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Dear Fred,

I have been working closely with Dennis Anderson and Dave Haell on the Louisiana shootout of our ducks. It's a crying shame something of this magnitude has been going on for so long, as our ducks have been in that long term population slide, and many people have looked the other way rather than confronting the issue. I am, and have been downhearted about the ducks situation for years, and have supported the Delta waterfowl and wetlands research station, and their peoples thoughts of shooting less ducks, thus to return more ducks to the available habitat. I see large amounts of habitat that are virtually duckless, and they (Feds) are still giving states various options & programs that permit the killing of more ducks. When will this stop? If not soon, Fred, it will indeed be too late. The N.A.W.M.P. calls for habitat acquisitions and population goals, but nothing mentioned on the gunning pressure & it's severe cut into our breeders. I'm an activist — for our ducks sake! I am spending lots of energy and time & money, trying to do something about this situation, or should I say the complexity of the ducks' situation



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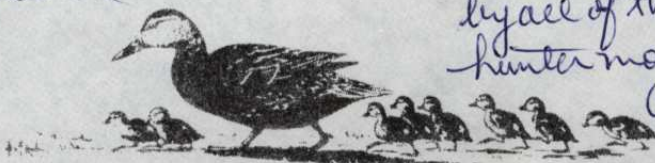
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I have written letters & articles, phone calls as well as telegrams (to Frank Dunkle) to our 'higher ups' in the governmental positions. These are Hawey Nelson (NAWMP director), Don Hodel, Frank Dunkle, Sparrowe (migratory Birds) as well as State Senators, Congressman & DOR officials.

I am teaching in hunter education programs as well as other seminars and such. We are rallying around a 'helicopter drive' and the Louisiana issue at this time. What I need from you Fred is some of your knowledge & caring attitude. By that I mean you have some much insight & experience. I need to get a hold of all that I can from you Fred, so I can help lead the way around our state to pass this information out to others, so we can band together & help our ducks. Any letters, and information, be it old or new will be greatly appreciated. I care, & I'm trying all I can to help. I will be putting on a seminar on May 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be airing Dave Hall's tapes and receiving the regulations and all other pertinent issues. We need to air & campaign on these issues for our ducks. Any input you can feed back to me on our valuable duck resource will be greatly appreciated. I thank you Fredie, deep from my heart, for your love & concern for our waterfowl. Take care & in touch. We're fighting!

Sincerely for our resources,  
Bill Gambold

P.S. Art Hawkins is very disturbed by all of the over-harvest & high hunter mortality. I will be in close touch with it. He will help me on various areas. He is a 'neighbor' (5 miles)



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