California looking for duck stamp artists

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking waterfowl artists to submit original artwork for the 2018-19 California duck stamp art contest. Submissions will be accepted from May 11-June 11.

The contest is open to U.S. residents who are 18 years or older as of March 5, 2018. Entrants need not reside in California.

The winning artwork will be reproduced on the 2018-19 California duck stamp. The top submissions will also be showcased at the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association's annual art show in July.

The artwork must depict the brant, a species of goose.

The design is to be in full color and in the medium (or combination of mediums) of the artist's choosing, except that no photographic process, digital art, metallic paints or fluorescent paints may be used in the finished design. Photographs, computer-generated art, art produced from a computer printer or other computer/mechanical output device (air brush method excepted) are not eligible and will be disqualified. The design must be the contestant's original hand-drawn creation. The entry design may not be copied or duplicated from previously published art, including photographs, or from images in any format published on the Internet.

All entries must be accompanied by a completed participation agreement and entry form. These forms and the official rules are available **online**.

Entries will be judged at a public event in June.