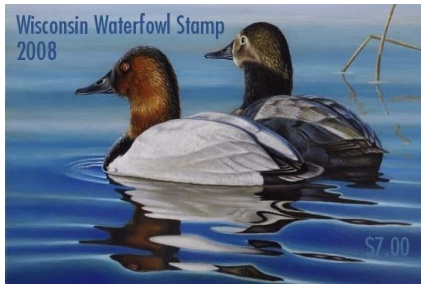


Creation of the *Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp*



- First issued in 1978 at a price of \$3.25
- Authorized by statute

The department shall expend 67% of the money received from fees for waterfowl hunting stamps for developing, managing, preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitat and for producing waterfowl and ecologically related species of wildlife.

and,

The department shall expend 33% of the money received from fees for waterfowl hunting stamps for the development of waterfowl propagation areas within Canada which will provide waterfowl for this state and the Mississippi flyway.

Wisconsin State Statutes

- The stamp price was increased in 1991 to \$5.25 and again in 1997 to \$7.00



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***Wisconsin
Waterfowl
Stamp:***

***Past,
Present,
and...***

\$13,236,927 for Waterfowl Habitat Work!

The Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp has generated \$13,236,927 for habitat work since the stamp was authorized in 1978. One-third of this money is sent to Canada to implement habitat projects that benefit Wisconsin and Mississippi flyway hunters. Two-thirds of the money – over \$8.7 million – has been used for Wisconsin habitat projects that benefit waterfowl and associated wildlife and the people who enjoy them.

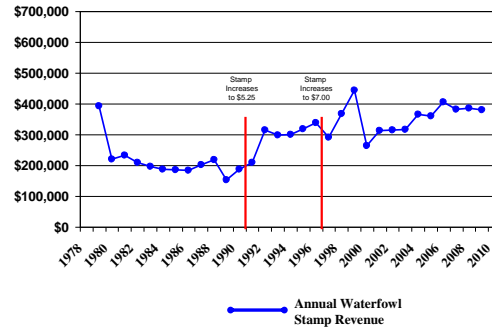
Priority in Wisconsin is given to four categories of habitat projects:

- Wetland restoration
- Major renovation of wetland infrastructure
- Intensive wetland management
- Wetland development

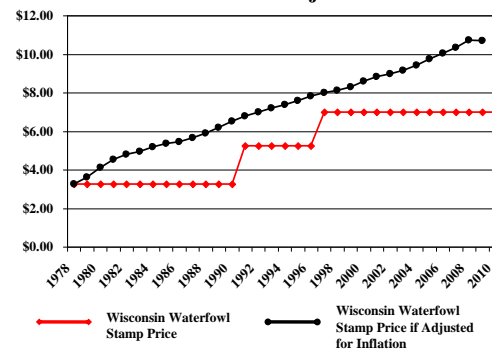
However, the price of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp has not been raised for 13 years. Inflation, an increasing public land base, and the cost of maintenance for our significant wetland infrastructure means many habitat activities are going unfunded.

Consider: it can cost as much as \$60,000 to renovate a mile of dike.

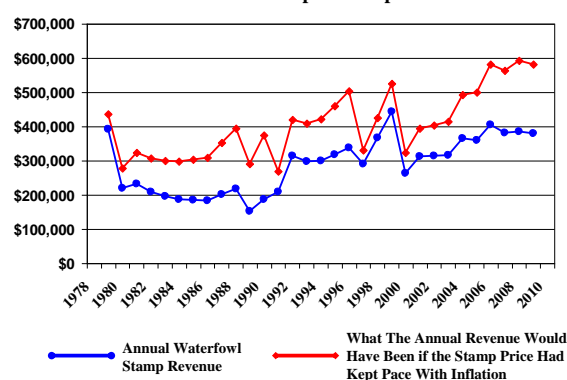
Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp Annual Revenue For Wisconsin Habitat Work



Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp – Actual Price vs. Price If Adjusted for Inflation



Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp Annual Revenue - Actual Revenue vs. Revenue If Stamp Had Kept Pace With Inflation



Consider: If the Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp had kept pace with inflation, an additional \$3,656,000 would have been raised for Wisconsin habitat work.

The Future?

Is it time for a Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp price increase to fund critical waterfowl habitat work?

Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp Price Scenarios

(assuming stable stamp sales)

\$7 = Stamp Price (unchanged)

Total Annual Revenue = \$567,000
 \$ for Wisconsin habitat = \$379,890
 \$ for Canadian habitat = \$187,110

\$10 = Stamp Price

Total Annual Revenue = \$810,000
 \$ for Wisconsin habitat = \$542,700
 \$ for Canadian habitat = \$267,300

\$12.50 = Stamp Price

Total Annual Revenue = \$1,012,500
 \$ for Wisconsin habitat = \$678,375
 \$ for Canadian habitat = \$334,125

\$15 = Stamp Price

Total Annual Revenue = \$1,215,000
 \$ for Wisconsin habitat = \$814,050
 \$ for Canadian habitat = \$400,950

Consider: The Wisconsin DNR manages 278 miles of dike and 656 water control structures. One estimate suggests that maintenance and renovation of this infrastructure would require \$1 million annually.