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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S ORDER NO. 2015-001

Date: APR 04 2015

Subject: Strategy for Enforcing the 2014 Amendments to the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (Duck Stamp Act)

Sec. 1 What is the purpose of this Order? This Order provides the Regional Director's (RD) policy on the implementation and enforcement of the Alaska specific provision of the 2014 Amendments to the Duck Stamp Act. This Order will serve as guidance to our law enforcement officers when advising and conducting compliance checks of migratory waterfowl hunters in the field.

Sec. 2 What is the scope of this Order? This Order applies to Service Law Enforcement Officers assigned or detailed to Region 7.

Sec. 3 What is the authority of this Order? The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act; 16 U.S.C. §718(a)(2) as amended. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act; 16 U.S.C. §703-712 and regulations promulgated thereof in 50 C.F.R. Part 92. The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act; 16 U.S.C. §3113, Section 803.

Sec. 4 What is the Regional Director's policy for implementing the Alaska specific provision of the 2014 Duck Stamp Act Amendment? Service Law Enforcement Officers will consider the following guidelines when enforcing the Duck Stamp Act in Alaska with respect to: 1) who is qualified for this exemption; 2) where they may hunt waterfowl for subsistence uses; and 3) when (or during what seasons) this exemption applies:

1) **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO HUNT WITHOUT A DUCK STAMP?** A *permanent resident*, as defined in 50 CFR Part 92.4, of rural Alaska qualified either through the rural determination process of ANILCA or an *eligible person* of an *included area* as those terms are described in 50 CFR Part 92.4 and 92.5, respectively.

2) **WHERE CAN QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS HUNT WITHOUT A DUCK STAMP?** A *permanent resident* of rural Alaska may hunt migratory waterfowl without a Federal duck stamp anywhere in Alaska.

3) WHEN MAY QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS HUNT WITHOUT A DUCK STAMP? A *permanent resident* of rural Alaska may hunt migratory waterfowl without a Federal duck stamp during any legal season in Alaska for which they are qualified to hunt. *Permanent residents* of rural Alaska may hunt waterfowl without a Federal duck stamp in Alaska during the spring/summer subsistence season and the fall season if they are *eligible persons* living in an *included area* described in 50 CFR Part 92.4 and 92.5, respectively. *Permanent residents* of rural Alaska who are not *eligible persons* living in an *included area* may only hunt waterfowl without a stamp in Alaska during the fall season.

Sec. 5 What is the effective date of this Order? This order is effective immediately and will expire on June 1, 2017, unless amended, superseded, or otherwise revoked by the Regional Director.

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