 INFORMATION PAPER

Electronic Federal Duck Stamp Program

This document addresses the details of Nevada’s participation in the US Fish and Wildlife Service’s (USFWS) Electronic Federal Duck Stamp Program beginning in 2015.

WHAT IS IT?

The Electronic Federal Duck Stamp temporarily:

“…bestows upon the licensee the same privileges as are bestowed by an actual stamp…is recognized nationally as a valid Federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp… and authorizes the licensee to hunt migratory waterfowl in any other State, in accordance with the laws of the other State governing that hunting.”

BACKGROUND

- Pilot program initiated in 2005. In 2014 the USFWS invited additional states to submit applications to participate in the program
- Nevada selected in 2015 to participate, and joins 17 other states offering the electronic stamp
- Federal/State Authority
  - Public Law 109 – 266: Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2005
  - Senate Bill 41: Change to NRS 503.135

HOW DO I PURCHASE THE ELECTRONIC STAMP?

- Visit any of NDOW’s seven customer service locations
- Visit NDOW’s consumer website (www.ndowlicensing.com)
- Visit NDOW’s license agents who use the Point of Sale (POS) system
- By phone at 1 (866) 703-4605 (toll free)

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1 Public Law 109–266, §§2–9.
2 Elko, Ely, Winnemucca, Fallon, Reno, Las Vegas and Henderson
3 List of license agents who use the POS systems can be found at http://www.ndow.org/Forms_and_Resources/General_Licenses/
• Physical stamps will continue to be available at most US post offices, but due to Nevada’s participation in this USFWS electronic stamp program, the physical stamps are no longer available for sale at NDOW offices, or at those select license agents who, in the past, have obtained the physical stamps directly from the USFWS. All such agents received letters from the USFWS informing them of this change.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

• When the hunter purchases the electronic stamp it will print on their NV license, just like any other stamp privilege does now. (The stamp will print as “Fed eDuck Stamp.” See license format examples below)

• The electronic stamp is valid for 45 days from date of purchase. The valid period will also print on the license. With this temporary privilege, the license holder can immediately hunt waterfowl, in any state, under the authority of possessing the Federal stamp, without possession of the actual physical stamp
  
  o While hunting waterfowl in other states, those who possess the Nevada license reflective of this electronic stamp during its valid period may do so legally, as this documented proof must be honored by other state’s wildlife law enforcement officials

  o For nonresidents who hunt waterfowl in Nevada, our game wardens must also honor similar documentation reflective of the electronic Federal stamp if issued to hunters by other states. (A list of the states currently offering the electronic stamp this year is provided below)

• The USFWS’s fulfillment vendor, Amplex, will receive sales confirmation, along with client’s name and mailing address, from NDOW. Amplex will then mail the physical stamp directly to the client. Stamps will be mailed to the client in advance of the expiration of the 45-day valid “privilege” period

• After the expiration of the temporary electronic stamp, the client must then have the physical stamp in their possession for waterfowl hunting, as they have done historically

WHAT DOES IT COST?

• Earlier this year Congress approved the increased price of the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp (i.e., the Duck Stamp) from $15.00 to $25.00. NDOW sales price for the new electronic stamp is $27.00⁴, which allows for processing fees by Amplex and NDOW, and an agent commission equal to other stamp sales

⁴Those using the consumer website will pay an additional $2.00 internet fee.
PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Program was addressed at previous Commission meetings
- POS License Agents advised by letter on August 20\textsuperscript{th}
- Internal email sent to all NDOW law enforcement staff on September 3\textsuperscript{rd}
- Program details included in NDOW’s 2015/2016 migratory game bird brochure, as well as on our website
- Email blast sent week of September 7\textsuperscript{th} to those who have purchased the State Duck Stamp
- News Release sent week of September 7\textsuperscript{th}

Any questions regarding this program may be directed to NDOW’s License Agent Office at 775-688-1514.

EXAMPLES OF NDOW LICENSE FORMATS

(Electronic stamp description on NDOW license documents reads “\textbf{Fed eDuck Stamp}”)

\textbf{Point of Sales-style license format} (sold by our counter staff and through POS license agents). Note the “valid from” and “Thru” dates indicating the 45-day valid period.
Consumer website-style license format. Note the “issued date” and “valid from” and valid until” date indicating the 45-day valid period.

OTHER STATES CURRENTLY OFFERING THE ELECTRONIC FEDERAL STAMP
(As of September 2015—More states are expected to participate in this program in the coming years)

ARKANSAS  MICHIGAN  NORTH DAKOTA
COLORADO  MINNESOTA  PENNSYLVANIA
FLORIDA  MISSISSIPPI  TEXAS
IDAHO  MISSOURI  VIRGINIA
LOUISIANA  NEBRASKA  WISCONSIN
MARYLAND