

# ALASKA STATE WATERFOWL STAMP PROGRAM

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## Abstract

As authorized by 1984 legislation, the Alaska waterfowl stamp program was initiated in 1985. The first year of the program was the most successful in the history of state programs. Approximately \$900,000 was generated from sales of "first-of-state" prints and stamps featuring a trio of emperor geese by Daniel Smith. Funds from stamp sales have been deposited in the Fish and Game fund and are reserved for waterfowl work. Revenues from the sales of prints will be deposited in the State General Fund. The governor has requested that these funds be appropriated to a five-year Capital Improvement Project account which may be used for waterfowl habitat acquisition and enhancement.

Since habitat acquisition and enhancement are very expensive and future revenues from the stamp program are expected to decline, ADF&G is compiling a list of potential projects for evaluation. Agencies and private citizens are encouraged to suggest projects that address a known or demonstrable problem and that have a feasible solution. Examples of projects currently being considered are a Canada goose transplant to Kodiak Island and habitat enhancement projects on Potter's Marsh and Creamer's Field State Game Refuges.

The 1986 stamp will feature the Steller's Eider by James Meger and the subject of the 1987 stamp is the Spectacled Eider.

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