## MDC Now Only Offers Federal Duck Stamps Online

Due to declining sales of physical Federal Duck Stamps at its offices where hunting permits are sold, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will no longer sell physical stamps at its offices.

Waterfowl hunters can still buy Federal Duck Stamps electronically through MDC's online permit website at <a href="mailto:mdc.mo.gov/buypermits">mdc.mo.gov/buypermits</a> or through its mobile app MO Hunting. For MO Hunting users, Federal Duck Stamps bought through MDC's website or the app will appear on the app. Learn more about MO Hunting at <a href="https://bit.lv/2LsOCJg">https://bit.lv/2LsOCJg</a>.

When you buy an electronic Federal Duck Stamp, it is valid as a Federal Duck Stamp for 45 days from the date of purchase. Within that time, a physical Duck Stamp will be mailed to you. If you purchase the Federal Duck Stamp electronically from MDC, the stamp will show up on the MO Hunting app or can be printed immediately after purchasing. After 45 days, you must carry your current, signed Federal Duck Stamp while hunting.

According to MDC, out of the 33,300 duck stamps sold through the Department last year, only around 500 were bought at MDC offices, or about 1.5 percent. The rest were purchased online.

Waterfowl hunters can still purchase physical Federal Duck stamps at select U.S Postal Service locations. For more information, visit <u>usps.com</u>, call 800-782-6724, or contact a local post office.

For more information on the Federal Duck Stamp program, go online to <a href="mailto:fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp.php">fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp.php</a>.