

STAFF SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 14-15, 2022

15. CALIFORNIA STATE DUCK STAMP SPECIES, 2023-2027 (CONSENT)**Today's Item**Information ☐Action ☒

Receive and consider for approval DFW recommendations for species to be depicted on the California State Duck Stamp, 2023-2027

Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)**Background**

Pursuant to Section 3700.2(e) of California Fish and Game Code, FGC shall determine the form of the California State Duck Stamp. In previous years, FGC has selected the waterfowl species to depict on the stamp in five-year increments. The species selections guide the annual State Duck Stamp Contest and the final artwork depicted on the annual stamp is the winner from each year's contest.

DFW recommends species that are popular with the hunting public and celebrated for their uniqueness (Exhibit 1). For the 2023-2027 period, DFW recommends approval of ring-necked duck, mallard, cinnamon teal, white-fronted goose, and Ross' goose. Exhibit 1 contains a list of the species used each year from 1971 to present and indicates the number of times each of these recommended species have appeared on previous stamps.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: Under a motion to adopt the consent calendar, approve DFW's recommendation for the 2023-2027 duck stamp species as presented in Exhibit 1.

DFW: Approve the 2023-2027 duck stamp species as recommended.

Exhibits

1. [DFW memo, received Dec 2, 2022](#)

Motion

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____, that the Commission adopts the staff recommendations for items 11 through 15 on the consent calendar.

Memorandum

Date: November 29, 2022

To: Melissa Miller-Henson
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

From: Charlton H. Bonham
Director

Subject: **Agenda Item for the December 15, 2022 Fish and Game Commission Meeting Regarding Species Depicted on the State Duck Stamp**

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code sections 3700.2 (e), the Fish and Game Commission shall determine the form of the California State Duck Stamp. Historically, the Department has provided recommendations for the species to be depicted on the stamp for 5-year periods. Attached is a list of the species portrayed on the California State Duck Stamp since inception (1971) with the recommendation for the 2023-2027 period.

California has a rich waterfowl heritage: approximately 40 species and subspecies of ducks and geese are routinely found here in winter and 18 species nest within the state. Over the 46-year existence of the California State Duck Stamp, 19 different species or subspecies have been portrayed on the State Duck Stamp. For the next five years, the Department is recommending species believed to be popular with the hunting public, in addition to those species that are celebrated for their uniqueness: ring-necked duck (depicted once), mallard (depicted 5 times), cinnamon teal (depicted 3 times), white-fronted goose (depicted 3 times), and Ross' goose (never depicted).

The artwork depicted on the California Duck Stamp is the winner from the State Duck Stamp Contest held annually, in early summer.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Scott Gardner, Wildlife Branch Chief.

Attachment

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Year	CA Duck Stamp Species
1971	Pintail
1972	Canvasback
1973	Mallard
1974	White-fronted goose
1975	Green-winged teal
1976	Wigeon
1977	Cinnamon teal
1978	Hooded Merganser
1979	Wood duck
1980	Pintail
1981	Canvasback
1982	Wigeon
1983	Green-winged teal
1984	Mallard decoy
1985	Ring-necked duck
1986	Cackling Canada goose
1987	Redhead
1988	Mallard
1989	Cinnamon teal
1990	Canada goose
1991	Gadwall
1992	White-fronted goose
1993	Pintail
1994	Wood duck
1995	Snow Goose
1996	Mallard
1997	Pintail
1998	Green-winged teal
1999	Wood duck
2000	Canada goose
2001	Canvasback
2002	Pintail
2003	Mallard
2004	Cinnamon teal
2005	Pintail
2006	White-fronted goose
2007	Pintail
2008	Mallard
2009	Northern Shoveler

Year	CA Duck Stamp Species
2011	Barrow's Goldeneye
2012	Aleutian Canada goose
2013	Wigeon
2014	Scaup
2015	Green winged-teal
2016	Snow goose
2017	Ruddy duck
2018	Brant
2019	Pintail
2020	Canvasback
2021	Gadwall
2022	Canada goose
2023	<i>Ring-necked duck*</i>
2024	<i>Mallard*</i>
2025	<i>Cinnamon teal*</i>
2026	<i>White-fronted goose*</i>
2027	<i>Ross' goose*</i>

***Proposed**