DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species How many? GREATER SCAUP 1 ♂

Location? WELCH LAKE WPA, DICKINSON COUNTY

Type of habitat? OPEN WATER WETLAND

When? date(s): 7/31/99 Time: 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM

Who? your name and address LEE A SCHOENEWE
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Others with you GARY GRANGE

Others before and after you NONE

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also describe voice and behavior: I HAD SEEN A MALE SCAUP IN ECLIPSE PLUMAGE ON 7/25/99 WITH BAD LIGHT IN THE EVENING AND THOUGHT WING FLAPPING SHOWED EXTENDED WING STRIPE. RELOCATED THE BIRD ON THE SAME LARGE POND TODAY. BILL WAS BLUE-GRAY WITH A BLACK TIP. HEAD WAS ROUNDED WITH A LOW SLOPE TO THE FOREHEAD. HEAD, NECK AND UPPER BREAST WERE DARK BROWN WITH A GRAYISH BAND ON THE LOWER NECK. BACK WAS MOTTLED BROWN WITH LIGHTER GRAY ON THE BELLY + FLANKS. SIZE EQUAL TO OR LARGER THAN NEARBY MALLARDS. WHEN FLUSHED, WHITE WING STRIPE EXTENDED TO PRIMARIES

Similar species and how eliminated: LESSER SCAUP – HEAD SHAPE, SIZE OF BILL AND WING STRIPE

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: FULL SUN; 50–100 YDS; 8X40 BINOCULARS
20X–60X SCOPE

Previous experience with this species and similar ones:
ANNUAL SIGHTINGS IN MIGRATION + WINTER

References and persons consulted before writing description:
NONE

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATELY

this form completed? 5 HOURS

Mail original form to field editor for this season.