# Habitat Stamp Re-Authorization Generating a Greater Involvement from the General Public

# SB 235 – Building on Lessons Learned

# Product - Price - Place - Promotion

# SB 235 allows for flexibility and diversity of approaches for engaging the general public to support the Habitat Stamp Program. (page 6 line 18)

- Presently, running all sales through the license system is a hindrance to selling the program to the general public.
- The general public does not seek out license vendors.
- Current legislation does not synergize with USFWS policies and financial record keeping
  - Non-consumptive license sales are viewed as "program income" by the USFWS
  - Resulting in no net gain of revenues from "non-consumptive" stamp sales
- The new fund is necessary to allow CDOW partners to
  - create a new more attractive PRODUCT
  - PRICE the product competitively
  - sell the product in the most strategic PLACES, and
  - PROMOTE the product and program appropriately.

# Marketing Money Critical (page 7 line 6)

- SB 235 as proposed allows for only those dollars entering the new "Passport" fund to be spent on promotions and marketing in order to further expand and enhance the contributions of the general public to the Habitat Stamp Program.
- Funds raised through traditional license sales would not be spent on marketing.

# Matching Funds Required to Receive Habitat Stamp Grants (page 8 line 2)

- SB 235 requires a match from any grant applicant to be proven prior to the issuance of Habitat Stamp funds no such requirement exists in the current legislation.
- Ensures that hunters and fisherman will not have to "foot the bill" for the entire program in the future. Outside support will leverage the commitment of sportsmen and women.

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