway waterfowl; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is committed to the conservation of its waterfowl and wetland habitat resources; and

WHEREAS, twenty-eight other states currently reap substantial revenues from state waterfowl stamp programs; and

WHEREAS, revenues from the federal duck stamp have not been expended in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, a state waterfowl stamp program would provide an opportunity for art and stamp collectors, and the public nation-wide, to contribute to a majority of the financial support of Alaska waterfowl management, thereby benefiting the Alaska public; and

WHEREAS, requiring waterfowl hunters to possess a state stamp would ensure the viability, stability and revenue potentials of the stamp program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Game urges the Alaska Legislature to enact a bill for a state waterfowl conservation stamp program that requires waterfowl hunters in Alaska to possess a state waterfowl stamp, authorizes the Department of Fish and Game to effect nationwide sales of stamps and art prints to the public, and ensures that derived revenues will be used for the conservation, protection and enhancement of Alaska's waterfowl and wetland resources for the benefit of all Alaskans.

Brenda Johnson, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

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