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### Subpart A—Introduction

#### § 25.11 Purpose of regulations.

(a) The regulations in this subchapter govern general administration of units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, public notice of changes in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service policy regarding Refuge System units, issuance of permits required on Refuge System units and other administrative aspects involving the management of various units of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The regulations in this subchapter apply to areas of land and water held by the United States in fee title and to property interests in such land and water in less than fee, including but not limited to easements. For areas held in less than fee, the regulations in this subchapter apply only to the extent that the property interest held by the United States may be affected. The regulations in this subchapter also apply to and govern those areas of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal over which management responsibility has been transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-402, 106 Stat. 1961), before their establishment as a refuge and inclusion in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

(b) All national wildlife refuges are maintained for the primary purpose of developing a national program of wildlife and ecological conservation and rehabilitation. These refuges are established for the restoration, preservation, development and management of wildlife and wildlands habitat; for the protection and preservation of endangered or threatened species and their habitat; and for the management of wildlife and wildlands to obtain the maximum benefits from these resources.

[41 FR 9166, Mar. 3, 1976, as amended at 51 FR 7574, Mar. 5, 1986; 62 FR 47375, Sept. 9, 1997]

#### § 25.12 What do these terms mean?

(a) As used in the rules and regulations in this subchapter:

*Authorized official* means any Federal, State or local official empowered to enforce provisions of this subchapter C.

*Big game* means large game animals, including moose, elk, caribou, reindeer, musk ox, deer, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, pronghorn, bear, and pecary, or such species as the separate States may so classify within their boundaries.

*Compatibility determination* means a written determination signed and dated by the Refuge Manager and Regional Chief, signifying that a proposed or existing use of a national wildlife refuge is a compatible use or is not a compatible use. The Director makes this delegation through the Regional Director.

*Compatible use* means a proposed or existing wildlife-dependent recreational use or any other use of a national wildlife refuge that, based on sound professional judgment, will not materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of the National Wildlife Refuge System mission or the purpose(s) of the national wildlife refuge.

*Comprehensive conservation plan* means a document that describes the desired future conditions of a refuge or planning unit and provides long-range guidance and management direction to achieve the purposes of the refuge; helps fulfill the mission of the Refuge System; maintains and, where appropriate, restores the ecological integrity of each refuge and the Refuge System; helps achieve the goals of the National Wilderness Preservation System; and meets other mandates.

*Conservation, and Management* mean to sustain and, where appropriate, restore and enhance, healthy populations of fish, wildlife, and plants utilizing, in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws, methods and procedures associated with modern scientific resource programs. Such methods and procedures include, consistent with the provisions of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee), protection, research, census, law enforcement, habitat management, propagation, live trapping and transplantation, and regulated taking.

*Coordination area* means a wildlife management area made available to a State by cooperative agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a State agency having control over wildlife resources pursuant to section 4 of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 664 or by long-term leases or agreements pursuant to title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010 *et seq.*). The States manage coordination areas but they are part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The compatibility standard does not apply to coordination areas.

*Director* means the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the authorized representative of such official.

*Easement* means a less than fee interest in land or water acquired and administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the purpose of maintaining fish and wildlife habitat.

*Fish, Wildlife, and Fish and wildlife* mean any member of the animal kingdom in a wild, unconfined state, whether alive or dead, including a part, product, egg, or offspring of the member.

*Migratory bird* means and refers to those species of birds listed under § 10.13 of this chapter.

*National wildlife refuge, and Refuge* mean a designated area of land, water, or an interest in land or water located within the National Wildlife Refuge System but does not include coordination areas.

*National Wildlife Refuge System, and System* mean all lands, waters, and interests therein administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as wildlife refuges, wildlife ranges, wildlife management areas, waterfowl production areas, coordination areas, and other areas for the protection and conservation of fish and wildlife including those that are threatened with extinction as determined in writing by the Director or so directed by Presidential or Secretarial order. The determination by the Director may not be delegated.

*National Wildlife Refuge System mission, and System mission* mean to administer a national network of lands and

waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

*Nontoxic shot* means steel shot or other shot approved pursuant to 50 CFR 20.134.

*Plant* means any member of the plant kingdom in a wild, unconfined state, including any plant community, seed, root, or other part of a plant.

*Purpose(s) of the refuge* means the purposes specified in or derived from the law, proclamation, executive order, agreement, public land order, donation document, or administrative memorandum establishing, authorizing, or expanding a national wildlife refuge, national wildlife refuge unit, or national wildlife refuge subunit. For refuges that encompass Congressionally designated wilderness, the purposes of the Wilderness Act are additional purposes of the wilderness portion of the refuge.

*Refuge management activity* means an activity conducted by the Service or a Service-authorized agent to fulfill one or more purposes of the national wildlife refuge, or the National Wildlife Refuge System mission. Service-authorized agents include contractors, cooperating agencies, cooperating associations, refuge support groups, and volunteers.

*Refuge management economic activity* means a refuge management activity on a national wildlife refuge which results in generation of a commodity which is or can be sold for income or revenue or traded for goods or services. Examples include: Farming, grazing, haying, timber harvesting, and trapping.

*Regional Chief* means the official in charge of the National Wildlife Refuge System within a Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the authorized representative of such official.

*Refuge Manager* means the official directly in charge of a national wildlife refuge or the authorized representative of such official. In the case of a national wildlife refuge complex, this refers to the official directly in charge of the complex.

*Refuge use*, and *Use of a refuge* mean a recreational use (including refuge actions associated with a recreational use or other general public use), refuge management economic activity, or other use of a national wildlife refuge by the public or other non-National Wildlife Refuge System entity.

*Regional Director* means the official in charge of a Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the authorized representative of such official.

*Secretary* means the Secretary of the Interior or the authorized representative of such official.

*Service*, *We*, and *Us* mean the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

*Sound professional judgment* means a finding, determination, or decision that is consistent with principles of sound fish and wildlife management and administration, available science and resources, and adherence to the requirements of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), and other applicable laws. Included in this finding, determination, or decision is a refuge manager's field experience and knowledge of the particular refuge's resources.

*State*, and *United States* mean one or more of the States of the United States, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

*Waterfowl production area* means any wetland or pothole area acquired pursuant to section 4(c) of the amended Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act (72 Stat. 487; 16 U.S.C. 718d(c)), owned or controlled by the United States and administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a part of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

*Wildlife-dependent recreational use*, and *Wildlife-dependent recreation* mean a use of a national wildlife refuge involving hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, or environmental education and interpretation. The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), specifies that these are the six priority general public uses of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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*Wildlife management area* means a general term used in describing a variety of areas that are managed for wildlife purposes which may be included in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

*You* means the public.

(b) Unless otherwise stated the definitions found in 50 CFR 10.12 also apply to all of subchapter C of this title 50.

[41 FR 9166, Mar. 3, 1976, as amended at 51 FR 7574, Mar. 5, 1986; 60 FR 62040, Dec. 4, 1995; 64 FR 14150, Mar. 24, 1999; 65 FR 62480, Oct. 18, 2000]

### § 25.13 Other applicable laws.

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to relieve a person from any other applicable requirements imposed by a local ordinance or by a statute or regulation of any State or of the United States.

## Subpart B—Administrative Provisions

### § 25.21 When and how do we open and close areas of the National Wildlife Refuge System to public access and use or continue a use?

(a) Except as provided below, all areas included in the National Wildlife Refuge System are closed to public access until and unless we open the area for a use or uses in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee), the Refuge Recreation Act of 1962 (16 U.S.C. 460k–460k–4) and this subchapter C. See 50 CFR 36 for details on use and access restrictions, and the public participation and closure process established for Alaska national wildlife refuges. We may open an area by regulation, individual permit, or public notice, in accordance with § 25.31 of this subchapter.

(b) We may open a national wildlife refuge for any refuge use, or expand, renew, or extend an existing refuge use only after the Refuge Manager determines that it is a compatible use and not inconsistent with any applicable law. Lands subject to the patent restrictions imposed by Section 22(g) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act are subject to the compatibility requirements of Parts 25 and 26 of 50 CFR except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

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(1) We will complete compatibility determinations for uses of Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act 22(g) lands in compliance with the following requirements:

(i) Refuge managers will work with 22(g) landowners in implementation of these regulations. The landowners should contact the Refuge Manager in advance of initiating a use and request a compatibility determination. After a compatibility determination is requested, refuge managers have no longer than ninety (90) days to complete the compatibility determination and notify the landowner of the finding by providing a copy of the compatibility determination or to inform the landowner of the specific reasons for delay. If a refuge manager believes that a finding of not compatible is likely, the Refuge Manager will notify the landowner prior to rendering a decision to encourage dialog on how the proposed use might be modified to be compatible.

(ii) Refuge managers will allow all uses proposed by 22(g) landowners when the Refuge Manager determines the use to be compatible with refuge purposes.

(iii) Compatibility determinations will include only evaluations of how the proposed use would affect the ability of the refuge to meet its mandated purposes. The National Wildlife Refuge System mission will not be considered in the evaluation. Refuge purposes will include both pre-ANILCA purposes and those established by ANILCA, so long as they do not conflict. If conflicts arise, ANILCA purposes will take precedence.

(iv) A determination that a use is not compatible may be appealed by the landowner to the Regional Director. The appeal must be submitted in writing within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the determination. The appeals process provided for in 50 CFR 36.41(i) (3) through (5) will apply.

(v) Compatibility determinations for proposed uses of 22(g) lands will only evaluate the effects of the use on the adjacent refuge lands, and the ability of that refuge to achieve its purposes, not on the effects of the proposed use to the 22(g) lands.

(vi) Compatibility determinations for 22(g) lands that a use is compatible are

not subject to re-evaluation unless the use changes significantly, significant new information is made available that could affect the compatibility determination, or if requested by the landowner.

(vii) Refuge comprehensive conservation plans will not include 22(g) lands, and compatibility determinations affecting such lands will not to be automatically re-evaluated when the plans are routinely updated.

(viii) Refuge special use permits will not be required for compatible uses of 22(g) lands. Special conditions necessary to ensure a proposed use is compatible may be included in the compatibility determination and must be complied with for the use to be considered compatible.

(c) The Refuge Manager may temporarily allow or initiate any refuge use without making a compatibility determination if necessary to protect the health and safety of the public or any fish or wildlife population.

(d) When we add lands to the National Wildlife Refuge System, the Refuge Manager will identify, prior to acquisition, withdrawal, transfer, reclassification, or donation of those lands, existing wildlife-dependent recreational public uses (if any) determined to be compatible that we will permit to continue on an interim basis, pending completion of the comprehensive conservation plan for the national wildlife refuge. We will make these compatibility determinations in accordance with procedures in § 26.41 of this subchapter.

(e) In the event of a threat or emergency endangering the health and safety of the public or property or to protect the resources of the area, the Refuge Manager may close or curtail refuge uses of all or any part of an opened area to public access and use in accordance with the provisions in § 25.31, without advance notice. See 50 CFR 36.42 for procedures on closing Alaska national wildlife refuges.

(f) We will re-evaluate compatibility determinations for existing wildlife-dependent recreational uses when conditions under which the use is permitted change significantly, or if there is significant new information regarding the effects of the use, or concurrently with

the preparation or revision of a comprehensive conservation plan, or at least every 15 years, whichever is earlier. In addition, a refuge manager always may re-evaluate the compatibility of a use at any time.

(g) Except for uses specifically authorized for a period longer than 10 years (such as right-of-ways), we will re-evaluate compatibility determinations for all existing uses other than wildlife-dependent recreational uses when conditions under which the use is permitted change significantly, or if there is significant new information regarding the effects of the use, or at least every 10 years, whichever is earlier. In addition, a refuge manager always may re-evaluate the compatibility of a use at any time.

(h) For uses in existence on November 17, 2000 that were specifically authorized for a period longer than 10 years (such as right-of-ways), our compatibility re-evaluation will examine compliance with the terms and conditions of the authorization, not the authorization itself. We will frequently monitor and review the activity to ensure that the permittee carries out all permit terms and conditions. However, the Service will request modifications to the terms and conditions of these permits from the permittee if the Service determines that such changes are necessary to ensure that the use remains compatible. After November 17, 2000 no uses will be permitted or re-authorized, for a period longer than 10 years, unless the terms and conditions for such long-term permits specifically allows for modifications to the terms and conditions, if necessary to ensure compatibility. We will make a new compatibility determination prior to extending or renewing such long-term uses at the expiration of the authorization. When we prepare a compatibility determination for re-authorization of an existing right-of-way, we will base our analysis on the existing conditions with the use in place, not from a pre-use perspective.

(i) When we re-evaluate a use for compatibility, we will take a fresh look at the use and prepare a new compatibility determination following the procedure outlined in 50 CFR 26.41.

[65 FR 62481, Oct. 18, 2000]

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### § 25.22 Lost and found articles.

Lost articles or money found on a national wildlife refuge are to be immediately turned in to the nearest refuge office.

### § 25.23 What are the general regulations and information collection requirements?

The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements contained in subchapter C, parts 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 36 under 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. and assigned the following control numbers: 1018-0102 for National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permit Applications and Reports; 1018-0140 for Hunting and Fishing Application Forms and Activity Reports for National Wildlife Refuges; and 1018-0153 for National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Check-In Permit and Use Report. We collect information to assist us in administering our programs in accordance with statutory authorities that require that recreational or other uses be compatible with the primary purposes for which the areas were established. Send comments on any aspect of these forms or the information collection requirements to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street NW., MS 2042-PDM, Washington, DC 20240.

[79 FR 14822, Mar. 17, 2014]

## Subpart C—Public Notice

### § 25.31 General provisions.

Whenever a particular public access, use or recreational activity of any type whatsoever, not otherwise expressly permitted under this subchapter, is permitted on a national wildlife refuge or where public access, use, or recreational or other activities previously permitted are curtailed, the public may be notified by any of the following methods, all of which supplement this subchapter C:

(a) Official signs posted conspicuously at appropriate intervals and locations;

(b) Special regulations issued under the provisions of § 26.33 of this subchapter C.

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(c) Maps available in the office of the refuge manager, regional director, or area director, or

(d) Other appropriate methods which will give the public actual or constructive notice of the permitted or curtailed public access, use, or recreational activity.

## Subpart D—Permits

### § 25.41 Who issues refuge permits?

We authorize the refuge manager of the facility where an activity is to take place to issue permits required by this subchapter C unless the regulations in this subchapter C require the applicant to obtain the applicable permit from the Director or Secretary. In those situations, the refuge manager will so inform the applicant, giving the applicant all necessary information as to how and where to apply.

[67 FR 58942, Sept. 18, 2002]

### § 25.42 Permits required to be exhibited on request.

Any person on a national wildlife refuge shall upon request by any authorized official exhibit the required Federal or State permit or license authorizing their presence and activity on the area and shall furnish such other information for identification purposes as may be requested.

### § 25.43 Who may terminate or revoke a permit and why?

The refuge manager may terminate or revoke a permit at any time for non-compliance with the terms of the permit or of the regulations in this subchapter C; for nonuse; for violation of any law, regulation, or order applicable to the refuge; or to protect public health or safety or the resources of a national wildlife refuge.

[67 FR 58943, Sept. 18, 2002]

### § 25.44 How do we grant permits for easement area uses?

(a) The provisions of this subsection shall govern the regulation of activities that affect easement interests acquired by the United States. All other provisions of subchapter C shall apply to activities within such easement areas, but only to the extent that those

provisions are directly or indirectly related to the protection of those easement interests expressly acquired by the United States which are specified in the easement agreement itself, and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this subsection.

(b) We require permits for use of easement areas administered by us where proposed activities may affect the property interest acquired by the United States. Applications for permits will be submitted in writing to the Regional Director or a designee. We may grant special use permits to owners of servient estates, or to third parties with the owner's agreement, by the Regional Director or a designee, upon written determination that such permitted use is compatible. If we ultimately determine that the requested use will not affect the United States' interest, the Regional Director will issue a letter of non-objection.

(c) In instances where the third applicant is a governmental entity which has acquired a partial interest in the servient estate by subsequent condemnation, a special use permit may be granted to the governmental entity without the servient estate owner's agreement if the regional director or his or her designee determines:

(1) The permitted use is compatible; and

(2) The permitted use is consistent with the partial property interests obtained through condemnation.

(d) Regulations pertaining to rights-of-way in easement areas are contained in 50 CFR part 29.21.

[51 FR 7575, Mar. 5, 1986, as amended at 65 FR 62482, Oct. 18, 2000]

#### § 25.45 Appeals procedure.

(a) *Who may appeal.* Any person who is adversely affected by a refuge manager's decision or order relating to the person's permit granted by the Service, or application for permit, within the National Wildlife Refuge System. This section does not apply to permits or applications for rights-of-way. See § 29.22 for the hearing and appeals procedure on rights-of-way.

(b) *Preliminary procedure.* Prior to making any adverse decision or order on a permit or application for permit, the refuge manager shall notify the

permittee or applicant orally or in writing of the proposed action and its effective date. The permittee or applicant shall have twenty (20) days after notification in which to present to the refuge manager, orally or in writing, a statement in opposition to the proposed action or date. The permittee or applicant shall be notified in writing within twenty (20) days after receipt of the statement in opposition, of the refuge manager's final decision or order.

(c) *Appeals, how taken.* If the refuge manager still intends to proceed with the proposed action, the permittee or applicant shall have thirty (30) days from the postmarked date of the refuge manager's final decision or order in which to file a written appeal to the appropriate area manager. The appellant (permittee or applicant) shall be notified in writing within thirty (30) days from the postmarked date of the appeal of the area manager's decision. The appellant shall have (30) days from the postmarked date of the area manager's decision to further appeal in writing to the appropriate regional director.

(d) *Decision of regional director.* The regional director's decision shall be final and issued in writing to the appellant within thirty (30) days from the postmarked date of the appeal.

(e) *Oral presentation.* The appellant shall be provided an opportunity for oral presentation before the area manager or the regional director within the respective thirty (30) day appeal periods.

(f) *Addresses.* The addresses of the appropriate officials to whom appeals may be taken shall be furnished in each decision or order.

(g) *Suspension pending appeal.* Compliance with any decision or order of a refuge manager shall not be suspended by reason of an appeal having been taken unless such suspension is authorized in writing by the area manager or regional director (depending upon the official before whom the appeal is pending), and then only upon a determination by these officials that such suspension will not be detrimental to the interests of the United States or upon submission and acceptance of a

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bond deemed adequate to indemnify the United States from loss or damage. [42 FR 64120, Dec. 22, 1977. Redesignated at 51 FR 7575, Mar. 5, 1986]

### Subpart E—Fees and Charges

SOURCE: 52 FR 29860, Aug. 12, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

#### § 25.51 General provisions.

Reasonable charges and fees may be established for public recreational use of and, except in Alaska, entrance onto national wildlife refuges. Regulations regarding recreational use fees are contained in 36 CFR part 71. Regulations regarding entrance fees are contained in this subpart E.

#### § 25.52 Designation.

To be designated as an "Entrance Fee Area", a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System must be found to demonstrate that:

- (a) The level of visitation for recreational purposes is high enough to justify the collection of fees for admission permits for economic reasons;
- (b) There is a practical mechanism in existence for implementing and operating a system of collecting fees for admission permits; and
- (c) Imposition of a fee for admission permits is not likely to result in undue economic hardship for a significant number of visitors to the unit.

#### § 25.53 Establishment of single visit entrance fees.

Entrance fees established for single visit permits at a designated Entrance Fee Area shall consider the following criteria with regard to the local area within which the refuge is located:

- (a) The direct and indirect cost to the Government.
- (b) The benefits to the permit holder.
- (c) The public policy or interest served.
- (d) The comparable fees charged by non-Federal public agencies.
- (e) The economic and administrative feasibility of fee collection.

#### § 25.54 Posting and public notification.

The public shall be notified that an entrance fee is charged through refuge

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publications and posted designation signs in accordance with § 25.31 of this part.

#### § 25.55 Refuge admission permits.

(a) Unless otherwise provided, persons entering an Entrance Fee Area shall obtain and be in possession of a valid admission permit.

(b) The following five types of permits allowing entrance onto an Entrance Fee Area will be available for issue or purchase at such area and, except for refuge-specific permits, at Fish and Wildlife Service Regional and Washington, DC Offices, and at other locations as may be designated.

(1) Single visit permit with a charge not to exceed \$3 per person or \$7.50 per noncommercial vehicle (single visit can be defined as 1–15 days, dependent upon a determination of the period of time reasonably and ordinarily necessary for such a visit at a particular refuge unit).

(2) Golden Eagle Passport.

(3) Golden Age Passport.

(4) Golden Access Passport.

(5) Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation (Duck) Stamp. To be valid, the Duck Stamp must be current and bear the signature of the holder on the front.

#### § 25.56 Enforcement.

Permits issued or used for entrance onto Entrance Fee Areas are non-transferable. Failure to pay the entrance fee, to display upon request of an authorized official a valid permit, or to comply with other entrance fee provisions, rules or regulations, will be subject to the penalties prescribed in 50 CFR 28.31.

#### § 25.57 Exceptions and exemptions.

At Entrance Fee Areas:

(a) Special admission permits for uses, such as group activities, may be issued.

(b) No entrance fee shall be charged for persons under 16 years of age.

(c) No entrance fee shall be charged for travel by private noncommercial vehicle over any road or highway established as part of the National Federal Aid System (defined in 23 U.S.C. 101), which is commonly used by the public as a means of travel between

two places which are outside the Entrance Fee Area.

(d) No entrance fee shall be charged for travel by private noncommercial vehicle over any road or highway to any land in which such person has a property interest if such land is within any Entrance Fee Area.

(e) Persons accompanying the holder of a valid single visit permit, Federal Duck Stamp or Golden Eagle, Age, or Access Passport in a single, private, noncommercial vehicle shall be entitled to general entrance.

(f) Where entry is by any means other than single, private, noncommercial vehicle, the spouse, children, or parents accompanying the holder of a valid single visit permit, Federal Duck Stamp or Golden Eagle, Age, or Access Passport shall be entitled to general entrance.

### Subpart F—Concessions

#### § 25.61 General provisions.

Public use facilities may be operated by concessionaires or cooperators under appropriate contact or legal agreement on national wildlife refuges where there is a demonstrated justified need for services or facilities including, but not limited to, boat rentals, swimming facilities, conducted tours of special natural attractions, shelters, tables, trailer lots, food, lodging, and related service.

### Subpart G—Safety Regulations

#### § 25.71 Public safety.

Persons using national wildlife refuges shall comply with the safety requirements which are established under the provisions of this subchapter C for each individual refuge and with any safety provisions which may be included in leases, agreements, or use permits.

#### § 25.72 Reporting of accidents.

Accidents involving damage to property, injury to the public or injury to wildlife that occur within the boundaries of any national wildlife refuge are to be reported as soon as possible, but in no event later than 24 hours after the accident, by the persons involved,

to the refuge manager or other personnel on duty at the national wildlife refuge headquarters. This report does not relieve persons from the responsibility of making any other accident reports which may be required.

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### Subpart A—Introduction

#### § 26.11 Purpose of regulations.

The regulations in this part govern the circumstances under which the public can enter and use a national wildlife refuge.

**Subpart B—Public Entry**

**§ 26.21 General trespass provision.**

(a) No person shall trespass, including but not limited to entering, occupying, using, or being upon, any national wildlife refuge, except as specifically authorized in this subchapter C or in other applicable Federal regulations.

(b) No unconfined domestic animals, including but not limited to dogs, hogs, cats, horses, sheep and cattle, shall be permitted to enter upon any national wildlife refuge or to roam at large upon such an area, except as specifically authorized under the provisions of § 26.34, § 27.91 or § 29.2 of this subchapter C.

**§ 26.22 General exception for entry.**

(a) Any person entering or using any national wildlife refuge will comply with the regulations in this subchapter C, the provisions of any special regulations and any other official notification as is appropriate under § 25.31.

(b) A permit shall be required for any person entering a national wildlife refuge, unless otherwise provided under the provisions of subchapter C. The permittee will abide by all the terms and conditions set forth in the permit.

**§ 26.23 Exception for entry to the headquarters office.**

The headquarters office of any national wildlife refuge is open to public access and admission during regularly established business hours.

**§ 26.24 Exception for entry when accompanied by refuge personnel.**

A permit is not required for access to any part of a national wildlife refuge by a person when accompanied by refuge personnel.

**§ 26.25 Exception for entry to persons with an economic use privilege.**

Access to and travel upon a national wildlife refuge by a person granted economic use privileges on that national wildlife refuge should be restricted to a specified area in accordance with the provisions of their agreement, lease, or permit.

**§ 26.26 Exception for entry for use of emergency shelter.**

A permit is not required for access to any national wildlife area for temporary shelter or temporary protection in the event of emergency conditions.

**§ 26.27 Exception for entry on designated routes of travel.**

A permit is not required to enter, travel on, and exit from any national wildlife refuge on public waters and roads, and such roads, trails, footpaths, walkways, or other routes and areas which are designated for public use under the provisions of this subchapter C.

**Subpart C—Public Use and Recreation**

**§ 26.31 General provisions.**

Public recreation will be permitted on national wildlife refuges as an appropriate incidental or secondary use, only after it has been determined that such recreational use is practicable and not inconsistent with the primary objectives for which each particular area was established or with other authorized Federal operations.

**§ 26.32 Recreational uses.**

Recreational uses such as, but not limited to, sightseeing, nature observation and photography, interpretive centers and exhibits, hunting and fishing, bathing, boating, camping, ice skating, picnicking, swimming, water skiing, and other similar activities may be permitted on national wildlife refuges. When such uses are permitted the public will be notified under the provisions of this subchapter C.

**§ 26.33 Special regulations.**

(a) Special regulations shall be issued for public use, access, and recreation within certain individual national wildlife refuges where there is a need to amend, modify, relax or make more stringent the regulations contained in this subchapter C. The issued special regulations will supplement the provisions in this part 26.

(b) Special recreational use regulations may contain the following items:  
 (1) Recreational uses authorized.

(2) Seasons, period, or specific time of use.

(3) Description of areas open to recreation.

(4) Specific conditions or requirements.

(5) Other provisions.

(6) Special regulations for public use, access, and recreation are published in the daily issue of the FEDERAL REGISTER and may be codified in the Code of Federal Regulations. They shall be issued in compliance with procedures contained in the Departmental Manual.

**§ 26.34 What are the special regulations concerning public access, use, and recreation for individual national wildlife refuges?**

The following refuge units, listed in alphabetical order by State and unit name, have refuge-specific regulations for public access, use, and recreation.

ILLINOIS

*Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge*

Refer to § 26.34 Minnesota for regulations.

IOWA

*Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge*

Refer to § 26.34 Minnesota for regulations.

MINNESOTA

*Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge*

(a) *Wildlife Observation, Photography, Interpretation, Environmental Education, and other General Recreational Uses.* We allow wildlife-dependent uses and other recreational uses such as, but not limited to, sightseeing, hiking, bicycling on roads or trails, picnicking, and swimming, on areas designated by the refuge manager and shown on maps available at refuge offices, subject to the following conditions:

(1) In areas posted and shown on maps as “No Entry—Sanctuary,” we prohibit entry as specified on signs or maps (see § 32.42 of this chapter for list of areas and locations).

(2) In areas posted and shown on maps as “Area Closed,” “Area Closed—No Motors,” and “No Hunting Zone” (Goose Island), we ask that you practice voluntary avoidance of these areas by any means or for any purpose from October 15 to the end of the respective State duck hunting season. In areas marked “no motors,” we prohibit the use of motors on watercraft from October 15 to the end of the respective State duck hunting season (see § 32.42 of this chapter for list of areas and locations).

(3) Commercial tours and filming require a permit issued by the refuge or district manager (see § 27.51 of this chapter).

(4) We allow the collecting of edible fruits, nuts, mushrooms, or other plant parts for personal use (no sale or barter allowed). We limit the amount you may collect to 2 gallons by volume per person, per day (see § 27.51 of this chapter). We also allow the collecting of shed deer antlers for personal use.

(5) We prohibit the harvest of wild rice; plant and animal specimens; and other natural objects, such as rocks, stones, or minerals. We only allow the collection of plants or their parts for ornamental use by permit issued by the refuge or district manager (see § 27.51 of this chapter).

(6) We prohibit the cutting, removal, or damage of any tree or vegetation on the refuge without a permit from the refuge or district manager. We prohibit attaching nails, screws, or other hardware to any tree (see § 27.51 and § 32.42 of this chapter).

(7) We prohibit all vehicle use on or across refuge lands at any time except on designated routes of travel or on the ice over navigable waters accessed from boat landings. We prohibit parking beyond vehicle control barriers or on grass or other vegetation. We prohibit parking or operating vehicles in a manner that obstructs or impedes any road, trail, fire lane, boat ramp, access gate, or other facility, or in a manner that creates a safety hazard or endangers any person, property, or environmental feature. We may impound any vehicle left parked in violation at the owner’s expense (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter).

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(8) We allow dogs and other domestic animals on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit dogs disturbing or endangering wildlife or people while on the refuge.

(ii) While on the refuge, all dogs must be under the control of their owners/handlers at all times or on a leash.

(iii) We prohibit allowing dogs to roam.

(iv) All dogs must be on a leash when on hiking trails, or other areas so posted.

(v) We allow working a dog in refuge waters by tossing a retrieval dummy or other object for out-and-back exercise.

(vi) We encourage the use of dogs for hunting (see §32.42 of this chapter), but we prohibit field trials and commercial/professional dog training.

(vii) Owners/handlers of dogs are responsible for disposal of dog droppings in refuge public use concentration areas such as trails, sandbars, and boat landings.

(viii) We prohibit horses and all other domestic animals on the refuge unless confined in a vehicle, boat, trailer, kennel or other container (see §26.21 of this chapter).

(9) We prohibit the carrying, possessing, or discharging of firearms (including dog training pistols and dummy launchers), air guns, or any other weapons on the refuge, unless you are a licensed hunter or trapper engaged in authorized activities during established seasons, in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations. We prohibit target practice on the refuge (see §§27.42 and 27.43 of this chapter).

(10) We prohibit the use or possession of glass food and beverage containers on lands within the refuge.

(11) We require that you keep all refuge lands clean during your period of use or occupancy. At all times you must keep all refuse, trash, and litter contained in bags or other suitable containers and not left scattered on the ground or in the water. You must remove all personal property, refuse, trash, and litter immediately upon vacating a site. We require that human solid waste and associated material be either removed and properly disposed of off-refuge or be buried on site to a

depth of 6–8 inches (15–20 cm) and at least 50 feet (15 m) from water’s edge (see §27.94 of this chapter).

(b) *Watercraft Use.* We allow the use of watercraft of all types and means of propulsion on all navigable waters of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

(1) In areas posted and shown on maps as “Electric Motor Area,” we prohibit motorized vehicles and watercraft year-round except watercraft powered by electric motors or nonmotorized means. We do not prohibit the possession of other watercraft motors in these areas, only their use. These areas are named and located as follows:

(i) Island 42, Pool 5, Minnesota, 459 acres.

(ii) Snyder Lake, Pool 5A, Minnesota, 182 acres.

(iii) Mertes Slough, Pool 6, Wisconsin, 222 acres.

(iv) Browns Marsh, Pool 7, Wisconsin, 827 acres.

(v) Hoosier Lake, Pool 10, Wisconsin, 162 acres.

(2) In areas posted and shown on maps as “Slow No Wake Area,” we require watercraft to travel at slow, no-wake speed from March 16 through October 31. We apply the applicable State definition of slow, no-wake operation in these areas. We also prohibit the operation of airboats or hovercraft in these areas from March 16 through October 31. These areas are named and located as follows:

(i) Nelson-Trevino, Pool 4, Wisconsin, 2,626 acres (takes effect March 16, 2009).

(ii) Denzers Slough, Pool 5A, Minnesota, 83 acres.

(iii) Black River Bottoms, Pool 7, Wisconsin, 815 acres.

(iv) Blue/Target Lake, Pool 8, Minnesota, 1,834 acres.

(v) Root River, Pool 8, Minnesota, 695 acres.

(vi) Reno Bottoms, Pool 9, Minnesota, 2,536 acres.

(vii) Nine Mile Island, Pool 12, Iowa, 454 acres.

(viii) Princeton, Pool 14, Iowa, 327 acres.

(3) In water access and travel routes posted and shown on maps as “Slow No Wake Zone,” we require watercraft to

travel at slow, no-wake speed at all times unless otherwise posted. We apply the respective State definition of slow, no-wake operation in these areas.

(4) In portions of Spring Lake and Crooked Slough—Lost Mound, Pool 13, Illinois, posted as “Slow, 5 mph When Boats Present” and marked on maps as “Speed/Distance Regulation,” we require watercraft operators to reduce the speed of their watercraft to less than 5 mph (8 kph) when within 100 feet (30 m) of another watercraft that is anchored or underway at 5 mph (8 kph) or less.

(5) We prohibit the mooring, beaching, or storing of watercraft on the refuge without being used at least once every 24 hours. We define “being used” as a watercraft moved at least 100 feet (30 m) on the water with operator on board. We prohibit the mooring of watercraft within 200 feet (60 m) of refuge boat landings or ramps. We may impound any watercraft moored in violation at the owner’s expense (see § 27.32 of this chapter).

(6) Conditions A1, A2, and A11 apply.

(c) *Camping*. We allow camping on all lands and waters of the refuge as designated by the refuge manager and shown on maps available at refuge offices subject to the following conditions:

(1) We define camping as erecting a tent or shelter of natural or synthetic material, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, parking of a motor vehicle or mooring or anchoring of a vessel, for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy, or, occupying or leaving personal property, including boats or other craft, at a site anytime between the hours of 11 p.m. and 3 a.m.

(2) We prohibit camping at any one site for a period longer than 14 days during any 30-consecutive-day period. After 14 days, you must move all persons, property, equipment, and boats to a new site located at least 0.5 mile (0.8 km) from the previous site.

(3) We prohibit camping within 200 feet (60 meters) of any refuge boat landing, access area, parking lot, structure, road, trail, or other recreation or management facility.

(4) We prohibit camping during waterfowl hunting seasons within areas

posted “No Entry—Sanctuary,” “Area Closed,” “Area Closed—No Motors,” and “No Hunting Zone” or on any sites not clearly visible from the main commercial navigation channel of the Mississippi River (see § 32.42 of this chapter).

(5) You must occupy campsites daily. We prohibit the leaving of tents, camping equipment, or other property unattended at any site for over 24 hours, and we may impound any equipment left in violation at the owner’s expense. We define occupy and attended as being present at a site for a minimum of 2 hours daily.

(6) You must remove any tables, fireplaces, or other facilities erected upon vacating a camping or day-use site.

(7) We allow campfires in conjunction with camping and day-use activities subject to the following conditions (see § 27.95 and § 32.42 of this chapter):

(i) You may only use dead wood on the ground, or materials brought into the refuge such as charcoal or firewood. You must remove any unused firewood brought into the refuge upon departure due to the threat of invasive insects.

(ii) We prohibit building, attending, and maintaining a campfire without sufficient clearance from flammable materials so as to prevent its escape.

(iii) We prohibit building a fire at any developed facility including, but not limited to, boat landings, access areas, parking lots, roads, trails, or any other recreation or management facility or structure.

(iv) We prohibit burying live fires or hot coals when vacating a campfire site.

(v) We prohibit burning or attempting to burn any nonflammable materials or any materials that may produce toxic fumes or leave hazardous waste. These materials include, but are not limited to, metal cans, plastic containers, glass, fiberglass, treated wood products, wood containing nails or staples, wire, flotation materials, or other refuse.

(8) Conditions A4 through A11 apply.

## VIRGINIA

*Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge*

## ACCESS

(a) *Access qualifications and specifications.* (1) As provided for in Pub. L. 96-315, permanent, full-time residents who can furnish to the refuge manager, Back Bay NWR, adequate proof of continuous and continuing residency, commencing prior to December 31, 1979, on the Outer Banks from the refuge boundary south to and including the village of Corolla, North Carolina, as long as they remain permanent, full-time residents. The south boundary of the area for access consideration is defined as a straight east-west line extending from Currituck Sound to the Atlantic Ocean and passing through a point 1,600 feet due south of the Currituck lighthouse. "Residence" means a place of general abode; "Place of general abode" means a person's principal, actual dwelling place in fact, without regard to intent. A "dwelling" means a residential structure occupied on a year-round basis by the permit applicant and shall not include seasonal or part-time dwelling units such as beach houses, vacation cabins, or structures which are intermittently occupied.

(2) As provided for in Pub. L. 98-146, "Up to 15 additional permits shall be granted to those persons meeting any one of the following conditions:"

(i) A resident as of July 1, 1982, who held a valid Service access permit for improved property owners at any time during the period from July 29, 1976, through December 31, 1979.

(ii) Anyone in continuous residency since 1976, in the area bounded on the north by the refuge boundary, and on the south by a straight line passing through a point in the east-west prolongation of the centerline of Albacore Street, Whaleshead Club Subdivision, Currituck County, North Carolina.

(iii) Any permanent, full time resident as of April 1, 1983, residing in the area outlined in paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section and not otherwise eligible, who can substantiate to the Secretary of the Interior that access is essential to their maintaining a livelihood; so long as they maintain full-time contin-

uous employment in the Norfolk, Virginia, area may qualify for access.

(3) The burden of proving that the prospective permittee meets these criteria shall be on the applicant by presentation of adequate documentation to the refuge manager. Permittees may be required to submit additional documentation of their eligibility to the refuge manager in order to maintain access. Permits will be issued only to those who legally qualify for them.

(4) Only one permit will be issued per family. All permits issued will be terminated in the event that alternate access becomes available during the permit period.

(5) Permits are issued for the purpose of providing ingress and egress across the refuge beach to the permittee's residence. Personal access is limited to permittees, their families, relatives, and guests while being transported in the permittee's vehicle. "Personal access" means private, non-commercial use. Permits are not transferable by sale or devise.

(6) All vehicle occupants must provide positive identification upon the request of any refuge official.

(b) *Routes of travel.* Access to, and travel along, the refuge beach by motorized vehicles may be allowed between the dune crossing at the key card operated gate near the refuge headquarters, and the south boundary of the refuge only after a permit has been issued or authorization provided by the refuge manager. Travel along the refuge beach by motorized vehicle shall be below the high tide line, within the intertidal zone, to the maximum extent practicable. This may require permittees to adjust their travel times to avoid high tides which would require the use of the emergency storm access/evacuation route over the east dike.

(c) *Number of trips allowed.* Permittees and members of their immediate families residing with them are limited to a total of two round trips per day per household.

(d) *Hours of travel.* Travel along the designated route is permitted 24 hours per day from October 1 through April 30. Travel is restricted to the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight from May 1 through September 30.

(e) *Medical emergencies.* Private vehicles used in a medical emergency will be granted access. A “medical emergency” means any condition that threatens human life or limb unless medical treatment is immediately obtained.

The vehicle operator is required to provide the refuge manager with a doctor’s statement confirming the emergency within 36 hours after the access has occurred.

(f) *Military, fire or emergency vehicles.* Military, fire, emergency or law enforcement vehicles used for emergency purposes may be granted access. Vehicles used by an employee/agent of the Federal, State or local government, in the course of official duty other than for emergency purposes, may be granted access upon advance request to the refuge manager. Continuous or recurring use of the refuge beach for other than emergency purposes shall require the issuance of a permit from the refuge manager.

(g) *Public utility vehicles.* Public utility vehicles used on official business will be granted access. A permit specifying the times and types of access will be issued by the refuge manager. A “public utility vehicle” means any vehicle owned or operated by a public utility company enfranchised to supply Outer Banks residents with electricity or telephone service.

(h) *Essential commercial service vehicles.* (1) Essential commercial service vehicles on business calls during the hours of 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Friday will be granted access, only upon prior approval of the refuge manager when responding to a request from a permittee. Such requests may be verbal or in writing. Access by essential commercial service vehicles will be granted only after all other reasonable alternatives to access through the refuge have been exhausted as determined by the refuge manager.

(2) “Commercial service vehicle” means any vehicle owned or operated by or on behalf of an individual, partnership, or corporation that is properly licensed to engage entirely in the business of furnishing emergency repair services, including but not limited to plumbing, electrical, and repairs to household appliances.

(3) Emergency situations. The refuge manager, upon reasonable notification, will be able to authorize essential service/emergency repair access, outside the prescribed time periods, for emergency situations should they arise.

(i) *False Cape State Park employees.* False Cape State Park and Virginia Game Commission employees who are residents in the park will be considered as permanent, full-time residents as defined in §26.34(a) with access privileges identical to those of other permittees with beach access privileges.

(j) *Commercial fishermen, businesses and their employees.* (1) Commercial fishermen who have verified that their fishing operations on the Outer Banks of Virginia Beach, Virginia, or Currituck County, North Carolina, have been dependent since 1972 on ingress and egress to or across the refuge are granted permits for access. Travel through the refuge by commercial fishermen from Currituck County, North Carolina, will be permitted only when directly associated with commercial fishing operations. Drivers and passengers on trips through the refuge are limited to commercial fishing crew members. A *commercial fisherman* means one who harvests finfish by gill net or haul seine in the Atlantic Ocean, and who has owned and operated a commercial fishing businesses continuously since 1972. Commercial permits are not transferable by sale or devise. The level of commercial permittee travel across the refuge shall not increase above the average yearly levels maintained in the 1985–1987 period.

(2) Other businesses who have verified that their business operations on the Outer Banks of Currituck County, North Carolina, have been dependent since 1972 on ingress and egress to or across the refuge will be granted permits for access in accordance with the limitations outlined in paragraph (j)(1) of this section.

(3) Each commercial fisherman or other business may be granted a maximum of five designated employees to travel the refuge beach for commercial fishing or other business-related purposes only. Commercial fishing employees may carry only other commercial fishing employees as passengers. Other business employees may carry

only other employees of that business. The hauling of trailers associated with the conduct of commercial fishing or other business activities is authorized.

(4) Employees of commercial fishermen and/or other businesses who apply for access permits shall have the burden of proving, by the presentation of appropriate documentation to the refuge manager, that they are an "employee" for purposes of this section of the regulations. Appropriate documentation is defined as the submission of standardized and verifiable employment forms including: Signed W-2 and W-4 forms, IRS form #1099, official earnings statements for specified periods, employee income tax withholding submissions to State and Federal tax offices (e.g., IRS form W-3 with W-2s attached), State unemployment tax information or other proof of actual employment. Documentation for each employee must be submitted in advance of access being granted, or, for new employees, within 30 days of their starting date. Failure to provide verification of employment for new employees within 30 days will result in termination of access privileges.

(k) *Suspension or waiver of rules.* (1) In an emergency, the refuge manager may suspend any or all of the foregoing restrictions on vehicular travel and announce each suspension by whatever means are available. In the event of adverse weather conditions, the refuge manager may close all or any portion of the refuge to vehicular traffic for such periods as deemed advisable in the interest of public safety.

(2) The refuge manager may make exceptions to access restrictions, if they are compatible with refuge purposes, for qualified permittees who have demonstrated to the refuge manager a need for additional access relating to health or livelihood.

(3) The refuge manager may grant one-time use authorization for vehicular access through the refuge to individuals, not otherwise qualified above, who have demonstrated to the refuge manager that there is no feasible alternative to the access requested. Authorization for access under this provision will not be based on convenience to the applicant.

(4) Medical access waiver permits may be issued under the following conditions:

(i) The Regional Director may grant access to non-eligible permanent residents who can show proof that their physical health is such that life-threatening situations may result from more arduous travel conditions. The submission of substantiating medical records is required to be considered for a medical access waiver.

(ii) All medical access waiver permittees will be required to prove that their medical condition is or continues to be such that a life-threatening situation would result from more arduous travel conditions. Such proof shall be required prior to the issuance of an access permit, and at 3-year intervals thereafter.

(iii) A second medical opinion will be required by the Regional Director prior to the issuance or re-issuance of any such permit. This second opinion will be provided for at Service expense, by a government designated physician.

(iv) No additional medical access waiver permits will be issued after December 31, 1987.

(v) Previous holders of medical access waiver permits will retain access subject to paragraph (k)(4) (ii) and (iii) of this section.

(1) *Violation of rules.* Violators of these special regulations pertaining to Back Bay NWR are subject to legal action as prescribed by 50 CFR 25.43 and part 28, including suspension or revocation of all permits issued to the violator or responsible permittee. The refuge manager may deny access permits to applicants who, during the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application, have formally been charged and successfully prosecuted for three or more violations of these or other regulations in effect at Back Bay NWR. Individuals whose vehicle access privileges are suspended, revoked, or denied may, within 30 days, file a written appeal of the action to the Assistant Regional Director-Refuges and Wildlife, One Gateway Center, Suite 700, Newton Corner, Massachusetts 02158, in accordance with 50 CFR 25.45(c).

(m) *Other access rules.* (1) No permit will remain in effect beyond December 31 of the year in which it was issued.

Permits may be renewed upon the submission of appropriate updated information relating to the permit, and a signed statement that the conditions under which the previous permit was issued have not changed. In the event of any changes of conditions under which the permit is granted, the permittee shall notify the refuge manager in writing within 30 days. Failure to report changes may result in suspension/revocation of the permit.

(2) Vehicles shall be operated on the refuge beach only by the permittee or other authorized drivers. Permit holders shall not tow, transport or operate vehicles owned by non-permit holders through the refuge. Non-commercial permit holders may tow utility and boat trailers when being used for their personal use only. Any towed vehicle shall have advance approval from the refuge manager prior to being brought through the refuge. This access privilege is not to be used for any commercial purpose.

(3) The refuge manager may prescribe restrictions as to the types of vehicles to be permitted to ensure public safety and adherence to all applicable rules and regulations.

(4) A magnetic card will be issued to each authorized driver only for his or her operation of the computer controlled gate. No more than two cards will be issued per family. Only one vehicle will be permitted to pass for each gate opening. Unauthorized use of the magnetic card may result in suspension of the permit. A fee will be charged to replace lost or misplaced cards. Malfunctioning cards will be replaced at no charge.

(5) Access is granted for the purpose of travel to and from the permittee's residence and/or place of business. Access is not authorized for the purpose of transporting individuals for hire, or for the transport of prospective real estate clients to or from the Outer Banks of North Carolina, or for any other purpose not covered in this rule.

#### GENERAL RULES

(n) *Entry on foot, bicycle or motor vehicle.* Entry on foot, bicycle, or by motor vehicle on designated routes is permitted one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset for the pur-

poses of nature observation and study, photography, hiking, surf fishing, and bicycling.

(o) *Beach-oriented uses.* Designated areas of the refuge beach are open to wildlife/wildlands-oriented recreation only as outlined in paragraph (n) of this section. Entry to the beach is via designated access points only.

(p) *Parking.* Limited parking at the refuge office/visitor contact station is permitted only in designated spaces. Parking is available on a first-come, first-serve basis for persons engaged in wildlife/wildlands-oriented recreation only as outlined in paragraph (n) of this section.

(q) *Fires.* All fires are prohibited.

(r) *Pets.* Dogs and other pets, on a hand-held leash not exceeding 10 feet in length, are permitted from October 1 through March 31.

(s) *Other general rules.* (1) Pedestrians and vehicular traffic in the sand dunes are prohibited.

(2) Use by all groups exceeding 10 individuals will require a Special Use Permit, issued by the refuge manager.

(3) Registered motor vehicles and motorized bicycles (mopeds) are permitted on the paved refuge access road and parking lot at refuge headquarters. All other motorized vehicular use is prohibited, except as specifically authorized pursuant to this rule.

(4) The information collection requirement contained in this rule has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*, and has been assigned the number 1018-0014. The information being collected is used to determine eligibility for issuing a vehicular access permit and a response is required to obtain a benefit.

#### WISCONSIN

##### *Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge*

Refer to § 26.34 Minnesota for regulations.

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EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations to regulations affecting temporary and special regulations on national wildlife refuges, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids

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section of the printed volume and at [www.fdsys.gov](http://www.fdsys.gov).

### § 26.35 Cabin sites.

(a) There shall be no new private cabin site permits issued for national wildlife refuges. All appropriate provisions of 43 CFR part 21 apply to the phaseout of existing permits on national wildlife refuges.

(b) No new government owned cabin site permits for private recreational purposes shall be issued nor shall existing permits be renewed.

### § 26.36 Public assemblies and meetings.

(a) Public meetings, assemblies, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of view may be permitted within a national wildlife refuge open to public use, provided a permit therefore has been issued by the refuge manager.

(b) Any application for such permit shall set forth the name of the applicant, the date, time, duration, nature and place of the proposed event, an estimate of the number of persons expected to attend, and a statement of equipment and facilities to be used in connection therewith.

(c) The refuge manager may issue a permit on proper application unless:

(1) A prior application for the same time and place has been made which has been or will be granted; or

(2) The activity will present a clear and present danger to public health or safety, or undue disturbance to the other users or resources of the area; or

(3) The activity is of such nature that it cannot be reasonably accommodated in the particular national wildlife refuge; or

(4) The activity conflicts with the purposes of the national wildlife refuge.

(d) The permit may contain such conditions as are reasonably consistent with protection and use of the national wildlife refuge for the purpose for which it is maintained. It may also contain reasonable limitations on the time and area within which the activity is permitted.

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### § 26.41 What is the process for determining if a use of a national wildlife refuge is a compatible use?

The Refuge Manager will not initiate or permit a new use of a national wildlife refuge or expand, renew, or extend an existing use of a national wildlife refuge, unless the Refuge Manager has determined that the use is a compatible use. This section provides guidelines for making compatibility determinations, and procedures for documenting compatibility determinations and for periodic review of compatibility determinations. We will usually complete compatibility determinations as part of the comprehensive conservation plan or step-down management plan process for individual uses, specific use programs, or groups of related uses described in the plan. We will make all compatibility determinations in writing.

(a) *What information do we include in a compatibility determination?* All compatibility determinations will include the following information:

(1) The proposed or existing use;

(2) The name of the national wildlife refuge;

(3) The authorities used to establish the national wildlife refuge;

(4) The purpose(s) of the national wildlife refuge;

(5) The National Wildlife Refuge System mission;

(6) The nature and extent of the use including the following:

(i) What is the use? Is the use a priority public use?;

(ii) Where would the use be conducted?;

(iii) When would the use be conducted?;

(iv) How would the use be conducted?; and

(v) Why is the use being proposed?.

(7) An analysis of costs for administering and managing each use;

(8) The anticipated impacts of the use on the national wildlife refuge's purposes and the National Wildlife Refuge System mission;

(9) The amount of opportunity for public review and comment provided;

(10) Whether the use is compatible or not compatible (does it or will it materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of the National Wildlife

Refuge System mission or the purpose(s) of the national wildlife refuge);

(11) Stipulations necessary to ensure compatibility;

(12) A logical explanation describing how the proposed use would, or would not, materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of the National Wildlife Refuge System mission or the purpose(s) of the national wildlife refuge;

(13) The Refuge Manager's signature and date signed; and

(14) The Regional Chief's concurrence signature and date signed.

(15) The mandatory 10- or 15-year re-evaluation date.

(b) *Making a use compatible through replacement of lost habitat values or other compensatory mitigation.* We will not allow compensatory mitigation to make a proposed refuge use compatible, except by replacement of lost habitat values as provided in paragraph (c) of this section. If we cannot make the proposed use compatible with stipulations we cannot allow the use.

(c) *Existing right-of-ways.* We will not make a compatibility determination and will deny any request for maintenance of an existing right-of-way which will affect a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, unless: the design adopts appropriate measures to avoid resource impacts and includes provisions to ensure no net loss of habitat quantity and quality; restored or replacement areas identified in the design are afforded permanent protection as part of the national wildlife refuge or wetland management district affected by the maintenance; and all restoration work is completed by the applicant prior to any title transfer or recording of the easement, if applicable. Maintenance of an existing right-of-way includes minor expansion or minor realignment to meet safety standards.

(d) *Termination of uses that are not compatible.* When we determine an existing use is not compatible, we will expeditiously terminate or modify the use to make it compatible. Except with written authorization by the Director, this process of termination or modification will not exceed 6 months from the date that the compatibility determination is signed.

[65 FR 62482, Oct. 18, 2000]

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AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 685, 752, 690d; 16 U.S.C. 460k, 460l–6d, 664, 668dd, 685, 690d, 715i, 715s, 725; 43 U.S.C. 315a.

SOURCE: 41 FR 9168, Mar. 3, 1976, unless otherwise noted.

### Subpart A—Introduction

#### § 27.11 Purpose of regulations.

The regulations in this part 27 govern those acts by the public which are prohibited at all times except as permitted in this part, part 26, and part 25, subpart D—Permits.

[42 FR 56954, Oct. 31, 1977]

### Subpart B—Taking Violations

#### § 27.21 General provisions.

No person shall take any animal or plant on any national wildlife refuge, except as authorized under 50 CFR 27.51 and parts 31, 32, and 33 of this subchapter C.

### Subpart C—Disturbing Violations: With Vehicles

#### § 27.31 General provisions regarding vehicles.

Travel in or use of any motorized or other vehicles, including those used on air, water, ice, snow, is prohibited on national wildlife refuges except on designated routes of travel, as indicated by the appropriate traffic control signs or signals and in designated areas posted or delineated on maps by the refuge manager and subject to the following requirements and limitations:

(a) Unless specifically covered by the general and special regulations set forth in this chapter, the laws and regulations of the State within whose exterior boundaries a national wildlife refuge or portion thereof is located shall govern traffic and the operation and use of vehicles. Such State laws and regulations which are now or may hereafter be in effect are hereby adopt-

ed and made a part of the regulations in this part.

(b) No operator of a vehicle shall be under the influence of intoxicating beverages or controlled substances.

(c) Driving or operating any vehicle carelessly or heedlessly, or in willful or wanton disregard for the rights or safety of other persons, or without due care or at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under prevailing conditions, having regard to traffic, weather, wildlife, road, and light conditions, and surface, width, and character of the travel way is prohibited. Every operator shall maintain such control of the vehicle as may be necessary to avoid danger to persons or property or wildlife.

(d) The vehicle speed limit shall not exceed 25 m.p.h. except as otherwise legally posted.

(e)(1) Every motor vehicle shall at all time be equipped with a muffler in good working order, and which cannot be removed or otherwise altered while the vehicle is being operated on a national wildlife refuge. To prevent excessive or unusual noise no person shall use a muffler cut-out, bypass, or similar device upon a motor vehicle. A vehicle that produces unusual or excessive noise or visible pollutants is prohibited.

(2) A refuge manager, by posting of appropriate signs or by marking on a map which shall be available at the refuge headquarters, may require that any motor vehicle operating in the designated area shall be equipped with a spark arrestor that meets Standard 5100–1a of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture which standard includes the requirements that such spark arrestor shall have an efficiency to retain or destroy at least 80 percent of carbon particles, for all flow rates, and that such spark arrestor has been warranted by its manufacturer as meeting the above mentioned efficiency requirement for at least 1,000 hours, subject to normal use, with maintenance and mounting in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations.

(f) The operation of a vehicle which does not bear valid license plates and is

not properly certified, registered, or inspected in accordance with applicable State laws is prohibited.

(g) Driving or permitting another person to drive a vehicle without valid license is prohibited. A valid driver's or operator's license must be displayed upon the request of any authorized official.

(h) Stopping, parking or leaving any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon any road, trail, or fire lane so as to obstruct the free movement of other vehicles is prohibited, except in the event of accident or other conditions beyond the immediate control of the operator, or as otherwise directed by an authorized official.

(i) All persons shall obey the lawful order or signal of any authorized official directing, controlling, or regulating the movement of traffic.

(j) Load, weight and width limitations, as may be necessary, shall be prescribed and the public advised under provisions of § 25.31. Such limitations must be complied with by the operators of all vehicles.

(k) A motor vehicle involved in an accident is not to be moved until an authorized official arrives at the scene of the accident, unless such vehicle constitutes a traffic or safety hazard.

(l) A motor vehicle shall not be operated at anytime without proper brakes and brake lights, or from sunset to sunrise without working headlights and taillights which comply with the regulations for operation on the roads of the State within whose boundaries the refuge is located.

(m) Such other requirements which are established under the provisions of this subchapter C.

#### § 27.32 Boats.

(a) The use of boats in national wildlife refuges is prohibited except as may be authorized under and subject to the requirements set forth below.

(b) When the use of boats is permitted on any national wildlife refuge, the public will be notified under the provisions of this subchapter C and the following operational requirements and limitations will apply:

(1)(i) In addition to the regulations contained in this part, the U.S. Coast Guard Regulations, titles 33 and 46

CFR, are applicable on navigable waters of the United States.

(ii) Unless specifically covered by the general and special regulations set forth in this chapter, the laws and regulations of the State within whose exterior boundaries a national wildlife refuge or portion thereof is located shall govern boating and the operation and use of boats. Such laws and regulations which are now or may hereafter be in effect are hereby adopted and made a part of the regulations in this part.

(2) No operator or person in charge of any boat shall operate or knowingly permit any other person to operate a boat in a reckless or negligent manner, or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person, property or wildlife.

(3) No person shall operate or be in actual physical control of a boat while under the influence of intoxicating beverages or controlled substances.

(4) No person shall operate a boat in a manner which will unreasonably interfere with other boats or with free and proper navigation of the waterways of the areas. Anchoring in heavily traveled channels or main thoroughfares shall constitute such interference if unreasonable in the prevailing circumstances.

(5) No person shall operate a boat on refuge waters that has a marine head (toilet) unless it conforms to Environmental Protection Agency regulations regarding sewage discharge.

(6) Every sailboat when underway from sunset to sunrise shall carry and exhibit a bright white light visible all around the horizon for a distance of two miles.

(7) Leaving any boat unattended, outside of designated mooring or beaching areas, for a period in excess of 72 hours without written permission of the refuge manager is prohibited and any boat so left may be impounded by the refuge manager.

(8) Government-owned docks, piers, and floats are not to be used for loading and unloading of boats, except in emergencies or unless specifically authorized by the refuge manager.

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### § 27.33 Water skiing.

When water skiing is permitted upon national wildlife refuge waters, the public will be notified under the provisions of this subchapter C and the following requirements and limitations will apply:

(a) Water skiing is permitted only during daylight hours and during periods posted or otherwise designated under the provisions of this subchapter C.

(b) When a skier is in "tow" there must be two persons in the boat at all times, with one person not operating the boat, acting as an observer of the skier in tow.

(c) The direction of a tow boat when circling will be counter clockwise.

(d) Skiers must wear U.S. Coast Guard approved ski belts, life jackets or buoyant vests.

(e) Water skiing is prohibited within 300 feet of harbors, swimming beaches, and mooring areas, and within 100 feet of any designated swimming area.

### § 27.34 Aircraft.

The unauthorized operation of aircraft, including sail planes, and hang gliders, at altitudes resulting in harassment of wildlife, or the unauthorized landing or take-off on a national wildlife refuge, except in an emergency, is prohibited. National wildlife refuge boundaries are designated on update FAA aeronautical charts.

## Subpart D—Disturbing Violations: With Weapons

### § 27.41 General provisions.

Carrying, possessing, or discharging firearms, fireworks, or explosives on national wildlife refuges is prohibited unless specifically authorized under the provisions of this subchapter C.

### § 27.42 Firearms.

Only the following persons may possess, use, or transport firearms on national wildlife refuges in accordance with this section and applicable Federal and State law:

(a) Persons using firearms for public hunting under the provisions of 50 CFR part 32.

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(b) Persons carrying unloaded firearms, that are dismantled or cased, in vehicles and boats over routes of travel designated under the provision of subchapter C.

(c) Persons authorized to use firearms for the taking of specimens of wildlife for scientific purposes.

(d) Persons authorized by special regulations or permits to possess or use firearms for the protection of property, for field trials, and other special purposes.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Chapter, persons may possess, carry, and transport concealed, loaded, and operable firearms within a national wildlife refuge in accordance with the laws of the state in which the wildlife refuge, or that portion thereof, is located, except as otherwise prohibited by applicable Federal law.

[46 FR 47230, Sept. 25, 1981, as amended at 73 FR 74971, Dec. 10, 2008]

### § 27.43 Weapons other than firearms.

The use or possession of cross bows, bows and arrows, air guns, spears, gigs, or other weapons on national wildlife refuges is prohibited except as may be authorized under the provision of this subchapter C.

[46 FR 47230, Sept. 25, 1981]

## Subpart E—Disturbing Violations: Against Plants and Animals

### § 27.51 Disturbing, injuring, and damaging plants and animals.

(a) Disturbing, injuring, spearing, poisoning, destroying, collecting or attempting to disturb, injure, spear, poison, destroy or collect any plant or animal on any national wildlife refuge is prohibited except by special permit unless otherwise permitted under this subchapter C.

(b) [Reserved]

### § 27.52 Introduction of plants and animals.

Plants and animals or their parts taken elsewhere shall not be introduced, liberated, or placed on any national wildlife refuge except as authorized.

**Subpart F—Disturbing Violations:  
Against Nonwildlife Property**

**§ 27.61 Destruction or removal of property.**

The destruction, injury, defacement, disturbance, or the unauthorized removal of any public property including natural objects or private property on or from any national wildlife refuge is prohibited.

**§ 27.62 Search for and removal of objects of antiquity.**

No person shall search for or remove from national wildlife refuges objects of antiquity except as may be authorized by 43 CFR part 3.

**§ 27.63 Search for and removal of other valued objects.**

(a) No person shall search for buried treasure, treasure trove, valuable semi-precious rocks, stones, or mineral specimens on national wildlife refuges unless authorized by permit or by provision of this subchapter C.

(b) Permits are required for archeological studies on national wildlife refuges in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter C.

**§ 27.64 Prospecting and mining.**

Prospecting, locating, or filing mining claims on national wildlife refuges is prohibited unless otherwise provided by law. See § 29.31 for provisions concerning mineral leasing.

[41 FR 9168, Mar. 3, 1976, as amended at 44 FR 42976, July 23, 1979]

**§ 27.65 Tampering with vehicles and equipment.**

Tampering with, entering, or starting any motor vehicle, boat, equipment or machinery or attempting to tamper with, enter, or start any motor vehicle, boat, equipment or machinery on any national wildlife refuge without proper authorization is prohibited.

**Subpart G—Disturbing Violations:  
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**§ 27.71 Commercial filming and still photography and audio recording.**

(a) We authorize commercial filming and still photography on national wildlife refuges under the provisions of 43 CFR part 5.

(b) Audio recording does not require a permit unless:

(1) It takes place at location(s) where or when members of the public are not allowed;

(2) It uses equipment that cannot be carried or held by one person;

(3) It uses equipment that requires an external power source; or

(4) We would incur additional administrative costs to provide management and oversight of the permitted activity to:

(i) Avoid unacceptable impacts and impairment to wildlife or resource values;

(ii) Minimize health or safety risks to the visiting public

(c) Failure to comply with any provision of 43 CFR part 5 is a violation of this section.

(d) The location fee schedule for still photography conducted according to a permit issued under 43 CFR part 5 will apply to audio recording permits issued under this part.

(e) We will collect and retain cost recovery charges associated with processing permit requests and monitoring the permitted activities.

(f) *Information collection.* A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The information collection requirements contained in this section have been approved by the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and assigned control number 1018-0102. The information is being collected to provide agency managers data necessary to issue permits and grant administrative benefits. The obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain a benefit. You may send comments on this information collection requirement to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S.

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Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street NW., Mailstop 2042-PDM, Washington, DC 20240.

[78 FR 52097, Aug. 22, 2013]

### § 27.72 Audio equipment.

The operation or use of audio devices including radios, recording and playback devices, loudspeakers, television sets, public address systems and musical instruments so as to cause unreasonable disturbance to others in the vicinity is prohibited.

### § 27.73 Artificial lights.

No unauthorized person shall use or direct the rays of a spotlight or other artificial light, or automotive headlights for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking any animal within the boundaries of any national wildlife refuge or along rights-of-way for public or private roads within a national wildlife refuge.

## Subpart H—Disturbing Violations: Personal Conduct

### § 27.81 Alcoholic beverages.

Entering or remaining in any national wildlife refuge when under the influence of alcohol, to a degree that may endanger oneself or other persons or property or unreasonably annoy persons in the vicinity, is prohibited.

### § 27.82 Possession and delivery of controlled substances.

(a) Definitions for the purpose of this section:

(1) The term *controlled substance* means a drug or other substance, or immediate precursor, included in schedules I, II, III, IV, or V of part B of the Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. 812) or any drug or substance added to these schedules pursuant to the terms of the Controlled Substance Act.

(2) The term *practitioner* means a physician, dentist, veterinarian, scientific investigator, pharmacist, or other person licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted by the United States or the jurisdiction in which he practices to distribute or possess a controlled substance in the course of professional practice.

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(3) The term *delivery* means the actual, attempted or constructive transfer and/or distribution of a controlled substance, whether or not there exists an agency relationship.

(b) Offenses. (1) The delivery of any controlled substance on a national wildlife refuge is prohibited, except that distributed by a practitioner in accordance with applicable law.

(2) The possession of a controlled substance on a national wildlife refuge is prohibited unless such substance was obtained by the possessor directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order, from a practitioner acting in the course of his professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by applicable law.

(3) Presence in a national wildlife refuge when under the influence of a controlled substance to a degree that may endanger oneself, or another person, or property, or may cause unreasonable interference with another person's enjoyment of a national wildlife refuge is prohibited.

### § 27.83 Indecency and disorderly conduct.

Any act of indecency or disorderly conduct as defined by State or local laws is prohibited on any national wildlife refuge.

### § 27.84 Interference with persons engaged in authorized activities.

Disturbing, molesting, or interfering with any employee of the United States or of any local or State government engaged in official business, or with any private person engaged in the pursuit of an authorized activity on any national wildlife refuge is prohibited.

### § 27.85 Gambling.

Gambling in any form, or the operation of gambling devices, for money or otherwise, on any national wildlife refuge is prohibited.

### § 27.86 Begging.

Begging on any national wildlife refuge is prohibited. Soliciting of funds for the support or assistance of any cause or organization is also prohibited unless properly authorized.

**Subpart I—Other Disturbing Violations**

**§ 27.91 Field trials.**

The conducting or operation of field trials for dogs on national wildlife refuges is prohibited except as may be authorized by special permit.

**§ 27.92 Private structures.**

No person shall without proper authority construct, install, occupy, or maintain any building, log boom, pier, dock, fence, wall, pile, anchorage, or other structure or obstruction in any national wildlife refuge.

**§ 27.93 Abandonment of property.**

Abandoning, discarding, or otherwise leaving any personal property in any national wildlife refuge is prohibited.

**§ 27.94 Disposal of waste.**

(a) The littering, disposing, or dumping in any manner of garbage, refuse sewage, sludge, earth, rocks, or other debris on any national wildlife refuge except at points or locations designated by the refuge manager, or the draining or dumping of oil, acids, pesticide wastes, poisons, or any other types of chemical wastes in, or otherwise polluting any waters, water holes, streams or other areas within any national wildlife refuge is prohibited.

(b) Persons using a national wildlife refuge shall comply with the sanitary requirements established under the provisions of this subchapter C for each individual refuge; the sanitation provisions which may be included in leases, agreements, or use permits, and all applicable Federal and State laws.

**§ 27.95 Fires.**

On all national wildlife refuges persons are prohibited from the following:

(a) Setting on fire or causing to be set on fire any timber, brush, grass, or other inflammable material including camp or cooking fires, except as authorized by the refuge manager or at locations designated for that purpose or as provided for under § 26.33(c) of this subchapter C.

(b) Leaving a fire unattended or not completely extinguished;

(c) Throwing a burning cigarette, match, or other lighted substance from any moving conveyance or throwing of same in any place where it may start a fire; and

(d) Smoking on any lands, including roads, or in any buildings which have been designated and/or posted with no smoking signs.

**§ 27.96 Advertising.**

Except as may be authorized, posting, distributing, or otherwise displaying private or public notices, advertisements, announcements, or displays of any kind in any national wildlife refuge, other than business designations on private vehicles or boats is prohibited.

**§ 27.97 Private operations.**

Soliciting business or conducting a commercial enterprise on any national wildlife refuge is prohibited except as may be authorized by special permit.

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**Subpart A—Introduction**

**§ 28.11 Purpose of regulations.**

The regulations in this part govern enforcement, penalty, and procedural

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requirements for violations of subchapter C of this chapter.

[81 FR 79970, Nov. 14, 2016]

### Subpart B—Enforcement Authority

#### § 28.21 General provisions.

Refuge managers and other authorized personnel are authorized pursuant to authority delegated from the Secretary and which has been published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (Administrative Manual 4 AM 4.2) to protect fish and wildlife and their habitat and prevent their disturbance, to protect Service lands, property, facilities, or interests therein and to insure the safety of the using public to the fullest degree possible. The control of recreational use will be enforced to meet these purposes pursuant to Federal, State, and local laws and regulations; The provisions of this subchapter C and any special regulations issued pursuant thereto; and the prohibitions and restrictions as posted.

[41 FR 9171, Mar. 3, 1976, as amended at 44 FR 42976, July 23, 1979; 51 FR 7575, Mar. 5, 1986]

### Subpart C—Penalty Provisions

#### § 28.31 General penalty provisions.

(a) Any person who violates any of the provisions, rules, regulations, posted signs, or special regulations of this subchapter C, or any items, conditions or restrictions in a permit, license, grant, privilege, or any other limitation established under the subchapter C shall be subject to the penalty provisions of this section.

(b) Failure of any person, utilizing the resources of any national wildlife refuge or enjoying any privilege of use thereon for any purpose whatsoever, to comply with any of the provisions, conditions, restrictions, or requirements of this subchapter C or to comply with any applicable provisions of Federal or State law may render such person liable to:

(1) The penalties as prescribed by law. (Sec. 4, 76 Stat. 654, 16 U.S.C. 460k-3; Sec. 4, 80 Stat. 927, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 668dd(e); Sec. 7, 60 Stat. 1080, 16 U.S.C. 666a; Sec. 6, 40 Stat. 756, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 707; Sec. 7, 48 Stat.

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452, 16 U.S.C. 718g; Sec. 2, 33 Stat. 614, as amended, 18 U.S.C. 41.)

(2) [Reserved]

#### § 28.32 Penalty provisions concerning fires and timber.

(a) Any person violating sections 1855-1856 of the Criminal Code (18 U.S.C. 1855-1856) as they pertain to fires on national wildlife refuge lands of the United States shall be subject to civil action and to the penalty provisions of the law.

(b) Any person violating sections 1852-1853 of the Criminal Code (18 U.S.C. 1852-1853) as they pertain to timber on national wildlife refuge lands of the United States shall be subject to civil action and to the penalty provisions of the law.

### Subpart D—Impoundment Procedures

#### § 28.41 Impoundment of abandoned property.

Any property abandoned or left unattended without authority on any national wildlife refuge for a period in excess of 72 hours is subject to removal. The expense of the removal shall be borne by the person owning or claiming ownership of the property. Such property is subject to sale or other disposal after 3 months, in accordance with section 203m of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1959, as amended (40 U.S.C. 484m), and regulations issued thereunder. Former owners may apply within 3 years for reimbursement for such property, subject to disposal and storage costs and similar expenses, upon sufficient proof of ownership.

#### § 28.42 Impounding of domestic animals.

(a) Any animal trespassing on the lands of any national wildlife refuge may be impounded and disposed of in accordance with State statutes insofar as they may be applicable. In the absence of such State statutes, the animals shall be disposed of in accordance with this section.

(b) If the owner is known, prompt written notice of the impounding will be served in person with written receipt obtained or delivery by certified

mail with return receipt requested. In the event of his failure to remove the impounded animal within five (5) days from receipt of such notice, it will be sold or otherwise disposed of as prescribed in this section.

(c) If the owner is unknown, no disposition of the animal shall be made until at least fifteen (15) days have elapsed from the date of a legal notice of the impounding has been posted at the county courthouse and 15 days after the second notice published in a newspaper in general circulation in the county in which the trespass took place.

(d) The notice shall state when and where the animal was impounded and shall describe it by brand or earmark or distinguishing marks or by other reasonable identification. The notice shall specify the time and place the animal will be offered at public sale to the highest bidder, in the event it is not claimed or redeemed. The notice shall reserve the right of the official conducting the sale to reject any and all bids so received.

(e) Prior to such sale, the owner may redeem the animal by submitting proof of ownership and paying all expenses of the United States for, capturing, impounding, advertising, care, forage, and damage claims.

(f) If an animal impounded under this section is offered at public sale and no bid is received or if the highest bid received is an amount less than the claim of the United States, the animal may be sold at private sale for the highest amount obtainable, or be condemned and destroyed or converted to the use of the United States. Upon the sale of any animal in accordance with this section, the buyer shall be issued a certificate of sale.

(g) In determining the claim of the Federal Government in all livestock trespass cases on national wildlife refuges, the value of forage consumed shall be computed at the commercial unit rate prevailing in the locality for that class of livestock. In addition, the claim shall include damages to national wildlife refuge property injured or destroyed, and all the related expenses incurred in the impounding, caring for and disposing of the animal. The salary of Service employees for the

time spent in and about the investigations, reports, and settlement or prosecution of the case shall be prorated in computing the expense. Payment of claims due the United States shall be made by certified check or postal money order payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### **§ 28.43 Destruction of dogs and cats.**

Dogs and cats running at large on a national wildlife refuge and observed by an authorized official in the act of killing, injuring, harassing or molesting humans or wildlife may be disposed of in the interest of public safety and protection of the wildlife.

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## Subpart A—General Rules

### § 29.1 May we allow economic uses on national wildlife refuges?

We may only authorize public or private economic use of the natural resources of any national wildlife refuge, in accordance with 16 U.S.C. 715s, where we determine that the use contributes to the achievement of the national wildlife refuge purposes or the National Wildlife Refuge System mission. We may authorize economic use by appropriate permit only when we have determined the use on a national wildlife refuge to be compatible. Persons exercising economic privileges on national wildlife refuges will be subject to the applicable provisions of this sub-

chapter and of other applicable laws and regulations governing national wildlife refuges. Permits for economic use will contain such terms and conditions that we determine to be necessary for the proper administration of the resources. Economic use in this section includes but is not limited to grazing livestock, harvesting hay and stock feed, removing timber, firewood or other natural products of the soil, removing shell, sand or gravel, cultivating areas, or engaging in operations that facilitate approved programs on national wildlife refuges.

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Cooperative agreements with persons for crop cultivation, haying, grazing, or the harvest of vegetative products, including plantlife, growing with or without cultivation on wildlife refuge areas may be executed on a share-in-kind basis when such agreements are in aid of or benefit to the wildlife management of the area.

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Fees and charges for the grant of privileges on wildlife refuge areas and for the sale of products taken therefrom, where not otherwise prescribed by law or regulation, shall be set at a rate commensurate with fees and charges for similar privileges and products made by private land owners in the vicinity or in accordance with their local value. Fees or rates of charge for products and privileges may be based either on a monetary exchange or on a share in kind of the resource or product.

## Subpart B—Rights-of-Way General Regulations

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*Compatible use* means a proposed or existing wildlife-dependent recreational use or any other use of a national wildlife refuge that, based on sound professional judgment, will not materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of the National Wildlife Refuge System mission or the

purposes of the national wildlife refuge. The term “inconsistent” in section 28(b)(1) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185) means a use that is not compatible.

*Department* means U.S. Department of the Interior unless otherwise specified.

*National Wildlife Refuge System land* means lands and waters, or interests therein, administered by the Secretary as wildlife refuges, areas for the protection and conservation of fish and wildlife that are threatened with extinction, wildlife ranges, game ranges, wildlife management areas, or waterfowl production areas.

*Other lands* means all other lands, or interests therein, and waters administered by the Secretary through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which are not included in National Wildlife Refuge System lands, e.g., administrative sites, research stations, fish hatcheries, and fishery research stations.

*Project Manager* means the officer in charge of the land under administration by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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#### § 29.21-1 Purpose and scope.

The regulations in this subpart prescribe the procedures for filing applications and the terms and conditions under which rights-of-way over and across the lands administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be granted.

(a) *National Wildlife Refuge System lands.* Applications for all forms of rights-of-way on or over such lands shall be submitted under authority of Pub. L. 89-669, (80 Stat. 926; 16 U.S.C. 668dd) as amended, or for oil and gas pipelines under section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (41 Stat. 449; 30 U.S.C. 185) as amended by Pub. L. 93-153, following application procedures set out in § 29.21-2. No right-of-way will be approved unless it is determined by the Regional Director to be compatible. See § 29.21-8 for additional requirements applicable to rights-of-way for electric power transmission lines and

§ 29.21-9 for additional requirements applicable to rights-of-way for pipelines for the transportation of oil, natural gas, synthetic liquid or gaseous fuels, or any refined product produced therefrom.

(b) *National Wildlife Refuge System lands—easement interest.* Applications for all forms of rights-of-way across lands in which the United States owns only an easement interest may be submitted to the Regional Director in letter form. No map exhibit is required, however, the affected land should be described in the letter or shown on a map sketch. If the requested right-of-way will not adversely affect the United States’ interest, the Regional Director may issue a letter stating that the interest of the United States to the right-of-way easement would not be affected provided there would be no objection to a right-of-way by the fee owner. If the interest of the United States will be affected, application for the right-of-way must be submitted in accordance with procedures set out in § 29.21-2.

(c) *Other lands outside the National Wildlife Refuge System.* Rights-of-way on or over other lands will be granted in accordance with controlling authorities cited in 43 CFR part 2800, or for oil and gas pipelines under section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (41 Stat. 449; 30 U.S.C. 185) as amended by Pub. L. 93-153. See § 29.21-8 for additional requirements applicable to rights-of-way for electric power transmission lines and § 29.21-9 for additional requirements applicable to rights-of-way for pipelines for the transportation of oil, natural gas, synthetic liquid or gaseous fuels, or any other refined product produced therefrom. Applications will be submitted in accordance with procedures set out in § 29.21-2.

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#### § 29.21-2 Application procedures.

(a) *Application.* (1) No special form of application is required. The application should state the purpose for which the right-of-way is being requested together with the length, width on each

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side of the centerline, and the estimated acreage. Applications, including exhibits, must be filed in triplicate with the Regional Director for the region in which the State is located. A list of States in each region and the addresses of the regional offices are provided at 50 CFR 2.2.

(2)(i) All applications filed pursuant to this subpart in the name of individuals, corporations, or associations must be accompanied by a nonreturnable application fee. No application fee will be required of (A) State or local governments or agencies or instrumentalities thereof except as to rights-of-way, easements or permits under section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by Pub. L. 93-153, or (B) Federal Government agencies.

(ii) Application fees will be in accordance with the following schedule:

(A) For linear facilities (e.g., powerlines, pipelines, roads, etc.).

Length	Payment
Less than 5 miles .....	\$50 per mile or fraction thereof.
5 to 20 miles .....	\$500.
20 miles and over .....	\$500 for each 20 miles or fraction thereof.

(B) For nonlinear facilities, \$250 for each 40 acres or fraction thereof.

(C) Where an application includes both linear and nonlinear facilities, payment will be the aggregate of amounts under paragraphs (a)(2)(ii)(A) and (B) of this section.

(D) When an application is received, the Regional Director will estimate the costs expected to be incurred in processing the application. If the estimated costs exceed the payments under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) (A), (B), or (C) of this section by an amount greater than the cost of maintaining actual cost records, the Regional Director shall require the applicant to make periodic payments in advance of the incurrence of such costs by the United States except for the last payment which will reflect final reimbursement for actual costs of the United States in processing the application. Overpayments may be refunded or adjusted by the Regional Director as appropriate.

(E) The Regional Director shall, on request by an applicant or prospective applicant, give an estimate based on the best available cost information, of

the costs which would be incurred by the United States in processing an application. However, reimbursement will not be limited to the estimate of the Regional Director if the actual costs exceed the estimate. Prospective applicants are encouraged to consult with the Regional Director in advance of filing an application in regard to probable costs and other requirements.

(3)(i) By accepting an easement or permit under this subpart, the holder agrees to reimburse the United States for reasonable costs incurred by the Fish and Wildlife Service in monitoring the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of facilities within or adjacent to the easement or permit area. No reimbursement of monitoring costs will be required of (A) State or local governments or agencies or instrumentalities thereof except as to right-of-way, easements, or permits granted under section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 as amended by Pub. L. 93-153, or (B) Federal Government agencies.

(ii) Within 60 days of the issuance of an easement or permit the holder must submit a nonreturnable payment in accordance with the following:

(A) For linear facilities e.g., powerlines, pipelines, roads, etc.).

Length	Payment
Less than 5 miles .....	\$20 per mile or fraction thereof.
5 to 20 miles .....	\$200.
20 miles and over .....	\$200 for each 20 miles or fraction thereof.

(B) For nonlinear facilities, \$100 for each 40 acres or fraction thereof.

(C) Where an easement or permit includes both linear and nonlinear facilities, payment will be the aggregate amounts under paragraph (a)(3)(2)(ii) (A) and (B) of this section.

(D) When an easement or permit is granted the Regional Director shall estimate the costs, based on the best available cost information, expected to be incurred by the United States in monitoring holder activity. If the estimated costs exceed the payments under paragraph (a)(3)(2) (ii), (A), (B), or (C) of this section by an amount which is greater than the cost of maintaining actual cost records for the monitoring

process, the Regional Director shall require the holder to make periodic payments of the estimated reimbursable costs prior to the incurrence of such costs by the United States. Overpayments may be refunded or adjusted by the Regional Director as appropriate.

(E) Following the termination of an easement or permit, the former holder will be required to pay additional amounts to the extent the actual costs to the United States have exceeded the payments required by paragraphs (a)(3)(ii)(A), (B), and (C) of this section.

(4) All applications filed pursuant to this subpart must include a detailed environmental analysis which shall include information concerning the impact of the proposed use of the environment including the impact on air and water quality; scenic and esthetic features; historic, architectural, archeological, and cultural features; wildlife, fish and marine life, etc. The analysis shall include sufficient data so as to enable the Service to prepare an environmental assessment and/or impact statement in accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and comply with the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*), the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469 *et seq.*), Executive Order 11593 "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment" of May 13, 1971 (36 FR 8921), and "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR, part 800). Concerning the National Environmental Policy Act, the Regional Director may, at his discretion, rely on an environmental assessment or impact statement prepared by a "lead agency."

(b) *Maps.* A map or plat must accompany each copy of the application and must show the right-of-way in such detail that the right-of-way can be accurately located on the ground. Ties to Service land boundary corner monuments or some prominent cultural features which can be readily recognized and recovered should be shown where the right-of-way enters and leaves Service project land together with courses and distances of the centerline. The width of the right-of-way on each

side of the centerline together with the acreage included within the right-of-way or site must also be shown. If the right-of-way or site is located wholly within Service project land, a tie to a Government corner or prominent cultural feature which can be readily recognized and recovered should be shown.

[31 FR 16026, Dec. 15, 1966, as amended at 42 FR 43917, Aug. 31, 1977; 44 FR 42976, July 23, 1979; 48 FR 31655, July 11, 1983; 77 FR 5715, Feb. 6, 2012; 78 FR 35152, June 12, 2013]

#### § 29.21-3 Nature of interest granted.

(a) Where the land administered by the Secretary is owned in fee by the United States and the right-of-way is compatible with the objectives of the area, permit or easement may be approved and granted by the Regional Director. Generally an easement or permit will be issued for a term of 50 years or so long as it is used for the purpose granted, or for a lesser term when considered appropriate. For rights-of-way granted under authority of section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, for pipelines for the transportation of oil, natural gas, synthetic liquid or gaseous fuels, or any refined product produced therefrom, the grant may be for a term not to exceed 30 years and the right-of-way may not exceed 50 feet, plus the area occupied by the pipeline and its related facilities unless the Regional Director finds, and records the reasons for his finding, that, in his judgment, a wider right-of-way is necessary for operation and maintenance after construction, or to protect the environment or public safety. Related facilities include but are not limited to valves, pump stations, supporting structures, bridges, monitoring and communication devices, surge and storage tanks, terminals, etc. However, a temporary permit supplementing a right-of-way may be granted for additional land needed during construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, or to protect the natural environment or public safety.

(b) Unless otherwise provided, no interest granted shall give the grantee any right whatever to remove any material, earth, or stone for construction or other purpose, except that stone or earth necessarily removed from the

right-of-way in the construction of a project may be used elsewhere along the same right-of-way in the construction of the same project.

[31 FR 16026, Dec. 15, 1966, as amended at 42 FR 43918, Aug. 31, 1977]

**§ 29.21-4 Terms and conditions.**

(a) Any right-of-way easement or permit granted will be subject to outstanding rights, if any, in third parties.

(b) An applicant, by accepting an easement or permit agrees to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Regional Director in the granting document. Such terms and conditions shall include the following, unless waived in part by the Regional Director, and may include additional special stipulations at his discretion. See § 29.21-8 for special requirements for electric powerlines and § 29.21-9 for special requirements for oil and gas pipelines.

(1) To comply with State and Federal laws applicable to the project within which the easement or permit is granted, and to the lands which are included in the right-of-way, and lawful existing regulations thereunder.

(2) To clear and keep clear the lands within the easement or permit area to the extent and in the manner directed by the project manager in charge; and to dispose of all vegetative and other material cut, uprooted, or otherwise accumulated during the construction and maintenance of the project in such a manner as to decrease the fire hazard and also in accordance with such instructions as the project manager may specify.

(3) To prevent the disturbance or removal of any public land survey monument or project boundary monument unless and until the applicant has requested and received from the Regional Director approval of measures the applicant will take to perpetuate the location of aforesaid monument.

(4) To take such soil and resource conservation and protection measures, including weed control on the land covered by the easement or permit as the project manager in charge may request.

(5) To do everything reasonably within his power, both independently and on request of any duly authorized rep-

resentative of the United States, to prevent and suppress fires on or near, lands to be occupied under the easement or permit area, including making available such construction and maintenance forces as may be reasonably obtainable for the suppression of such fires.

(6) To rebuild and repair such roads, fences, structures, and trails as may be destroyed or injured by construction work and upon request by the Regional Director, to build and maintain necessary and suitable crossings for all roads and trails that intersect the works constructed, maintained, or operated under the right-of-way.

(7) To pay the United States the full value for all damages to the lands or other property of the United States caused by him or by his employees, contractors, or employees of the contractors, and to indemnify the United States against any liability for damages to life, person or property arising from the occupancy or use of the lands under the easement or permit, except where the easement or permit is granted hereunder to a State or other governmental agency which has no legal power to assume such a liability with respect to damages caused by it to lands or property, such agency in lieu thereof agrees to repair all such damages. Where the easement or permit involves lands which are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, the holder or his employees, contractors, or agents of the contractors, shall be liable to third parties for injuries incurred in connection with the easement or permit area. Grants of easements or permits involving special hazards will impose liability without fault for injury and damage to the land and property of the United States up to a specified maximum limit commensurate with the foreseeable risks or hazards presented. The amount of no-fault liability for each occurrence is hereby limited to no more than \$1,000,000.

(8) To notify promptly the project manager in charge of the amount of merchantable timber, if any, which will be cut, removed, or destroyed in the construction and maintenance of the project, and to pay the United States in advance of construction such sum of money as the project manager

may determine to be the full stumpage value of the timber to be so cut, removed, or destroyed.

(9) That all or any part of the easement or permit granted may be terminated by the Regional Director, for failure to comply with any or all of the terms or conditions of the grant, or for abandonment. A rebuttable presumption of abandonment is raised by deliberate failure of the holder to use for any continuous 2-year period the easement or permit for the purpose for which it was granted or renewed. In the event of noncompliance of abandonment, the Regional Director will notify in writing the holder of the easement or permit of his intention to suspend or terminate such grant 60 days from the date of the notice, stating the reasons therefor, unless prior to that time the holder completes such corrective actions as are specified in the notice. The Regional Director may grant an extension of time within which to complete corrective actions when, in his judgment, extenuating circumstances not within the holder's control such as adverse weather conditions, disturbance to wildlife during breeding periods or periods of peak concentration, or other compelling reasons warrant. Should the holder of a right-of-way issued under authority of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended, fail to take corrective action within the 60-day period, the Regional Director will provide for an administrative proceeding pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 554, prior to a final Departmental decision to suspend or terminate the easement or permit. In the case of all other right-of-way holders, failure to take corrective action within the 60-day period will result in a determination by the Regional Director to suspend or terminate the easement or permit. No administrative proceeding shall be required where the easement or permit terminates under its terms.

(10) To restore the land to its original condition to the satisfaction of the Regional Director so far as it is reasonably possible to do so upon revocation and/or termination of the easement or permit, unless this requirement is waived in writing by the Regional Director. Termination also includes permits or easements that terminate under the terms of the grant.

(11) To keep the project manager informed at all times of his address, and, in case of corporations, of the address of its principal place of business and the names and addresses of its principal officers.

(12) That in the construction, operation, and maintenance of the project, he shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, or national origin and shall require an identical provision to be included in all subcontracts.

(13) That the grant of the easement or permit shall be subject to the express condition that the exercise thereof will not unduly interfere with the management, administration, or disposal by the United States of the land affected thereby. The applicant agrees and consents to the occupancy and use by the United States, its grantees, permittees, or lessees of any part of the easement or permit area not actually occupied for the purpose of the granted rights to the extent that it does not interfere with the full and safe utilization thereof by the holder. The holder of an easement or permit also agrees that authorized representatives of the United States shall have the right of access to the easement or permit area for the purpose of making inspections and monitoring the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities.

(14) That the easement or permit herein granted shall be subject to the express covenant that any facility constructed thereon will be modified or adapted, if such is found by the Regional Director to be necessary, without liability or expense to the United States, so that such facility will not conflict with the use and occupancy of the land for any authorized works which may hereafter be constructed thereon under the authority of the United States. Any such modification will be planned and scheduled so as not to interfere unduly with or to have minimal effect upon continuity of energy and delivery requirements.

(15) That the easement or permit herein granted shall be for the specific use described and may not be construed to include the further right to authorize any other use within the easement

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or permit area unless approved in writing by the Regional Director.

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**§ 29.21-5 Construction.**

(a) If construction is not commenced within two (2) years after date of right-of-way grant, the right-of-way may be canceled by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at his discretion.

(b) Proof of construction: Upon completion of construction, the applicant shall file a certification of completion with the Regional Director.

[42 FR 43919, Aug. 31, 1977]

**§ 29.21-6 Disposal, transfer or termination of interest.**

(a) *Change in jurisdiction over and disposal of lands.* The final disposal by the United States of any tract of land traversed by a right-of-way shall not be construed to be a revocation of the right-of-way in whole or in part, but such final disposition shall be deemed and taken to be subject to such right-of-way unless it has been specifically canceled.

(b) *Transfer of easement or permit.* Any proposed transfer, by assignment, lease, operating agreement or otherwise, of an easement or permit must be filed in triplicate with the Regional Director and must be supported by a stipulation that the transferee agrees to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions of the original grant. A \$25 nonreturnable service fee must accompany the proposal. No transfer will be recognized unless and until approved in writing by the Regional Director.

(c) *Disposal of property on termination of right-of-way.* In the absence of any agreement to the contrary, the holder of the right-of-way will be allowed 6 months after termination to remove all property or improvements other than a road and useable improvements to a road, placed thereon by him; otherwise, all such property and improvements shall become the property of the United States. Extensions of time may be granted at the discretion of the Regional Director.

[31 FR 16026, Dec. 15, 1966, as amended at 42 FR 43919, Aug. 31, 1977]

**§ 29.21-7 What payment do we require for use and occupancy of national wildlife refuge lands?**

(a) Payment for use and occupancy of lands under the regulations of this subpart will be required and will be for fair market value as determined by appraisal by the Regional Director. At the discretion of the Regional Director, the payment may be a lump sum payment or an annual fair market rental payment, to be made in advance. If any Federal, State or local agency is exempted from such payment by and any other provision of Federal law, such agency shall otherwise compensate the Service by any other means agreeable to the Regional Director, including, but not limited to, making other land available or the loan of equipment or personnel, except that any such compensation shall relate to, and be consistent with the objectives of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Regional Director may waive such requirement for compensation if he finds such requirement impracticable or unnecessary.

(b) When annual rental payments are used, such rates shall be reviewed by the Regional Director at any time not less than 5 years after the grant of the permit, right-of-way, or easement or the last revision of charges thereunder. The Regional Director will furnish a notice in writing to the holder of an easement or permit of intent to impose new charges to reflect fair market value commencing with the ensuing charge year. The revised charges will be effective unless the holder files an appeal in accordance with § 29.22.

[42 FR 43919, Aug. 31, 1977, as amended at 65 FR 62483, Oct. 18, 2000]

**§ 29.21-8 Electric power transmission line rights-of-way.**

By accepting a right-of-way for a power transmission line, the applicant thereby agrees and consents to comply with and be bound by the following terms and conditions, except those which the Secretary may waive in a particular case, in addition to those specified in § 29.21-4(b).

(a) To protect in a workmanlike manner, at crossings and at places in proximity to his transmission lines on

the right-of-way authorized, in accordance with the rules prescribed in the National Electric Safety Code, all Government and other telephone, telegraph and power transmission lines from contact and all highways and railroads from obstruction and to maintain his transmission lines in such manner as not to menace life or property.

(b) Neither the privilege nor the right to occupy or use the lands for the purpose authorized shall relieve him of any legal liability for causing inductive or conductive interference between any project transmission line or other project works constructed, operated, or maintained by him on the servient lands, and any radio installation, telephone line, or other communication facilities now or hereafter constructed and operated by the United States or any agency thereof.

[42 FR 43919, Aug. 31, 1977, as amended at 48 FR 31655, July 11, 1983]

**§ 29.21-9 Rights-of-way for pipelines for the transportation of oil, natural gas, synthetic liquid or gaseous fuels, or any refined product produced therefrom.**

(a) *Application procedure.* Applications for pipelines and related facilities under this section are to be filed in accordance with § 29.21-2 of these regulations with the following exception:

When the right-of-way or proposed facility will occupy Federal land under the control of more than one Federal Agency and/or more than one bureau or office of the Department of the Interior, a single application shall be filed with the appropriate State Director of the Bureau of Land Management in accordance with regulations in 43 CFR part 2800.

Any portion of the facility occupying land of the National Wildlife Refuge System will be subject to the provisions of these regulations.

(b) *Right-of-way grants* under this section will be subject to the special requirements of section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185), as amended, as set forth below. Gathering lines and associated structures used solely in the production of oil and gas under valid leases on the lands administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service are excepted from the provisions of this section.

(1) *Pipeline safety.* Rights-of-way or permits granted under this section will include requirements that will protect the safety of workers and protect the public from sudden ruptures and slow degradation of the pipeline. An applicant must agree to design, construct, and operate all proposed facilities in accordance with the provisions of parts 192 and/or 195 of title 49 of the CFR and in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Pub. L. 91-596, including any amendments thereto.

(2) *Environmental protection.* An application for a right-of-way must contain environmental information required by § 29.21-2(a)(4) of this subpart. If the Regional Director determines that a proposed project will have a significant affect on the environment, there must also be furnished a plan of construction, operations, and rehabilitation of the proposed facilities. In addition to terms and conditions imposed under § 29.21-4, the Regional director will impose such stipulations as may be required to assure: (i) Restoration, revegetation and curtailment of erosion of the surface; (ii) that activities in connection with the right-of-way or permit will not violate applicable air and water quality standards in related facilities siting standards established by law; (iii) control or prevention of damage to the environment including damage to fish and wildlife habitat, public or private property, and public health and safety; and (iv) protection of the interests of individuals living in the general area of the right-of-way or permit who rely on the fish, wildlife, and biotic resources of the area for subsistence purposes.

(c) *Disclosure.* If the applicant is a partnership, corporation, association, or other business entity it must disclose the identity of the participants in the entity. Such disclosure shall include where applicable (1) the name and address of each partner, (2) the name and address of each shareholder owning 3 percentum or more of the shares, together with the number and percentage of any class of voting shares of the entity which such shareholder is authorized to vote, and (3) the name and address of each affiliate of the entity together with, in the case of

an affiliate controlled by the entity, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of that affiliate owned, directly or indirectly, by that entity, and in the case of an affiliate which controls that entity, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of that entity owned, directly or indirectly, by the affiliate.

(d) *Technical and financial capability.* The Regional Director may grant or renew a right-of-way or permit under this section only when he is satisfied that the applicant has the technical and financial capability to construct, operate, maintain and terminate the facility. At the discretion of the Regional Director, a financial statement may be required.

(e) *Reimbursement of costs.* In accordance with § 29.21-2(a)(3) of this subpart, the holder of a right-of-way or permit must reimburse the Service for the cost incurred in monitoring the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of any pipeline or related facilities as determined by the Regional Director.

(f) *Public hearing.* The Regional Director shall give notice to Federal, State, and local government agencies, and the public, and afford them the opportunity to comment on right-of-way applications under this section. A notice will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and a public hearing may be held where appropriate.

(g) *Bonding.* Where appropriate the Regional Director may require the holder of a right-of-way or permit to furnish a bond, or other security satisfactory to him, to secure all or any of the obligations imposed by the terms and conditions of the right-of-way or permit or by any rule or regulation, not to exceed the period of construction plus one year or a longer period if necessary for the pipeline to stabilize.

(h) *Suspension of right-of-way.* If the Project Manager determines that an immediate temporary suspension of activities within a right-of-way or permit area is necessary to protect public health and safety or the environment, he may issue an emergency suspension order to abate such activities prior to an administrative proceeding. The Regional Director must make a deter-

mination and notify the holder in writing within 15 days from the date of suspension as to whether the suspension should continue and list actions needed to terminate the suspension. Such suspension shall remain in effect for only so long as an emergency condition continues.

(i) *Joint use of rights-of-way.* Each right-of-way or permit shall reserve to the Regional Director the right to grant additional rights-of-way or permits for compatible uses on or adjacent to rights-of-way or permit areas granted under this section after giving notice to the holder and an opportunity to comment.

(j) *Common carriers.* (1) Pipelines and related facilities used for the transportation of oil, natural gas, synthetic liquid or gaseous fuels, or any refined product produced therefrom shall be constructed, operated, and maintained as common carriers.

(2)(i) The owners or operators of pipelines subject to this subpart shall accept, convey, transport, or purchase without discrimination all oil or gas delivered to the pipeline without regard to whether such oil or gas was produced on Federal or non-Federal lands.

(ii) In the case of oil or gas produced from Federal lands or from the resources on the Federal lands in the vicinity of the pipelines, the Secretary may, after a full hearing with due notice thereof to the interested parties and a proper finding of facts, determine the proportionate amounts to be accepted, conveyed, transported or purchased.

(3)(i) The common carrier provisions of this section shall not apply to any natural gas pipeline operated by any person subject to regulation under the Natural Gas Act or by any public utility subject to regulation by a State or municipal regulatory agency having jurisdiction to regulate the rates and charges for the sale of natural gas to consumers within the State or municipality.

(ii) Where natural gas not subject to state regulatory or conservation laws governing its purchase by pipelines is offered for sale, each such pipeline shall purchase, without discrimination,

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any such natural gas produced in the vicinity of the pipeline.

(4) The Regional Director shall require, prior to granting or renewing a right-of-way, that the applicant submit and disclose all plans, contracts, agreements, or other information or material which he deems necessary to determine whether a right-of-way shall be granted or renewed and the terms and conditions which should be included in the right-of-way. Such information may include, but is not limited to: (i) Conditions for, and agreements among owners or operators, regarding the addition of pumping facilities, looping, or otherwise increasing the pipeline or terminal's throughput capacity in response to actual or anticipated increases in demand; (ii) conditions for adding or abandoning intake, offtake, or storage points or facilities; and (iii) minimum shipment or purchase tenders.

(k) *Limitations on export.* Any domestically produced crude oil transported by pipeline over rights-of-way granted pursuant to section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, except such crude oil which is either exchanged in similar quantity for convenience or increased efficiency of transportation with persons or the government of an adjacent foreign state, or which is temporarily exported for convenience or increased efficiency of transportation across parts of an adjacent foreign state and reenters the United States, shall be subject to all of the limitation and licensing requirements of the Export Administration Act of 1969.

(l) *State standards.* The Regional Director shall take into consideration, and to the extent practical comply with, applicable State standards for right-of-way construction, operation, and maintenance.

(m) *Congressional notification.* The Secretary shall promptly notify the Committee on Natural Resources of the United States House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate upon receipt of an application for a right-of-way for pipeline 24 inches or more in diameter, and no right-of-way for such a pipeline shall be granted until 60 days (not including days on which the House or Senate has ad-

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jourled for more than three days) after a notice of intention to grant the right-of-way, together with the Secretary's detailed findings as to the terms and conditions he proposes to impose, has been submitted to such committees.

[42 FR 43921, Aug. 31, 1977, as amended at 77 FR 5716, Feb. 6, 2012]

### § 29.22 Hearing and appeals procedures.

An appeal may be taken from any final disposition of the Regional Director to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and, except in the case of a denial of a right-of-way application, from the latter's decision to the Secretary of the Interior. Appeals to the Secretary shall be taken pursuant to 43 CFR part 4, subpart G.

[44 FR 42976, July 23, 1979]

## Subpart C—Mineral Operations

### § 29.31 Mineral ownerships in the United States.

Where mineral rights to lands in wildlife refuge areas are vested in the United States, the provisions of 43 CFR 3101.3–3, 3109.4, 3201.1–6 and 3501.2–2 govern.

[31 FR 16026, Dec. 15, 1966, as amended at 44 FR 42976, July 23, 1979]

### § 29.32 Non-Federal mineral rights.

(a) Non-Federal mineral rights owners within the National Wildlife Refuge System, not including coordination areas, must, to the greatest extent practicable, conduct all exploration, development, and production operations in such a manner as to prevent damage, erosion, pollution, or contamination to Service-administered lands, waters, facilities, and to wildlife thereon. So far as is practicable, such operations must also be conducted without interference to the operation of the refuge and disturbance to the wildlife thereon.

(1) Physical occupancy must be kept to the minimum space necessary to conduct efficient mineral operations.

(2) Persons conducting mineral operations on Service-administered lands

and waters must comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations for the protection of wildlife and the administration of the area.

(3) All waste and contaminating substances must be kept in the smallest practicable area, confined so as to prevent escape as a result of rains and high water or otherwise, and removed from Service-administered lands and waters as quickly as practicable in such a manner as to prevent contamination, pollution, damage, or injury to Service-administered lands, waters, or facilities, or to wildlife thereon.

(4) Structures and equipment must be removed when the need for them has ended, and, upon the cessation of operations, the habitat in the area of operations must be restored to the extent possible to pre-operation conditions.

(b) Nothing in this section will be applied so as to contravene or nullify rights vested in holders of mineral interests on refuge lands.

[81 FR 79971, Nov. 14, 2016]

### Subpart D—Management of Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights

SOURCE: 81 FR 79971, Nov. 14, 2016, unless otherwise noted.

#### PURPOSE AND SCOPE

#### § 29.40 What are the purpose and scope of the regulations in this subpart?

(a) The purpose of this subpart is to ensure that operators exercising non-Federal oil and gas rights within the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) outside of Alaska use technologically feasible, least damaging methods to:

(1) Protect Service-administered lands and waters, and resources of refuges;

(2) Protect refuge wildlife-dependent recreational uses and experiences and visitor or employee health and safety; and

(3) Conserve refuges for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

(b) This subpart applies to all operators conducting non-Federal oil and gas operations outside of Alaska on Service-administered lands held in fee

or less-than fee (excluding coordination areas) or Service-administered waters to the extent necessary to protect those property interests. These regulations do not apply to non-Federal surface locations within the boundaries of a refuge (*i.e.*, inholdings), except to the extent that activities associated with those operations, including access to an inholding, occur on Service-administered lands or waters.

(c) This subpart is not intended to result in a taking of any property interest. The purpose of this subpart is to reasonably regulate operations to protect Service-administered lands and waters, resources of refuges, visitor uses and experiences, and visitor or employee health and safety.

#### § 29.41 When does this subpart apply to me?

This subpart applies to you if you are an operator who conducts or proposes to conduct non-Federal oil or gas operations on Service-administered lands or waters outside of Alaska.

#### § 29.42 What authorization do I need to conduct operations?

(a) You must demonstrate to the Service that you have the right to operate in order to conduct operations on Service-administered lands or waters.

(b) Except as provided in §§ 29.43 or 29.44, before starting operations, you must obtain a temporary access permit under §§ 29.70 through 29.73 for reconnaissance surveys and/or an operations permit under §§ 29.90 through 29.97.

#### § 29.43 If I am already operating under Service authorization, what do I need to do?

If you already have a Service-issued permit, you may continue to operate according to the terms and conditions of that approval, subject to the provisions of this subpart. If you propose to conduct new operations, modify your existing operations, conduct well plugging or reclamation operations, or obtain an extension of the well plugging requirement to maintain your well in shut-in status, you must either amend your current authorization or obtain an operations permit in accordance with §§ 29.90 through 29.97, Operations

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Permit: Application, and such new operations or modifications will be subject to the applicable provisions of this subpart. Additionally, your existing operations are subject to the following regulations:

- (a) § 29.120(b) and (d)–(g) and § 29.121(a) and (c)–(f);
- (b) § 29.170(a);
- (c) §§ 29.180 and 29.181;
- (d) § 29.190; and
- (e) § 29.200.

### § 29.44 If I am operating without prior Service authorization, what do I need to do?

Any operator that has commenced operations prior to December 14, 2016 in accordance with applicable local, State, and Federal laws and regulations may continue without an operations permit. However, your operation is subject to the requirements of §§ 29.60 through 29.64, Pre-Existing Operations, and the requirements that when you propose to conduct new operations, modify your pre-existing operations, conduct well plugging and reclamation operations, or obtain an extension of the well plugging requirement to maintain your well in shut-in status, you must obtain an operations permit in accordance with §§ 29.90 through 29.97, Operations Permit: Application, and all applicable requirements of this subpart.

#### DEFINITIONS

### § 29.50 What do the terms used in this subpart mean?

In addition to the definitions in §§ 25.12, 29.21, and 36.2 of this subchapter, the following definitions apply to this subpart:

*Access* means any method of entering or traversing on or across Service-administered lands or waters, including but not limited to: Vehicle, watercraft, fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter, unmanned aerial vehicle, off-road vehicle, mobile heavy equipment, snowmobile, pack animal, and foot. Access does not include the use of aircraft, including, but not limited to, airplanes, helicopters, and unmanned aircraft vehicles, that do not land on, or are not launched from, Service-administered lands or waters.

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*Area of operations* means the area of Service-administered lands or waters on which operations are carried out, including roads or other areas that you are authorized to use related to the exercise of your oil and gas rights.

*Contaminating substance* means any toxic or hazardous substance that is used in or results from the conduct of operations and is listed under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*), Clean Water Act regulations at 40 CFR parts 112 and 116, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act regulations at 40 CFR part 261, or the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act regulations at 49 CFR part 172. This includes, but is not limited to, explosives, radioactive materials, brine waters, formation waters, petroleum products, petroleum byproducts, and chemical compounds used for drilling, production, processing, well testing, well completion, and well servicing.

*Gas* means any fluid, either combustible or noncombustible, that is produced in a natural state from the earth and that maintains a gaseous or rarefied state at ordinary temperature and pressure conditions.

*Oil* means any viscous combustible liquid hydrocarbon or solid hydrocarbon substance that occurs naturally in the earth and is easily liquefiable on warming.

*Modifying* means changing operations in a manner that will result in additional impacts on refuge resources, visitor uses, refuge administration, or human health and safety beyond the scope, intensity, and/or duration of existing impacts. In order to determine if activities would have additional impacts, you must consult with the Service.

*Operations* means all existing and proposed functions, work, and activities in connection with the exercise of oil or gas rights not owned by the United States and located on Service-administered lands or waters.

(1) Operations include, but are not limited to: Access by any means to or from an area of operations; construction; geological and geophysical exploration; drilling, well servicing, workover, or recompletion; production; hydraulic fracturing, well simulation,

and injection wells; gathering (including installation and maintenance of flowlines and gathering lines); storage, transport, or processing of petroleum products; earth moving; excavation; hauling; disposal; surveillance, inspection, monitoring, or maintenance of wells, facilities, and equipment; reclamation; road and pad building or improvement; shot hole and well plugging and abandonment, and reclamation; and all other activities incident to any of the foregoing.

(2) Operations do not include reconnaissance surveys as defined in this subpart or oil and gas pipelines that are located within a refuge under authority of a deeded or other right-of-way.

*Operations permit* means a permit issued by the Service under this subpart authorizing an operator to conduct operations on Service-administered lands or waters.

*Operator* means any person or entity, agent, assignee, designee, lessee, or representative thereof exercising or proposing to exercise non-Federal oil and gas rights on Service-administered lands or waters.

*Reconnaissance survey* means an inspection or survey conducted by qualified specialists for the purpose of preparing a permit application. A reconnaissance survey:

(1) Includes identification of the area of operations and collection of natural and cultural resource information within and adjacent to the proposed area of operations.

(2) Does not include surface disturbance activities except for minimal disturbance necessary to perform cultural resource surveys, natural resource surveys, and location surveys required under this subpart.

*Right to operate* means a deed, lease, memorandum of lease, designation of operator, assignment of right, or other documentation demonstrating that you hold a legal right to conduct the operations you are proposing on Service-administered lands or waters.

*Service, we, us and our* means the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

*Technologically feasible, least damaging methods* are those that we determine, on a case-by-case basis, to be most protective of refuge resources and uses

while ensuring human health and safety, taking into consideration all relevant factors, including environmental, economic, and technological factors and the requirements of applicable law.

*Temporary access permit* means a permit issued by the Service authorizing an operator to access that operator's proposed area of operations to conduct reconnaissance surveys to collect basic information necessary to prepare an operations permit application.

*Third-party monitor* means a qualified specialist, who is not an employee, agent, or representative of the operator, nor has any conflicts of interest that could preclude objectivity in monitoring an operator's compliance, and who has the relevant expertise to monitor operations for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and permit requirements.

*Usable water* means an aquifer or its portion that:

(1)(i) Supplies any public water system; or

(ii) Contains a sufficient quantity of ground water to supply a public water system and either:

(A) Currently supplies drinking water for human consumption; or

(B) Contains fewer than 10,000 mg/l total dissolved solids; and

(2) Is not an exempted aquifer.

*Waste* means any material that is discarded. It includes, but is not limited to: Drilling fluids and cuttings; produced fluids not under regulation as a toxic or hazardous substance; human waste; garbage; fuel drums; pipes; oil; refined oil and other hydrocarbons; contaminated soil; synthetic materials; manmade structures or equipment; or native and nonnative materials.

*You* means the operator, unless otherwise specified or indicated by the context.

#### PRE-EXISTING OPERATIONS

#### § 29.60 Do I need an operations permit for my pre-existing operation?

No. Pre-existing operations are those conducted as of December 14, 2016 without an approved permit from the Service or prior to a boundary change or establishment of a new refuge. Your pre-existing operations may be continued

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without an operations permit, but you are required to operate in accordance with applicable local, State, and Federal laws and regulations, and are subject to applicable provisions of this subpart, including requirements for a permit when you propose to conduct new operations or to modify pre-existing operations.

### § 29.61 What information must I provide to the Service?

You must submit the following information to the Service where your pre-existing operation is occurring by February 13, 2017 or 90 days after a boundary change or establishment of a new refuge:

(a) Documentation demonstrating that you hold the right to operate on Service-administered lands or waters.

(b) The names, phone numbers, and addresses of your:

- (1) Primary company representative;
- (2) Representative responsible for field supervision; and
- (3) Representative responsible for emergency response.

(c) A brief description of your current operations, and any anticipated changes to current operations, including:

(1) A scaled map clearly delineating your existing area of operations;

(2) Documentation of the current operating methods, surface equipment, materials produced or used, and monitoring methods; and

(3) Copies of all plans and permits required by local, State, and Federal agencies, including a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan if required by Environmental Protection Agency regulations at 40 CFR part 112.

### § 29.62 What if I intend to conduct new operations or modify my pre-existing operations?

(a) You must obtain an operations permit before conducting operations that are begun after December 14, 2016 for those new operations in accordance with §§ 29.90 through 29.97, Operations Permit: Application, and all applicable requirements of this subpart.

(b) You must obtain an operations permit prior to modifying your pre-existing operations for that modification in accordance with §§ 29.90 through

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29.97, Operations Permit: Application, and all applicable requirements of this subpart.

### § 29.63 What plugging and reclamation requirements apply to my pre-existing operations?

Upon completion of your production operation, you are subject to the reclamation standards in § 29.117(d). You must obtain an operations permit in accordance with §§ 29.90 through 29.97, Operations Permit: Application, and all applicable requirements of this subpart, prior to plugging your well and conducting site reclamation.

### § 29.64 What other provisions apply to my operations?

Your pre-existing operations are also subject to the following regulations in this part 29:

- (a) § 29.120(b), (d), (f), and (g) and § 29.121(a) and (c)–(f);
- (b) § 29.170(a);
- (c) §§ 29.180 and 29.181;
- (d) § 29.190; and
- (e) § 29.200.

## TEMPORARY ACCESS PERMITS

### § 29.70 When do I need a temporary access permit?

You must apply to the Service and obtain a temporary access permit to access your proposed area of operations in order to conduct reconnaissance surveys within a refuge. This permit will describe the means, routes, timing, and other terms and conditions of your access determined by the Service to result in only the minimum disturbance necessary to perform surveys.

### § 29.71 How do I apply for a temporary access permit?

You must submit the information requested in FWS Form 3-2469 (Oil and Gas Operations Special Use Permit Application) to the refuge in which you propose to conduct operations. Information includes, but is not limited to:

(a) The name, legal address, and telephone number of the operator, employee, agent, or contractor responsible for overall management of the proposed operations;

(b) Documentation demonstrating that you hold the right to operate on Service-administered lands or waters;

(c) The name, legal address, telephone number, and qualifications of all specialists responsible for conducting the reconnaissance surveys (only required if the assistants/subcontractors/subpermittees will be operating on Service-administered lands or waters without the permittee being present);

(d) A brief description of the intended operation so that we can determine reconnaissance survey needs;

(e) A description of the survey methods you intend to use to identify the natural and cultural resources;

(f) A map (to-scale and determined by us to be acceptable) delineating the proposed reconnaissance survey area in relation to the refuge boundary and the proposed area of operations; and

(g) A description of proposed means of access and routes for conducting the reconnaissance surveys.

**§ 29.72 When will the Service grant a temporary access permit?**

Within 30 calendar days of receipt of the application for a reconnaissance survey, we will advise you whether the application fulfills the requirements of §§ 29.70 through 29.71 and issue you a temporary access permit or provide you with a statement of additional information that is needed for us to conduct review of your application.

**§ 29.73 How much time will I have to conduct my reconnaissance surveys?**

Your temporary access permit will be in effect for a maximum of 60 calendar days from the date of issuance, unless a longer term is approved in the permit. We may extend the term of the permit for a reasonable period of time, based upon your written request that explains why an extension is necessary.

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NON-FEDERAL SURFACE LOCATION

**§ 29.80 Do I need a permit for accessing oil and gas rights from a non-Federal location?**

No. Using directional drilling from a non-Federal surface location to reach your oil and gas rights within a refuge is exempt from these regulations. However, you are encouraged to provide the Service the names, phone numbers, and addresses of your primary company

representative, representative responsible for field supervision, and representative responsible for emergency response at least 60 calendar days prior to conducting your operation. If you require access across Service-administered lands or waters, that access is subject to applicable provisions of this subpart, including obtaining an operations permit for any new access or modification of existing access.

OPERATIONS PERMIT: APPLICATION

**§ 29.90 Who must apply for an operations permit?**

Except as otherwise provided in §§ 29.43, 29.44, 29.70, and 29.80, if you are proposing to conduct operations on Service-administered lands or waters outside of Alaska, you must submit an application (FWS Form 3-2469) for an operations permit to the Service.

**§ 29.91 What should I do before filing an application?**

You should participate in a pre-application meeting with the Service to allow for an early exchange of information between you and the Service with the intent of avoiding delays in your application process.

(a) For the meeting, you should provide:

(1) Documentation demonstrating that you hold the legal right to operate on Service-administered lands or waters; and

(2) An overview of your proposed operation and timing.

(b) The Service will provide guidance on the permitting process and information on available resource data, and identify additional data needs.

**§ 29.92 May I use previously submitted information?**

Yes.

(a) You do not need to resubmit information that is already on file with the Service, provided that such information is still current and accurate. You should reference this information in your oil and gas operations permit application.

(b) You may submit documents and materials submitted to other Federal

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and State agencies noting how the information meets the specific requirements of §§ 29.93 through 29.97.

### **§ 29.93 Do I need to submit information for all possible future operations?**

No. You need only provide information for those operations for which you are seeking immediate approval. Approval of activities beyond the scope of your application may be subject to a new application and approval process.

### **§ 29.94 What information must be included in all applications?**

All applications must include the information requested on FWS Form 3-2469, including, but not limited to:

(a) The name, legal address, and telephone number of the operator, employee, agent, or contractor responsible for overall management of the proposed operations.

(b) Documentation demonstrating that you hold the legal right to operate within the refuge.

(c) A description of the natural features of your proposed area of operations, such as: Streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, estimated depths to the top and bottom of zones of usable water and topographic relief.

(d) The location of existing roads, trails, railroad tracks, pipeline rights-of-way, pads, and other disturbed areas.

(e) The location of existing structures that your operations could affect, including buildings, pipelines, oil and gas wells including both producing and plugged and abandoned wells, injection wells, freshwater wells, underground and overhead electrical lines, and other utility lines.

(f) Descriptions of the natural and cultural resource conditions from your reconnaissance survey reports or other sources collected for your proposed area of operations, including any baseline testing of soils and surface and near-surface ground waters within your area of operations that reasonably may be impacted by your surface operations.

(g) Locations map(s) (to-scale and determined by us to be acceptable) that clearly identifies:

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(1) Proposed area of operations, existing conditions, and proposed new surface uses, including the boundaries of each of your oil and gas tracts in relation to your proposed operations and the relevant refuge boundary.

(2) Proposed access routes of new surface disturbances as determined by a location survey.

(3) Proposed location of all support facilities, including those for transportation (*e.g.*, vehicle parking areas, helicopter pads, etc.), sanitation, occupation, staging areas, fuel storage areas, refueling areas, loading docks, water supplies, and disposal facilities.

(h) The method and diagrams, including cross-sections, of any proposed pad construction, road construction, cut-and-fill areas, and surface maintenance, including erosion control.

(i) The number and types of equipment and vehicles, including an estimate of vehicular round trips associated with your operation.

(j) An estimated timetable for the proposed operations, including any operational timing constraints.

(k) The type and extent of security measures proposed at your area of operations.

(l) The power sources and their transmission systems for the proposed operations.

(m) The types and quantities of all solid and liquid waste generated and the proposed methods of storage, handling, and disposal.

(n) The source, quantity, access route, and transportation/conveyance method for all water to be used in operations, including hydraulic fracturing, and estimations of any anticipated wastewater volumes generated, including flowback fluids from hydraulic fracturing, and the proposed methods of storage, handling, and recycling or disposal.

(o) The following information regarding mitigation actions and alternatives considered:

(1) A description of the steps you propose to take to mitigate anticipated adverse environmental impacts on refuge resources and uses, including, but not limited to, the refuge's land features, land uses, fish and wildlife, vegetation, soils, surface and subsurface water resources, air quality, noise,

lightscares, viewsheds, cultural resources, and economic environment.

(2) A description of any anticipated impacts that you cannot mitigate.

(3) A description of alternatives considered that meet the criteria of technologically feasible, least damaging methods of operations, as well as the costs and environmental effects of such alternatives.

(p) You must submit the following information about your spill control and emergency preparedness plan. You may use a spill prevention control and countermeasure plan prepared under 40 CFR part 112 if the plan includes all of the information required by this section. You must submit:

(1) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the people whom the Service can contact in the event of a spill, fire, or accident, including the order in which the individuals should be contacted.

(2) The notification procedures and steps taken to minimize damage in the event of a spill, fire, or accident.

(3) Identification of contaminating substances used within your area of operations or expected to be encountered during operations.

(4) Trajectory analysis for potential spills that are not contained on location.

(5) Identification of abnormal pressure, temperature, toxic gases or substances, or other hazardous conditions at your area of operations or expected to be encountered during operations.

(6) Measures (*e.g.*, procedures, facility design, equipment) to minimize risks to human health and safety, and the environment.

(7) Steps to prevent accumulations of oil or other materials deemed to be fire hazards from occurring in the vicinity of well locations and lease tanks.

(8) The equipment and methods for containment and cleanup of contaminating substances, including a description of the equipment available at your area of operations and equipment available from local contractors.

(9) A stormwater drainage plan and actions intended to mitigate stormwater runoff.

(10) Material safety data sheets for each material you will use or encounter during operations, including ex-

pected quantities maintained at your area of operations.

(11) A description of the emergency actions you will take in the event of injury or death to fish and wildlife or vegetation.

(12) A description of the emergency actions you will take in the event of accidents causing human injury.

(13) Contingency plans for conditions and emergencies other than spills, such as if your area of operations is located in areas prone to hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes, fires, or earthquakes.

(q) A description of the specific equipment, materials, methods, and schedule that will be used to meet the operating standards for reclamation at § 29.117.

(r) An itemized list of the estimated costs that a third party would charge to complete reclamation.

**§ 29.95 What additional information must be included if I am proposing geophysical exploration?**

If you propose to conduct geophysical exploration, you must submit the information requested on FWS Form 3-2469, including, but not limited to:

(a) A map showing the positions of each survey line including all source and receiver locations as determined by a locational survey, and including shot point offset distances from wells, buildings, other infrastructure, cultural resources, and environmentally sensitive areas;

(b) The number of crews and numbers of workers in each crew;

(c) A description of the acquisition methods, including the procedures and specific equipment you will use, and energy sources (*e.g.*, explosives, vibroseis trucks);

(d) A description of the methods of access along each survey line for personnel, materials, and equipment; and

(e) A list of all explosives, blasting equipment, chemicals, and fuels you will use in the proposed operations, including a description of proposed disposal methods, transportation methods, safety measures, and storage facilities.

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**§ 29.96 What additional information must be included if I am proposing drilling operations?**

If you are proposing to drill a well, you must submit the information requested on FWS Form 3–2469, including, but not limited to:

(a) A description of the well pad construction, including dimensions and cross sections of cut-and-fill areas and excavations for ditches, sumps, and spill control equipment or structures, including lined areas;

(b) A description of the drill rig and equipment layout, including rig components, fuel tanks, testing equipment, support facilities, storage areas, and all other well-site equipment and facilities;

(c) A description of the type and characteristics of the proposed drilling mud systems; and

(d) A description of the equipment, materials, and methods of surface operations associated with your drilling, well casing and cementing, well control, well evaluation and testing, well completion, hydraulic fracturing or other well stimulation, and well plugging programs.

**§ 29.97 What additional information must be included if I am proposing production operations?**

If you are proposing to produce a well, you must submit the information requested on FWS Form 3–2469, including, but not limited to:

(a) The dimensions and the to-scale layout of the well pad, clearly identifying well locations, noting partial reclamation areas; gathering, separation, metering, and storage equipment; electrical lines; fences; spill control equipment or structures, including lined areas, artificial lift equipment, tank batteries, treating and separating vessels, secondary or enhanced recovery facilities, water disposal facilities, gas compression and/or injection facilities; metering points; sales point (if on lease); tanker pickup points; gas compressor, including size and type (if applicable); and any other well site equipment.

(b) A general description of anticipated stimulations, servicing, and workovers.

(c) A description of the procedures and equipment used to maintain well control.

(d) A description of the method and means used to transport produced oil and gas, including vehicular transport; flowline and gathering line construction and operation, pipe size, and operating pressure; cathodic protection methods; surface equipment use; surface equipment location; maintenance procedures; maintenance schedules; pressure detection methods; and shutdown procedures.

(e) A road and well pad maintenance plan, including equipment and materials to maintain the road surface and control erosion.

(f) A vegetation management plan on well sites, roads, pipeline corridors, and other disturbed surface areas, including control of noxious and invasive species.

(g) A stormwater management plan on the well site.

(h) A produced water storage and disposal plan.

(i) A description of the equipment, materials, and procedures proposed for well plugging.

**OPERATIONS PERMIT: APPLICATION  
REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

**§ 29.100 How will the Service process my application?**

We will conduct initial review of your application to determine if all information is complete. Once your information is complete, we will begin formal review.

**§ 29.101 How will the Service conduct an initial review?**

(a) Within 30 calendar days of receipt of your application, the Service will notify you in writing that one of the following situations exists:

(1) Your application is complete, and the Service will begin formal review;

(2) Your application does not meet the information requirements, in which case we will identify the additional information required to be submitted before the Service will be able to conduct formal review of your application; or

(3) More time is necessary to complete the review, in which case the

Service will provide the amount of additional time reasonably needed along with a justification.

(b) If you submit additional information as requested under paragraph (a)(2) of this section, and the Service determines that you have met all applicable information requirements, the Service will notify you within 30 calendar days from receipt of the additional information that either:

- (1) Your application is complete, and the Service will begin formal review; or
- (2) More time is necessary to complete the initial review, in which case the Service will provide the amount of additional time reasonably needed along with a justification.

**§ 29.102 How will the Service conduct a formal review?**

For those applications for which the Service determines that the applicant holds a valid property right, the Service will conduct a formal review of your application by:

- (a) Evaluating the potential impacts of your proposal on Service-administered lands and waters, or resources of refuges; visitor uses or experiences; or visitor or employee health and safety in compliance with applicable Federal laws; and
- (b) Identifying any additional operating conditions that would apply to your approved application.

**§ 29.103 What standards must be met to approve my application?**

(a) In order to approve your operations permit application, the Service must determine that your operations will:

- (1) Use technologically feasible, least damaging methods; and
  - (2) Meet all applicable operating standards.
- (b) Before operations begin, you must submit to the Service:

- (1) Financial assurance in the amount specified by the Service and in accordance with the requirements of §§ 29.150 through 29.154, Financial Assurance;
- (2) Proof of liability insurance with limits sufficient to cover injuries to persons or property caused by your operations; and

(3) A statement under penalty of perjury, signed by an official who is authorized to legally bind the company, stating that proposed operations are in compliance with any applicable Federal law or regulation or any applicable State law or regulation related to non-Federal oil and gas operations and that all information submitted to the Service is true and correct.

**§ 29.104 What actions may the Service take on my operations permit application?**

(a) We will make a decision on your application within 180 days from the date we deem your application complete unless:

- (1) We and you agree that such decision will occur within a shorter or longer period of time; or
- (2) We determine that an additional period of time is required to ensure that we have, in reviewing the permit application, complied with all applicable legal requirements.

(b) We will notify you in writing that your permit application is:

- (1) Approved, with or without operating conditions; or
- (2) Denied, and provide justification for the denial. Any such denial must be consistent with § 29.40(c).

OPERATING STANDARDS

**§ 29.110 What are the purposes of the Service's operating standards?**

The purposes are to:

- (a) Protect Service-administered lands and waters, and refuge resources; wildlife-dependent visitor uses and experiences; and visitor and employee health and safety; and
- (b) Ensure use of technologically feasible, least damaging methods. The operating standards give us and the operator flexibility to consider using alternative methods, equipment, materials design, and conduct of operations.

**§ 29.111 What general facility design and management standards must I meet?**

As a permittee, you must:

- (a) Design, construct, operate, and maintain access to your operational site to cause the minimum amount of surface disturbance needed to safely conduct operations and to avoid areas

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we have identified as containing sensitive resources.

(b) Install and maintain secondary containment materials and structures for all equipment and facilities using or storing contaminating substances. The containment system must be sufficiently impervious to prevent discharge and must have sufficient storage capacity to contain, at a minimum, the largest potential spill incident.

(c) Keep temporarily stored waste in the smallest area feasible, and confine the waste to prevent escape as a result of percolation, rain, high water, or other causes. You must regularly remove waste from the refuge and lawfully dispose of the waste in a direct and workable timeframe. You may not establish a solid waste disposal site on a refuge.

(d) Use engines that adhere to applicable Federal and State emission standards.

(e) Construct, maintain, and use roads in a manner to minimize fugitive dust emissions.

(f) Design, operate, and maintain your operations and equipment in a manner consistent with good air pollution control practices so as to minimize emissions and leaks of air pollutants and hydrocarbons, including intentional releases or flaring of gases.

(g) Control the invasion of noxious and invasive plant and animal species in your area of operations from the beginning through final reclamation.

(h) Avoid conducting ground-disturbing operations within 500 feet of any surface water, including an intermittent or ephemeral watercourse, or wetland, or any refuge structure or facility used by refuges for interpretation, public recreation, or administration. We may increase or decrease this distance consistent with the need to protect Service-administered structures or facilities, visitor uses or experiences, or visitor or employee health and safety; or to ensure that you have reasonable access to your non-Federal oil and gas. Measurements for purposes of this paragraph are by map distance.

### §29.112 What fish and wildlife protection standards must I meet?

To protect fish and wildlife resources on the refuge, you must:

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(a) Along with your employees and contractors, adhere to all refuge regulations for the protection of fish, wildlife, and plants;

(b) Ensure that you, your employees, and contractors have been informed and educated by the refuge staff on the appropriate protection practices for wildlife conservation;

(c) Conduct operations in a manner that does not create an unsafe environment for fish and wildlife by avoiding or minimizing exposure to physical and chemical hazards; and

(d) Conduct operations in a manner that avoids or minimizes impacts to sensitive wildlife, including timing and location of operations.

### §29.113 What hydrologic standards must I meet?

You must:

(a) Construct facilities in a manner that maintains hydrologic movement and function.

(b) Not cause measurable degradation of surface water or groundwater beyond that of existing conditions.

(c) Conduct operations in a manner that maintains natural processes of erosion and sedimentation.

### §29.114 What safety standards must I meet?

To ensure the safety of your operations, you must:

(a) Maintain your area of operations in a manner that avoids or minimizes the cause or spread of fire and does not intensify fire originating outside your operations area;

(b) Maintain structures, facilities, improvements, and equipment in a safe and professional manner in order not to create an unsafe environment for refuge resources, visitors, and employees, by avoiding or minimizing exposure to physical and chemical hazards; and

(c) Provide site-security measures to protect visitors from hazardous conditions resulting from your operations.

### §29.115 What lighting and visual standards must I meet?

(a) You must design, shield, and focus lighting to minimize the effects of spill light on the night sky or adjacent areas; and

(b) You must reduce visual contrast in the landscape in selecting the area of operations, avoiding unnecessary disturbance, choosing appropriate colors and materials for roads and permanent structures, and other means.

**§ 29.116 What noise reduction standards must I meet?**

You must prevent or minimize all noise that:

(a) Adversely affects refuge resources or uses, taking into account frequency, magnitude, or duration; or

(b) Exceeds levels that have been identified through monitoring as being acceptable to or appropriate for uses at the sites being monitored.

**§ 29.117 What reclamation and protection standards must I meet?**

(a) You must promptly clean up and remove from the refuge any released contaminating substances in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws.

(b) You must perform partial reclamation of areas that are no longer necessary to conduct operations. You must begin final reclamation within 6 months after you complete your authorized operations unless we authorize a different reclamation period in writing.

(c) You must protect all survey markers (*e.g.*, monuments, witness corners, reference monuments, and bearing trees) against destruction, obliteration, or damage from operations. You are responsible for reestablishment, restoration, and referencing of any monuments, corners, and bearing trees that are destroyed, obliterated, or damaged by your operations.

(d) You must complete reclamation by:

- (1) Plugging all wells;
- (2) Removing all above-ground structures, equipment, roads, and all other manmade material and debris resulting from operations;
- (3) Removing or neutralizing any contaminating substances;
- (4) Reestablishing native vegetative communities, or providing for conditions where ecological processes typical of the ecological zone (*e.g.*, plant or wildlife succession) will reestablish themselves;

(5) Grading to conform the contours to pre-existing elevations as necessary to maximize ecological function;

(6) Restoring conditions to pre-disturbance hydrologic movement and functionality;

(7) Restoring natural systems using native soil material that is similar in character to the adjacent undisturbed soil profiles;

(8) Ensuring that reclamation does not interfere with visitor use or with administration of the refuge;

(9) Attaining conditions that are consistent with the management objectives of the refuge, designed to meet the purposes for which the refuge was established; and

(10) Coordinating with us or with other operators who may be using a portion of your area of operations to ensure proper and equitable apportionment of reclamation responsibilities.

**§ 29.118 What additional operating standards apply to geophysical operations?**

If you conduct geophysical operations, you must do all of the following:

(a) Use surveying methods that minimize the need for vegetative trimming and removal.

(b) Locate source points using industry-accepted minimum safe-offset distances from pipelines, telephone lines, railroad tracks, roads, power lines, water wells, oil and gas wells, oil- and gas-production facilities, and buildings.

(c) Use equipment and methods that, based upon the specific environment, will minimize impacts to Service-administered lands and waters, and resources of refuges; visitor uses and experiences; and visitor and employee health and safety.

(d) If you use shot holes, you must:

(1) Use biodegradable charges;

(2) Plug all shot holes to prevent a pathway for migration for fluids along any portion of the bore; and

(3) Leave the site in a clean and safe condition that will not impede surface reclamation or pose a hazard to wildlife or human health and safety.

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### § 29.119 What additional operating standards apply to drilling and production operations?

If you conduct drilling and production operations, you must meet all of the following standards:

(a) To conduct drilling operations, you must:

(1) Use containerized mud circulation systems for operations;

(2) Not create or use earthen pits;

(3) Take all necessary precautions to keep your wells under control at all times, using only employees, contractors, or subcontractors trained and competent in well control procedures and equipment operation, and using industry-accepted well control equipment and practices; and

(4) Design, implement, and maintain integrated casing, cementing, drilling fluid, completion, stimulation, and blowout prevention programs to prevent escape of fluids to the surface and to isolate and protect usable water zones throughout the life of the well, taking into account all relevant geologic and engineering factors.

(b) To conduct production operations, in addition to meeting the standards of paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(4) of this section, you must do all of the following:

(1) Monitor producing conditions for early indications that could lead to loss of mechanical integrity of producing equipment.

(2) Maintain all surface equipment and the wellhead to prevent leaks or releases of any fluids or air pollutants.

(3) Identify wells and related facilities with appropriate signage. Signs must remain in place until the well is plugged and abandoned and the related facilities are removed. Signs must be of durable construction, and the lettering must be legible and large enough to be read under normal conditions at a distance of at least 50 feet. Each sign must show the name of the well, name of the operator, and the emergency contact phone number.

(4) Remove all equipment and materials when not needed for the current phase of your operation.

(5) Plug all wells, leaving the surface in a clean and safe condition that will not impede surface reclamation or pose

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a hazard to wildlife or human health and safety, in accordance with § 29.117.

### GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### § 29.120 What terms and conditions apply to all operators?

The following terms and conditions apply to all operators, regardless of whether these terms and conditions are expressly included in the permit:

(a) You must comply with all applicable operating standards in §§ 29.111 through 29.119; these operating standards will be incorporated in the terms and conditions of your operations permit. Violation of these operating standards, unless otherwise provided in your operations permit, will subject you to the Prohibited Acts and Penalties provisions of §§ 29.190 through 29.192.

(b) You are responsible for ensuring that all of your employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors comply fully with the requirements of this subpart.

(c) You may be required to reimburse the Service for the costs of processing and administering temporary access permits and operations permits.

(d) You may not use any surface water or groundwater from a source located on a refuge unless you have demonstrated a right to use that water or the use has been approved by the Service as the technologically feasible, least damaging method.

(e) You agree to indemnify and hold harmless the United States and its officers and employees from and against any and all liability of any kind whatsoever arising out of or resulting from the acts or omissions of you and your employees, agents, representatives, contractors, and subcontractors in the conduct of activities under a Service-issued permit.

(f) You will be required to take all reasonable precautions to avoid, minimize, rectify, or reduce the overall impacts of your proposed oil and gas activities to the refuge. You may be required to mitigate for impacts to refuge resources and lost uses. Mutually agreed to mitigation tools for this purpose may include providing alternative habitat creation or restoration, land

purchase, or other resource compensation.

(g) You are responsible for unanticipated and unauthorized damages as a direct or indirect result of your operations. You will be responsible for the actions and consequences of your employees and subcontractors. You will also be responsible for any reclamation of damages to refuge resources directly or indirectly caused by your operations through the occurrence of severe weather, fire, earthquakes, or the like thereof.

**§ 29.121 What monitoring and reporting is required for all operators?**

(a) The Service may access your area of operations at any time to monitor the effects of your operations to ensure compliance with the regulations in this subpart.

(b) The Service may determine that third-party monitors are necessary to ensure compliance with your operations permit and to protect Service-administered lands and waters, or the resources of refuges, visitor uses and experiences, and visitor or employee health and safety.

(1) The Service's determination will be based on the scope and complexity of the proposed operation, reports that you are required to submit under paragraph (e) of this section, and whether the refuge has the staff and technical ability to ensure compliance with the operations permit and any provision of this subpart.

(2) A third-party monitor will report directly to the Service at intervals determined by the Service. We will make the information reported available to you upon your request.

(3) You will be responsible for the cost of the third-party monitor.

(c) You must notify the Service within 24 hours of any injuries to or mortality of fish, wildlife, or endangered or threatened plants resulting from your operations.

(d) You must notify the Service of any accidents involving serious personal injury or death and of any fires or spills on the site immediately after the accident occurs. You must submit a full written report on the accident to the Service within 90 days after the accident occurs.

(e) Upon our request, you must submit reports or other information necessary to verify compliance with your permit or with any provision of this subpart. To fulfill this request, you may submit to us reports that you have submitted to the State under State regulations, or that you have submitted to any other Federal agency to the extent they are sufficient to verify compliance with permits or this subpart.

(f) If your operations include hydraulic fracturing, you must provide the Service with a report including the true vertical depth of the well, total water volume used, and a description of the base fluid and each additive in the hydraulic fracturing fluid, including the trade name, supplier, purpose, ingredients, Chemical Abstract Service Number (CAS), maximum ingredient concentration in additive (percent by mass), and maximum ingredient concentration in hydraulic fracturing fluid (percent by mass). The report must be either submitted through FracFocus or another Service-designated database.

**§ 29.122 For how long is my operations permit valid?**

Operations permits remain valid for the duration of the operation. Provisions of § 29.160 apply.

ACCESS FEES

**§ 29.140 May I cross Federal property to reach the boundary of my oil and gas right?**

The Service may grant you the privilege of access on, across, or through Service-administered lands or waters to reach the boundary of your oil and gas right. You should contact the Service to determine if additional permits are necessary for access.

**§ 29.141 Will the Service charge me a fee for access?**

(a) The Service will charge you a fee if you require use of Service-administered lands or waters outside the boundary or scope of your oil and gas right:

(1) If you require new use of Service-administered lands or waters, we will charge you a fee based on the fair market value of that use.

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(2) Fees under this section will not be charged for access within the scope of your oil and gas right or access to your right that is otherwise provided for by law.

(b) If access to your oil and gas right is across an existing refuge road, we may charge a fee according to a posted fee schedule.

**§ 29.142 Will I be charged a fee for emergency access to my operations?**

No.

(a) The Service will not charge a fee for access across Service-administered lands or waters beyond the scope of your oil and gas right as necessary to respond to an emergency situation at your area of operations if we determine after the fact that the circumstances required an immediate response to either:

(1) Prevent or minimize injury to refuge resources; or

(2) Ensure public health and safety.

(b) You will remain liable for any damage caused to refuge resources as a result of such emergency access.

**FINANCIAL ASSURANCE**

**§ 29.150 When do I have to provide financial assurance to the Service?**

You will need to provide financial assurance as a condition of approval for your operations permit when you submit your application. You must file financial assurance with us in a form acceptable to the Service and payable upon demand. This financial assurance is in addition to any financial assurance required by any other Federal or State regulatory authority.

**§ 29.151 How does the Service establish the amount of financial assurance?**

(a) You are responsible for completing reclamation of your disturbances, whether within or outside your permit area, in accordance with this subpart and the terms of your permit. If you fail to properly complete reclamation, you will be liable for the full costs of completing the reclamation. We will base the financial assurance amount upon the estimated cost that a third-party contractor would charge to complete reclamation in accordance with this subpart. If the cost of rec-

lamation exceeds the amount of your financial assurance, you will remain liable for all costs of reclamation in excess of the financial assurance.

(b) The Service will reduce the required amount of your financial assurance during the pendency of operations by the amount we determine is represented by in-kind reclamation you complete during your operations.

**§ 29.152 Will the Service adjust the amount required for my financial assurance?**

The Service may require, or you may request, an adjustment to the financial assurance amount because of any circumstances that increase or decrease the estimated costs established under § 29.151.

**§ 29.153 When will the Service release my financial assurance?**

(a) Your responsibility under the financial assurance will continue until either:

(1) The Service determines that you have met all applicable reclamation operating standards and any additional reclamation requirements that may be included in your operations permit; or

(2) A new operator assumes your operations, as provided in § 29.170(b).

(b) You will be notified by the Service within 30 calendar days of our determination that your financial assurance has been released.

**§ 29.154 Under what circumstances will I forfeit my financial assurance?**

(a) You may forfeit all or part of your financial assurance if we cannot secure your compliance with the provisions of your operations permit or a provision of this subpart. The part of your financial assurance forfeited is based on costs to the Service to remedy your noncompliance.

(b) In addition to forfeited financial assurance, we may temporarily:

(1) Prohibit you from removing all structures, equipment, or other materials from your area of operations;

(2) Require you to secure the operations site and take any necessary actions to protect Service-administered lands and waters, and resources of the

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refuge; visitor uses; and visitor or employee health and safety; and

(3) Suspend review of any permit applications you have submitted until we determine that all violations of permit provisions or of any provision of this subpart are resolved.

(4) Seek recovery as provided in § 29.151 for all costs of reclamation in excess of the posted financial assurance.

### MODIFICATION TO AN OPERATION

#### **§ 29.160 Can I modify operations under an approved permit?**

The Service may amend an approved temporary access permit or an operations permit to adjust to changed conditions or to address unanticipated conditions, either upon our own action or at your request.

(a) To request a modification to your operation, you must provide, in writing, to the Service, your assigned permit number, a description of the proposed modification, and an explanation of why the modification is needed. We will review your request for modification under the approval standards at §§ 29.72 or 29.103. You may not implement any modification until you have received the Service's written approval.

(b) If the Service needs to amend your temporary access permit or operations permit, you will receive a written notice that:

(1) Describes the modification required and justification;

(2) Specifies the time within which you must notify the Service that you either accept the modifications to your permit or explain any concerns you may have; and

(3) Absent any concerns, specifies the time within which you must incorporate the modification into your operations.

### CHANGE OF OPERATOR

#### **§ 29.170 What are my responsibilities if I transfer my right to operate?**

(a) If your operations are being conducted under § 29.44, you must notify the Service in writing within 30 calendar days from the date the new operator acquires the rights to conduct op-

erations. Your written notification must include:

(1) The names and addresses of the person or entity conveying the right and of the person or entity acquiring the right;

(2) The effective date of transfer;

(3) The description of the rights, assets, and liabilities being transferred and which ones, if any, are being reserved by the previous operator; and

(4) A written acknowledgement from the new operator that the contents of the notification are true and correct.

(b) If your operations are being conducted under § 29.43 or an operations permit:

(1) You must provide notice under paragraph (a) of this section.

(2) You remain responsible for compliance with your operations permit, and we will retain your financial assurance until the new operator:

(i) Adopts and agrees in writing to conduct operations in accordance with all terms and conditions of your operations permit;

(ii) Provides financial assurance with us that is acceptable to the Service and made payable to the Service; and

(iii) Receives written notification from the Service that transfer of the operations permit has been approved.

#### **§ 29.171 What must I do if operations are transferred to me?**

(a) If another operator transfers operations conducted under § 29.44, as the transferee you may continue operating under the requirements of that section, but:

(1) Within 30 calendar days from the date of the transfer, you must provide to the Service:

(i) Documentation demonstrating that you hold the right to operate; and

(ii) The names, phone numbers, and addresses of your:

(A) Primary company representative;

(B) Representative responsible for field supervision; and

(C) Representative responsible for emergency response.

(2) Within 90 days, or as otherwise agreed to by the Service, submit an operations permit application in compliance with §§ 29.90–29.97, Operations Permit: Application, that must be approved in compliance with applicable

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provisions of this subpart and under the timelines outlined in §§ 29.100–29.103, Operations Permit: Application Review and Approval.

(b) If another operator transfers operations conducted under § 29.43 or an operations permit, you must within 30 days of commencing transferred operations:

(1) Provide documentation demonstrating that you hold the right to operate.

(2) Provide the names, phone numbers, and addresses of your:

- (i) Primary company representative;
- (ii) Representative responsible for field supervision; and
- (iii) Representative responsible for emergency response.

(3) Agree in writing to conduct operations in accordance with all terms and conditions of the previous operator's permit.

(4) File financial assurance with us that is acceptable to the Service and made payable to the Service.

(5) Receive written approval from the Service for the transfer of the operation's permit.

(c) You may modify operations transferred to you in accordance with § 29.160.

### WELL PLUGGING

#### § 29.180 When must I plug my well?

Except as provided in § 29.181, you must plug your well, in accordance with the standards and procedures outlined in this subpart, when any of the following occurs:

(a) Your drilling operations have ended and you have taken no further action on your well within 60 calendar days;

(b) Your well, which has been completed for production operations, has no measurable production quantities for 12 consecutive months; or

(c) The period approved in your permit to maintain your well in shut-in status has expired.

#### § 29.181 Can I get an extension to the well plugging requirement?

(a) You may apply for either an operations permit or a modification to your approved operations permit to maintain your well in a shut-in status for up

to 5 years. Provide the information requested on FWS Form 3–2469, including, but not limited to:

(1) An explanation of why the well is shut-in or temporarily abandoned and your future plans for utilization;

(2) A demonstration of the mechanical integrity of the well; and

(3) A description of the manner in which your well, equipment, and area of operations will be maintained in accordance with the standards in the subpart.

(b) Based on the information provided under this section, we may approve your application to maintain your well in shut-in status for a period up to 5 years. We may condition an extension on an adjustment of your financial assurance.

(c) You may apply for additional extensions by submitting a new application under paragraph (a) of this section.

### PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES

#### § 29.190 What acts are prohibited under this subpart?

The following acts are prohibited:

(a) Operating in violation of the terms or conditions of a temporary access permit, an operations permit, a permit under § 29.43, or any applicable provision of this subpart, including §§ 29.60–29.64 for pre-existing operations.

(b) Damaging Service-administered lands or waters, or resources of a refuge, as a result of failure to comply with the terms or conditions of a temporary access permit, an operations permit, operations being conducted under §§ 29.43 or 29.44, or any provision of this subpart.

(c) Conducting operations without a temporary access permit or an operations permit, unless conducting operations under §§ 29.43 or 29.44.

(d) Failure to comply with any suspension or revocation order issued under this subpart.

(e) Failure to comply with the applicable provisions of Federal law or regulation including this subchapter.

(f) Failure to comply with the applicable provisions of the laws and regulations of the State wherein any operation is located unless further restricted by Federal law or regulation including this subchapter.

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### § 29.191 What enforcement actions can the Service take?

If you engage in a prohibited act:

(a) The Service may suspend and/or revoke your approved operations permit and your authorization for operations as set forth at § 29.43 and § 29.44; and/or

(b) All prohibited acts are subject to the penalty provisions set forth at § 28.31 of this subchapter.

### § 29.192 How do violations affect my ability to obtain a permit?

Until you comply with the regulations in this subpart, we will not consider a request to conduct any new operations, except plugging and reclamation operations, on Service-administered lands or waters.

#### APPEALS

### § 29.200 Can I, as operator, appeal Service decisions?

Yes. If you disagree with a decision made by the Service under this subpart, you may use the appeals process in § 25.45 of this subchapter. The process set forth in § 25.45 will be used for appeal of any written decision concerning approval, denial, or modification of an operation made by the Service under this subpart. No Service decision under this subpart that is subject to appeal to the Regional Director or the Director shall be considered final agency action subject to judicial review under 5 U.S.C. 704 until the Regional Director has rendered his or her decision on the matter. The decision of the Regional Director will constitute the Service's final agency action, and no further appeal will lie in the Department from that decision.

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION

### § 29.210 How can the public learn about oil and gas activities on refuge lands?

(a) Interested parties may view publicly available documents at the refuge's office during normal business hours or by other means prescribed by the refuge. The availability for public inspection of information about the nature, location, character, or ownership of refuge resources will conform to all

applicable laws and implementing regulations, standards, and guidelines.

(b) The refuge will make available for public inspection any documents that an operator submits to the Service under this subpart except those that the operator has identified as proprietary or confidential.

(c) For the information required in § 29.121(f), the operator and the owner of the information will be deemed to have waived any right to protect from public disclosure information submitted through FracFocus or another Service-designated database.

(d) For information required under this subpart that the owner of the information claims to be exempt from public disclosure and is withheld from the Service, a corporate officer, managing partner, or sole proprietor of the operator must sign and the operator must submit to the authorized officer an affidavit that:

(1) Identifies the owner of the withheld information and provides the name, address, and contact information for a corporate officer, managing partner, or sole proprietor of the owner of the information;

(2) Identifies the Federal statute or regulation that would prohibit the Service from publicly disclosing the information if it were in the Service's possession;

(3) Affirms that the operator has been provided the withheld information from the owner of the information and is maintaining records of the withheld information, or that the operator has access and will maintain access to the withheld information held by the owner of the information;

(4) Affirms that the information is not publicly available;

(5) Affirms that the information is not required to be publicly disclosed under any applicable local, State, tribal, or Federal law;

(6) Affirms that the owner of the information is in actual competition and identifies competitors or others that could use the withheld information to cause the owner of the information substantial competitive harm;

(7) Affirms that the release of the information would likely cause substantial competitive harm to the owner of

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the information and provides the factual basis for that affirmation; and

(8) Affirms that the information is not readily apparent through reverse engineering with publicly available information.

(e) If the operator relies upon information from third parties, such as the owner of the withheld information, to make the affirmations in paragraphs (d)(6) through (d)(8) of this section, the operator must provide a written affidavit from the third party that sets forth the relied-upon information.

(f) The Service may require any operator to submit to the Service any withheld information, and any information relevant to a claim that withheld information is exempt from public disclosure.

(g) If the Service determines that the information submitted under paragraphs (d) or (e) of this section is not exempt from disclosure, the Service will make the information available to the public after providing the operator and owner of the information with no fewer than 10 business days' notice of the Service's determination.

(h) The operator must maintain records of the withheld information until the later of the Service's release of the operator's financial assurance or 7 years after completion of operations on refuge lands. Any subsequent operator will be responsible for maintaining access to records required by this paragraph during its operation of the well. The operator will be deemed to be maintaining the records if it can promptly provide the complete and accurate information to the Service, even if the information is in the custody of its owner.

(i) If any of the chemical identity information required in this subpart is withheld, the operator must provide the generic chemical name in the submission required. The generic chemical name must be only as nonspecific as is necessary to protect the confidential chemical identity, and should be the same as or no less descriptive than the generic chemical name provided to the Environmental Protection Agency.

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### INFORMATION COLLECTION

#### § 29.220 Has the Office of Management and Budget approved the collection of information?

The Office of Management and Budget reviewed and approved the information collection requirements contained in this subpart and assigned OMB Control No. 1018-0162. We use the information collected under this subpart to manage non-Federal oil and gas operations on Service-administered lands or waters for the purpose of protecting wildlife and habitat, water quality and quantity, wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities, and the health and safety of employees and visitors on the NWRS. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### PART 30—RANGE AND FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

#### Subpart A—Range Animals

Sec.

30.1 Surplus range animals.

30.2 Disposition of surplus range animals.

#### Subpart B—Feral Animals

30.11 Control of feral animals.

30.12 Disposition of feral animals.

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301; 16 U.S.C. 668dd, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 715i, as amended; 41 CFR 101-44.

#### Subpart A—Range Animals

##### § 30.1 Surplus range animals.

Range animals on fenced wildlife refuge areas, including buffalo and long-horn cattle, determined to be surplus to the needs of the conservation program may be planned and scheduled for disposal.

[38 FR 16356, June 22, 1973]

##### § 30.2 Disposition of surplus range animals.

Disposition shall be made only during regularly scheduled disposal program periods, except in the event of exigent circumstances affecting the animals, their range, or the recipient. The

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Refuge Manager is responsible for determining the existence of "exigent circumstances." Surplus range animals may be disposed of, subject to State and Federal health laws and regulations, by donation for specific purposes to public agencies, public institutions, other governments or charitable institutions, or sold on the open market.

[62 FR 19937, Apr. 24, 1997]

### Subpart B—Feral Animals

#### § 30.11 Control of feral animals.

(a) Feral animals, including horses, burros, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, reindeer, dogs, and cats, without ownership that have reverted to the wild from a domestic state may be taken by authorized Federal or State personnel or by private persons operating under permit in accordance with applicable provisions of Federal or State law or regulation.

(b) [Reserved]

[31 FR 16027, Dec. 15, 1966]

#### § 30.12 Disposition of feral animals.

Feral animals taken on wildlife refuge areas may be disposed of by sale on the open market, gift or loan to public or private institutions for specific purposes, and as otherwise provided in section 401 of the act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 383, 16 U.S.C. 715s).

[38 FR 16356, June 22, 1973]

## PART 31—WILDLIFE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

### Subpart A—Surplus Wildlife

Sec.

- 31.1 Determination of surplus wildlife populations.
- 31.2 Methods of surplus wildlife population control and disposal.

### Subpart B—Terms and Conditions of Wildlife Reduction and Disposal

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- 31.12 Sale of wildlife specimens.
- 31.13 Commercial harvest of fishery resources.
- 31.14 Official animal control operations.
- 31.15 Public hunting and fishing programs.
- 31.16 Trapping program.
- 31.17 Disposal of furs and pelts.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 2, 33 Stat. 614, as amended, sec. 5, 43 Stat. 651, secs. 5, 10, 45 Stat. 449, 1224, secs. 4, 2, 48 Stat. 402, as amended, 451, as amended, 1270, sec. 4, 76 Stat. 654; 5 U.S.C. 301, 16 U.S.C. 685, 725, 690d, 715i, 664, 718(b), 43 U.S.C. 315a, 16 U.S.C. 460k; sec. 2, 80 Stat. 926; 16 U.S.C. 668bb.

SOURCE: 31 FR 16027, Dec. 15, 1966, unless otherwise noted.

### Subpart A—Surplus Wildlife

#### § 31.1 Determination of surplus wildlife populations.

The populations and requirements of wildlife species on wildlife refuge areas shall be determined by population census, habitat evaluation, and other means of ecological study.

#### § 31.2 Methods of surplus wildlife population control and disposal.

Upon a determination that wildlife are surplus to a balanced conservation program on any wildlife refuge area, the surplus may be reduced or utilized in accordance with Federal and State law and regulation by:

- (a) Donation or loan to public agencies and institutions.
- (b) Sale to public or private agencies and institutions.
- (c) Commercial harvest of fishery resources.
- (d) Official wildlife control operations.
- (e) Public hunting or fishing.
- (f) Trapping.

### Subpart B—Terms and Conditions of Wildlife Reduction and Disposal

#### § 31.11 Donation and loan of wildlife specimens.

Wildlife specimens may be donated or loaned to public institutions for specific purposes. Donation or loans of resident species of wildlife will not be made unless the recipient has secured the approval of the State.

[38 FR 16356, June 22, 1973]

#### § 31.12 Sale of wildlife specimens.

Surplus wildlife specimens may be sold alive or butchered, dressed and processed subject to Federal and State laws and regulations and the provisions of this part.

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### § 31.13 Do we allow commercial harvest of fishery resources?

Refuge managers may allow commercial harvest of fishery resources by issuance of a permit or by refuge-specific regulation in compliance with applicable State and Federal laws when compatible and in compliance with § 29.1 of this subchapter C.

[69 FR 54362, Sept. 8, 2004]

### § 31.14 Official animal control operations.

(a) Animal species which are surplus or detrimental to the management program of a wildlife refuge area may be taken in accordance with Federal and State laws and regulations by Federal or State personnel or by permit issued to private individuals.

(b) Animal species which are damaging or destroying Federal property within a wildlife refuge area may be taken or destroyed by Federal personnel.

### § 31.15 Public hunting and fishing programs.

The privilege of hunting and fishing may be extended to the general public under the provisions of regulations cited in parts 32 and 33 of this subchapter.

### § 31.16 Trapping program.

Except as hereafter noted, persons trapping animals on wildlife refuge areas where trapping has been authorized shall secure and comply with the provisions of a Federal permit issued for that purpose. This permit shall specify the terms and conditions of trapping activity and the rates of charge or division of pelts, hides, and carcasses. Lands acquired as "waterfowl production areas" shall be open to public trapping without Federal permit provided that trapping on all or part of individual areas may be temporarily suspended by posting upon occasions of unusual or critical conditions affecting land, water, vegetation, or wildlife populations. Each person trapping on any wildlife refuge area shall possess the required State license or permit and shall comply with the provisions of State laws and regulations.

[36 FR 17998, Sept. 8, 1971]

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### § 31.17 Disposal of furs and pelts.

The disposition of animals and the pelts or carcasses thereof accruing to the United States through the trapping programs shall be sold by public auction or on the open market unless required for official purposes.

## PART 32—HUNTING AND FISHING

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- 32.67 Washington.
- 32.68 West Virginia.
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- 32.70 Wyoming.
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- 32.72 Guam.

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301; 16 U.S.C. 460k, 664, 668dd-668ee, and 715i.

SOURCE: 58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, unless otherwise noted.

### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 32.1 Opening of wildlife refuge areas to hunting.

The opening of a wildlife refuge area to hunting will be dependent upon the provisions of law applicable to the area and upon a determination by the Secretary that the opening of the area to the hunting of migratory game birds, upland game, or big game will be compatible with the principles of sound wildlife management and will otherwise be in the public interest. The opening or closing of wildlife refuge areas to hunting shall be in accordance with the rulemaking requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553). Lands acquired pursuant to the Act of May 18, 1948 (62 Stat. 238, 16 U.S.C. 695) will be opened to hunting only after it has been determined that the major portion of the crops in the vicinity of the area involved have been harvested, that the period of susceptibility of such crops to wildfowl depredation has passed, or that the possibility of these crops being damaged by waterfowl is minor. Lands acquired as “waterfowl production areas” shall annually be open to the hunting of migratory game birds, upland game, and big

game subject to the provisions of State law and regulations and the pertinent provisions of parts 25 through 31 of this subchapter: *Provided*, That all forms of hunting or entry on all or any part of individual areas may be temporarily suspended by posting upon occasions of unusual or critical conditions of, or affecting land, water, vegetation, or wildlife populations.

#### § 32.2 What are the requirements for hunting on areas of the National Wildlife Refuge System?

The following provisions shall apply to each person while engaged in public hunting on areas of the National Wildlife Refuge System:

(a) Each person shall secure and possess the required State license.

(b) Each person 16 years of age and older shall secure and possess a Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp while hunting migratory waterfowl.

(c) Each person shall comply with the applicable provisions of Federal law and regulations including this subchapter and the current Federal Migratory Bird Regulations.

(d) Each person shall comply with the applicable provisions of the laws and regulations of the State wherein any area is located unless further restricted by Federal law or regulation.

(e) Each person shall comply with the terms and conditions authorizing access or use of wildlife refuges, including the terms and conditions under which hunting permits are issued.

(f) Each person must comply with the provisions of any refuge-specific regulations governing hunting on the wildlife refuge area. Regulations, special conditions, and maps of the hunting areas for a particular wildlife refuge are available at that area’s headquarters. In addition, refuge-specific hunting regulations for migratory game bird, upland game, and big game hunting appear in §§ 32.20 through 32.72.

(g) The use of any drug on any arrow for bow hunting on national wildlife refuges is prohibited. Archers may not have arrows employing such drugs in their possession on any national wildlife refuge.

(h) The unauthorized distribution of bait and the hunting over bait is prohibited on wildlife refuge areas. (Black

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bear baiting and use of bait to trap furbearers are authorized in accordance with State regulations on national wildlife refuges in Alaska.).

(i) The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited on wildlife refuge areas.

(j) The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

(k) You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field, which we identify in 50 CFR 20.21(j), while on Waterfowl Production Areas, or on certain other areas of the National Wildlife Refuge System as delineated on maps, leaflets and/or signs, available at each refuge headquarters or posted at each refuge, or as stated in refuge-specific regulations. Where we allow turkey and deer hunting, you may use slugs and shot containing lead to hunt these species unless prohibited by refuge-specific regulations and/or State law.

(1) The refuge-specific regulations (§32.20 through §32.72) may include the items discussed in §32.3(b). Refuge permits and brochures should also include those items and any special conditions allowed by paragraph (f) of this section.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 63 FR 46914, Sept. 3, 1998; 65 FR 30777, May 12, 2000; 67 FR 58943, Sept. 18, 2002; 81 FR 52271, Aug. 5, 2016]

#### **§ 32.3 What are the procedures for publication of refuge-specific hunting regulations?**

(a) Refuge-specific hunting regulations are issued only at the time of or after the determination and publication of the opening of a wildlife refuge area to migratory game bird, upland game or big game hunting.

(b) Refuge-specific hunting regulations may contain the following items:

- (1) Wildlife species that may be hunted;
- (2) Seasons;
- (3) Bag limits;
- (4) Methods of hunting;
- (5) Description of areas open to hunting; or
- (6) Other provisions as required.

(c) Refuge-specific hunting regulations will not liberalize existing State laws or regulations.

(d) Refuge-specific hunting regulations are subject to change and the public is invited to submit suggestions and comments for consideration at any time.

(e) We initially publish refuge-specific hunting regulations in the daily issue of the FEDERAL REGISTER, and subsequently they appear in §§32.20 through 32.72, except that the refuge manager may adopt and issue relevant refuge-specific season dates and times after the State establishes its hunting seasons by publication through one or more of the methods identified in §25.31 of this subchapter C.

(f) Refuge-specific hunting regulations may be amended or new conditions imposed at any time during the hunting season when unpredictable changes occur in wildlife populations, habitat conditions or in other factors affecting a refuge's wildlife resources. Changes in refuge-specific hunting regulations made under the conditions noted in this paragraph (f) can be in force only for the one season to which the changes apply.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 67 FR 58943, Sept. 18, 2002]

#### **§ 32.4 Opening of wildlife refuge areas to fishing.**

Wildlife refuge areas may be opened to sport fishing only after a determination is made that this activity is compatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established. In addition, the sport fishing program must be consistent with principles of sound fishery management and otherwise be in the public interest. The opening or closing of wildlife refuge areas to fishing is subject to the rulemaking requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*). Lands acquired as "waterfowl production areas" are open to sport fishing subject to the provisions of State laws and regulations and the pertinent provisions of parts 25 through 31 of this subchapter: *Provided*, that fishing or entry on all or any part of individual areas may be temporarily suspended by posting upon

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occasions of unusual or critical conditions of, or affecting, land, water, vegetation or fish and wildlife populations.

### § 32.5 What are the requirements for sportfishing on areas of the National Wildlife Refuge System?

The following provisions shall apply to each person while engaged in public sport fishing on a wildlife refuge area:

(a) Each person shall secure and possess the required State license.

(b) Each person shall comply with the applicable provisions of Federal law and regulation including this subchapter.

(c) Each person shall comply with the applicable provisions of the laws and regulations of the State wherein any area is located unless the same are further restricted by Federal law or regulation.

(d) Each person shall comply with the terms and conditions authorizing access and use of the wildlife refuge area.

(e) Each person must comply with the provisions of any refuge-specific regulation governing fishing on the wildlife refuge area. Regulations, special conditions, and maps of the fishing areas for a particular wildlife refuge are available at that area's headquarters. In addition, refuge-specific sport fishing regulations appear in §§ 32.20 through 32.72.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 67 FR 58943, Sept. 18, 2002]

### § 32.6 What are the procedures for publication of refuge-specific sport fishing regulations?

(a) Refuge-specific fishing regulations are issued only at the time of or after the opening of a wildlife refuge area to sport fishing.

(b) Refuge-specific fishing regulations may contain the following items:

- (1) Fish species that may be taken;
- (2) Seasons;
- (3) Creel limits;
- (4) Methods of fishing;
- (5) Description of areas open to fishing; or

(6) Other provisions as required.

(c) Refuge-specific fishing regulations will not liberalize existing State laws or regulations.

(d) Refuge-specific fishing regulations are subject to change and the public is invited to submit suggestions and comments for consideration at any time.

(e) We initially publish refuge-specific sport fishing regulations in the daily issue of the FEDERAL REGISTER, and subsequently they appear in §§ 32.20 through 32.72.

(f) Refuge-specific fishing regulations may be amended as needed when unpredictable changes occur in fish and wildlife populations, habitat conditions or in other factors affecting a refuge's fish and wildlife resources.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 67 FR 58943, Sept. 18, 2002]

### § 32.7 What refuge units are open to hunting and/or sport fishing?

Refuge units open to hunting and/or sport fishing in accordance with the provisions of subpart A of this part and §§ 32.20–32.72, inclusive, are as follows:

#### ALABAMA

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge  
Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge  
Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge  
Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge  
Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge  
Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge  
Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge  
Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge

#### ALASKA

Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge  
Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge  
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge  
Becharof National Wildlife Refuge  
Innoko National Wildlife Refuge  
Izembek National Wildlife Refuge  
Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge  
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge  
Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge  
Koyukuk National Wildlife Refuge  
Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge  
Salawik National Wildlife Refuge  
Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge  
Togiak National Wildlife Refuge  
Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge  
Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge

#### ARIZONA

Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge  
Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge  
Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge  
Cibola National Wildlife Refuge  
Havasu National Wildlife Refuge  
Imperial National Wildlife Refuge  
Kofa National Wildlife Refuge

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San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge

ARKANSAS

Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge  
Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Cache River National Wildlife Refuge  
Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge  
Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge  
Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge  
Overflow National Wildlife Refuge  
Pond Creek National Wildlife Refuge  
Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge

CALIFORNIA

Cibola National Wildlife Refuge  
Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Colusa National Wildlife Refuge  
Delevan National Wildlife Refuge  
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Havasu National Wildlife Refuge  
Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Imperial National Wildlife Refuge  
Kern National Wildlife Refuge  
Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge  
Merced National Wildlife Refuge  
Modoc National Wildlife Refuge  
Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge  
Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge  
Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge  
San Luis National Wildlife Refuge  
San Pablo National Wildlife Refuge  
Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge  
Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge  
Sutter National Wildlife Refuge  
Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge

COLORADO

Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge  
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge  
Baca National Wildlife Refuge  
Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge  
Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge  
Rocky Mountain Arsenal

CONNECTICUT

Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge  
Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge

DELAWARE

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge  
Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

FLORIDA

Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge  
Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge  
Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge  
Egmont Key National Wildlife Refuge  
Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge  
J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge

Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge  
Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge  
Merrit Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Pinellas National Wildlife Refuge  
St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge  
St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge  
Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge

GEORGIA

Banks Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge  
Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge  
Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge  
Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge  
Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge  
Savannah National Wildlife Refuge  
Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge  
Wolf Island National Wildlife Refuge

GUAM

Guam National Wildlife Refuge

HAWAII

Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge  
Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge  
Kakahala National Wildlife Refuge  
Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge

IDAHO

Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Camas National Wildlife Refuge  
Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge  
Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge  
Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge

ILLINOIS

Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge  
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge  
Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge  
Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge  
Great River National Wildlife Refuge  
Meredosia National Wildlife Refuge  
Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge  
Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge  
Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge  
Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge

INDIANA

Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge  
Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge  
Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area

IOWA

De Soto National Wildlife Refuge  
Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge  
Iowa Wetland Management District  
Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge  
Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge

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Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge  
Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge  
Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish  
Refuge

**KANSAS**

Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge  
Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge  
Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge  
Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

**KENTUCKY**

Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge  
Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge  
Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge

**LOUISIANA**

Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge  
Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge  
Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge  
Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge  
Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge  
Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge  
Bretton National Wildlife Refuge  
Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge  
Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge  
D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge  
Delta National Wildlife Refuge  
Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge  
Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge  
Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge  
Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge  
Red River National Wildlife Refuge  
Sabine National Wildlife Refuge  
Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge  
Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge

**MAINE**

Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge  
Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge  
Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge  
Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge  
Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge

**MARYLAND**

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge  
Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge  
Patuxent Research Refuge

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge  
Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge  
Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge  
Nantucket National Wildlife Refuge  
Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge  
Parker River National Wildlife Refuge  
Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife  
Refuge

**MICHIGAN**

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge  
Harbor Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Management  
Area

Michigan Wetland Management District  
Seney National Wildlife Refuge  
Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

**MINNESOTA**

Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge  
Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge  
Big Stone Wetland Management District  
Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge  
Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District  
Fergus Falls Wetland Management District  
Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge  
Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge  
Litchfield Wetland Management District  
Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
Minnesota Valley Wetland Management  
Morris Wetland Management District  
Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife  
Refuge  
Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Rydell National Wildlife Refuge  
Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge  
Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge  
Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish  
Refuge  
Windom Wetland Management District

**MISSISSIPPI**

Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge  
Coldwater River National Wildlife Refuge  
Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge  
Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Hillside National Wildlife Refuge  
Holt Collier National Wildlife Refuge  
Mathews Brake National Wildlife Refuge  
Morgan Brake National Wildlife Refuge  
Panther Swamp National Wildlife Refuge  
St. Catherine Creek National Wildlife Refuge  
Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife  
Refuge  
Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge  
Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge

**MISSOURI**

Big Muddy National Wildlife Refuge  
Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge  
Great River National Wildlife Refuge  
Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife  
Refuge  
Mingo National Wildlife Refuge  
Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge  
Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge

**MONTANA**

Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Benton Lake Wetland Management District  
Black Coulee National Wildlife Refuge  
Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge  
Bowdoin Wetland Management District  
Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge  
Charles M. Russell Wetland Management  
District  
Creedman Coulee National Wildlife Refuge  
Hailstone National Wildlife Refuge  
Halfbreed Lake National Wildlife Refuge

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Lake Mason National Wildlife Refuge  
Lake Thibadeau National Wildlife Refuge  
Lamesteer National Wildlife Refuge  
Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge  
Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge  
Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
National Bison Range  
Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge  
Northeast Montana Wetland Management District  
Northwest Montana Wetland Management District  
Pablo National Wildlife Refuge  
Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge  
Swan River National Wildlife Refuge  
UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge  
War Horse National Wildlife Refuge

NEBRASKA

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge  
Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
De Soto National Wildlife Refuge  
Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge  
North Platte National Wildlife Refuge  
Rainwater Basin Wetland Management District  
Valentine National Wildlife Refuge

NEVADA

Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge  
Desert National Wildlife Refuge  
Pahrangat National Wildlife Refuge  
Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge  
Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge  
Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge

NEW JERSEY

Cape May National Wildlife Refuge  
Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge  
Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge  
Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge  
Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge

NEW MEXICO

Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge  
Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge  
Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge  
San Andres National Wildlife Refuge  
Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge

NEW YORK

Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge  
Elizabeth A. Morton National Wildlife Refuge  
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge  
Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge  
Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Seatuck National Wildlife Refuge

Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge  
Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge  
Wallkill National Wildlife Refuge  
Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge

NORTH CAROLINA

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge  
Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Currituck National Wildlife Refuge  
Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge  
Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge  
Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge  
Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge  
Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge  
Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge

NORTH DAKOTA

Ardoch National Wildlife Refuge  
Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge  
Arrowwood Wetland Management District  
Audubon National Wildlife Refuge  
Audubon Wetland Management District  
Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Chase Lake Wetland Management District  
Crosby Wetland Management District  
Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge  
Devils Lake Wetland Management District  
J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge  
J. Clark Salyer Wetland Management District  
Kulm Wetland Management District  
Lake Alice National Wildlife Refuge  
Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge  
Lake Nettie National Wildlife Refuge  
Lake Zahl National Wildlife Refuge  
Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Long Lake Wetland Management District  
Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge  
Lostwood Wetland Management District  
Rock Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Rose Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Sibley Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Silver Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Slade National Wildlife Refuge  
Stewart Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge  
Tewaukon Wetland Management District  
Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge  
Valley City Wetland Management District

OHIO

Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge  
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

OKLAHOMA

Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge  
Little River National Wildlife Refuge  
Optima National Wildlife Refuge  
Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge  
Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge  
Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge  
Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit

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Washita National Wildlife Refuge  
Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge

**OREGON**

Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge  
Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge  
Bear Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
Cold Springs National Wildlife Refuge  
Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge  
Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge  
Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Colum-  
bian White-Tailed Deer  
Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge  
Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge  
Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge  
Malheur National Wildlife Refuge  
McKay Creek National Wildlife Refuge  
McNary National Wildlife Refuge  
Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge  
Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge  
Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge  
Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuge  
William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
Erie National Wildlife Refuge  
John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at  
Tincicum  
Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge

**PUERTO RICO**

[Reserved]

**RHODE ISLAND**

Block Island National Wildlife Refuge  
John H. Chafee National Wildlife Refuge  
Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge  
Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge  
Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge  
Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge  
Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wild-  
life Refuge  
Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Santee National Wildlife Refuge  
Savannah National Wildlife Refuge  
Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

Devils Lake Wetland Management District  
Huron Wetland Management District  
Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge  
Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge  
Lake Andes Wetland Management District  
Madison Wetland Management District  
Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Sand Lake Wetland Management District  
Waubay National Wildlife Refuge  
Waubay Wetland Management District

**TENNESSEE**

Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge  
Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge  
Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge  
Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuge  
Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge  
Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge  
Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge

**TEXAS**

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge  
Aransas National Wildlife Refuge  
Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Ref-  
uge  
Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge  
Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge  
Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge  
Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge  
Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife  
Refuge  
McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge  
San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge  
Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge  
Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge

**UTAH**

Bear River National Wildlife Refuge  
Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge  
Ouray National Wildlife Refuge

**VERMONT**

Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge  
Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife  
Refuge

**VIRGINIA**

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Chinoctague National Wildlife Refuge  
Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife  
Refuge  
Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Ref-  
uge  
James River National Wildlife Refuge  
Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge  
Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge  
Plum Tree Island National Wildlife Refuge  
Presquile National Wildlife Refuge  
Rappahannock River Valley National Wild-  
life Refuge  
Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge

**WASHINGTON**

Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife  
Refuge  
Columbia National Wildlife Refuge  
Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge  
Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle  
Mountain National Wildlife Refuge  
Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Colum-  
bian White-tailed Deer  
Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge

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McNary National Wildlife Refuge  
 Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge  
 Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge  
 Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge  
 Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge  
 Willapa National Wildlife Refuge

WEST VIRGINIA

Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
 Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge

WISCONSIN

Fox River National Wildlife Refuge  
 Horicon National Wildlife Refuge  
 Leopold Wetland Management District  
 Necedah National Wildlife Refuge  
 St. Croix Wetland Management District  
 Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge  
 Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife  
 and Fish Refuge  
 Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge

WYOMING

Cokeville Meadows National Wildlife Refuge  
 National Elk Refuge  
 Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge

Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge

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Johnston Island National Wildlife Refuge  
 Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 58 FR 29073, May 18, 1993; 58 FR 29084, May 18, 1993; 59 FR 6685, 6688, Feb. 11, 1994; 59 FR 55183, 55191, 55196, Nov. 3, 1994; 60 FR 5277, Jan. 26, 1995; 60 FR 52868, Oct. 11, 1995; 60 FR 61212, Nov. 29, 1995; 60 FR 62040, Dec. 4, 1995; 61 FR 31461, 31463, June 20, 1996; 61 FR 45366, Aug. 29, 1996; 61 FR 46393, Sept. 3, 1996; 62 FR 47375, Sept. 9, 1997; 63 FR 46914, Sept. 3, 1998; 65 FR 30777, May 12, 2000; 65 FR 56400, Sept. 18, 2000; 66 FR 46353, Sept. 4, 2001; 67 FR 58943, Sept. 18, 2002; 68 FR 57315, Oct. 2, 2003; 69 FR 54362, Sept. 8, 2004; 70 FR 54158, Sept. 13, 2005; 73 FR 33167, June 11, 2008; 73 FR 51158, Aug. 29, 2008; 75 FR 18420, Apr. 12, 2010; 76 FR 3945, Jan. 21, 2011; 76 FR 56063, Sept. 9, 2011; 77 FR 56035, Sept. 11, 2012; 79 FR 14822, Mar. 17, 2014; 80 FR 51886, Aug. 26, 2015; 81 FR 68887, Oct. 4, 2016]

§ 32.8 Areas closed to hunting.

Proclamations and orders		State	Land and waters within boundary and adjacent to, or in the vicinity of—	Citation
No.	Date			
	Nov. 20, 1959	Alabama .....	Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge .....	24 FR 9513.
	Oct. 15, 1960	.....do .....	.....do .....	25 FR 9899.
	Nov. 3, 1970 ..	.....do .....	Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge .....	35 FR 16935.
2325	Mar. 21, 1939	Arkansas .....	Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge .....	3 CFR Cum. Supp. 4 FR 1309.
	Oct. 24, 1958	.....do .....	Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge .....	23 FR 8429.
2274	Mar. 15, 1938	.....do .....	White River National Wildlife Refuge .....	3 FR 591.
	July 13, 1963	Delaware .....	Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge .....	28 FR 6228.
2758	Oct. 22, 1953	Florida .....	St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge .....	18 FR 7837.
	Oct. 20, 1960	.....do .....	.....do .....	25 FR 10030.
	Dec. 2, 1947 ..	.....do .....	"Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge .....	3 CFR 1947 Supp.; 12 FR 8039.
2239	Apr. 10, 1939	Georgia .....	Savannah National Wildlife Refuge .....	3 CFR Cum. Supp.; 4 FR 1595.
	Nov. 3, 1970 ..	.....do .....	Eufaula Wildlife Refuge .....	35 FR 16935.
2748	Nov. 3, 1970 ..	.....do .....	Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge .....	35 FR 16936.
	Oct. 1, 1947 ...	Illinois .....	Honshoe Lake, Alexander County .....	3 CFR, 1947 Supp. 12 FR 6521.
2322	Sept. 9, 1953	.....do .....	.....do .....	18 FR 5495.
	Feb. 7, 1939 ..	Louisiana .....	Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge .....	3 CFR, Cum. Suppl. 4 FR 611.
	Nov. 19, 1982	.....do .....	Delta National Wildlife Refuge .....	47 FR 52183.
2617	Dec. 2, 1969 ..	.....do .....	Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge .....	34 FR 19077.
	Aug. 13, 1960	Maryland .....	Martin National Wildlife Refuge .....	25 FR 7741.
	Oct. 18, 1948	Massachusetts	Parker River National Wildlife Refuge .....	3 CFR, 1948 Supp. 13 FR 6115.
2200	Oct. 7, 1936 ...	Montana .....	Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge .....	1 FR 1554.
	Aug. 30, 1976	.....do .....	Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge .....	41 FR 31539.
2284	May 9, 1939 ..	North Carolina	Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge .....	3 FR 912.
	July 18, 1935	.....do .....	Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge .....	49 Stat. 3450.
2129	Aug. 21, 1963	.....do .....	Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge .....	28 FR 9209.
	Sept. 22, 1967	.....do .....	Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge .....	32 FR 13384. 33 FR 749, Jan. 20, 1968.
2000	Sept. 27, 1964	.....do .....	.....do .....	49 FR 38141.
	June 6, 1932	South Carolina	Cape Romanin National Wildlife Refuge .....	47 Stat. 2513.
2329	Apr. 10, 1939	.....do .....	Savannah National Wildlife Refuge .....	3 CFR, Cum. Supp.; 4 FR 1595.
	Sept. 13, 1968	.....do .....	Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge .....	33 FR 12964.
2370	Oct. 8, 1963 ...	Tennessee .....	Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge .....	28 FR 10782.
	Aug. 23, 1956	Texas .....	Aransas National Wildlife Refuge .....	21 FR 6513.
2370	Oct. 16, 1939	Virginia .....	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge .....	3 CFR, Cum. Supp. 4 FR 4285.

Proclamations and orders		State	Land and waters within boundary and adjacent to, or in the vicinity of—	Citation
No.	Date			
2439	Aug. 13, 1954	.....do .....	Presquile National Wildlife Refuge .....	19 FR 5290.
	Jan. 5, 1962 ..	.....do .....	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge .....	27 FR 104; 27 FR 858.
	Aug. 21, 1963	.....do .....	Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge .....	28 FR 9209.
	Oct. 9, 1969 ...	.....do .....	Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge .....	34 FR 15653.
	Nov. 7, 1940 ..	Washington ....	Willapa National Wildlife Refuge .....	3 CFR, Cum. Supp.; 5 FR 4443.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 58 FR 42880, Aug. 12, 1993; 74 FR 45678, Sept. 3, 2009]

**Subpart B—Refuge-Specific Regulations for Hunting and Fishing**

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

**BON SECOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

- A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. *Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- C. *Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

D. *Sport Fishing.* Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Fishing is permitted only from sunrise to sunset.
2. Only nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors are permitted on Gator and Little Gator Lakes.

**CAHABA RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

- A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. *Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, coyote, and bobcat on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to hunt in accordance with Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' William R. Ireland, Sr.—Cahaba River Wildlife Management Area hunting permit conditions.
2. We require hunters to possess and carry a current and signed Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' William R. Ireland, Sr.—Cahaba River Wildlife Management Area hunting permit when hunting on the refuge.
3. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.
4. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge.
5. Hunters may hunt with shotguns using only nontoxic #4 shot or smaller (see § 32.2(k)), rifles and handguns using rim-fire

ammunition only, or archery equipment that complies with State and Federal regulations.

6. We prohibit hunting or discharging firearms (including muzzle loaders) from within 50 yards (45 meters) of River Trace Road.

7. Hunting dogs may be used to hunt upland game and must be controlled by the owner/handler at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

8. Hunters may only hunt designated game species during specified days, which are published within the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Hunting dates portion of the permit.

9. Hunters must remove tree stands, blinds, or other personal property from the refuge each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

C. *Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1, B2, B4, B6, and B8 through B10 apply.
2. We prohibit the use of firearms for hunting deer on the refuge. However, you may archery hunt in the portions of the refuge that are open for deer hunting during the archery, shotgun, and muzzleloader seasons established by the State.

3. We allow hunters to hunt from tree stands in accordance with 50 CFR 32.2(i). Hunters must use a body safety harness at all times while hunting from a tree.

4. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a properly licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

5. Hunters may not hunt by aid of or participate in drives to take deer or feral hogs.

D. *Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition B4 applies.

**CHOCTAW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

- A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. *Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of

the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit access to closed areas and hunting within 100 yards (91.4 meters) of the fenced-in refuge work center area, designated hiking trails, and refuge boat ramps.

2. We prohibit leaving unattended personal property, including, but not limited to, boats or vehicles of any type, geocaches, lumber, and cameras, overnight on the refuge (see § 27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit marking trees and using flagging tape, reflective tacks, and other similar marking devices.

3. You may take incidental species (coyote, beaver, nutria, and feral hog) during any hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts as defined by the State of Alabama.

4. You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) when hunting.

5. All persons age 15 or younger, while hunting on the refuge, must be in the presence and under direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least age 21. A licensed hunter supervising a youth must hold a valid State license for the species being hunted. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

6. The refuge is open daily from 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset.

7. We require all hunters to record hours hunted and all harvested game on the Visitor Check-In Permit and Report (FWS Form 3-2405) at the conclusion of each day at one of the refuge check stations.

8. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

9. We prohibit equestrian use, domestic livestock, and use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs).

10. You must restrain all pets, except during squirrel and rabbit hunting, when you may hunt with unleashed dogs.

11. Public use information and hunting and fishing dates are available at refuge headquarters and specified in the refuge brochure.

12. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see § 32.2(j)).

13. We prohibit hunting with the aid of baits, salts, scent, or ingestible attractant (see § 32.2(h)).

14. For hunting, you may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)), .22 caliber rimfire or smaller rifles, or legal archery equipment according to State regulations.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer and incidental take of feral hog in accordance with State

regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 through B14 apply.

2. Deer hunters may place one portable stand or blind on the refuge for use while deer hunting, but only during the open deer season. The stand must be clearly labeled with the hunter's name, address, and phone number. You may leave the stand or blind on the refuge overnight in a non-hunting position at ground level.

3. While climbing a tree, installing a tree stand that uses climbing aids, or hunting from a tree stand on the refuge, hunters must use a fall-arrest system (full body harness) that is manufactured to the Tree Stand Manufacturers Association's standards.

4. We prohibit damaging trees, including driving or screwing any metal object into a tree or hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven or screwed to support a hunter (see § 32.2(i)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing year-round, except in the waterfowl sanctuary area as depicted within the refuge brochure. The waterfowl sanctuary is closed to fishing from November 15 through March 1.

2. Conditions B1, B2, B4, B6, B8 through B13, and C4 apply.

3. We allow a rod and reel and pole and line. We prohibit all other methods of fishing.

4. We prohibit the taking of frogs, turtles, and crawfish (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit bow fishing.

6. We prohibit the use of airboats, hovercrafts, and inboard-water-thrust boats such as, but not limited to, personal watercraft, watercycles, and waterbikes.

7. We require a refuge Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-C) for commercial activities.

8. We prohibit fishing tournaments on all refuge waters.

#### EUFAULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove and Eurasian-colored dove, duck, and goose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) when hunting.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shotshells when hunting (see § 32.2(k)).

3. All youth hunters (ages 10 through 15) must remain within sight and normal voice contact of a properly licensed hunting adult age 21 or older. Youth hunters must possess and carry verification of passing a State-approved hunter education course. One adult

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may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

4. We allow duck and goose hunting in the Bradley and Kennedy units only by special permit (Waterfowl Lottery Application, FWS Form 3-2355) on/during selected days/times, during the State seasons. We close all other portions of the refuge to waterfowl hunting.

5. All waterfowl hunting opportunities are spaced-blind and assigned by lottery. Hunters wishing to participate in our waterfowl hunt must submit a Waterfowl Lottery Application (FWS Form 3-2355). Consult refuge brochure for details.

6. We limit the number of shotshells a hunter may possess to 25.

7. We prohibit damaging trees or other vegetation (see §§27.51 and 32.2(i) of this chapter).

8. Hunters must remove all stands/blinds at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

9. We allow access to the refuge for hunting from 1½ hours before legal sunrise to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

10. We prohibit hunting by aid of or distribution of any feed, salt, other mineral, or electronic device, including game cameras (see §32.2(h) and §27.93 of this chapter).

11. We prohibit participation in organized drives.

12. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, or other livestock.

13. We require tree stand users to use a safety belt.

14. We prohibit the use of motorized watercraft in all refuge waters not directly connected to Lake Eufaula.

15. We prohibit the use of all air-thrust boats, including airboats, aircraft, boats with secondary fans, and hovercraft.

16. We prohibit the use of personal watercraft or air-cooled propulsion engines outside of marked navigation channels.

17. We prohibit the mooring or storing of boats from 1½ hours after legal sunset to 1½ hours before legal sunrise.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A3, and A7 through A17 apply.

2. We allow squirrel and rabbit hunting on selected areas and days during the State seasons.

3. We prohibit the use of dogs (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

4. We only allow shotguns as the means of take for upland game hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A7 through A17 apply.

2. We allow youth (ages 10 through 15) gun deer hunting in the Bradley Unit only by special permit (information obtained from Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) during selected days/times.

3. All youth gun hunting opportunities are spaced-blind and assigned by lottery. Hunters wishing to participate in our youth gun hunt must submit a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356). Consult the refuge brochure for details.

4. All youth hunters must remain within sight and normal voice contact of a properly hunting-licensed adult age 21 or older. Youth hunters must possess and carry verification of passing a State-approved hunter education course. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

5. We allow both archery deer and archery feral hog hunting on selected areas and days during the State archery deer season.

6. We close those portions of the refuge between Bustahatchee and Rood Creeks to archery hunting until November 1.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing, including bowfishing, in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A15 through A17 apply.

2. We allow fishing on selected areas and days.

3. We allow shoreline access for fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

4. We prohibit taking frog or turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter) on all refuge lands and waters.

5. We adopt reciprocal license agreements between Alabama and Georgia for fishing in Lake Eufaula. Anglers fishing in waters not directly connected to Lake Eufaula must be properly licensed for the State in which they are fishing.

### GRAND BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.43 Mississippi for regulations.

### KEY CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning and Eurasian-collared dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to possess and carry a current and signed Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge permit, which is included with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Seven Mile Island Wildlife Management Area hunting permit when hunting on the refuge.

2. We allow hunting on designated areas from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

3. Hunters must park in designated parking areas. We prohibit parking vehicles on

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refuge roads or in the fields (see §27.31 of this chapter).

4. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

5. We allow hunters to use hunting dogs to hunt migratory game birds and upland game. The dogs must be controlled by the owner/handler at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

6. Hunters may only hunt designated game species during specified days, which are published within the Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Dates portion of the permit.

7. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, or all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on all refuge hunts.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A3 through A7 apply.

2. We allow hunting on designated areas from legal sunrise to legal sunset Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, except that you may hunt opossum and raccoon after legal sunset.

3. Hunters may hunt with shotguns using only nontoxic #4 shot or smaller (see §32.2(k)), rifles and handguns using rim-fire ammunition only, or archery equipment that complies with State regulations. Possession of lead shot shells for hunting is prohibited.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### MOUNTAIN LONGLEAF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to hunt in accordance with Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area hunting permit conditions.

2. We require hunters to possess and carry a current and signed Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area hunting permit when hunting on the refuge.

3. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a properly licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

4. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge.

5. Hunters may only hunt designated game species during specified days, which are published within the Mountain Longleaf Na-

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tional Wildlife Refuge Hunting Dates portion of the permit.

6. Hunters must remove tree stands, blinds, or other personal property from the refuge each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

7. Hunters may hunt with shotguns using only nontoxic #4 shot or smaller (see §32.2(k)). Possession of lead shot shells for hunting is prohibited.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, groundhog, raccoon, opossum, beaver, and fox on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A7 apply.

2. Hunters may hunt during daylight hours only.

3. We allow hunters to hunt from tree stands in accordance with 50 CFR 32.2(i). Hunters must use a body safety harness at all times while hunting from a tree.

4. Hunting dogs may be used to hunt quail, squirrel, and rabbit and must be controlled by the owner/handler at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. Possession of lead shot shells for hunting is prohibited.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, bobcat, coyote, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, and A4 through A7 apply.

2. We prohibit damaging trees or hunting from a tree that contains an inserted metal object (see §32.2(i)). Hunters must remove stands from trees each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

3. We prohibit using dogs (see §26.21(b) of this chapter) to hunt or pursue big game.

4. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

5. We require tree stand users to use a safety belt or harness.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### SAUTA CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated area of the refuge in accordance with Federal and State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to hunt in accordance with Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' North Sauta refuge hunting permit.

2. We require hunters to possess and carry a current and signed Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge permit, which is found on the Alabama Department of Conservation

and Natural Resources' Jackson County Waterfowl, Management Areas, refuges and Coon Gulf Tract hunting permit, when hunting.

3. Hunters may only hunt designated game species during specified days, which are published within the Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Dates portion of the permit.

4. Hunters may hunt with shotguns using only nontoxic #4 shot or smaller (see §32.2(k)), rifles and handguns using rim-fire ammunition only, or archery equipment that complies with State regulations. Possession of lead shot shells for hunting is prohibited.

5. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

6. We allow hunters to use hunting dogs to hunt upland game. The dogs must be controlled by the owner/handler at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### WHEELER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to possess and carry a current and signed hunting permit, found on the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Brochure, when hunting on the refuge. These brochures are available at the refuge visitor center, refuge headquarters, and on the refuge's Web site.

2. Hunters may hunt with shotguns using only nontoxic #4 shot or smaller (see §32.2(k)), rifles and handguns using rim-fire ammunition only, or archery equipment that complies with State regulations.

3. You must unload and case or dismantle firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) before placing them in a vehicle or boat.

4. We prohibit hunting or discharging firearms (including Flintlocks) in the Triana recreation area or from any road or road shoulder or from within 50 yards (45 meters) of any designated walking trail or boardwalk.

5. We prohibit mules and horses on all refuge hunts.

6. We allow hunting on designated areas Monday through Saturday. We prohibit hunting on Sunday.

7. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

8. We prohibit mooring or storing of boats from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

9. We prohibit marking trees and the use of flagging tape, reflective tacks, and other similar marking devices.

10. Hunting dogs may be used to hunt upland game and must be controlled by the owner/handler at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

11. We allow hunters to hunt from tree stands in accordance with 50 CFR 32.2(i). Hunters must use a body safety harness at all times while hunting from a tree.

12. Hunters must remove tree stands, blinds, or other personal property from the refuge each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

13. Hunters may only hunt designated game species during specified days, which are published within the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Brochure.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1, B3 through B6, B8, B9, and B11 through B13 apply.

2. Hunters may not hunt by aid of or harassment of game for purposes of take for deer or feral hogs.

3. Hunters may only hunt with archery equipment that complies with State regulations and flintlocks .40 caliber or larger.

4. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

5. Hunters must report the sex, approximate size, and hunt area for any deer or hogs they harvested from the refuge within 72 hours. Reports must be given by phone or in person to the refuge Visitor Center (256/350-6639) or refuge headquarters (256/353-7243).

6. We prohibit mules and horses on all refuge hunts.

7. You may only hunt feral hog during the refuge archery and flintlock deer season.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit bank fishing around the shoreline of the refuge headquarters. Consult with the refuge brochure for further information.

2. We open all other refuge waters to fishing year-round unless otherwise posted.

3. We prohibit fishing in the Waterfowl Display Pool and other waters adjacent to the visitor center.

4. We prohibit airboats and hovercraft on all waters within the refuge boundaries.

5. We prohibit inboard waterthrust boats such as, but not limited to, personal watercraft, watercycles, and waterbikes on all waters of the refuge except that portion of the Tennessee River and Flint Creek from its mouth to mile marker 3.

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6. We prohibit mooring and storing of boats from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

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### § 32.21 Alaska.

Alaska refuges are opened to hunting, fishing and trapping pursuant to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 96-487, 94 Stat. 2371). Information regarding specific refuge regulations can be obtained from the Region 7 Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage, AK, or by contacting the manager of the respective individual refuge.

### § 32.22 Arizona.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BILL WILLIAMS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only shotguns for hunting. We limit all shotguns to a maximum three-shell capacity, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells (see §20.21(b) of this chapter).

2. You may possess only nontoxic shot while hunting in the field (see §32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of any building, road, or levee open to public use.

4. We allow hunting/angling on the refuge only in those areas posted or designated as open. The public hunting area is generally described as south of the Bill Williams Road and east of Arizona State Rt. 95 plus the south half of Section 35, T 11N-R 17W as posted. We close the isolated grow-out cove near the visitor center to fishing as posted.

5. We allow hunting/angling in accordance with State regulations only for the listed species.

6. You may retrieve fish or game from an area closed to hunting or entry only upon

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specific consent from an authorized refuge employee.

7. We prohibit target practice or any non-hunting discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter).

8. Anyone for hire to assist or guide a hunter or angler must first obtain, possess, and carry a valid Special Use Permit issued by the refuge manager.

9. We prohibit the construction or use of any pits, permanent blinds, or other structures (see §27.92 of this chapter).

10. All refuge visitors must remove all personal items from the refuge at the end of each day's activity, *i.e.*, boats, equipment, cameras, temporary blinds, stands, etc. (see §27.93 of this chapter).

11. Hunters must report accidents involving property damage or personal injury to the refuge manager or authorized Service personnel (see §25.72 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail and cottontail rabbit in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A11 apply.

2. We only allow hunting of cottontail rabbit from September 1 to the close of the State quail season.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of desert bighorn sheep in Arizona Wildlife Management Areas 16A and 44A in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A4 through A11 apply.

2. In Arizona Wildlife Management Unit 44A, we allow hunting on the refuge only in those areas south of the Bill Williams River Road and east of Arizona State Rt. 95 plus the south half of Section 35, T 11N-R 17W as posted.

3. In Arizona Wildlife Management Unit 16A, we allow hunting for desert bighorn sheep only in those areas north of the Bill Williams River.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A4 through A11 apply.

2. We prohibit personal watercraft (PWC as defined by State law), air boats, and hovercraft on all waters within the boundaries of the refuge.

3. We designate all refuge waters as wakeless speed zones (as defined by State law).

4. The nonmotorized watercraft launch and Central Arizona Project (CAP) peninsula are day-use only areas and are open from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset. We allow fishing and the launching of watercraft at these and other areas 24 hours a day.

5. We prohibit the possession or consumption of open containers of alcohol or the possession of glass beverage containers in improved areas, including the nonmotorized watercraft launch and the CAP peninsula.

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### BUENOS AIRES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow portable or temporary blinds and stands, but you must remove them at the end of each hunt day.

2. We prohibit the use of flagging tape, reflective tape, or other signs or markers used to identify paths or to mark tree stands, blinds, or other areas.

3. The No-Hunt Zones include all Service property east of milepost 7 of Arivaca Road within the Arivaca Creek Management Area, all Service property in Brown Canyon, all Service property within ¼ mile (.4 km) of refuge residences, and the posted No-Hunt Zone encompassing refuge headquarters and area bounded by the 10-mile (16 km) Pronghorn Drive auto tour loop.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit, coyote, and skunk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Conditions A1 through A3 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of mule and white-tailed deer, javelina, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only hunt feral hog during big game seasons. Each hunter must possess and carry a valid hunting license and big game permit for the season in progress. There is no bag limit.

2. Conditions A1 through A3 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### CABEZA PRIETA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of desert bighorn sheep is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Entry permits are required.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### CIBOLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, common snipe, and mourning and white-winged doves on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only shotguns.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

3. You must obtain a permit to enter the Island Unit.

4. You must pay a hunt fee in portions of the refuge. Consult refuge hunting leaflet for locations.

5. We do not allow pit or permanent blinds.

6. You may hunt only during seasons, dates, times, and areas posted by signs and/

or indicated on refuge leaflets, special regulations, and maps available at the refuge office.

7. You must remove all temporary blinds, boats, and decoys from the refuge following each day's hunt.

8. We do not allow hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of any public roads or levees.

9. We close Farm Unit 2 to all hunting except goose hunting during the Arizona waterfowl season.

10. Consult the refuge hunt leaflet for the shot limit.

11. The area known as Pretty Water is open to waterfowl hunting from ½ hour before sunrise to 3:00 p.m. MST during the Arizona and California waterfowl seasons.

12. The Hart Mine Marsh area is open to hunting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily during goose season.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only shotguns and bows and arrows.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

3. You may hunt cottontail rabbit from September 1 through the last day of the respective State's quail season.

4. During the Arizona waterfowl season, you may not hunt quail and rabbit in Farm Unit 2.

5. You may not hunt within 50 yards (45 m) of any public road.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of mule deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. For units open to mule deer hunting, refer to current Big Game hunt brochure.

2. You may not hunt within 50 yards (45 m) of any public road.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing and frogging subject to the following condition: Cibola Lake is open to fishing and frogging from March 15 through Labor Day.

### HAVASU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove, duck, coot, moorhen, goose, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit falconry.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

3. You may not hunt within 50 yards (45 meters) of any building or public road.

4. We prohibit target shooting.

5. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in

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accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

6. We prohibit the construction or use of pits and permanent blinds (see § 27.92 of this chapter).

7. You must remove temporary blinds, boats, hunting equipment, and decoys from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit retrieving game from closed areas. You may retrieve game from areas closed to hunting, but otherwise open to entry, as long as you possess no hunting firearms or other means of take.

9. Anyone hired to assist or guide hunter(s) must possess and carry a valid Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-C) issued by the refuge manager.

10. We prohibit hunting on those refuge lands within the Lake Havasu City limits.

11. The following conditions apply only to Pintail Slough (all refuge lands north of North Dike):

i. We require a fee for waterfowl hunting. You must possess proof of payment while hunting.

ii. Waterfowl hunters must hunt within 25 feet (7.5 meters) of the numbered post of their assigned blind.

iii. We limit the number of persons at each waterfowl hunt blind to three. Observers cannot hold shells or guns for hunting unless in possession of a valid State hunting license and stamps.

iv. We limit the number of shells a waterfowl hunter may possess to 25.

v. Waterfowl hunters must possess at least 12 decoys per blind.

vi. You may use only dead vegetation or materials brought from off refuge for making or fixing hunt blinds. We prohibit the cutting, pulling, marking or removing vegetation (see §§ 27.51 of this chapter).

vii. Waterfowl hunters must be at their blind at least 45 minutes before legal shoot time and not leave their blind until 10 a.m. MST.

viii. We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Waterfowl hunting ends at 12 p.m. (noon) MST. Hunters must be out of the slough area by 1 p.m. MST.

ix. We allow qualifying youth to participate in the youth waterfowl hunt.

x. We allow dove hunting at Pintail Slough only during the September season.

12. The following conditions apply to all waters of the lower Colorado River within the refuge:

i. We close designated portions of Topock Marsh to all entry from October 1 through the last day of the waterfowl hunt season (including the State youth waterfowl hunt). These areas are indicated in refuge brochures and identified by buoys and/or signs.

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ii. We prohibit hunting in the waters of the Colorado River and on those refuge lands within ¼ mile (.4 kilometer) of the waters of the Colorado River from and including Castle Rock Bay north to Interstate 40.

iii. We allow hunting on refuge lands and waters south of Castle Rock Bay to the north boundary of the Lake Havasu City limits.

13. We prohibit the use of all air-thrust boats and/or air-cooled propulsion engines, including floating aircraft.

14. Dogs must be under your immediate control at all times.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A10, A11vi., and A12 apply.

2. We prohibit the possession of rifles for hunting.

3. We allow hunting of quail in Pintail Slough prior to and following the State waterfowl season (The State waterfowl season includes the State general waterfowl season, the days between the juniors-only waterfowl hunt and the general State waterfowl season, and the juniors-only waterfowl hunt.).

4. We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit in Pintail Slough prior to and following the State waterfowl season (The State waterfowl season includes the State general waterfowl season, the days between the juniors-only waterfowl hunt and the general State waterfowl season, and the juniors-only waterfowl hunt.).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of bighorn sheep on those refuge lands in Arizona Wildlife Management Area 16B in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2 through A9, and A12ii apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations (Colorado River specific regulations apply) subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of all air-thrust boats or air-cooled propulsion engines, including floating aircraft.

2. We prohibit overnight boat mooring and shore anchoring unless actively fishing as defined by State regulations (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

3. Anyone hired to assist or guide anglers must possess and carry a valid Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-C) issued by the refuge manager.

4. The following apply only on Topock Marsh:

1. We close designated portions to all entry from October 1 through the last day of the waterfowl hunt season (including the State junior waterfowl hunt).

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ii. We close designated portions to all entry from April 1 through August 31. These areas are indicated in refuge brochures and identified by buoys and or signs.

iii. We prohibit personal watercraft (PWC, as defined by State law).

5. The following apply to all waters of the Colorado River within Havasu NWR from the south regulatory buoy line to the north regulatory buoy line at Interstate 40 (approximately 17 miles [27.2 km]).

i. We prohibit personal watercraft (PWC, as defined by State law) as indicated by signs or regulatory buoys in all backwaters.

ii. We limit watercraft speed as indicated by signs or regulatory buoys to no wake (as defined by State law) in all backwaters.

iii. We prohibit water-skiing, tubing, wake boarding, or other recreational-towed devices.

6. The following apply to improved areas within the refuge. Improved areas consist of the Mesquite Bay areas, Castle Rock, the Diving Cliffs, Catfish Paradise, Five Mile Landing and North Dike.

i. We prohibit entry of all motorized watercraft in all three bays of the Mesquite Bay areas as indicated by signs or regulatory buoys.

ii. Improved areas are day-use only and are open from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset. We allow fishing and launching water craft at these and other areas 24 hours a day.

iii. We prohibit the possession of open containers of alcohol or the possession of glass beverage containers in improved areas.

### IMPERIAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Birds.* We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove, duck, coot, moorhen, goose, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Pits and permanent blinds are not allowed.

2. Temporary blinds, boats and decoys must be removed from the refuge following each day's hunt.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, cottontail rabbit, coyote, and fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Allowed methods of take for quail and cottontail rabbit are shotgun and bow and arrow.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting quail and cottontail rabbit (see § 32.2(k)).

3. We allow cottontail rabbit hunting from September 1 to the close of the State quail season.

4. We allow coyote and fox hunting only during the State quail season.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of mule deer and desert bighorn sheep on designated areas of the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging for bullfrog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We close posted portions of Martinez Lake and Ferguson Lake to entry from October 1 through the last day of February.

### KOFA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Hunting of quail, cottontail rabbit, coyote, and fox is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting of coyote, fox, and cottontail rabbit is permitted during the State quail season only, except as provided below.

2. Hunting of coyote and fox is not permitted during the deer season except that deer hunters with valid Unit 45A, 45B, and 45C deer permits may take these predators until a deer is taken.

3. Allowed method of take of cottontail rabbits is shotgun only.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of mule deer and desert bighorn sheep is permitted on designated areas of the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only shotguns.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A2 apply.

2. Cottontail rabbit season shall open on September 1 and close on the last day of the State quail season.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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## § 32.23 Arkansas.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

## BALD KNOB NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, snipe, woodcock, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge hunting permits (signed brochure). The permits are non-transferable, and anyone on refuge land in possession of hunting equipment must possess a signed permit at all times.
2. We prohibit migratory game bird hunting on the refuge during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt.
3. With the exception of hunting for woodcock, we prohibit migratory game bird hunting after 12 p.m. (noon) during the regular State waterfowl hunting season.
4. We allow hunting for woodcock daily throughout the State seasons.
5. We prohibit commercial hunting/guiding.
6. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot shells for hunting while in the field (see § 32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or fewer. The possession limit includes shells located in/on vehicles and other personal equipment. The field possession limit for shells does not apply to goose hunting during the State Conservation Order.
7. We prohibit hunting closer than 100 yards (90 m) to another hunter or hunting party.
8. You must remove decoys, blinds, boats, and all other equipment (see § 27.93 of this chapter) daily by 1 p.m.
9. We open the refuge to daylight use only, with the exception that hunters may enter the refuge beginning at 4 a.m. and must exit by 1 hour after legal shooting time ends.
10. Boats with the owner's name and address permanently displayed or displaying valid registration may be left on the refuge from March 1 through October 31. We prohibit the use of boats from 12 a.m. (midnight) to 4 a.m. during duck season.
11. You may possess only biodegradable materials to mark trails.
12. We prohibit building or hunting from permanent blinds. We prohibit driving or screwing any metal object into a tree or hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven or screwed to support a hunter (see § 32.2(i)).
13. We prohibit cutting of holes or manipulation of vegetation (*i.e.*, cutting bushes, mowing, weed-eating, herbicide use, etc.) and hunting from manipulated areas (see § 27.51 of this chapter).

14. We allow use of dogs for migratory game bird hunting.

15. We allow waterfowl hunting from refuge roads and levees.

16. Any hunter born after 1968 must carry a valid hunter education card. An adult at least age 21 must supervise hunters under age 16 and remain within sight and normal voice contact with the youth. Hunters under age 16 do not need to have a hunter education card if they are under the direct supervision (within arm's reach) of an adult (at least age 21) holder of a valid hunting license. An adult may supervise up to two youths for migratory bird and upland game hunting but may supervise only one youth for big game hunting. We will honor home State hunter education cards.

17. We prohibit target practice or non-hunting discharge of firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter).

18. We allow vehicle use only on established roads and trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter). We limit vehicle access on the Mingo Creek unit to ATV use only, only on marked ATV trails, September 1 through February 28, and only to provide access for hunting beyond Parking Areas. Hunters may use conventional vehicles on the Farm Unit from March 1 through November 14 only. Hunters may only use ATVs from September 1 through February 28 and only to provide access for hunting beyond Parking Areas. We prohibit driving around a locked gate, barrier, or beyond a sign closing a road to vehicular traffic (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

19. We prohibit entry into or hunting in waterfowl sanctuaries from November 15 through February 28.

20. Hunters must adhere to all public use special conditions and regulations on the annual hunt brochure/permit.

21. We prohibit airboats, hovercraft, and personal watercraft (Jet Ski, etc.).

22. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see § 32.2(j)). We prohibit open alcohol containers on refuge roads, all-terrain vehicles (ATV) trails, boat ramps, observation platforms, and parking areas.

23. We prohibit loaded hunting firearms or muzzleloaders in or on a vehicle, ATV, or boat while under power (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter). We define "loaded" as shells in the firearm or ignition device on the muzzle-loader.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, opossum, beaver, muskrat, nutria, armadillo, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following special conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A6, A9, A11 through A13, and A17 through A23 apply.

2. Hunters may use shotguns only with approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)) and rifles chambered for rimfire cartridges.

3. We allow squirrel hunting September 1 through February 28 on the Mingo Creek Unit and on the Farm Unit, except for season closure of the refuge during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. We allow dogs.

4. We allow rabbit hunting in accordance with the State season on the Mingo Creek Unit and on the Farm Unit, except for season closure of the refuge during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. We allow dogs.

5. We allow quail hunting in accordance with the State season except for season closure of the refuge during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. We allow dogs.

6. We allow daylight hunting of raccoon and opossum with dogs on all refuge hunt units. Nighttime hunting of raccoon and opossum is allowed only on the Mingo Creek Unit with a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G). We require dogs for hunting raccoon/opossum at night. We list annual season dates in the refuge hunting brochure/permit. We prohibit field trials and organized training events.

7. We prohibit the use of horses and mules.

8. Hunters may take beaver, muskrat, nutria, armadillo, and coyote during any refuge hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts, subject to State seasons.

9. We prohibit hunting from refuge roads except by waterfowl hunters.

10. We prohibit hunting from a vehicle.

11. We limit nighttime use to fishing, frogging, and/or raccoon/opossum hunting, and the angler or hunter must possess the appropriate tackle or gear.

12. We prohibit transportation, possession, or release of live hog on the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A6, A9, A11 through A13, A17 through A23, and B8 through B12 apply.

2. We divide the refuge into two hunting units: Farm Unit and Mingo Creek Unit.

3. The archery/crossbow hunting season for deer begins on the opening day of the State season and continues throughout the State season in the Mingo Creek Unit and Farm Unit except for the season closure of the refuge during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. We provide annual season dates and bag limits in the hunt brochure/permit (signature required).

4. Muzzleloader hunting season for deer will begin in October and continue for a period of up to 9 days in all hunting units with annual season dates and bag limits provided on the hunt brochure/permit.

5. The modern gun hunting season for deer will begin in November and continue for a period of up to 9 days in all hunting units with annual season dates and bag limits provided in the hunt brochure/permit.

6. We prohibit leaving any tree stand, ground blind, or game camera on the refuge without the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly written in a conspicuous location.

7. The fall archery/crossbow hunting season for turkey will begin on the opening day of the State season and continue throughout the State season on the Mingo Creek Unit only.

8. We prohibit spring and fall gun hunting for turkey.

9. Immediately record the zone (002) on your hunting license and check all harvested game according to State regulations.

10. You may use only shotguns with rifled slugs, muzzleloaders, and legal pistols for modern gun deer hunting on the Farm Unit.

11. We allow only portable deer stands capable of being carried in their entirety by a single individual. You may erect stands 7 days prior to the refuge deer season and must remove them from the waterfowl sanctuaries prior to November 15, except for stands used by Quota Gun Deer Hunt permit holders (signature required), which you must remove by the last day of the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. You must remove all stands on the remainder of the refuge within 7 days of the closure of archery season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

12. We prohibit hunting from a vehicle or use of a vehicle as a deer stand.

13. We prohibit the use of dogs.

14. We prohibit the possession or use of buckshot for hunting on all refuge lands.

15. We prohibit hunting from mowed and/or graveled road right-of-ways.

16. Refuge lands are located in State-designated Flood Prone Region B, and we will close them to all deer hunting when the White River Gauge at Augusta reaches 31 feet (9.3 m), as reported by the National Weather Service at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/data/LZK/RVSLZK> and reopen them when the same gauge reading falls below 30 feet (9.1 m) and the White River Gauge at Georgetown falls to, or below, 19 feet (5.7 m).

17. We allow only Quota Gun Deer Hunt permit holders on the refuge during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt and only for the purposes of deer hunting. We close the refuge to all other entry and public use during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt.

18. We close waterfowl sanctuaries to all entry and hunting from November 15 to February 28, except for Quota Gun Deer Hunt permit holders who may hunt in the sanctuary when the season overlaps with these dates.

19. You may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. and remain until 1 hour after legal shooting time.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

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1. Conditions A9, A11, A19 through A23, B11, and C18 apply.
2. We close waterfowl sanctuaries to all entry from November 15 to February 28. We also close the refuge to all entry and fishing during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt.
3. We prohibit commercial fishing.
4. We prohibit the take or possession of turtles and/or mollusks (see §27.21 of this chapter).
5. We prohibit mooring houseboats to the refuge bank on the Little Red River.

### BIG LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, nutria, coyote, beaver, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
  1. We require refuge hunt permits. The permits (found on the front cover of the annual hunt brochure/permit—signature required) are nontransferable and anyone on refuge land in possession of hunting equipment must sign and carry the permit at all times.
  2. We provide annual season dates for squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum hunting in the refuge hunting brochure/permit.
  3. We allow take of nutria, beaver, and coyote during any refuge hunt with the device allowed for that hunt subject to State seasons.
  4. Any hunter born after 1968 must carry a valid hunter education card. An adult age 21 or older must supervise and remain within sight and normal voice contact with hunters under age 16 who have a valid hunter education card. Hunters under age 16 do not need to have a card if they are under the direct supervision (within arm's reach) of an adult (age 21 or older) holder of a valid hunting license. An adult may supervise up to two youths for upland game hunting but may supervise only one youth for big game hunting. We will honor home State hunter education cards.
  5. We prohibit target practice or any non-hunting discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter).
  6. You may take opossum when hunting raccoon.
  7. We require dogs for night hunting of raccoon and opossum. We prohibit field trials and organized training events.
  8. When hunting, you may only use shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) and rifles chambered for rimfire cartridges.
  9. We prohibit boats from November 1 through February 28, except on that portion of the refuge open for public fishing with electric motors and Ditch 28.
  10. We prohibit hunting from mowed and/or gravel road right-of-ways.
  11. We prohibit ATVs (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

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12. We prohibit horses and mules.
13. We limit nighttime use to fishing, frogging, and/or raccoon/opossum hunting, and the angler or hunter must possess the appropriate tackle or gear.
14. We prohibit driving around a locked gate, barrier, or beyond a sign closing a road to vehicular traffic (see §27.31 of this chapter).
15. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)). We prohibit open alcohol containers on refuge roads, trails, boat ramps, parking areas, fishing piers, observation decks, and photo blinds.
16. You must adhere to all public use special conditions and regulations on the annual hunt brochure/permit.
17. We prohibit loaded hunting firearms or muzzleloaders in or on a vehicle, or boat while under power. We define “loaded” as shells in the firearm or ignition device on the muzzleloader.
18. We prohibit transportation, possession, or release of live hog on the refuge.
- C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
  1. Conditions B1, B3 through B5, and B9 through B18 apply.
  2. We allow archery/crossbow hunting for white-tailed deer. We provide annual season dates in the hunt brochure/permit.
  3. Hunters may use only bows or crossbows.
  4. We prohibit dogs.
  5. Hunters may possess or use only biodegradable materials to mark trails.
  6. Upon harvest of deer, hunters must immediately record the deer zone 030 on their license and later on official check station records.
  7. We allow only portable deer stands capable of being carried in their entirety by a single individual. You may erect stands 7 days prior to the refuge deer season and must remove them 7 days before the closure of archery season (see §27.93 of this chapter).
  8. We prohibit driving metal or other objects into trees or hunting from trees in which objects have been driven (see §32.2(i)).
  9. We prohibit cutting, pruning, or trimming vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter).
  10. We prohibit target practice or any non-hunting discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter).
  11. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m.
  12. We prohibit leaving any tree stand, ground blind, or game camera on the refuge without the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly written in a conspicuous location.
- D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B9 and B11 through B17 apply.

2. Anglers may launch boats only in designated areas.

3. We prohibit airboats, personal watercraft, Jet Skis, and hovercraft (see §27.31 of this chapter).

4. We allow frogging from the beginning of the State frogging season through October 31.

5. We allow the take of largemouth bass in accordance with State regulations.

6. We prohibit the take or possession of turtles and/or mollusks (see §27.21 of this chapter).

7. We require a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383) for all commercial fishing activities on the refuge.

#### CACHE RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, snipe, woodcock, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge hunting permits. These permits (found on the front cover of the annual hunt brochure/permit—signature required) are nontransferable, and anyone on the refuge in possession of hunting equipment must sign and carry the permit at all times.

2. We prohibit migratory game bird hunting on the refuge during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt.

3. With the exception of hunting for woodcock, we prohibit migratory game bird hunting after 12 p.m. (noon) during the regular State waterfowl hunting season.

4. We allow hunting for woodcock daily throughout the State seasons.

5. We prohibit commercial hunting and/or guiding.

6. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting in the field (see §32.2(k)).

7. You must remove decoys, blinds, boats, and all other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) daily by 1 p.m.

8. Waterfowl hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m.

9. Boats with the owner's name and address permanently displayed or displaying valid registration may be left on the refuge from March 1 through October 31. We prohibit boats on the refuge from 12 a.m. (midnight) to 4 a.m. during duck season.

10. Hunters may possess or use only biodegradable materials to mark trails.

11. We prohibit building or hunting from permanent blinds. We prohibit driving or screwing any metal object into a tree or hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven or screwed to support a hunter (see §32.2(i)).

12. We prohibit cutting of holes or other manipulation of vegetation (e.g., cutting bushes, mowing, weed-eating, herbicide use,

and other actions) or hunting from manipulated areas (see §27.51 of this chapter).

13. We allow use of dogs for migratory game bird hunting.

14. We allow waterfowl hunting on flooded refuge roads.

15. Any hunter born after 1968 must carry a valid hunter education card. An adult at least age 21 must supervise and remain within sight and normal voice contact with hunters younger than age 16 who have a valid hunter education card. Hunters younger than age 16 do not need to have a card if they are under the direct supervision (within arm's reach) of a holder of a valid hunting license of at least age 21. An adult may supervise up to two youths for migratory bird and upland game hunting but may supervise only one youth for big game hunting. We will honor home State hunter education cards.

16. We prohibit target practice or any non-hunting discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter).

17. We prohibit ATVs except from September 1 through February 28, on designated roads, trails, or established parking areas, and only to provide access for hunting. We prohibit driving around a locked gate, barrier, or beyond a sign closing a road to vehicular traffic (see §27.31 of this chapter).

18. We prohibit entry into or hunting in waterfowl sanctuaries from November 15 through February 28.

19. You must adhere to all public use special conditions and regulations on the annual hunt brochure/permit.

20. We close all other hunts during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. We allow only Quota Gun Deer Hunt permit (signature only required) holders to enter the refuge during this hunt and only for the purpose of deer hunting.

21. We prohibit airboats, hovercraft, and personal watercraft (Jet Ski, etc.) (see §27.31 of this chapter).

22. We prohibit the possession or use of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)) or open alcohol containers on refuge roads, all-terrain vehicles (ATV) trails, boat ramps, observation platforms, and parking areas.

23. We prohibit loaded hunting firearms or muzzleloaders in or on a vehicle, ATV, or boat while under power. We define "loaded" as shells in the firearm or ignition device on the muzzleloader.

24. We prohibit vehicles and ATVs to be left unattended overnight.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, opossum, beaver, muskrat, nutria, armadillo, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A6, A10 through A12, and A16 through A24 apply.

2. We allow squirrel hunting September 1 through February 28 except for refuge-wide

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season closure during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. We allow dogs.

3. Rabbit season corresponds with the State season except for refuge-wide season closure during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. We allow dogs.

4. Quail season corresponds with the State season except for refuge-wide season closure during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. We allow dogs.

5. We allow hunting of raccoon and opossum with dogs. We require dogs for hunting of raccoon/opossum at night. We provide annual season dates in the refuge hunting brochure/permit. We prohibit field trials and organized training events.

6. We prohibit horses and mules.

7. You may take beaver, muskrat, nutria, armadillo, and coyote during any refuge hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts.

8. We prohibit hunting from mowed and/or graveled refuge roads except by waterfowl hunters during flooded conditions.

9. We prohibit hunting from a vehicle.

10. You may use only shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) and rifles chambered for rimfire cartridges when hunting.

11. We limit nighttime use to fishing, frogging, and/or raccoon/opossum hunting, and the angler or hunter must possess appropriate tackle or gear.

12. We prohibit transportation, possession, or release of live hog on the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A6, A10 through A12, A16 through A24, B6 through B9, B11, and B12 apply.

2. Archery/crossbow hunting season for deer begins on the opening day of the State season and continues throughout the State season except for refuge-wide season closure during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. We provide annual season dates and bag limits in the refuge hunting brochure/permit.

3. Muzzleloader hunting season for deer will begin in October and will continue for a period of up to 9 days with annual season dates and bag limits provided on the hunt brochure/permit.

4. Modern gun deer hunting will begin in November and continue for a period of up to 11 days with annual season dates and bag limits provided in the refuge hunt brochure/permit.

5. You may take feral hog during refuge muzzleloader or Quota Gun Deer Hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts.

6. The fall archery/crossbow hunting season for turkey will begin on the opening day of the State season and continue throughout the State season on refuge lands that are located within the State fall archery/crossbow

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turkey zone except for refuge-wide season closure during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. We do not open for fall gun hunting for turkeys.

7. The spring gun hunt for turkey will begin on the opening day of the State season and continue throughout the State season on all refuge lands located south of Interstate 40. The remainder of the refuge is closed with the exception of those refuge lands included in the combined Black Swamp Wildlife Management Area/Cache River National Wildlife Refuge quota permit hunts administered by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

8. Immediately record the zone 095 on your hunting license and check all harvested game according to State regulations.

9. Hunters may only use shotguns with rifled slugs, muzzleloaders, or legal pistols for modern gun deer hunting on the Dixie Farm Unit Waterfowl Sanctuary, adjacent waterfowl hunt area, and the Plunkett Farm Unit Waterfowl Sanctuary.

10. We allow only portable deer stands capable of being carried in their entirety by a single individual.

11. We prohibit use of a vehicle as a deer stand.

12. We prohibit leaving any tree stand, ground blind, or game camera on the refuge without the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly written in a conspicuous location.

13. Hunters may erect stands 7 days prior to the refuge deer season and must remove them from the waterfowl sanctuaries prior to November 15, and from the rest of the refuge within 7 days of the closure of archery season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

14. We prohibit the use of dogs.

15. We prohibit the possession or use of buckshot for hunting on all refuge lands.

16. We prohibit hunting from mowed and/or graveled road right-of-ways.

17. We will close refuge lands located in State-designated Flood Prone Region B to all deer hunting when the White River gauge at Augusta reaches 31 feet (9.3 m), as reported by the National Weather Service at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/data/LZK/RVSLZK> and reopen them when the same gauge reading falls below 30 feet (9.1 m) and the White River gauge at Georgetown falls to, or below, 19 feet (5.7 m).

18. We will close refuge lands located in State-designated Flood Prone Region C to all deer hunting when the Cache River gauge at Patterson exceeds 10 feet (3 m), as reported by the National Weather Service at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/data/LZK/RVSLZK> and reopen them when the same gauge reading falls below 8.5 feet (2.6 m).

19. We will close refuge lands located in Flood Prone Region D to all deer and turkey hunting when the White River gauge at Clarendon reaches 28 feet (8.4 m), as reported by the National Weather Service at <http://>

[www.srh.noaa.gov/data/LZK/RVSLZK](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/data/LZK/RVSLZK) and re-open them when the same gauge reading falls to, or below, 27 feet (8.1 m).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A10, A18, A20, A22 through A24, and B11 apply.
2. We close waterfowl sanctuaries to all entrance and fishing/frogging from November 15 to February 28. We prohibit refuge-wide entry and fishing during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt.
3. We require a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383) for all commercial fishing activities on the refuge.
4. We prohibit the take or possession of turtles and/or mollusks (see §27.21 of this chapter).
5. We prohibit the mooring of houseboats to refuge property.

DALE BUMPERS WHITE RIVER NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require all refuge users to sign and possess a refuge user brochure/permit (signature required).
2. We allow duck hunting from legal shooting hours until 12 p.m. (noon).
3. We allow retriever dogs for migratory game bird hunting.
4. You must remove blinds, blind material, and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge by 1 p.m. each day.
5. You may take duck and coot during the State season in designated areas.
6. North Unit waterfowl season and youth waterfowl hunts are concurrent with State season dates.
7. We restrict the South Unit waterfowl season to the Jack's Bay hunt area as indicated in the refuge user brochure/permit. We open to hunting every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday of the concurrent State season dates, including State youth waterfowl hunt dates.
8. Waterfowl hunters may enter and access the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m.
9. We prohibit boating December 1 through January 31 in the South Unit Waterfowl Hunt Area, except from 4 am to 1 pm on designated waterfowl hunt days.
10. We prohibit marking trails with materials other than biodegradable paper flagging or reflective tape/tacks (see §27.93 of this chapter).
11. We prohibit use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)) or open alcohol containers on refuge roads, ATV trails, and parking areas.

12. We prohibit cutting of holes in or other manipulation of vegetation or hunting in such areas (see §27.51 of this chapter).

13. We prohibit waterfowl hunting on Kansas Lake Area (indicated in refuge user brochure/permit).

14. We allow duck hunting on specific scattered tracts of land, in accordance with the North Unit regulations. Consult the refuge office for further information.

15. We only allow ATVs for wildlife-dependent hunting and fishing activities. We restrict ATVs to designated yellow-marked trails throughout the refuge, unless marked otherwise. We prohibit the use of ATVs after December 15 each year in designated South Unit areas as shown in refuge user brochure/permit. We define ATV as an off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed the following: A maximum dry weight of 1,550 lbs (697.5 kg), tires having a centerline lug depth of one inch (2.5 cm) or less and a maximum tire pressure of 15 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. We allow only those vehicles originally designed by their manufacturer to be ATVs; we prohibit mini trucks or other modified off-road vehicles.

16. We require hunters born after 1968 to carry a valid hunter-education card. We do not require hunters under age 16 to have a hunter-education card while under direct supervision (within arm's reach) of a holder of a valid hunting license who is at least age 21. Youth hunters under age 16 must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a valid hunting license. An adult may supervise only one youth for big game hunting but may supervise up to two youths for waterfowl and small game hunting.

16. We require hunters born after 1968 to carry a valid hunter-education card. We do not require hunters under age 16 to have a hunter-education card while under direct supervision (within arm's reach) of a holder of a valid hunting license who is at least age 21. Youth hunters under age 16 must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a valid hunting license. An adult may supervise only one youth for big game hunting but may supervise up to two youths for waterfowl and small game hunting.

18. No person, including but not limited to, a guide, guide service, outfitter, club, or other organization, will provide assistance, services, or equipment on the refuge to any other person for compensation unless such guide, guide service, outfitter, club, or organization has obtained a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383) from the refuge. For purposes of this regulation, we will consider any fees or services rendered to a person for lodging, meals, club membership, or similar services as compensation.

19. We prohibit hunting, taking, possessing, or attempting to take wildlife with

a guide, guide service, outfitter, club, or organization providing assistance, service, or equipment that does not possess and carry the required refuge Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3–1383).

20. We allow camping only in designated sites and areas identified in the refuge user brochure/permit, and we restrict camping to individuals involved in wildlife-dependent activities. Campers may stay no more than 14 days during any 30 consecutive-day period in any campground site or area and must occupy camps daily. We prohibit all disturbances, including use of generators, after 10 p.m.

21. We allow refuge users to leave boats 16 feet (4.8 m) or less in length unattended overnight from March 1 to October 31 as long as the owner clearly and prominently displays his or her complete name and physical address.

22. We prohibit all access in the Demonstration and Dry Lake Waterfowl Rest Areas as indicated in the refuge brochure/permit.

23. We require a refuge Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3–1383) for all commercial use activities including, but not limited to, fishing, trapping, timber management, or collecting acorns.

24. We prohibit hovercraft, personal watercraft (*e.g.*, jet skis, etc.), and airboats.

25. You must adhere to all public use special conditions and regulations on the annual refuge user brochure/permit.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, beaver, coyote, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A9, A10, A11, A12, and A15 through A25 apply.

2. We allow hunting of rabbit and squirrel on the North Unit from September 1 until January 31.

3. We allow dogs for hunting of rabbit and squirrel from December 1 through January 31 on the North Unit.

4. You may hunt rabbit and squirrel on the South Unit from September 1 until November 30.

5. We prohibit dogs on the South Unit for the purpose of squirrel or rabbit hunting.

6. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot when hunting upland game (see § 32.2(k)).

7. We close all upland game hunts during quota Gun Deer Hunt and quota Muzzleloader Deer Hunt.

8. We allow furbearer (as defined by State law) hunting in accordance with season dates posted in the refuge user brochure/permit (signed brochure). We allow furbearer hunting only with rimfire weapons and shotguns.

9. We allow the use of dogs for hunting furbearers from legal sunset to legal sunrise. Hunters must tether or pen all dogs used for

furbearer hunting from legal sunrise to legal sunset and any time they are not involved in actual hunting.

10. We allow upland game hunting on specific scattered tracts of land, in accordance with State-wide regulations.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A9, A10, A11, A12, and A15 through A25 apply.

2. Archery deer seasons on the North Unit are from the beginning of the State archery season until the end of January except for refuge-wide season closure during quota muzzleloader and quota gun deer hunts. We provide annual season dates and bag limits in the refuge user brochure/permit.

3. Archery deer seasons on the South Unit are from the beginning of the State archery season until the end of December except for refuge-wide season closure during quota muzzleloader and quota gun deer hunts. We provide annual season dates and bag limits in the refuge user brochure/permit.

4. Muzzleloader season for deer will begin in October and will continue for a period of up to 3 days of quota hunting and 4 days of nonquota hunting in the North and/or South Units with annual season dates and bag limits provided in the annual refuge user brochure/permit.

5. The gun deer hunt will begin in November and will continue for a period of 3 days of quota hunting in the North and South Units, and 4 days of nonquota hunting in the North and/or South Units with annual season dates, bag limits, and areas provided in the annual refuge user brochure/permit.

6. We restrict hunt participants for quota hunts to those drawn for a quota permit. The permits are nontransferable and nonrefundable. Hunt dates and application procedures will be available at the refuge office in April.

7. We do not open for the bear season on all refuge-owned lands, including out-tracts and refuge lands in the Trustee Holder Wildlife Management Area.

8. If you harvest deer or turkey on the refuge, you must immediately record the zone number (Zone 146 South Unit and Zone 145 North Unit) on your hunting license and later check deer and/or turkey through State phone or online checking system.

9. We close the refuge to all nonquota hunting during refuge-wide quota muzzleloader and quota gun deer hunts.

10. You must follow refuge guidance regarding flood-zone closures during the deer hunt. Guidance is found in the refuge brochure, which you must carry at all times.

11. We prohibit the placement or hunting with the aid of bait, salt, or ingestible attractant (see § 32.2(h)).

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12. We prohibit the use of dogs other than those specified in the user permit.

13. We prohibit all forms of organized deer drives.

14. We prohibit firearm hunting from or across roads, ATV trails, levees, and maintained utility rights-of-way for deer only.

15. We prohibit hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven (see §32.2(i)).

16. You may only use portable deer stands (see §27.93 of this chapter). You may erect stands up to 7 days before each hunt, but you must remove them within 7 days after each hunt. All unattended deer stands on the refuge must have the owner's complete name and physical address clearly displayed.

17. We prohibit target practice or any non-hunting discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter).

18. We prohibit hunting on the Kansas Lake Area after November 30.

19. We prohibit the possession of buckshot on the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing, frogging, and crawfishing for personal use on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A9, A10, A11, A16, and A21 through A26 apply.

2. We allow fishing year-round in LaGrue, Essex, Prairie, Scrubgrass and Brooks Bays, Big Island Chute, Moon and Belknap Lakes next to Arkansas Highway 1, Indian Bay, the Arkansas Post Canal and adjacent drainage ditches; those borrow ditches located adjacent to the west bank of that portion of the White River Levee north of the Graham Burke pumping station; and all refuge-owned North Unit and scattered tract waters. We open all other South Unit refuge waters to sport fishing from March 1 through November 30 unless posted otherwise.

3. We allow frogging on all refuge-owned waters open for sport fishing as follows: We allow frogging on the South Unit from the beginning of the State season through November 30; we allow frogging on the North Unit for the entire State season.

4. We require a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383) for all commercial fishing on the refuge in addition to compliance with State regulations governing commercial fishing.

5. We prohibit all commercial and recreational harvest of turtle on all property administered by Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge.

6. We allow commercial fishing on all refuge waters from 12 p.m. (noon) September 30 through 12 p.m. (noon) November 30. However, when the White River exceeds 23.5 feet (7 m) at the St. Charles, Arkansas gauge or 146 feet msl (mean sea level) (43.8 m) at the tailwater gauge at Lock and Dam #1 on the Arkansas Post Canal, we allow commercial

fishing on all refuge waters from 12 p.m. (noon) March 1 through 12:00 p.m. (noon) September 30.

7. We prohibit take or possession of any freshwater mussel, and we do not open to mussel shelling.

### FELSENTHAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot during the State waterfowl season except during scheduled quota refuge Gun Deer Hunts.

2. Hunting of duck, goose, and coot ends at 12 p.m. (noon) each day.

3. We allow only portable blinds. You must remove all duck hunting equipment (portable blinds, boats, guns, and decoys) (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the hunt area by 1:30 p.m. each day.

4. You may possess only approved nontoxic shells when hunting (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less each day during waterfowl season; hunters may not discharge more than 25 shells per day.

5. We close areas of the refuge posted with "Area Closed" signs and identify them on the refuge hunt brochure map as a waterfowl sanctuary. Waterfowl sanctuaries are closed to all public entry and public use during waterfowl hunting season.

6. No person will use the services of a guide, guide service, outfitter, club, organization, or other person who provides equipment, services, or assistance on Refuge System lands for compensation (see §27.97 of this chapter).

7. Hunters must possess and carry a signed Refuge Public Use Regulations Brochure/Access Permit (signed brochure) while hunting.

8. We prohibit possession and/or use of herbicides.

9. We prohibit marking trails with tape, ribbon, paint, or any other substance or material.

10. We prohibit possession or use of alcoholic beverage(s) while hunting (see §32.2(j)). We prohibit consumption or possession of opened container(s) of alcoholic beverage(s) in parking lots, on roadways, and in plain view in campgrounds.

11. All persons born after 1968 must possess a valid hunter education card in order to hunt.

12. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a valid hunting license. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

13. We allow only all-terrain vehicles/utility-type vehicles (ATVs/UTVs) for hunting and fishing activities. We restrict ATVs/

UTVs to designated times and designated trails (see §27.31 of this chapter) marked with signs and paint. We identify these trails and the dates they are open for use in the refuge hunt brochure. We limit ATVs/UTVs to those having an engine displacement size not exceeding 700cc. We limit ATV/UTV tires to those having a centerline lug depth not exceeding 1 inch (2.5 cm). You may use horses on roads and ATV/UTV trails (when open to motor vehicle and ATV/UTV traffic respectively) as a mode of transportation for on-refuge, hunting and fishing activities.

14. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of roads and trails open to motor vehicle use (including ATV/UTV trails).

15. We prohibit target practice with any firearm, archery tackle, or crossbow or any nonhunting discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter).

16. We allow camping only at designated primitive campground sites identified in the refuge hunt brochure, and we restrict camping to individuals involved in wildlife-dependent refuge activities. Campers may stay no more than 14 days during any 30 consecutive-day period in any campground and must occupy camps daily. We prohibit all disturbances, including use of generators, after 10 p.m. You must unload all hunting weapons (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) within 100 yards (90 m) of a campground.

17. You may take beaver, nutria, and coyote during any daytime refuge hunt with weapons and ammunition allowed for that hunt. There is no bag limit. You may not transport or possess live hog.

18. We prohibit blocking of gates, roadways, and boat ramps (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

19. We allow the use of retriever dogs.

20. We prohibit the use or possession of any electronic call or other electronic device used for producing or projecting vocal sounds of any wildlife species.

21. We prohibit leaving any boat on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, and furbearers (as defined by State law) on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A4 through A18, A20, and A21 apply.

2. We allow hunting for the species listed above on the refuge during State seasons for this zone through January 31. We list specific hunting season dates annually in the refuge hunt brochure. We close upland game hunting during refuge quota deer hunts. We annually publish dates for these quota deer hunts in the refuge hunt brochure.

3. We do not open for spring squirrel hunting season, summer/early fall raccoon hunting season, or spring bobcat hunting season.

4. We prohibit possession of lead ammunition except that you may possess rimfire

rifle lead ammunition no larger than .22 caliber for upland game hunting. We prohibit possession of shot larger than that legal for waterfowl hunting. During the deer and turkey hunts, hunters may possess lead ammunition legal for taking deer and turkey. We prohibit buckshot for gun deer hunting.

5. You may use dogs for squirrel and rabbit hunting from the opening of furbearer (as defined by State law) hunting season through January 31. You may also use dogs for quail hunting and for raccoon/opossum hunting during open season on the refuge for these species. At other times, you must keep dogs and other pets on a leash or confined (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A6 through A11, A13 through A18, A20, and A21 apply.

2. We allow archery deer hunting on the refuge from the opening of the State season for this deer management zone through January 31.

3. We close archery deer hunting during the quota gun deer hunts.

4. The refuge will conduct no more than two muzzleloader deer hunts and no more than four quota modern gun deer hunts.

5. We allow muzzleloader deer hunting during the October State Muzzleloader season for this deer management zone. The refuge will conduct one 4-day quota modern gun hunt for deer, typically in November. The refuge also may conduct one mobility-impaired hunt for deer typically in early November.

6. The quota muzzleloader and modern gun deer hunt bag limit is two deer, one doe and one buck, or two does on each hunt, one antlered and one antlerless as defined by State law. See refuge brochure for specific bag limit information.

7. Hunters must check all harvested deer during quota hunts at refuge deer check stations on the same day of the kill. We identify the check station locations in the refuge hunt brochure. Carcasses of deer taken must remain intact (except you may field dress) until checked.

8. You may only use portable deer stands erected no earlier than 2 days before the opening of the State deer season and you must remove them no later than February 2 each year (see §27.93 of this chapter).

9. We prohibit the use of deer decoy(s).

10. We prohibit horses and mules during refuge quota deer hunts.

11. We open spring archery turkey hunting during the State spring turkey season for this zone. We do not open for fall archery turkey season.

12. We close spring archery turkey hunting during scheduled turkey quota gun hunts.

13. The refuge will conduct no more than three quota permit spring turkey gun hunts and no more than two 3-day quota spring turkey hunts (typically in April). Specific hunt dates and application procedures will be available at the refuge office in January. We restrict hunt participants to those selected for a quota permit, except that one nonhunting adult age 21 or older possessing a valid hunting license must accompany the youth hunter age 15 and younger.

14. An adult age 21 or older possessing a valid hunting license must accompany and be within sight and normal voice contact of hunters age 15 and younger. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

15. We prohibit leaving any tree stand, ground blind, or game camera on the refuge without the owner's name and address clearly written in a conspicuous location.

16. We restrict hunt participants for quota hunts to those drawn for a quota permit (OMB 1018-0140). These permits are nontransferable and permit fees are nonrefundable. If conditions prevent the hunts from taking place, there will be no refunds or permits carried over from year to year. Hunt dates and application procedures will be available at the refuge office in July for deer and January for turkey.

17. We allow the taking of feral hogs on the refuge only during the Muzzleloader and Modern Gun Quota Permit Deer Hunts and with weapons and ammunition allowed for that hunt. There is no bag limit. You may not transport or possess live hog.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing, frogging, and crawfishing for personal use on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A6, A8, A9, A13, A16, A18, and A21 apply.

2. We prohibit fishing in the waterfowl sanctuary area during the waterfowl hunting season, with the exception of the main channel of the Ouachita and Saline Rivers and the borrow pits along Highway 82. We post the waterfowl sanctuary area with "Area Closed" signs and identify those areas in refuge hunt brochures.

3. We allow fishing only in areas accessible from the Ouachita and Saline Rivers and Eagle, Jones, and Pereogeethe Lakes during the refuge quota gun hunts.

4. You must reset trotlines when receding water levels expose them.

5. We prohibit consumption or possession of opened container(s) of alcoholic beverage(s) in parking lots, on roadways, and in plain view in campgrounds (see §32.5(c)).

#### HOLLA BEND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, beaver, armadillo, coyote, and bobcat on designated

areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge hunting permits (name, address, signature required). The permits are nontransferable, and anyone on refuge land in possession of hunting equipment must sign, possess, and carry the permits at all times. Your hunt permit will also act as your entrance pass to the refuge.

2. During the refuge archery season, you may take only squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, beaver, armadillo, coyote, or bobcat.

3. We allow gun hunting of raccoon and opossum with dogs every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday until legal sunrise during the month of February. We prohibit field trails and organized training events (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

4. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32). We prohibit target practice or nonhunting discharge of firearms (see §27.42(a) of this chapter).

5. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)). We prohibit open alcohol containers on refuge roads, boat ramps, observation platforms, and parking areas.

6. We only allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) for hunters and anglers with disabilities. We require a refuge ATV permit (Special Use Permit; FWS Form 3-1383-G) issued by the refuge manager.

7. We prohibit the use of horses and mules.

8. We prohibit hunting from a vehicle.

9. We only allow vehicle use on established roads and trails (see §27.31 of this chapter).

10. You must enter and exit the refuge from designated roads and parking areas. We prohibit accessing refuge waters and land from the Arkansas River. We prohibit boating over the dam at the Old River Channel from either direction.

11. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) of roads open to motor vehicle use and nature trails.

12. We prohibit marking trails with tape, ribbon, paint, or any other substance other than biodegradable materials.

13. We allow the use of nonmotorized boats during the refuge fishing/boating season (March 1 to October 31), but we prohibit hunters leaving boats on the refuge overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

14. You must adhere to all public use special conditions and regulations in the annual public use regulations brochure/permit.

15. You may not possess live hogs or live coyotes.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas of the

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refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 and B4 through B15 apply.
2. We allow archery/crossbow hunting for white-tailed deer and turkey. We provide annual season dates in the public use regulations brochure/permit (name, address, signature required).
3. The refuge will conduct one youth-only (between ages 6 and 15 at the beginning of the gun deer season in Zone 7) quota gun deer hunt. Specific hunt dates and application procedures will be available at the refuge office in July. We restrict hunt participants to those selected for a quota permit, except that one nonhunting adult age 21 or older must accompany the youth hunter during the youth hunt.
4. We open spring and fall archery turkey hunting during the State spring and fall turkey season for this zone.
5. We close the refuge to all entry and public use during scheduled youth quota gun hunts, except for those allowed to participate in the youth quota gun hunt.
6. The refuge will conduct two youth-only (age 6 to 15 at the beginning of the spring turkey season) quota spring gun turkey hunts, each 2 days in length. Specific hunt dates and application procedures will be available at the refuge office in January. We restrict hunt participants to those selected for a quota permit (name, address, phone number required), except that one nonhunting adult age 21 or older must accompany the youth hunter during the youth hunt.
7. An adult age 21 or older must accompany and be within sight or normal voice contact of hunters age 15 and under. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.
8. We allow only portable deer stands and blinds capable of being carried in their entirety by a single individual. You may erect stands 7 days before the start of the season and must remove the stands from the refuge within 7 days after the season ends (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
9. You must permanently affix the owner's name, address, and phone number to all tree stands, ground blinds, or game cameras on the refuge.
10. We prohibit the use of dogs during big game hunting.
11. We prohibit hunting from paved, graveled, and mowed roads and mowed trails (see §27.31 of this chapter).
12. We prohibit hunting with the aid of bait, salt, or ingestible attractant (see §32.2(h)).
13. We prohibit all forms of organized game drives.
14. You must check all game at the refuge check station.
15. We prohibit commercial hunting/guiding.

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*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing and frogging in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B6, B7, B9, and C5 apply.
2. Waters of the refuge are only open for fishing March 1 through October 31 during daylight hours.
3. We do not require a permit to fish but do require an entrance pass to the refuge, which can be purchased at the entrance fee station or refuge office.
4. We limit free-floating fishing devices, trotlines, and tree limb devices to 20 per person. Each device must have the angler's name and address.
5. You must reset trotlines and limb lines when receding water levels expose them.
6. We prohibit leaving trotlines and other self-fishing devices overnight or unattended.
7. You must enter and exit the refuge from designated roads and parking areas. We prohibit accessing refuge waters and land from the Arkansas River. We prohibit boating over the dam at the Old River Channel from either direction.
8. We prohibit anglers from leaving their boats unattended overnight on any portion of the refuge (see §27.93 of this chapter).
9. We require a Special Use Permit (FWS form 3-1383-C) for all commercial fishing activities on the refuge.
10. We prohibit the take and possession of turtles and/or mollusks (see §27.21 of this chapter).
11. We prohibit airboats, hovercraft, and personal watercraft (Jet Skis, etc.) (see §27.31 of this chapter).

### OVERFLOW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot during the State waterfowl season. We do not open during the September teal season.
2. Hunting of duck, goose, and coot ends at 12 p.m. (noon) each day.
3. We allow only portable blinds. Hunters must remove portable blinds, boats, and decoys from the hunt area by 1:30 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).
4. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less per day during waterfowl hunting season; hunters may not discharge more than 25 shells per day.
5. We close areas of the refuge by posting "Area Closed" signs and identifying them on the refuge hunt brochure map as "Sanctuary" and closed to all public entry and public use. Exception: We open the area identified as "North Sanctuary" on the refuge hunt brochure map to all authorized public

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use activities from 2 days prior to the opening of deer archery season through October 31.

6. No person will use the services of a guide, guide service, outfitter, club, organization, or other person who provides equipment, services, or assistance on Refuge System lands for compensation (see §27.97 of this chapter).

7. You must possess and carry a Refuge Public Use Regulations Brochure/Access Permit (signed brochure) while hunting.

8. We prohibit possession and/or use of herbicides (see §27.51 of this chapter).

9. We prohibit marking trails with tape, ribbon, paint, or any other substance or material.

10. We prohibit possession or use of alcoholic beverage(s) while hunting (see §32.2(j)). We prohibit consumption or possession of opened container(s) of alcoholic beverage(s) in parking lots and roadways.

11. Hunters under age 16 do not need to have a hunter education card if they are under the direct supervision (within arm's reach) of a holder of a valid hunting license who is at least age 21.

12. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a valid hunting license. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

13. We allow only all-terrain vehicles/utility-type vehicles (ATVs/UTVs) for hunting activities. We restrict ATVs/UTVs to designated times and designated trails (see §27.31 of this chapter) marked with signs and paint. We identify those trails and the dates that they are open for use in the refuge hunt brochure. We limit ATVs/UTVs to those having an engine displacement size not exceeding 700cc. We limit ATV/UTV tires to those having a centerline lug depth not exceeding 1 inch (2.5 centimeters). You may use horses on roads and ATV/UTV trails (when open to motor vehicle and ATV/UTV traffic respectively) as a mode of transportation for on-refuge, hunting activities.

14. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of roads and trails open to motor vehicle use (including ATV/UTV trails).

15. We prohibit target practice with any firearm, archery tackle, or crossbow or any nonhunting discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter).

16. We prohibit blocking of gates, roadways, and boat ramps (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

17. You may take beaver, nutria, and coyote during any daytime refuge hunt with weapons and ammunition legal for that hunt. There is no bag limit. We prohibit transportation or possession of live hog.

18. We allow retriever dogs.

19. We prohibit hunting with the aid of bait, salt, or any ingestible attractant (see §32.2(h)).

20. We prohibit hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter (see §32.2(i)).

21. If you harvest a deer or turkey on the refuge, you must immediately record the zone 490 on your deer/turkey tag as the zone of kill.

22. We prohibit the taking of wildlife or plants (including cutting trees or brush) other than specified in this brochure (see §27.51 of this chapter).

23. We prohibit leaving any boat on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, and furbearers (as defined by State law) on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A4 through A17, A19, and A23 apply.

2. We allow hunting during State seasons (see State regulations for the appropriate zone) for the species listed above through January 31. We list specific hunting season dates annually in the refuge hunt brochure.

3. We do not open for the spring squirrel hunting season, summer/fall raccoon hunting season, or the spring bobcat hunting season.

4. When upland game hunting, we prohibit possession of lead ammunition except that you may possess rimfire rifle lead ammunition no larger than .22 caliber. We prohibit possession of shot larger than that legal for waterfowl hunting. During the deer and turkey hunts, we allow possession of lead ammunition legal for taking deer and turkey. We prohibit buckshot for gun deer hunting.

5. You may use dogs for squirrel and rabbit hunting from December 1 through January 31. You may also use dogs for quail hunting and for raccoon/possum hunting during open season on the refuge for these species. At other times, you must keep dogs and other pets on a leash or confined (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

6. Overflow National Wildlife Refuge is a day-use area only, except while raccoon and opossum hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A5 through A11, A13 through A17, A19, and A23 apply.

2. We allow muzzleloader deer hunting during the first State muzzleloader season for this zone (see State regulations for appropriate zone).

3. Bag limit for the muzzleloader deer hunt is two deer, with no more than one buck.

4. You may use only portable deer stands erected no earlier than 2 days before the opening of the State deer season, and you

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must remove them no later than February 2 each year (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit the use of deer decoy(s).
6. We allow only portable deer stands capable of being carried in their entirety by a single individual. You may erect stands 7 days prior to the refuge deer season and must remove them from the waterfowl sanctuaries by December 1. You must remove all stands on the remainder of the refuge within 7 days of the closure of archery season (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
6. We prohibit horses and mules during the muzzleloader deer hunt.
7. We allow spring archery turkey hunting during the State spring turkey season. See State regulations for appropriate zones.
8. The refuge will conduct no more than one quota permit youth spring turkey gun hunt. Specific hunt dates and application procedures will be available at the refuge office in January. We restrict hunt participants on these hunts to those selected for a quota permit, except that one nonhunting adult age 21 or older and possessing a valid hunting license must accompany a youth hunter.
9. We do not open for the fall turkey archery season or spring turkey gun season.
10. We do not open for the gun deer season or the second (and December) muzzleloader deer season.
11. An adult age 21 or older possessing a valid hunting license must accompany and be within sight or normal voice contact of hunters age 15 and younger. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.
12. We prohibit leaving any tree stand, ground blind, boat, or game camera on the refuge without the owner's name and address clearly written in a conspicuous location.
13. We allow the taking of feral hogs on the refuge only during the Muzzleloader Hunt and with weapons and ammunition allowed for that hunt. There is no bag limit. You may not transport or possess live hogs.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### POND CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, and goose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of migratory game birds during the State waterfowl seasons, except we close during scheduled quota refuge gun deer hunts.
2. Hunting ends at 12 p.m. (noon) each day.
3. We allow only portable blinds. You must remove portable blinds, boats, and decoys from the hunt area by 1:30 p.m. each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
4. No person will use the services of a guide, guide service, outfitter, club, organization, or other person who provides equipment, services, or assistance on Refuge Sys-

tem lands for compensation (see § 27.97 of this chapter).

5. You must possess and carry a Refuge Public Use Regulations Brochure/Access Permit (signed brochure) while hunting.
6. We prohibit possession and/or use of herbicides (see § 27.51 of this chapter).
7. We prohibit marking trails with tape, ribbon, paint, or any other substance or material (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
8. We prohibit possession or use of alcoholic beverage(s) while hunting (see § 32.2(j)). We prohibit consumption or possession of opened container(s) of alcoholic beverage(s) in parking lots, on roadways, and in plain view in campgrounds.
9. All persons born after 1968 must possess a valid hunter education card in order to hunt.

10. Hunters under age 16 do not need to have a hunter education card if they are under the direct supervision (within arm's reach) of a holder of a valid hunting license who is at least age 21. An adult age 21 or older must supervise youth hunters under age 16 who have a valid Hunter Education Card, and youth hunters must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters for any hunting season.

11. We allow only all-terrain vehicles/utility-type vehicles (ATVs/UTVs) for hunting and fishing activities. We restrict ATVs/UTVs to designated times and designated trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter) marked with signs and paint. We identify those trails and the dates they are open for use in the refuge hunt brochure. We limit ATVs/UTVs to those having an engine displacement size not exceeding 700cc and a total width not to exceed 63 inches (160.02 cm). We limit ATV/UTV tires to those having a centerline lug depth not exceeding 1 inch (2.5 cm). You may use horses on roads and ATV/UTV trails (when open to motor vehicle and ATV/UTV traffic respectively) as a mode of transportation for on-refuge, hunting and fishing activities.

12. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of roads and trails open to motor vehicle use (including ATV/UTV trails).

13. We prohibit target practice with any firearm, archery tackle, or crossbow or any nonhunting discharge of firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter).

14. We allow camping only at designated primitive campground sites identified in the refuge hunt brochure. We restrict camping to the individuals involved in refuge wildlife-dependent activities. Campers may stay no more than 14 days during any consecutive 30-day period in a campground and must occupy the camps daily. We prohibit all disturbances, including use of generators, after 10 p.m. You must unload all hunting firearms and crossbows (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter) within 100 yards (90 m) of a campground.

15. You may take beaver, nutria, and coyote during any daytime refuge hunt with weapons and ammunition allowed for that hunt. We prohibit the use of dogs to take these species. There is no bag limit. You may not transport or possess live hog.

16. We prohibit blocking of gates, roadways, and boat ramps (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

17. We allow the use of retriever dogs during the refuge waterfowl season.

18. We prohibit the use or possession of any electronic call or other electronic device used for producing or projecting vocal sounds of any wildlife species.

19. We prohibit possession, placement, or hunting over bait, salt, or any other ingestible attractant (see §32.2(h)).

20. We prohibit the use of an artificial light to locate wildlife (exception: raccoon/possum hunting with dogs).

21. We prohibit taking of wildlife or plants (including cutting trees or brush) other than what we allow in the refuge brochure (see §27.51 of this chapter).

22. We prohibit placement of metal objects (screw, nail, spike, etc.) into a tree to support a hunter or hunting from a tree with such metal objects placed (see §32.2(i)).

23. We prohibit possessing, using, or leaving any tree stand, game camera, or boat on the refuge without the owner's name and address affixed in a conspicuous manner.

24. We prohibit camping on the refuge while hunting off of the refuge.

25. We prohibit fires outside of campgrounds.

26. We prohibit taking or possessing turtles or mollusks (see §27.51 of this chapter).

27. We prohibit possession or use of fireworks.

28. We prohibit geocaching.

29. We prohibit searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery, or other artifacts.

30. We prohibit firearms, including State-permitted concealed carry handguns, in all refuge buildings.

31. We prohibit horses and mules off the open all-terrain vehicle (ATV)/utility-type vehicles (UTV) trails and main gravel roads.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, and furbearers (as defined by State law) on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting on the refuge during State seasons for this zone for the species listed above through January 31. We list specific hunting season dates annually in the refuge hunt brochure. We close upland game hunting during refuge quota deer hunts. We annually publish dates for these quota deer hunts in the refuge hunt brochure.

2. We do not open to spring squirrel hunting season, summer/early fall raccoon hunt-

ing season, or the spring bobcat hunting season.

3. Conditions A4 through A16, A18, and A24 through A31 apply.

4. We prohibit possession of lead ammunition when hunting except that you may possess rimfire rifle lead ammunition no larger than .22 caliber for upland game hunting. We prohibit possession of shot larger than that legal for waterfowl hunting. During the deer and turkey hunts, we allow possession of lead ammunition legal for taking deer and turkey. We prohibit buckshot for gun deer hunting.

5. You may use dogs for squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum hunting from the opening of furbearer (as defined by State law) hunting season through January 31. At other times you must keep dogs and other pets on a leash or confined (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow archery deer hunting on the refuge from the opening of the State season through January 31 (see State regulations for appropriate zone).

2. Conditions A4 through A9, A11 through A16, A18, and A24 through A31 apply.

3. We close archery deer hunting during the quota Gun Deer Hunts.

4. We allow muzzleloader deer hunting for the first 5 days of the early State muzzleloader season for this deer management zone. The bag limit for the refuge muzzleloader hunt is two deer, with no more than one buck.

5. The refuge will conduct no more than three quota gun deer hunts.

6. We restrict hunt participants for quota hunts to those drawn for a quota permit. These permits are nontransferable and permit fees are nonrefundable. If conditions prevent the hunts from taking place, there will be no refunds or permits carried over from year to year. Hunt dates and application procedures will be available at the refuge office in July.

7. The quota Gun Deer Hunt bag limit is two deer, with no more than one buck (one buck and one doe). Exception: Youth hunters participating in the refuge youth deer hunt and hunters participating in the refuge mobility-impaired hunt may harvest the legal State bag limit without antler restrictions.

8. You must check all deer at the refuge deer check station on the same day of kill. You must keep carcasses of deer taken intact (you may field dress) until checked.

9. We prohibit horses and mules during refuge muzzleloader and quota deer hunts.

10. We open spring archery turkey hunting during the State spring turkey season for

this zone. The State bag limit for this turkey hunt applies. We do not open for fall archery turkey season.

11. We close spring archery turkey hunting during scheduled turkey quota permit gun hunts.

12. You may use only portable deer stands erected no sooner than 2 days before the opening of the State deer season, and you must remove them no later than January 31 each year (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

13. We prohibit the use of deer decoy(s).

14. The refuge will conduct no more than two quota permit spring turkey gun hunts. Specific hunt dates and application procedures will be available at the refuge office in January. We restrict hunt participants on these hunts to those selected for a quota permit, except that one nonhunting adult age 21 or older and possessing a valid hunting license must accompany a youth hunter.

15. An adult age 21 or older possessing a valid hunting license must accompany and be within sight and normal voice contact of hunters age 15 and younger. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter during big game hunts.

16. We prohibit leaving any tree stand, ground blind, boat, or game camera on the refuge without the owner's name and address clearly written in a conspicuous location.

17. We prohibit conducting or participating in deer drives.

18. We prohibit all public use, except fishing and access for fishing, during quota hunts.

19. We prohibit hunting from an area where a shooting lane has been cut.

20. We allow the taking of feral hogs on the refuge only during the Muzzleloader and Modern Gun Quota Permit Deer Hunts and with weapons and ammunition allowed for that hunt. There is no bag limit. You may not transport or possess live hogs.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing, frogging, and the taking of crawfish for personal use on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must reset trotlines when exposed by receding water levels.

2. Conditions A4 through A16 and A18 through A31 apply.

3. We prohibit consumption or possession of opened container(s) of alcoholic beverage(s) in parking lots, on roadways, and in plain view in campgrounds (see § 32.2(j)).

#### WAPANOCCA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of snow geese on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge hunting permits. The permits (found on the front cover of the annual hunt brochure/permit—signature required) are nontransferable and anyone on

refuge land in possession of hunting equipment must sign and carry them at all times.

2. We provide annual season dates on the hunt brochure/permit.

3. You must adhere to all public use special conditions and regulations on the annual hunt brochure/permit.

4. Hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m.

5. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

6. Any hunter born after 1968 must carry a valid hunter education card. An adult age 21 or older must supervise hunters younger than age 16 who have a valid hunter education card and remain within sight and normal voice contact with the adult. Hunters younger than age 16 do not need to have a card if they are under the direct supervision (within arm's reach) of a holder of a valid hunting license of at least age 21. An adult may supervise up to two youths for migratory bird and upland game hunting but may supervise only one youth for big game hunting. We honor home State hunter education cards.

7. Hunters may possess or use only biodegradable materials to mark trails (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit target practice or any nonhunting discharge of firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter).

9. We prohibit driving around a locked gate, barrier, or beyond a sign closing a road to vehicular traffic (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

10. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see § 32.2(j)). We prohibit open alcohol containers on refuge roads, trails, boat ramps, parking areas, fishing piers, observation decks, and photo blinds.

11. We prohibit loaded hunting firearms or muzzleloaders in or on a vehicle or boat while under power (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter). We define "loaded" as shells in the firearm or ignition device on the muzzleloader.

12. Roundpond and Pigmon Units are closed to all migratory bird hunting.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, nutria, beaver, coyote, feral hog, and opossum in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A12 apply.

2. You may use only shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)) and rifles chambered for rimfire cartridges when hunting.

3. We provide annual season dates for squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum hunting on the hunt brochure/permit. We allow dogs.

4. You may take nutria, beaver, and coyote during any refuge hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts, subject to State seasons.

5. You may take feral hog only during the refuge Quota Gun Deer Hunt.

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6. We require dogs for night hunting of raccoon/possum. We prohibit field trials and organized training events.

7. We prohibit horses and mules.

8. We limit nighttime use to raccoon/possum hunting and the hunters must possess appropriate gear.

9. We close all other hunts during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. We allow only Quota Gun Deer Hunt permit (signature only required) holders to enter the refuge during this hunt and only for the purpose of deer hunting.

10. We prohibit transportation, possession, or release of live hog on the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A12, B4, B5, and B7 through B10 apply.

2. We prohibit hunting from mowed and/or graveled road right-of-ways.

3. We specify annual season dates, bag limits, and hunting methods on the annual hunting brochure/permit.

4. Immediately record the deer zone 640 on the hunter's license and check deer according to State regulations.

5. We prohibit dogs.

6. We allow only portable deer stands capable of being carried in their entirety by a single individual. You may erect stands 7 days prior to the refuge deer season and must remove them from the waterfowl sanctuaries by December 1. You must remove all stands on the remainder of the refuge within 7 days of the closure of archery season (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

7. We prohibit hunting from a vehicle or use of a vehicle as a deer stand.

8. We prohibit the possession or use of buckshot for hunting on all refuge lands.

9. We prohibit leaving any tree stand, ground blind, or game camera on the refuge without the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly written in a conspicuous location.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3, A5, A9 through A11, B7, and B8 apply. We allow fishing from March 1 through October 31 from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

2. We prohibit the possession or use of live carp, shad, buffalo, or goldfish for bait.

3. We prohibit the possession or use of yo-yos, jugs, or other floating containers, drops or limb lines, trotlines, or commercial fishing tackle.

4. We allow bank fishing.

5. We prohibit the take or possession of frogs, mollusks, and/or turtles (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

6. Anglers may launch boats only in designated areas.

7. Anglers must remove all boats daily from the refuge (see § 27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit airboats, personal watercraft, and hovercraft.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### CIBOLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to § 32.22 Arizona for regulations.

#### CLEAR LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow waterfowl hunting on designated areas of the refuge 7 days per week during the State regulated season.

i. You may hunt from the shoreline only.

ii. You may not use a boat of any kind while conducting waterfowl hunting activities.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pronghorn antelope only on the controlled "U" Unit of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You may hunt only in the unit for 9 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday following the third Wednesday in August.

2. We allow access to the unit only through the designated entrance on Clear Lake Road (also known as County Road 136), 4 miles east of the southwest refuge identification sign.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### COLUSA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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1. You must obtain a State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife entry permit from the check station prior to entering the hunt area.

2. You must return the State-issued entry permit and vacate the refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset unless participating in an overnight stay in accordance with A13.

3. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while hunting.

4. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We prohibit bicycles and other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

5. You may enter or exit only at designated locations.

6. Vehicles may stop only at designated parking areas. We prohibit the dropping of passengers or equipment, or stopping between designated parking areas.

7. The firearms used for hunting must remain unloaded until you are in designated free-roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.

8. Hunters may use shotguns only. No shotguns larger than 12 gauge (see §20.21(a) of this chapter).

9. You may not possess more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field.

10. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)). You may not possess shot size larger than BB, except steel "T" (0.20 (0.5 centimeter) diameter).

11. We prohibit snipe hunting in the assigned pond areas.

12. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves in designated parking/overnight stay areas.

13. We only allow overnight stays in vehicles, motor homes, and trailers at the check station parking areas on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (closed on Federal holidays).

14. You must restrain dogs on a leash within all designated parking areas and vehicle access roads.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant only in the free-roam areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit pheasant hunting in the assigned pond area except during a special 1-day-only pheasant hunt on the first Monday after the opening of the State pheasant hunting season.

2. Conditions A1 through A14 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### DELEVAN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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1. You must obtain a State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife entry permit from the check station prior to entering the hunt area.

2. You must return the State-issued entry permit and vacate the refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset unless participating in an overnight stay in accordance with A14.

3. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while hunting.

4. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We prohibit bicycles and other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

5. You may enter or exit only at designated locations.

6. Vehicles may stop only at designated parking areas. We prohibit the dropping of passengers or equipment, or stopping between designated parking areas.

7. The firearms used for hunting must remain unloaded until you are in designated free-roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.

8. Hunters may use shotguns only. No shotguns larger than 12 gauge.

9. Hunters may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field.

10. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)). You may not possess shot size larger than BB, except steel "T" (0.20 inch (0.5 centimeter) diameter).

11. We restrict hunters assigned to the spaced blind area to within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of their assigned hunt site except for retrieving downed birds, placing decoys, or traveling to and from the area.

12. We prohibit snipe hunting in the assigned pond/spaced blind areas.

13. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves in designated parking/overnight stay areas.

14. We only allow overnight stays in vehicles, motor homes, and trailers at the check station parking areas on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (closed on Federal holidays).

15. You must restrain dogs on a leash within all designated parking areas and vehicle access roads.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant only in the free-roam areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit pheasant hunting in the assigned pond/spaced blind area except during a special 1-day-only pheasant hunt on the first Monday after the opening of the State pheasant hunting season.

2. Conditions A4 through A15 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

DON EDWARDS SAN FRANCISCO BAY NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting in tidal areas, including salt marshes, sloughs, mudflats, and open waters of the San Francisco Bay. Unless posted in the field and/or noted below, we allow hunting by boat in all refuge tidal areas up to the mean high-water line. We close the following tidal areas to hunting and/or shooting:

i. Newark Slough to hunting and shooting from its source to Hetch-Hetchy Aqueduct, a distance of 3½ miles (5.6 km);

ii. Dumbarton Point Marsh to the Hetch-Hetchy Aqueduct (west side of Newark Slough); and

iii. The headwaters of Mallard Slough (Artesian Slough) in the vicinity of the Environmental Education Center to hunting, as designated by posted signs.

2. We allow hunting in the 17 salt evaporation ponds listed below. These ponds are surrounded by levees and were formerly part of the San Francisco Bay. We have not opened any other ponds.

i. Ponds R1 and R2 in the Ravenswood Unit. These ponds are located on the west side of the Dumbarton Bridge between Ravenswood Slough and Highway 84. You may access these ponds only by foot or bicycle from either of two trailheads off Highway 84. We prohibit hunting within 300 feet (90 m) of Highway 84. These ponds will be open 7 days a week.

ii. Ponds M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6, and A19 in the Mowry Slough Unit. These ponds are located on the east side of the Bay between Mowry Slough and Coyote Creek. You may only access these ponds by boat. You may land your boat at specific points on the Bay side of the levee as designated by refuge signs. You may pull your boat across the levee from the Bay. We prohibit hunting within 300 feet (90 m) of the Union Pacific Railroad track. These ponds will be open 7 days a week.

iii. Ponds AB1, A2E, AB2, A3N, and A3W in the Alviso Unit. These ponds are located on the west side of the Bay between Stevens Creek and Guadalupe Slough. You must obtain a refuge permit (name, address, phone number, and signature required) to hunt these ponds. Access to Ponds AB1 and A2E will be from the Crittenden Lane Trailhead in Mountain View. Access to Ponds A3W will be from the Carl Road Trailhead in Sunnyvale. Access to Ponds A3N and AB2 is by boat from the other ponds. We allow hunting only from existing hunting blinds. We allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays on these ponds.

iv. Ponds A5, A7, and A8N in the Alviso Unit. These ponds are located on the south end of the Bay between Guadalupe Slough and Alviso Slough. You must obtain a refuge permit (name, address, phone number, and signature required) to hunt these ponds. Access is via walking and bicycling from the Gold Street gate in Alviso. We allow hunting by boat and by walking pond levees. We allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays on these ponds.

3. During the 2 weeks before the opening of the hunt season, you may bring a boat into Ponds AB1, A2E, AB2, A3N, A3W, A5, A7, and A8N, and moor it at a designated site. These boats will be used to access the hunting ponds and can stay on the refuge during the hunt season. You must remove your boat within 2 weeks following the close of the hunt season. We allow nonmotorized boats and motorized boats powered by electric, gasoline direct fuel injection 2-stroke, or 4-stroke gasoline motors only.

4. You may maintain an existing blind in the ponds open to hunting if you have a refuge permit (name, address, phone number, and signature required), but the blind will be open for general use on a first-come, first-served basis. We prohibit pit blinds or digging into the levees (see §27.92 of this chapter).

5. You must remove all decoys and other personal property, except personal boats, from the refuge by legal sunset. You must remove all trash, including shotshell hulls, when leaving hunting areas (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. You may enter closed areas of the refuge to retrieve downed birds, provided you leave all weapons in a legal hunting area. We encourage the use of retriever dogs. We prohibit other domesticated animals or pets. You must keep your dog(s) under immediate control of the handler at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter). Dogs must remain inside a vehicle or be on a leash until they are on the ponds or on the levees (Ponds R1, 2, A5, 7, and 8N only) as a part of the hunt.

7. You may possess shotshells in quantities of 25 or fewer when in the field.

8. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32). We prohibit target practice on the refuge or any nonhunting discharge of any firearm (see §27.42 of this chapter).

9. At the Ravenswood Unit only, we only allow portable blinds or construction of temporary blinds of natural materials that readily decompose. We prohibit collection of these natural materials from the refuge (see §27.51 of this chapter). You must remove portable blinds (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this

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chapter) by legal sunset. Temporary blinds become available for general use on a first-come, first-served basis on subsequent days. We prohibit permanent blinds, pit blinds, or digging into the levees (see §27.92 of this chapter). We prohibit entry into closed areas of the refuge prior to the hunt season in order to scout for hunting sites or to build blinds.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from land at the Coyote Creek Lagoon in Fremont, the Faber-Laumeister Unit in East Palo Alto, the Dumbarton Fishing Pier, and along the San Francisco Bay shoreline within ½ mile (0.8 km) of the Dumbarton Fishing Pier. We also allow fishing from boats in the Bay and major slough channels. We close Mallard Slough to boats from March 1 through August 31, and we close Mowry Slough from March 15 to June 15. We prohibit fishing in salt evaporation ponds or marshes.

2. We open fishing areas daily (except we close the Dumbarton Fishing Pier and adjacent shoreline on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day). We open the Dumbarton Fishing Pier from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. November 1 through March 31 and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 1 through October 31. We open Coyote Creek Lagoon and Faber-Laumeister Unit from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. We prohibit the collection of bait of any type from the refuge except from the Dumbarton Fishing Pier, where it is legal to collect bait for noncommercial purposes.

4. We prohibit the use of balloons to float hooks and bait farther than hand casting.

5. We prohibit personal watercraft (e.g., Jet Skis, waterbikes) on the refuge.

### HAVASU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.22 Arizona for regulations.

### HUMBOLDT BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, common moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require adults age 18 or older to accompany youth hunters under age 16. No more than three youth hunters may accompany one adult hunter.

2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit public access into or through closed areas and designate closed areas as nonretrieval zones.

4. You may only use portable blinds in the free-roam hunting areas (*i.e.*, all hunt areas except Salmon Creek Unit).

5. You must remove all blinds, decoys, shell casings, and other personal equipment and refuse from the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. We require hunters to keep dogs inside vehicles, or on a leash, except when using them for authorized hunting purposes (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

7. On the Salmon Creek Unit, we allow hunting on Tuesdays and Saturdays (except Federal holidays), and hunters must possess and carry a valid daily refuge permit. We issue refuge permits prior to each hunt by random drawing conducted at the check station 1½ hours before legal shooting time. Shooting time ends at 3 p.m. Hunters drawn for a blind must completely fill out a Refuge Hunt Permit, which includes a "Record of Harvest" section. Each hunter must possess and carry the Refuge Hunt Permit/Record of Harvest document while on the refuge and turn in a complete Record of Harvest at the check station before leaving the hunt area.

8. On the Salmon Creek Unit, you may possess only approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less per hunter, per day.

9. On the Salmon Creek Unit, we restrict hunters to within 100 feet (30 meters) of the assigned hunt site except for placing and retrieving decoys, retrieving downed birds, or traveling to and from the parking area. You must unload firearms (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) while transporting them between the parking lot and designated blind sites.

10. We open the Table Bluff Unit (southwest corner of South Bay) to hunting.

11. We open portions of the Eureka Slough and Jacoby Creek Units to hunting. We designate the Eureka Slough and Jacoby Creek Units as boat access only. On the Eureka Slough and Jacoby Creek Units, we prohibit hunting within 100 yards (90 meters) of Highway 101.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We allow fishing from the designated shoreline trail and dock (for nonmotorized boats only) at the Hookton Slough Unit from legal sunrise to legal sunset, only using pole and line or rod and reel.

### IMPERIAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.22 Arizona for regulations.

### KERN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Hunting of geese, ducks, coots and moorhens is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters assigned to the spaced blind unit must travel to and from parking areas and blind sites with firearms unloaded.

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2. Hunters assigned to the spaced blind unit must remain within 100 feet of the numbered steel post (blind site) except when pursuing cripples, placing decoys or traveling to and from the parking area.

3. Hunters may not possess more than 25 shells while in the field.

4. Hunters must park in assigned lots.

5. Only nonmotorized boats are permitted.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Hunting of pheasant is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Pheasant hunting is only permitted in the free roam unit.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### LOWER KLAMATH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. In the controlled waterfowl hunting area, we require a Refuge Recreation Pass (passholder name/expiration date) for all hunters age 16 or older. An adult with a valid Recreation Pass (passholder name/expiration date) must accompany hunters younger than age 16 who are hunting in the controlled area.

2. We require advance reservations for the first 2 days of the hunting season. Reservations are obtained through the Waterfowl Lottery each year.

3. Entry hours begin 1½ hours prior to State regulated shoot time unless otherwise posted.

4. Shooting hours end at 1 p.m. on all California portions of the refuge with the following exceptions:

i. The refuge manager may designate up to 6 afternoon special youth, ladies, veteran, or disabled hunter waterfowl hunts per season.

ii. The refuge manager may designate up to 3 days per week of afternoon waterfowl hunting for the general public after December 1.

5. The firearms used for hunting must be unloaded while in posted retrieving zones and while on hunter access routes open to motor vehicles.

6. You may not set decoys in retrieving zones.

7. We prohibit air-thrust and inboard waterthrust boats.

8. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

9. You may use only nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors on designated motorless units from the start of the hunting season through November 30. You may use motorized boats on designated motorless units from December 1 through the end of hunting season.

10. Pit style hunting blinds located in the Stearns units and unit 9D are first-come, first-served basis. We require you to hunt within a 200-foot (61-meter) radius of the blind.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

2. We require you to wear an outer garment above the waist that is at least 50 percent blaze orange and visible from both front and back. Outer garments may consist of hat or cap, vest, jacket, shirt or coat.

3. The firearms used for hunting must be unloaded while in posted retrieving zones and while on hunter access routes open to motor vehicles.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### MERCED NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and moorhen on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must unload firearms (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) before transporting them between parking areas and blind sites. Unloaded means that no ammunition is in the chamber or magazine of the firearm.

2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less per day after leaving the parking lot.

3. Each hunter must remain inside his or her assigned blind, except for placing decoys, retrieving downed birds, and traveling to and from the parking area. We prohibit shooting from outside the blind.

4. Dogs must remain under the immediate control of their owners at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### MODOC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. On the opening weekend of the hunting season, hunters must possess and carry a refuge permit issued through random drawing to hunters with advance reservations only.

2. After the opening weekend of the hunting season, we only allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Hunters must check-in and out of the refuge by using self-service permits. Hunters must completely fill out the "Refuge Hunt Permit" portion of the permit and deposit it in the

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drop box prior to hunting. The hunter must possess and carry the “Record of Kill” portion of the permit while on the refuge and turned in prior to exiting the hunting area.

3. In the designated spaced blind area, you must remain within 50 feet (15 m) of the established blind stake for the blind assigned to you.

4. We require adults age 18 or older to accompany youth hunters age 15 and under.

5. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less after leaving the parking area.

6. In the free-roam hunting areas, you may only use portable blinds or blinds constructed of vegetation.

7. You must remove all blinds, decoys, shell casings, other personal equipment, and refuse from the refuge at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

8. Hunters must enter and exit the hunting area from the two designated hunt parking lots, which we open 1½ hours before legal sunrise and close 1 hour after legal sunset each hunt day.

9. We only allow access to the hunt area by foot, bicycle, and nonmotorized cart. We prohibit bicycles in the hunt area during the opening weekend of the hunting season.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We limit hunting to junior hunters only, age 15 or under, possessing a valid State Junior Hunting License and refuge Junior Pheasant Hunt Permit.

2. We require adults age 18 or older to accompany junior hunters.

3. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

4. Hunters must enter and exit the hunting area from the two designated hunt parking lots.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing only on Dorris Reservoir in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit fishing from October 1 through January 31.

2. We only allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. We only allow walk-in access to Dorris Reservoir from February 1 through March 31.

4. We only allow use of boats on Dorris Reservoir from April 1 through September 30.

### SACRAMENTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must obtain a State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife entry per-

mit from the check station prior to entering the hunt area.

2. You must return the State-issued entry permit and vacate the refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset unless participating in an overnight stay in accordance with A14.

3. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while hunting.

4. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We prohibit bicycles and other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

5. You may enter or exit only at designated locations.

6. Vehicles may stop only at designated parking areas. We prohibit the dropping of passengers or equipment, or stopping between designated parking areas.

7. The firearms used for hunting must remain unloaded until you are in designated free-roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.

8. Hunters may use shotguns only. No shotguns larger than 12 gauge.

9. Hunters may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field.

10. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)). You may not possess shot size larger than BB, except steel “T” (0.20 inch (0.5 centimeter) diameter).

11. We restrict hunters assigned to the spaced blind area to within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of their assigned hunt site except for retrieving downed birds, placing decoys, or traveling to and from the area.

12. We prohibit snipe hunting in the assigned pond/spaced blind areas.

13. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves in designated parking/overnight stay areas.

14. We only allow overnight stays in vehicles, motor homes, and trailers at the check station parking areas on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (closed on Federal holidays).

15. You must restrain dogs on a leash within all designated parking areas and vehicle access roads.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant only in the free-roam areas on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit pheasant hunting in the assigned pond/spaced blind area except during a special 1-day-only pheasant hunt on the first Monday after the opening of the State pheasant hunting season.

2. Conditions A4 through A15 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### SACRAMENTO RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, dove,

and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Access to the hunt area on all units open to public hunting is by boat only, except on designated units, which are accessible by foot traffic or boat. We prohibit bicycles or other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on the Mooney and Codora Units.

2. On the Codora Unit, hunting is not allowed except for junior hunters (17 years old or younger) on weekends only. Junior hunters must possess a valid junior hunting license and be accompanied by a nonhunting adult (18 years or older).

3. We prohibit possession of alcohol.

4. We allow only shotgun hunting.

5. The firearms used for hunting must be unloaded (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) while transporting them between parking areas and hunting areas. "Unloaded" means that no ammunition is in the chamber or magazine of the firearm.

6. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

7. We prohibit hunting within 50 feet (15.2 meters) of any boundary adjacent to private property.

8. We prohibit hunting within 150 yards (137.2 meters) of any occupied dwelling, house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith.

9. We prohibit fires on the refuge, except we allow portable gas stoves on gravel bars (see §27.95(a) of this chapter).

10. We open the refuge for day-use access from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 1½ hours after legal sunset. We allow access during other hours on gravel bars only.

11. We require dogs to be kept on a leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

12. We prohibit permanent blinds. You must remove all personal property, including decoys and boats, by 1½ hours after legal sunset (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

13. We prohibit cutting or removal of vegetation for blind construction or for making trails (see §27.51).

14. We prohibit commercial guiding (see §27.97 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, turkey, and quail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow shotgun and archery hunting.

2. Conditions A1 through A3 and A5 through A14 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of black-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A3, A5, A7 through A14, and B1 apply.

2. You may hunt feral hogs from September 1 through March 15.

3. We prohibit dogs while hunting feral hogs.

4. We prohibit construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, ladders, or screws in foot pegs.

5. You must remove all personal property, including stands or hunting blinds, from the refuge by 1½ hour after legal sunset (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. You may only use shotguns, firing single shotgun slugs, and archery equipment for big game hunting only. You may only possess non-lead ammunition while in the field (consistent with State Law AB711 related to Wildlife Areas ammunition restrictions).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3 and A9 through A14 apply.

2. On Packer Lake and Drumheller North, due to primitive access, we only allow boats up to 14 feet (4.3 meters) and canoes. Electric motors only.

#### SALINAS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and moorhen on a hunt area along the Salinas River on the southeast portion of the refuge, as designated by posted signs, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess shotshells only in quantities of 25 or fewer.

2. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We prohibit bicycles and other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

3. We only allow dogs engaged in hunting activities on the refuge during the waterfowl season. You must keep dog(s) under your immediate control at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter). We prohibit training of dogs on the refuge. We prohibit other domesticated animals or pets.

4. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32). We prohibit target practice on the refuge or any nonhunting discharge of any firearm (see §27.42 of this chapter).

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5. You must remove all decoys and other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter). You must remove all trash, including shotshell hulls, when leaving hunting areas (see § 27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### SAN LUIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only use portable blinds, temporary blinds constructed of natural materials, or existing concrete blinds. We prohibit cutting or breaking woody vegetation (see § 27.51 of this chapter).

2. You must remove all portable blinds, decoys, and other personal equipment from the refuge following each day's hunt.

3. You must dismantle any temporary blinds constructed of natural materials at the end of each day.

4. You may only hunt snipe within the free-roaming portion of the San Luis Unit waterfowl hunting area.

5. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see § 32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less after leaving your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

6. We prohibit dropping of passengers or equipment or stopping between designated parking areas. You must return your permits to the check stations immediately upon completion of your hunt and prior to using any tour routes or leaving the refuge vicinity.

7. You may not transport loaded firearms while walking or bicycling between parking areas in spaced blind units, or while traveling in a boat under power.

8. We restrict hunters in the spaced blind area to their assigned blind except when they are placing decoys, traveling to and from the parking area, retrieving downed birds, or when shooting to retrieve cripples.

9. We restrict hunters in the spaced zone area of the East Bear Creek Unit to their assigned zone except when they are traveling to and from the parking area, retrieving downed birds, or when shooting to retrieve crippled birds.

10. Access to the Freitas Unit free-ram hunting area is by boat only with a maximum of 5 mph. Prohibited boats include air-thrust and/or inboard water-thrust types.

11. We prohibit the use of motorized boats in the free-ram units with the exception of the Freitas Unit.

12. We do not allow vehicle trailers of any type or size to be in the refuge hunt areas at any time or to be left unattended at any location on the refuge.

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13. Dogs must remain under the immediate control of their owners at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasants on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only possess nontoxic shotshells (see § 32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less while in the field.

2. Dogs must remain under the immediate control of their owners at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset, except on that portion of the San Joaquin River's south (left descending) bank within the West Bear Creek Unit designated as open for fishing 24 hours per day.

2. We only allow the use of pole and line or rod and reel to take gamefish, and anglers must attend their equipment at all times.

3. We prohibit the use of any boat, float tube, or other floating aid/device.

### SAN PABLO BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Unless posted in the field and/or noted below, we only allow hunting in the open waters of San Pablo Bay and its navigable sloughs. The following areas are closed to hunting:

- i. Lower Tubbs Island;
- ii. Lower Tubbs Setback;
- iii. Cullinan Ranch Unit;
- iv. Sonoma Baylands Unit; and
- v. Within 300 feet (90 meters) of Highway 37.

2. You may only hunt from a boat or a floating blind. We prohibit walk-in hunting on the refuge.

3. You may possess shotshells only in quantities of 25 or fewer while in the field.

4. You must remove all decoys, boats, and other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter). You must remove all trash, including shotshell hulls, when leaving hunting areas (see § 27.94 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit entry to closed areas of the refuge prior to the hunting season in order to scout for hunting sites.

6. We only allow dogs engaged in hunting activities on the refuge during waterfowl season. We prohibit other domesticated animals or pets. You must keep dog(s) under your immediate control at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter). We prohibit training of dogs on the refuge.

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7. We prohibit digging into levees or slough channels.

8. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32). We prohibit target practice on the refuge or any nonhunting discharge of any firearm (see §27.42 of this chapter).

9. We allow foot access through the refuge to the State's Tolay Creek Unit for waterfowl hunting. You must unload and either break down or case all shotguns (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) while in transit through the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant only in areas of the Tolay Creek Unit designated by posted signs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only hunt on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less while in the field.

3. You may only access the Tolay Creek Unit by foot or bicycle.

4. We only allow dogs engaged in hunting activities on the refuge during pheasant season. We prohibit other domesticated animals or pets.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### SONNY BONO SALTON SEA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and moorhens is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters using the Union Tract must use goose decoys.

2. You must hunt from assigned blinds on the Union Tract and within 100 feet (30 m) of blind sites on the Hazard Tract, except when shooting to retrieve crippled birds.

3. Firearms must be unloaded while being transported between parking areas and blind sites.

4. Hunters may not possess more than 25 shells while in the field.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Fishing is permitted only on designated areas of the refuge inundated by the Salton Sea subject to the following conditions:

1. Fishing is permitted from April 1 through September 30.

2. Only boat fishing is permitted.

### STONE LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and moorhen on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting on Sun River Unit only on Wednesdays and Saturdays from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

2. We will select hunters through a random drawing process conducted at the refuge. Hunters should bring a copy of their refuge notification on the day of their hunt. Hunters should contact the refuge manager for additional information.

3. We require adults, age 18 or older, to accompany hunters under age 16.

4. We prohibit bicycles or other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should contact the refuge manager regarding allowed conveyances.

5. You must unload firearms (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) before transporting them between parking areas and spaced-blind areas. "Unloaded" means that no ammunition is in the chamber or magazine of the firearm.

6. We restrict hunters to their assigned spaced-blind except when they are placing or retrieving decoys, traveling to and from the parking area, retrieving downed birds, or when shooting to retrieve cripples.

7. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less.

8. We prohibit fires on the refuge (see §27.95(a) of this chapter).

9. We allow vehicles to stop only at designated parking areas. We prohibit dropping of passengers or equipment or stopping between designated parking areas.

10. We allow only nonmotorized boats to access water blinds.

11. You must remove all decoys, personal equipment, shotshell hulls, and refuse from the refuge by 12:30 p.m. (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

12. Junior hunters must possess a valid Junior Hunting License.

13. We allow the use of hunting dogs for retrieving birds, provided the dogs remain under the immediate control of the hunter at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### SUTTER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Visitors must obtain a State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife entry permit from the check station prior to entering the hunt area.

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2. You must return the State-issued entry permit and vacate the refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset unless participating in an overnight stay in accordance with A13.

3. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while hunting.

4. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We prohibit bicycles and other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

5. You may enter or exit only at designated locations.

6. Vehicles may stop only at designated parking areas. We prohibit the dropping of passengers or equipment, or stopping between designated parking areas.

7. The firearms used for hunting must remain unloaded until you are in designated free-roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.

8. Hunters may use shotguns only. No shotguns larger than 12 gauge.

9. Hunters may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field.

10. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)). You may not possess shot size larger than BB, except steel “T” (0.20 inch (0.5 centimeter) diameter).

11. We prohibit snipe hunting in the assigned pond areas.

12. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves in designated parking/overnight stay areas.

13. We only allow overnight stays in vehicles, motor homes, and trailers at the check station parking areas on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (closed on Federal holidays).

14. You must restrain dogs on a leash within all designated parking areas and vehicle access roads.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We only allow hunting of pheasant in the free-roam areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit pheasant hunting in the assigned pond areas.

2. Conditions A1 through A14 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### TULE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. In the controlled waterfowl hunting area, we require a Refuge Recreation Pass (passholder name/expiration date) for all hunters age 16 or older. An adult with a valid Recreation Pass (passholder name/expiration date) must accompany hunters younger than age 16 who are hunting in the controlled area.

2. We require advance reservations for the first 2 days of the hunting season. Reservations are obtained through the Waterfowl Lottery each year.

3. Entry hours begin 1½ hours prior to State regulated shoot time unless otherwise posted.

4. Shooting hours end at 1 p.m. on all California portions of the refuge with the following exceptions:

i. The refuge manager may designate up to 6 afternoon special youth, ladies, veteran, or disabled hunter waterfowl hunts per season.

ii. The refuge manager may designate up to 3 days per week of afternoon waterfowl hunting for the general public after December 1.

5. You must be drawn daily to hunt all spaced blinds, including numbered blind areas, Sump 1B, and Frey’s Island units, from the first day of the regulated hunting season through November 30. Drawings are held at the hunter check station located on County Road 103. Beginning December 1 through the last day of the season, spaced blinds are first-come, first-served.

6. The firearms used for hunting must be unloaded when you are more than 200 feet (61 meters) from the established blind stakes. You select blind sites by lottery at the beginning of each hunt day. You may shoot only from within your assigned blind site.

7. The firearms used for hunting must be unloaded while in posted retrieving zones and while on hunter access routes open to motor vehicles.

8. We prohibit the setting of decoys in retrieving zones.

9. We prohibit air-thrust and inboard water-thrust boats.

10. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

2. We require you to wear an outer garment above the waist that is at least 50 percent blaze orange and visible from both front and back. Outer garments may consist of hat or cap, vest, jacket, shirt or coat.

3. The firearms used for hunting must be unloaded while in posted retrieving zones and while on hunter access routes open to motor vehicles.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

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### *D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### ALAMOSA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, snipe, Eurasian collared-doves, and mourning doves on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations, and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow Eurasian collared-dove hunting only during the mourning dove season.
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)).
3. The only acceptable methods of take are shotguns, hand-held bows, and hawking/falconry.
4. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, and black-tailed and whitetailed jackrabbit, on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2, A3 and A4 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A4 applies.
2. You must possess a valid State license and a refuge-specific permit from the State, or a valid State license issued specifically for the refuge, to hunt elk. State license selection will be made via the Colorado Parks and Wildlife hunt selection process.

### *D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### ARAPAHO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, merganser, Canada goose, snipe, Virginia and Sora rail, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations, subject to the following conditions:

1. All migratory bird hunting closes annually on December 31.
2. We prohibit use of, or hunting over, bait (see § 32.2(h)).
3. We allow use of only portable stands and blinds that the hunter must remove following each day's hunt (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
4. Hunters must retrieve spent shotgun shells.
5. We prohibit hunting 200 feet (60 m) from any public use road, designated parking area, or designated public use facility located within the hunt area.
6. Method of take for migratory game birds must comply with State regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of jackrabbit, cottontail rabbit, and sage grouse on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations, subject to the following conditions:

1. All upland game hunting closes annually on December 31.
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting (see § 32.2(k)).
3. Conditions A2, A4, and A5 apply.
4. Method of take for upland game must comply with State regulations.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of antelope and elk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2, A3, and A5 apply.
2. Hunters must use only firearms and ammunition allowed by State law for legal hunting of elk or antelope.
3. Hunters must follow State law for use of hunter orange.
4. Elk hunters:
  - i. Must possess a refuge-specific license (State license) to hunt elk.
  - ii. Must attend a scheduled prehunt information meeting prior to hunting.
  - iii. Youth hunters must be age 12 by the hunt date but not yet age 18 at the time of the hunt application.
  - iv. Disabled hunters must meet Colorado State Department of Wildlife (CDOW) criteria for, and be on the State's list of, hunters with disabilities.
  - v. We will make selections via the CDOW hunt selection process. Hunters holding valid tags (controlled by the State) for the unit the refuge is located within may write requesting a special tag to hunt within the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge on the Illinois

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River in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit fishing between June 1 and July 31 each year.
2. We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.
3. We prohibit ice fishing on the refuge (there is no specific date, but when the river freezes over, fishing closes).
4. Fishing is closed in Unit C when the refuge is open to big game rifle hunting.
5. Lead sinkers and live bait are not allowed for fishing.

### BACA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of Eurasian collared-doves and mourning doves only in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations, and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow Eurasian collared-dove hunting only during the mourning dove season.
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).
3. The only acceptable methods of take are shotguns, hand-held bows, and hawking/falconry.
4. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, and black-tailed and whitetailed jackrabbit, on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2 and A4 apply.
2. We prohibit handguns for hunting.
3. Shotguns, rifles firing rim-fire cartridges less than .23 caliber, hand-held bows, pellet guns, slingshots, and hawking/falconry are the only acceptable methods of take.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A4 applies.
2. You must possess a valid State license and a refuge-specific permit from the State, or a valid State license issued specifically for the refuge, to hunt elk. State license selection will be made via the Colorado Parks and Wildlife hunt selection process.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### BROWNS PARK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Hunters may hunt geese, ducks, coots, and mourning doves only in designated areas of the refuge.

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*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Hunters may hunt cottontail rabbits only in designated areas of the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunters may hunt mule deer and elk only in designated areas of the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may fish only in designated areas of the refuge.

### MONTE VISTA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, snipe, Eurasian collared-doves, and mourning doves on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations, and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow Eurasian collared-dove hunting only during the mourning dove season.
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).
3. The only acceptable methods of take are shotguns, hand-held bows, and hawking/falconry.
4. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, and black-tailed and whitetailed jackrabbit, on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2, A3, and A4 apply.
2. You must possess a valid State license and a refuge-specific permit from the State, or a valid State license issued specifically for the refuge, to hunt elk. State license selection will be made via the Colorado Parks and Wildlife hunt selection process.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A4 applies.
2. You must possess a valid State license and a refuge-specific permit from the State, or a valid State license issued specifically for the refuge, to hunt elk. State license selection will be made via the Colorado Parks and Wildlife hunt selection process.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing at designated times and on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a valid State fishing license and valid refuge fishing permit for all anglers age 16 and older. You must obtain and display a daily refuge fishing badge while fishing.

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2. We only allow the use of rod and reel with one hook or lure per line.
3. We only allow catch and release fishing.
4. We only allow barbless hooks.
5. We only allow artificial flies or lures.
6. We prohibit the use of live bait.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### SILVIO O. CONTE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting*. [Reserved]
- B. *Upland Game Hunting*. [Reserved]
- C. *Big Game Hunting*. [Reserved]
- D. *Sport Fishing*. [Reserved]

#### STEWART B. MCKINNEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, coot, and goose on designated areas of the Great Meadows Unit in Stratford, Connecticut in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to obtain an annual Special Use Permit in advance for permission to hunt in the designated hunting area. Consult the refuge manager for details on how and when to apply for a Special Use Permit.
2. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting must abide by all the terms and conditions of the Special Use Permit.
3. You must have all applicable hunting licenses, permits, stamps, and a photographic identification in your possession while hunting on the refuge.
4. We will limit hunt days to Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays during the waterfowl hunting season as established by the State.
5. We only allow shotguns.
6. You must keep firearms unloaded until you are within the designated hunting area (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter).
7. Access to the hunt area is by foot or boat in designated areas only. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.
8. You may possess no more than 25 approved nontoxic shot per day while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

9. This is a waterfowl hunt only. We allow no more than two dogs per waterfowl hunting party. We prohibit dog training on the refuge.

10. During State-established youth days, licensed junior hunters may hunt in the designated hunting area when accompanied by a licensed adult hunter age 18 or older. Adults must possess a valid hunting license; however, we prohibit them carrying a firearm.

11. We prohibit the use of air-thrust and in-board water-thrust boats such as, but not limited to, hovercrafts, airboats, jet skis, watercycles, and waterbikes on all waters within the refuge boundaries.

12. We prohibit hunters launching any boats on the refuge that they cannot portage by hand. A dock and a boat ramp are not available on the refuge.

13. We prohibit pit or permanent blinds.

14. You must remove all temporary blinds, boats, decoys, and all other personal property from the refuge each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

B. *Upland Game Hunting*. [Reserved]

C. *Big Game Hunting*. [Reserved]

D. *Sport Fishing*. [Reserved]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting*. Hunting of migratory game birds is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Permits are required for waterfowl hunting except on the South Upland Hunting Area.
2. Hunting of waterfowl and coots is permitted on the South Waterfowl Area, the West Waterfowl Area, and the Young Waterfowlers Area.
3. Only snow geese may be taken on the Snow Goose Area.
4. Hunting is permitted only from designated sites, except on the South Upland Hunting Area and the Snow Goose Area.
5. The maximum number of hunters permitted per blind is as follows:  
West Waterfowl Area—4; South Waterfowl Area—3; Young Waterfowlers Area—2.
6. The possession of a loaded shotgun while outside a blind or designated site is not permitted unless actively pursuing crippled birds.
7. Waterfowl hunters may not possess more than 15 shotgun shells per day on the West and Young Waterfowlers Hunt Areas.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting only on the South Upland Hunting Area.
2. We allow hunting from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of turkey and deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a refuge permit except on the South Upland Hunting Area.
2. Hunting on the Headquarters Deer Hunt Area must be from designated stands only, unless actively tracking or retrieving wounded deer.
3. We require a valid State permit for turkey hunting.
4. During firearms deer season, hunters must wear in a conspicuous manner as an outer layer on the head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored orange clothing or material.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

PRIME HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow the hunting of waterfowl, coot, mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge during designated seasons in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Only hunters aged 16 years and older may apply for or obtain a lottery hunt area permit (Waterfowl Lottery Application; FWS Form 3-2355).
2. You must have in your possession a signed and current refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and government-issued picture identification on the refuge. All permits are non-transferable. Hunting brochures containing hunting application procedures, permits, seasons, scouting times, methods of hunting, maps depicting areas open to hunting, and the terms and conditions under which we issue hunting permits are available at the refuge office and on the refuge's Web site.
3. Hunting in violation of any Delaware State law is a violation of refuge hunting regulations.
4. We prohibit cutting or damaging vegetation for any purpose. We prohibit the use of natural vegetation for camouflaging a blind (see §27.51 of this chapter).
5. Hunting blinds, stands, steps and equipment must be portable, and you must remove them at the end of each day.
6. We prohibit practice or target shooting.
7. We prohibit all public entry in designated safety zones.
8. You may not be on the refuge any earlier than 2 hours before the legal morning shooting time.

9. We require all boaters to operate their craft and possess all safety equipment in accordance with Delaware State and U.S. Coast Guard regulations during refuge hunts (see §27.32 of this chapter). The maximum horsepower (HP) allowed for boat motors is 30 HP. The Slaughter Canal and Headquarters' Canal are slow, no-wake zones. Designated launching sites must be used to launch boats. We prohibit the use of air-thrust and inboard water-thrust boats on all waters within the refuge boundaries.

10. We allow only three individuals per blind site in the lottery hunting areas.

11. We prohibit motor vehicles off of designated routes and parking areas.

12. We allow the use of dogs to assist in hunting and retrieval of harvested game in accordance with State law. We prohibit dog training (see §27.91 of this chapter).

13. Only nonambulatory hunters may hunt in the Island Farm Unit, where we have provided nonambulatory hunt blinds to accommodate hunters with this need. All disabled hunters must obtain an Interagency Access Pass to receive a hunting permit for the disabled hunting areas. We require wheelchair hunters to have an assistant in the disabled hunting areas and to hunt from a government-provided blind.

14. We allow up to two individuals assisting a disabled hunter to hunt waterfowl with the disabled hunter.

15. Waterfowl hunters must stop hunting at 3 p.m. and leave the refuge by 4 p.m. on hunting days except when snow goose hunting during a snow goose conservation order.

16. We allow the use and possession of only nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of rabbit, quail, pheasant, and red fox on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the hunting of squirrel.
2. We allow red fox hunting only while concurrently hunting deer in areas open to deer hunting. We prohibit hunting by chase. We prohibit hunting with rimfire or centerfire rifles.

3. We allow the use and possession of only nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)), except that while hunting red fox concurrently with deer we allow the use of shot approved for deer hunting in accordance with State and refuge regulations.

4. Hunters must leave the hunting area ½ hour after the legal evening shooting time.

5. Conditions A2 through A13 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge during designated seasons in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Only hunters aged 16 years and older may apply for or obtain a lottery hunt area permit (Quota Deer Hunt Application, FWS

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Form 3-2354; Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356).

2. We prohibit access by boat from Slaughter Creek on Cods Road.

3. We prohibit the driving or pushing of deer by any means.

4. All deer hunters must be out of the hunting areas 1½ hours after the legal evening shooting time. All turkey hunters must be out of the hunting areas one hour after the legal closing time for turkey hunting.

5. We prohibit the use or possession of buckshot while hunting. Only slugs may be used for hunting deer.

6. We prohibit assistants for wheelchair hunters from hunting in the disabled hunting area.

7. Any time the State hunting regulations require that hunters display hunter orange, the material must be solid-colored. We prohibit the use of hunter-orange camouflage materials to meet State minimum hunter orange requirements.

8. We allow the use and possession of only nontoxic shot for hunting turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

9. Conditions A2 through A12, and A14 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require all individuals fishing and/or crabbing on or from the refuge or within refuge waters to possess a signed refuge fishing/crabbing application (FWS Form 3-2358) and a valid form of government-issued photo identification.

2. Anglers using boats on Turkle and Fleetwood Ponds may propel them manually or with electric motors only.

3. We do not allow fishing or crabbing from water control structures.

4. You may use or possess only nontoxic terminal tackle, weights, sinkers, and/or split shot while fishing or crabbing within refuge boundaries.

5. You may use only hook-and-line tackle when fishing for finfish.

6. You may use only hand lines, crab dip nets, hoop crab nets, and/or manually operated crab traps (collapsible traps) for crabbing.

7. You must attend to your fishing and/or crabbing lines and gear at all times.

8. We do not allow commercial fishing and/or crabbing.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### ARTHUR R. MARSHALL LOXAHATCHEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge waterfowl hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting. These brochures are available at the refuge visitor center and on the refuge's Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/loxahatchee>).

2. We allow hunting in the interior of the refuge south of latitude line 26.27.130 and north of mile markers 12 and 14 (SEE PERMIT MAP). We prohibit hunting from canals or levees and those areas posted as closed.

3. Consult the refuge manager for current waterfowl season dates and times.

4. We do not open to hunting on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Christmas Day.

5. We allow hunting on the refuge from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 1 p.m. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must be off the refuge by 3 p.m.

6. Hunters may only enter and leave the refuge at the Headquarters Area (Boynton Beach) and the Hillsboro Area (Boca Raton).

7. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of Federal, State, and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

8. We allow only temporary blinds of native vegetation. We prohibit the taking, removing, or destroying of refuge vegetation (see § 27.51 of this chapter).

9. Hunters must remove decoys and other personal property (see § 27.93 of this chapter) from the hunting area each day.

10. We encourage the use of dogs to retrieve dead or wounded waterfowl. Dogs must remain under the immediate control of the owner at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter). We prohibit pets at all other times.

11. Hunters must complete a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361) and place it in an entrance fee canister each day prior to exiting the refuge.

12. All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. Youth hunters must have completed a hunter education course.

13. We allow only boats equipped with factory-manufactured-water-cooled outboard motors, electric motors, and nonmotorized boats. We prohibit boats with air-cooled engines, airboats, fan boats, hovercraft, and personal watercraft (Jet Skis, Jet Boats, Wave Runners, *etc.*).

14. There is a 35 mph speed limit in all waters of the refuge. A 500-foot (150-meter) Idle Speed Zone is at each of the refuge's three boat ramps.

15. We require all boats operating outside of the main perimeter canals (the L-40 Canal, L-39 Canal, L-7 Canal, and L-101 Canal) in interior areas of the refuge and within the hunt area, to fly a 12-inch by 12-inch (30-cm × 30-cm) orange flag 10 feet (3 m) above the vessel's waterline.

16. We prohibit motorized vehicles of any type on the levees and undesignated routes (see §27.31 of this chapter).

17. For emergencies or to report violations, contact law enforcement personnel at 1-800-307-5789. Law enforcement officers may be monitoring VHF Channel 16.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of alligators on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with Federal and State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge alligator hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting. These brochures are available at the refuge visitor center and on the refuge's Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/loxahatchee>).

2. We allow hunting in the interior of the refuge south of latitude line 26.27.130 and north of mile markers 12 and 14, including the canals south of that line (SEE PERMIT MAP). We prohibit hunting from levees and those areas posted as closed.

3. Consult the refuge manager for current alligator hunt season dates and times.

4. We prohibit the taking of any other plants or wildlife (see §27.21 of this chapter).

5. We allow hunting on the refuge 1 hour before sunset on Friday night through 1 hour after sunrise Saturday morning, and 1 hour before sunset on Saturday night through 1 hour after sunrise Sunday morning. Alligator hunting will be permitted the first 2 weekends during Harvest Period 1 (August) and the first 2 weekends during Harvest Period 2 (September). Following the close of Harvest Period 2, the remaining weekends in October will be open for alligator harvest permittees who possess unused CITES tags. Specific dates for the alligator hunt will be provided on the harvest permit.

6. Hunters 18 years and older must be in possession of all necessary State and Federal licenses, permits, and CITES tags, as well as a refuge hunt permit (signed hunt brochure) while hunting on the refuge. They must possess an Alligator Trapping License with

CITES tags or an Alligator Trapping Agent License, if applicable.

7. Hunters under the age of 18 may not hunt, but may only accompany an adult of at least 21 years of age who possesses an Alligator Trapping Agent License.

8. Hunters may only enter and leave the refuge at the Hillsboro Area (Loxahatchee Road, Boca Raton).

9. You may take alligators using hand-held snares, harpoons, gigs, snatch hooks, artificial lures, manually operated spears, spear guns, and crossbows. We prohibit the taking of alligators using baited hooks, baited wooden pegs, or firearms. We allow the use of bang sticks (a hand-held pole with a pistol or shotgun cartridge on the end in a very short barrel) with nontoxic ammunition only for taking alligators attached to a restraining line (see §32.2(k)). Once an alligator is captured, it must be killed immediately. We prohibit catch and release of alligators. Once the alligator is dead, you must lock a CITES tag through the skin of the carcass within 6 inches (15.2 centimeters) of the tip of the tail. The tag must remain attached to the alligator at all times.

10. Hunters must complete a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) and place it in an entrance fee canister each day prior to exiting the refuge. A Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Alligator Harvest Report Form (FWC Form 1001AT, supplied with your FWC permit) must be completed by the permit holder within 24 hours of taking each alligator and prior to the transfer to a permitted alligator processing facility. A copy of the FWC Alligator Harvest Report Form must accompany the alligator carcass until processing. An online version of the form can be found at [MyFWC.com/alligator](http://MyFWC.com/alligator).

11. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of Federal, State, and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

12. Hunters must remove all personal property (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the hunting area each day.

13. We allow only one vessel per hunting group or party.

14. Conditions A14 through A18 apply.

15. For emergencies or to report violations, contact law enforcement personnel at 1-800-307-5789. Law enforcement officers may be monitoring VHF Channel 16.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with Federal and State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. Special black bass regulations are in effect within the boundaries of the refuge. The daily creel limit is five black bass per person, per day, where only one bass may be over 14 inches (35 cm) in length.

3. We allow fishing south of a line of latitude of 26.27.130 and in the rim canal in the rest of the refuge. We prohibit fishing in those areas posted as closed to fishing or to the public.

4. We only allow the use of rods and reels and poles and lines, and anglers must attend them at all times.

5. We prohibit commercial fishing and the taking of frogs, turtles, and other wildlife (see §27.21 of this chapter).

6. We allow commercial guiding by Special Use Permit only (Commercial Activities—Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3-1383-C). Contact the Refuge Office at 561-735-6029 for more information.

7. We allow 12 fishing tournaments a year by Special Use Permit only (General Activities—Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3-1383-G). Contact the Refuge Office at 561-735-6029 for more information.

8. We prohibit the possession or use of cast nets, seines, trot lines, jugs, gigs, and other fishing devices.

9. Anglers may only launch boats at the Headquarters Area (Boynton Beach), the Hillsboro Area (Boca Raton), and 20 Mile Bend (West Palm Beach).

10. Conditions A4, A8, A14 through A17, and A19 apply.

11. For emergencies or to report violations, contact law enforcement personnel at 1-800-307-5789. Law enforcement officers may be monitoring VHF Channel 16.

#### CEDAR KEYS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow salt water sport fishing year-round in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We will close a 300 foot (90 m) buffer zone beginning at mean high tide line and extending into the waters around Seahorse Key to all public entry from March 1 through June 30.

#### CHASSAHOWITZKA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting in those areas designated as open to hunting in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws, and subject to the following conditions:

1. In Citrus County:

i. You may take only ducks and coots.

ii. We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays during those seasons established by the State of Florida; however, we may close or alter hunts in cases of emergency situations.

iii. State bag limits apply.

iv. We allow the use of dogs in accordance with State regulations to retrieve taken waterfowl.

v. We allow airboats only on the designated airboat route with a refuge Special Use Permit (General Activities Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3-1383-G) issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We prohibit the use of airboats on vegetation. Airboats must be in compliance with State and county regulations (§27.32 of this chapter).

vi. We require hunters to possess and carry a signed, no-cost refuge hunting permit (signed brochure).

vii. In addition to State hunter education requirements, an adult (parent or guardian) age 21 or older must supervise and remain within sight and normal voice contact of any youth hunter age 15 or younger. An adult may supervise no more than two (2) youths.

viii. We prohibit hunting within 100 yards (91.4 meters) of any residence or on navigable waterways of Chassahowitzka River, Seven Cabbage Cut-off, and Mason Creek.

ix. We allow temporary blinds and decoys, but require all blinds and decoys to be removed from the refuge daily.

x. We prohibit the use of bait, salt, oil, or ingestible attractant. We prohibit taking or attempting to take any game animal with the aid of live decoys, recorded game calls or sounds, set guns, artificial light, net, trap, snare, drug, or poison (see §§20.21 of this chapter and §32.2(h)).

xi. We prohibit taking or herding of wildlife from any vessel that is under power, until power and movement have ceased (§20.21(e) of this chapter).

xii. We prohibit target practice.

xiii. You may use only steel or approved nontoxic shot for hunting migratory game birds (see §32.2(k)). We prohibit possession of lead or other toxic shot (§20.21(j) of this chapter).

xiv. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

xv. We prohibit the marking of trees, using flagging tape, reflective tacks, and other similar marking devices; and the cutting/trimming of trees. We prohibit driving or screwing any metal object into a tree or hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven or screwed to support a hunter (see 32.2(i)).

xvi. We prohibit commercial activities, including guiding or participating in a guided hunts (§27.97 of this chapter).

xvii. We prohibit fires.

xviii. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs)/tracked motorized vehicles.

2. In Hernando County:
- i. All hunters in Hernando County must comply with the Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area regulations, including quota hunt requirements, in addition to refuge rules.
  - ii. Conditions A.1.iii, A.1.iv, A.1.vi, A.1.vii, and A.1.ix through A.1.xviii apply.
  - iii. We allow hunting of rails, common moorhen, mourning dove, white winged dove, snipe, and woodcock during seasons established by the Commission for these species and listed in the Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area regulations. We allow hunting of geese, duck, and coot on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays; however, hunts may be closed or altered in cases of emergency situations by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
  - iv. You may use airboats on all navigable waterways within Hernando County with a refuge Special Use Permit (General Activities Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3-1383-G) issued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We prohibit the use of airboats on vegetation. Airboats must be in compliance with State and county regulations.
  - v. We prohibit hunting within 100 yards (91.4 meters) of any residence.
    - B. Upland Game Hunting.
      1. [Reserved]
    2. In Hernando County, we allow hunting of quail, squirrel, and rabbit in accordance with Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area regulations, and subject to the following conditions:
      - i. Conditions A.1.iii, A.1.v through A.1.xii, and A.1.xiv through A.1.xviii, A.2.i, A.2.iv, and A.2.v apply.
      - ii. We prohibit the use of traps or snares to take game.
      - iii. You must report harvested game at the State Wildlife Management Area Check Station.
      - iv. We prohibit hunting of raccoon, bobcat, and otter.
      - v. You may take feral hog, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, and nutria as incidental species with the equipment legal for use during the season.
    - C. Big Game Hunting.
      1. [Reserved]
    2. In Hernando County, we allow hunting of whitetail deer and turkey, in accordance with Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area regulations, and subject to the following conditions:
      - i. Conditions B.2.i through B.2.iii and B.2.v apply.
      - ii. We prohibit the use of dogs to take big game and feral hogs.
    - D. Sport Fishing.
      1. In Citrus County, we allow sport fishing on the refuge year-round in areas designated as open in the refuge hunting and fishing brochure, in compliance with State fishing

regulations and license requirements, and subject to the following conditions:

- i. Conditions A.1.v, A.1.xiv, A.1.xv, A.1.xvii, and A.1.xviii apply.
- ii. We allow fishing 24 hours per day, year-round, except in areas posted closed.
- iii. All fish must remain in a whole condition while being transported from the refuge.
- iv. We prohibit harvesting and possession of horseshoe crabs, turtles, and snakes.
- v. We prohibit the taking of frogs.
- vi. We permit commercial activities, including guiding, with a Special Use Permit (Commercial Activities Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3-1383-C). You must apply for the permit.
2. In Hernando County, we allow sport fishing on the refuge year-round in areas designated as open in the refuge hunting and fishing brochure, in compliance with State fishing regulations and license requirements, and subject to the following conditions: Conditions D.1.i through D.1.vi apply.

#### EGMONT KEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. *Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- C. *Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- D. *Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on the refuge year-round in areas designated as open and in accordance with State fishing regulations and subject to the following conditions:
  1. We allow fishing from designated refuge beaches during open hours.
  2. Anglers may only use two poles per angler and must attend both poles at all times.

#### HOBE SOUND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. *Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- C. *Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- D. *Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
  1. We only allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.
  2. We allow salt-water fishing along the Atlantic Ocean and Indian River Lagoon year-round in accordance with State recreational fishing regulations.
  3. We prohibit the disturbance or taking of sea turtles, their eggs, and their nests. We prohibit the taking of any wildlife, plants, and cultural artifacts (see §27.21 of this chapter).
  4. We prohibit camping, fires, pets, and the use of metal detectors.
  5. We allow the use of only rods and reels and poles and lines, and anglers must attend them at all times.
  6. We allow only two poles per angler, and anglers must attend those poles at all times in conjunction with the Martin County, Florida, two-pole ordinance.

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7. We prohibit motorized vehicles of any type on the beach, fire roads, undesignated routes, and areas posted as closed (see §27.31 of this chapter).

8. For emergencies or to report violations, contact law enforcement personnel at 1-800-307-5789. Law enforcement officers may be monitoring VHF Channel 16.

### J. N. "DING" DARLING NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit fishing and crabbing in all waters of the Bailey Tract except for Smith Pond and Airplane Canal.

2. We allow fishing and crabbing in all other refuge waters except in areas designated as "closed to public entry".

3. We prohibit the taking of horseshoe crabs, stone crabs, or spider crabs.

4. We allow the take of blue crabs with the use of dip nets only.

5. The daily limit of blue crabs is 20 per person (including no more than 10 non-egg-bearing females).

6. We prohibit kite surfing, kite boarding, wind surfing, sail boarding, and any similar type of activities.

7. We allow vessels propelled only by polling, paddling, or floating in the posted "no-motor zone" of the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wilderness Area. All motors, including electric motors, must be in a nonuse position (out of the water) when in the "no-motor zone."

8. We allow vessels propelled only by polling, paddling, floating, or electric motors in the posted "pole/troll zone" of the Wulfert Flats Management Area. All non-electric motors must be in a non-use position (out of the water) when in the "pole/troll zone."

9. We prohibit camping on all refuge lands and overnight mooring of vessels on all refuge waters.

10. We allow you to launch canoes and kayaks anywhere on the right (north) side of Wildlife Drive. We prohibit launching motorized vessels over 14 feet (4.2 meters) in length from Wildlife Drive. We allow launching of motorized vessels only 14 feet (4.2 meters) or less in length from designated site #2.

11. We allow public access to Wildlife Drive and Indigo Trail, except on Fridays, when we close Wildlife Drive to all public access. See hours posted at the front gate or on the refuge Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/dingdarling/>), or call 239-472-1100.

12. All visitors (e.g., anglers and photographers) must exit refuge lands and waters no later than ½ hour after legal sunset.

13. We prohibit all public entry into the impoundments on the left (south) side of Wildlife Drive.

14. We prohibit commercial fishing and crabbing (see §27.21 of this chapter).

15. We prohibit the possession or use of seines or trot lines.

16. We prohibit the use of cast nets from the left (south) side of Wildlife Drive or any structure affixed to Wildlife Drive.

17. All fish must remain in whole condition.

18. We prohibit the use of bows and spears from Wildlife Drive or any trail or structure affixed to Wildlife Drive.

19. We prohibit airboats, Hovercraft, and personal watercraft (Go Devils, Jet Skis, jet boats, and Wave Runners).

20. Vessels must not exceed slow speed/minimum wake in refuge waters.

21. We close to public entry all refuge islands (including rookery islands) except for designated trails.

### LAKE WOODRUFF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require Lake Woodruff hunt permits. The permits (signed annual hunt brochure) are free and nontransferable, and anyone on refuge land in possession of hunting equipment must sign, possess, and carry the permit at all times.

2. In addition to the valid, paid Lake Woodruff Quota Hunt Permit (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission State Permit), which can be purchased through Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), and a signed Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge hunt permit (signed annual hunt brochure), hunters must have on their person all applicable Florida hunting licenses and permits. State requirements for hunter safety apply.

3. All hunters must be on stands or in blinds while hunting.

4. We prohibit stalking or movement through the hunt area while hunting.

5. We prohibit scouting in the hunt area, whether you hold a permit for the current hunt or a future hunt, during the quota hunt.

6. We prohibit possession of hunting weapons while scouting.

7. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and refuge-specific regulations in this part 32).

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8. We close the hunt areas of the refuge to all public use except to permitted hunters. The refuge is closed between legal sunset and legal sunrise, except permitted hunters may access the refuge 2 hours prior to legal sunrise each hunting day. All hunters must be off the refuge 2 hours after legal sunset.

9. You may set up stands or blinds 2 days prior to the hunt for which you are permitted, and you must remove them on or before the last day of your permitted hunt. You must clearly mark stands with the hunter's name and address or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) customer number found on your hunting license. No more than one stand or blind per person may be on the refuge at any time, unless a permitted hunter is accompanied by a youth hunter. Stands and/or blinds for youth hunters must be placed within sight and normal voice contact of the permitted hunter's stand and marked with the adult permitted hunter's name and address or the FWC customer number and the word "YOUTH."

10. If you use flagging or other trail marking material, you must print your name or FWC customer number on each piece or marker. You may set up flagging and trail markers 2 days prior to the permitted hunt, and you must remove them on or before the last day of the permitted hunt.

11. You must check out any game taken during the hunts at a self-check station.

12. We allow primitive gun hunting only in the Western Unit, which is only accessible by boat.

13. We prohibit hunting with dogs.

14. We prohibit accessing the refuge through the railroad right-of-way.

15. Hunters under age 16 do not need a quota permit, but must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. Each adult may supervise one youth hunter and must remain within sight and normal voice contact; the pair must share a single bag limit unless hunting during a designated Family or Youth Hunt.

16. Archery hunters must wear a vest or jacket containing back and front panels of at least 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters) of solid-fluorescent-orange color when moving to and from their vehicle, to their deer stand or their hunting spot, and while tracking or dragging out their deer. We do not require archery hunters to wear solid-colored-fluorescent hunter orange when positioned in their stands to hunt.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a Florida Freshwater Fishing license, and we adhere to State regulations for bag and length limits.

2. Fishing on the refuge is by hook and line only. We prohibit cast nets.

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3. We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

4. We prohibit the use of airboats on the refuge.

5. We prohibit commercial fishing and the taking of frogs, turtles, or any other wildlife without permit (see §27.21 of this chapter).

6. We prohibit the use of snatch hooks in the refuge impoundments.

### LOWER SUWANNEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require all hunters, ages 16 or older, to purchase and possess a general refuge hunting permit (name/address/phone number) and a State of Florida Hunting License to hunt during all refuge hunts, unless otherwise exempt. You can purchase a hunting permit (name/address/phone number) through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission licensing Web site, county tax office, or another outlet that sells State licenses. We do not require youth hunters age 15 and younger to possess a general refuge hunt permit (name/address/phone number). We do not require State Wildlife Management Area stamps. Unless otherwise exempt, we require hunters to have appropriate archery, muzzleloader, deer, and turkey stamps/permits. Unless exempt, we require waterfowl hunters to have appropriate State and Federal waterfowl stamps.

2. We designate open and closed refuge hunting areas on the map in the refuge hunt brochure, which the hunter must possess and carry. The refuge can designate temporary closed hunting areas at the management's discretion for refuge management activities (prescribed burns, forestry, habitat restoration, wildlife management).

3. You must park vehicles in a manner that does not block roads or gates (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

4. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs) (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

5. We prohibit horses.

6. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in §32).

7. We prohibit hunting from or within 150 feet (45 m) of all refuge roads open to public vehicle travel.

8. We prohibit construction of permanent blinds or stands.

9. In addition to State hunter education requirements, an adult (parent or guardian) age 21 or older must supervise and must remain within sight of and in normal view

contact of the youth hunter age 15 and under. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of the refuge regulations. An adult may supervise no more than two youths.

10. We prohibit guiding or participating in a guided hunt where a fee is charged.

11. We prohibit target practice or any non-hunting discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter).

12. We prohibit marking any tree, or other refuge feature, with flagging, litter, paint, or blaze.

13. We prohibit flagging, reflective markers, paint, litter, or pins for marking in any manner on refuge property, with the exception of the following: Clothes type pins or clips with reflective or colored markings can be used for the temporary marking of vegetation in order to identify a route of travel to or from a tree stand. You must remove these pins at the end of deer season (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). Each clothes type pin or clip must contain both the name and hunting license number of the hunter.

14. Hunters utilizing the refuge are subject to inspection of licenses, permits, hunting equipment, bag limits, vehicles, and their contents during compliance checks by refuge or State law enforcement officer.

15. Hunters must be at their vehicles by 1 hour after legal shooting time.

16. We prohibit cleaning of game within 1,000 feet (300 m) of any developed public recreation area, game check station, or gate.

17. We prohibit the dumping of game carcasses on the refuge.

18. We prohibit consumption of alcohol or possession of open alcohol containers while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of feral hog, gray squirrel, armadillo, opossum, rabbit, raccoon, coyote, and beaver on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A18 apply.

2. We will print dates for the refuge upland game (small game) and raccoon/opossum hunting seasons in the annual refuge hunt brochure. Contact the refuge office for specific dates.

3. You may use only .17, .22, and .22 magnum caliber rimfire rifle firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter), bows, or shotguns with nontoxic shot no larger than #4 birdshot, or muzzleloader or .40 caliber or less when hunting (see §32.2(k)).

4. We allow night hunting in accordance with State regulations for raccoon and opossum during nighttime hours from legal sunset until legal sunrise.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge in

accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A18 apply.

2. During the refuge archery season, hunters may only use archery equipment in accordance with State archery regulations.

3. During the refuge muzzleloader season, hunters may only use muzzleloading firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) in accordance with State muzzleloader regulations.

4. We prohibit driving or screwing any metal object into a tree or hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven or screwed to support a hunter (see §32.2(i)).

5. Temporary tree stands may be left on the refuge starting one week before archery season and must be removed by the last day of hog season. All tree stands left on the refuge within the hunt season must display the hunters name and hunting license number legibly written on or attached to the stand. We may confiscate and dispose of tree stands not in compliance (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). You may use tree stands during small game season, but you must remove them by the last day of this season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

6. All hunters (including all persons accompanying hunters) must wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 square centimeters) of fluorescent orange visible above the waistline while hunting during all refuge deer gun hunts.

7. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game.

8. We will publish the dates of the refuge general gun season in the annual refuge hunt brochure. Contact the refuge office for specific dates. Consult the Florida State Zone C for current State regulations.

9. The family hunt follows the refuge general gun season. We will print dates in the annual refuge hunt brochure. Contact the refuge office for specific dates.

10. The refuge will provide an annual feral (wild) hog hunt. We will print dates in the annual refuge hunt brochure. Contact the refuge office for specific dates.

11. During the youth turkey hunt, an adult age 18 or older must accompany the youth, age 15 and younger, but only the youth hunter may hunt.

12. We allow hunting of deer (except spotted fawns), feral hog (no size or bag limit), gray squirrel, rabbit, armadillo, opossum, raccoon, beaver, and coyote during the archery season.

13. We prohibit harvesting antlered deer not having one (1) antler with two (2) or more points, except persons younger than age 16 may harvest any antlered deer with one (1) antler 5 inches (12.7 centimeters) or more in length. You may take feral hog (no bag or size limit) during the archery, muzzleloader, and general-gun season.

14. Hunters may take feral hog (no size or bag limit), and a maximum of two deer per

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day, during the family hunt, except only one deer may be antlerless for each day of the family hunts.

15. Hunters may take only feral hog (no size or bag limit) during the feral (wild) hog hunt.

16. Hunters must fill out a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) and check all game harvested during all deer and hog hunts.

17. Hunters may take only bearded turkeys and only during the State Zone C youth turkey hunts and spring turkey season.

18. Shooting hours for spring turkey begin 1/2 hour before legal sunrise and end at 1 p.m.

19. We only allow shotguns with shot no larger than size 2 common shot or bows and arrows for spring turkey hunting.

20. We prohibit crossbows except with a State-issued disabled crossbow permit. You may not use a crossbow during muzzleloader season.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Anglers may take game and nongame fish only with pole and line or rod and reel.

2. We prohibit taking of frogs and turtles (see §27.21 of this chapter).

3. We prohibit leaving boats on the refuge overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

### MERRITT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of ducks, mergansers, and coots in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of Federal, State, and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and this part 32).

2. You must possess and carry a current, signed Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge hunt permit (signed brochure, non-transferable) at all times while hunting waterfowl on the refuge.

3. You must carry a valid State-issued Merritt Island Waterfowl Quota Permit (Waterfowl Quota Permit), which can be purchased through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) while hunting in areas 1 or 4 from the beginning of the regular waterfowl season through January 31.

4. We allow hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, that fall within the State's waterfowl season.

5. We allow hunting in four designated areas of the refuge as delineated in the refuge hunting regulations map. We prohibit

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hunters entering the normal or expanded restricted areas of the Kennedy Space Center (KSC).

6. We only allow hunting of waterfowl on refuge-established hunt days from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon). All equipment must be removed by 1 p.m. daily.

7. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. for the purpose of waterfowl hunting.

8. You must comply with State requirements for hunter-education courses.

9. We require an adult, age 18 or older, to supervise hunters age 15 and younger. The adult must remain within sight and normal voice contact of the youth hunter.

12. We prohibit hunting or shooting within 25 feet (7.6 meters), or shooting from any portion of, a dike, dirt road, or railroad grade.

13. We prohibit hunting or shooting within 150 yards (135 m) of SR 402, SR 406, any paved road right-of-way, or any road open to vehicle traffic. We prohibit shooting over any dike or roadway.

14. You must stop at posted refuge waterfowl check stations and report statistical hunt information on the Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361) to refuge personnel.

15. You may not possess more than 25 shells in 1 hunt day.

16. You may only use gasoline, diesel, or electric motors inside the impoundment perimeter ditch.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a State-issued Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Big Game Quota Hunt Permit (Quota Hunt Permit), which can be purchased through the FWC. The Quota Hunt Permit is a limited entry quota permit, is zone-specific, and is nontransferable.

2. You must have a valid signed Big Game Hunt Permit (signed annual hunt brochure). The permits are free and nontransferable, and anyone on refuge land in possession of hunting equipment must sign and carry the signed permit at all times.

3. You must also have on your person all applicable Florida hunting licenses and permits. State requirements for hunter safety apply.

4. Licenses, permits, all hunting equipment and effects, and vehicles and/or other conveyances are subject to inspection by law-enforcement officials.

5. We allow hunting as a 3-day weekend within the State's deer season. Legal shooting hours are 1/2 hour before legal sunrise to 1/2 hour after legal sunset.

6. We close the hunt areas of the refuge to all public use except to permitted hunters.

7. The refuge is closed between legal sunset and legal sunrise except permitted hunters may access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise and must leave the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal sunset.

8. You are prohibited from entering the normal or expanded restricted areas of KSC. KSC maintains the right to close any portion of the refuge for any length of time. In that case, we will not refund or reissue any permits.

9. We prohibit hunting from refuge roads or within 100 yards of roads open to public vehicle traffic or within 200 yards of a building or KSC facility.

10. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on a National Wildlife Refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and this part 32).

11. Hunters under age 16 do not need a Quota Hunt Permit, but must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. Each adult may supervise one youth hunter and must remain within sight and normal voice contact. The pair must share a single bag limit unless hunting during a designated Youth or Family hunt.

12. You may set up stands or blinds up to 2 days prior to the permitted hunt; you must remove them on the last day of your permitted hunt. You must clearly mark stands and blinds with your name and address or the FWC customer number found on your hunting license. You may have no more than one stand or blind per person on the refuge at any time. Stands or blinds for youth hunters must be placed within sight and normal voice contact of the supervisory hunter's stand and marked with the supervisory hunter's name and address or FWC customer number and the word "YOUTH."

13. We prohibit all scouting in the hunt area during the quota hunt.

14. If you use flagging or other trail-marking material, you must print your name or FWC customer number on each piece or marker. You may set out flagging and trail markers up to 2 days prior to the permitted hunt, and you must remove them on the last day of the permitted hunt.

15. We allow legally permitted hunters to scout within their permitted zones up to 7 days prior to their permitted hunts. You must carry your valid Quota Hunt Permit identifying the permitted hunt zone while scouting.

16. We allow parking for scouting and/or hunting only along State Road (SR) 3, not within the hunt areas.

17. You must be on your stand or in your blind while hunting.

18. We prohibit stalking or moving through the hunt area while hunting.

19. You must be at your vehicle within 1 hour after legal shooting time. If you wish to track wounded game beyond 1 hour after legal sunset, you must gain consent from a Federal Wildlife Officer to do so.

20. We prohibit hunting with dogs.

21. We prohibit using dogs for tracking unless authorized by a Federal Wildlife Officer. Dogs must remain on a leash and be equipped with a GPS tracking device.

22. You may field dress game; however, we prohibit cleaning game within 1,000 feet of any public area, road, game-check station, or gate. We prohibit dumping game carcasses on the refuge.

23. Archery hunters must wear at least 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters) of solid fluorescent-orange color while moving to and from their vehicles, to their stands or hunting spots, and while tracking or dragging out game.

24. The bag limit and antler requirements for white-tailed deer on the refuge will follow State regulations but will not exceed two deer per hunt. Antlered and antlerless deer are defined per State regulations. It is illegal to take spotted fawns.

25. There is no bag limit or size limit for the take of feral hogs.

26. You must report all hunting activities at one of the two check stations, including both successful and non-successful hunts, prior to leaving the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow recreational fishing, crabbing, clamming, and shrimping in designated areas of the refuge as delineated in the refuge fishing regulations map in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess a current, signed refuge fishing permit (signed brochure) and a Florida State Freshwater and/or Saltwater fishing license at all times while fishing on the refuge. All State regulations for bag and length limits apply.

2. We prohibit fishing after legal sunset or before legal sunrise, except that we allow fishing at night from a vessel in the open waters of Mosquito Lagoon, Indian River Lagoon, Banana River, and Haulover Canal.

3. We allow launching of boats for night fishing activities only from Bair's Cove, Beacon 42, and Biolab boat ramps.

4. We prohibit crabbing or fishing from Black Point Wildlife Drive or any side road connected to Black Point Wildlife Drive except from L Pond Road.

5. We prohibit launching boats, canoes, or kayaks from Black Point Wildlife Drive or any side road connected to Black Point Wildlife Drive except from L Pond Road.

6. Anglers and crabbers must attend their lines at all times.

7. We prohibit harvesting and possession of horseshoe crab, frog, turtle, snake, and/or other wildlife (see §27.21 of this chapter).

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8. We prohibit use of personal watercraft, kite surfing, kite boarding, wind surfing, sail boarding, use of air thrust boats, and use of hovercraft or any similar non-wildlife oriented watercraft on the refuge or in refuge waters.

9. Vessels must not exceed idle speed in Bairs Cove and KARS Marina.

10. We prohibit motorized vessels in the Banana River within the posted “No-Motor Zone,” including any vessel having an attached motor or a nonattached motor capable of use (including electric trolling motor).

11. We prohibit fishing within the normal or expanded restricted areas of the KSC, unless those areas are officially designated by KSC as special fishing opportunity sites.

12. We allow vessels drafting 12” (30 cm) or less (measured while vessel is fully stopped) to be propelled only by poling, paddling, drifting, or electric trolling motors in the established Pole & Troll Zone(s), except in the posted running channels.

13. We prohibit fish cleaning on refuge property.

14. We prohibit fishing from, or in the immediate vicinity of, the Manatee Viewing Deck on the northeast side of Haulover Canal.

15. We require all commercial fishing guides to purchase, possess, and carry a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3–1383–C).

16. You may only use gasoline, diesel, or electric motors inside the impoundment perimeter ditch.

17. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of Federal, State, and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and this part 32).

18. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of Federal, State, and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and part 32).

PELICAN ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

B. *Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

C. *Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

D. *Sport Fishing.* Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Fishing is permitted year-round.

2. Bank fishing from spoil islands is permitted, during daylight hours only.

PINELLAS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

B. *Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

C. *Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

D. *Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in refuge-managed waters year-round in areas designated as open, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing only from vessels in the waters surrounding Tarpon Key.

2. We close refuge lands to all public use.

3. We prohibit the disturbance of any nesting birds, wildlife, or vegetation.

ST. MARKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove blinds daily (see §27.93 of this chapter).

2. We allow retriever dogs to recover game.

3. We prohibit migratory game bird hunting in the Executive Closure Areas on the refuge.

4. Hunters may access the hunt area by boat.

B. *Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of grey squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge permits (signed brochure) for hunting upland game. Permits are available at no cost from the refuge office or can be downloaded and printed from the refuge Web site. Each hunter must possess and carry a signed refuge permit while participating in a hunt.

2. All visitors must wear 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of fluorescent orange above the waistline while in a designated hunting unit during a refuge hunt.

3. You may use .22 caliber or smaller rim-fire rifles, shotguns with nontoxic shot (#4 bird shot or smaller) (see §32.2(k)), or muzzleloaders to harvest squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon. In addition, you may use shotgun slugs, buckshot, archery equipment, or pistols to take feral hogs. We prohibit the use of other weapons.

4. We allow the use of leashed dogs for trailing injured or harvested game. We prohibit unleashed dogs.

5. There is no limit on the size or number of feral hog that hunters may take.

6. We allow hunting on designated areas of the refuge. Contact the refuge office for specific dates.

7. We prohibit hunting from any named or numbered road (with the exception of persons hunting during the mobility impaired hunt).

8. We prohibit cleaning of game within 1,000 feet (300 m) of any residence, developed public recreation area, or game check station.

9. You must check out all game taken at a game check station.

10. We prohibit the use of flagging, paint, blazes, or reflective trail markers (see §27.93 of this chapter).

11. We limit vehicle access to permitted hunters during the hunt.

12. Portions of the refuge adjacent to Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area (as specified in the hunt brochure) will be open concurrent with Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area seasons and regulations except only feral hog, grey squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon may be harvested.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge permits (hunters apply through State for license—fee charged). Permits are nontransferable. There is an additional fee for duplicate permits. Each hunter must possess and carry a signed permit when participating in a hunt. Prior to hunting each day, you must check-in at a hunt check station as specified in the refuge hunt brochure. You must check out upon completion if hunting each day.

2. Conditions B2 and B4 through B11 apply.

3. You may access the refuge hunt areas by vehicle for pre-hunt scouting 2 days prior to the hunt for which you are drawn (lottery administered by the State).

4. There is a two deer limit per hunt as specified in condition C8 below, except in the youth hunt where the limit is as specified in C9 below. The limit for turkey is one per hunt. There is no limit on feral hog.

5. We prohibit the use of deer decoys.

6. There are two fall archery hunts: You may harvest either-sex deer, feral hog, and bearded turkey during the fall archery hunts. We will hold one hunt on the Panacea Unit and one hunt on the Wakulla Unit. See condition C8 for specific information on bag limits. Contact the refuge office for specific dates.

7. There are two modern gun hunts. You may harvest deer, feral hog, and bearded turkey. Modern guns must meet State requirements. We will hold one hunt on the Panacea Unit and one hunt on the Wakulla Unit. See condition C8 for specific information on bag limits. Contact the refuge office for specific dates.

8. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is two deer per hunt, either two antlerless deer or one antlerless deer and one antlered deer. Antlerless deer are defined per State regulations as deer with no antler or antlers less than 5 inches (12.75 centimeters). Antlered deer must have at least three points, 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) or greater on one antler to be harvested.

9. There is one youth white-tailed deer hunt and one youth turkey hunt for youth ages 12 to 17, on the St. Marks Unit in an area we will specify in the refuge hunt brochure. Youth hunters age 12 to 15 may har-

vest two deer, either two antlerless deer or one antlerless and one antlered. There are no restrictions on antler size for youth age 12 to 15. Youth hunters age 16 to 17 may harvest two deer, either two antlerless or one antlerless and one antlered. Antlered deer must have at least two points, 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) or greater on one antler to be harvested by youth age 16 to 17. Antlerless deer are defined in C8. The youth turkey hunt will be conducted in the St. Marks Unit in an area we will specify in the refuge hunt brochure. The limit will be one bearded turkey per hunter. Unlimited hogs may be harvested on both hunts. Only the youth hunter may handle or discharge firearms used for hunting. An adult age 21 or older must accompany and remain in sight and normal voice contact with each youth hunter. Contact the refuge office for specific dates.

10. There is one mobility-impaired hunt. Hunters may have an assistant accompany them. You may transfer permits issued to assistants. We limit those hunt teams to harvesting white-tailed deer and feral hog within the limits described in condition C8. Contact the refuge office for specific dates.

11. There is one spring gobbler turkey hunt. You may harvest one bearded turkey per hunt. You may only use shotguns or archery equipment to harvest turkey. Contact the refuge office for specific dates. We prohibit hunting after 1 p.m.

12. Portions of the St. Marks Unit adjacent to Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area (as specified in the hunt brochure) will be open concurrent with Flint Rock Wildlife Management Area seasons and regulations except only white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey may be harvested. We require a refuge permit (signed brochure).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit taking blue crabs from impounded water on the St. Marks Unit.

2. We only allow fishing in refuge lakes, ponds, and impoundments from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

3. We allow fishing in tidal and coastal waters 24 hours per day year-round.

4. We prohibit use of boats with motors over 10 hp on any refuge lake or pond.

5. We allow use of hand-launched boats on impoundments on the St. Marks Unit from March 15 through October 15 each year. We prohibit launching of boats from trailers in the impoundments in the St. Marks Unit. We prohibit all gasoline-powered motors in the impoundments in the St. Marks Unit.

6. We prohibit taking of frogs or turtles (see §27.21 of this chapter).

7. We prohibit use of cast nets or traps to take fish from any lake, pond, or impoundment on the refuge.

8. You must attend all fishing equipment.
9. We prohibit bow fishing on refuge lakes, ponds, and impoundments.
10. The interior ponds and lakes on the Panacea Unit are open year-round for bank fishing. We open vehicle access to these areas from March 15 through May 15 each year. Ponds and lakes that anglers access from County Road 372 are open year-round for fishing and boating.
11. We prohibit commercially registered boats, air-thrust boats, commercial guides, and personal watercraft to launch at the saltwater boat ramp on the St. Marks Unit.
12. We prohibit air-thrust boats, personal watercraft, and commercial guides to launch from Wakulla Beach.
13. All fish must remain in a whole condition when being transported from the refuge.

ST. VINCENT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, sambar deer, raccoon, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge permits (State license—fee charged). The permits are non-transferable, and the hunter must possess them while hunting. Only signed permits are valid. We only allow people with a signed refuge hunt permit or the helpers of mobility-impaired hunters on the island during the hunt periods. Contact the refuge office for details on receiving a permit. We will charge fees for duplicate permits.
2. We restrict hunting to three periods: Primitive Weapons Sambar Deer (sambar deer, raccoon, and feral hog); Archery (white-tailed deer, raccoon, feral hog); and Primitive Weapons White-Tailed Deer (white-tailed deer, raccoon, and feral hog). Contact the refuge office for specific dates. You may check-in and set up camp sites and stands on the day prior to the scheduled hunt as specified in the brochure. You must leave the island and remove all equipment by the date and time specified in the brochure.
3. You must check-in at the check stations on the island. We restrict entry onto St. Vincent Island to the Indian Pass and West Pass Campsites. All access to hunt areas will be on foot or by bicycle from these areas.
4. Hunt hours are ½ hour before legal sunrise until 3 p.m. for the sambar deer hunt. All other hunt times will be in accordance with State regulations.
5. We restrict camping and fires (see §27.95(a) of this chapter) to the two designated camping areas. We may restrict or ban fires during dry periods.
6. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages during the refuge hunt period (see §32.2(j)).

7. You may set up tree stands only after you check in, and you must remove them from the island at the end of the hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

8. You may retrieve game from the closed areas only if accompanied by a refuge staff member or a Federal Wildlife Officer.

9. We limit weapons to primitive weapons (bow and arrow and muzzleloader) on the primitive weapons sambar deer hunt and the primitive weapons white-tailed deer hunt. We limit the archery hunt to bow and arrow. Weapons must meet all State regulations. We prohibit crossbows during the white-tailed deer archery hunt except with a State disabled persons permit. You may take feral hog and raccoon only with the weapons allowed for that period.

10. We allow only stand, still, and stalk hunting. We prohibit game drives.

11. We prohibit the use of flagging, paint, blazes, or reflective trail markers.

12. We prohibit target practice on the refuge (see §27.42 of this chapter). You may discharge muzzleloaders at the designated discharge area between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m.

13. Nonmovement stand hours for all hunts will be from legal morning shooting time until 9 a.m.

14. We prohibit discharging of weapons (including cap firing) in campgrounds (see §27.42 of this chapter).

15. Hunting weapons must have the caps removed from muzzleloaders and arrows quivered before and after legal shooting hours.

16. Hunters must check out at the check station prior to leaving the refuge at the end of their hunt. A refuge staff member or volunteer must check the campsites before the hunters leave the refuge.

17. We prohibit motorized equipment, generators, or land vehicles (except bicycles).

18. Bag limits:

i. Primitive Weapons Sambar Deer Hunt: One sambar deer of either sex, no limit on feral hog or raccoon.

ii. Archery Hunt: One white-tailed deer of either sex. Antlered deer must have at least two points, 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) or more on one antler to be harvested. Antlerless deer are defined per State regulations as deer with no antler or antlers less than 5 inches (12.75 centimeters). Youth age 15 or younger may harvest any deer except spotted fawn. We prohibit harvesting of spotted fawns. There is no limit on feral hog or raccoon.

iii. Primitive Weapons White-Tailed Deer Hunt: One white-tailed deer. Antlered deer must have at least two points, 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) or more in length on one antler, to be harvested. We issue a limited number of either-sex tags. If you have an either-sex tag, the bag limit is one deer that may be antlerless or antlered with legal antler configuration. Antlerless deer are defined per State regulation as deer with no antler or antlers less than 5 inches (12.75 centimeters).

Youth age 15 or younger may harvest any deer except spotted fawn. We prohibit harvesting of spotted fawns. There is no limit on feral hog or raccoon.

19. We prohibit bringing live game into the check station.

20. Hunters must observe quiet time in the campground between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. We prohibit loud or boisterous behavior or activity.

21. We prohibit domestic animals.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may fish from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset year-round.

2. We allow boats with electric motors. You must remove all other motors from the boats and secure them to a designated motor rack with a lock and chain.

3. We prohibit the use of live minnows as bait.

4. We allow boats in refuge lakes from May 15 through September 30.

5. We allow the use of only rods and reels or poles and lines in the refuge lakes. Anglers must attend their fishing equipment at all times.

6. You may take only fish species, and you must comply with the fish limits, authorized by State regulations. We prohibit the taking of frog and/or turtle.

TEN THOUSAND ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck and coot in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting daily during the early wood duck/teal season.

2. We allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays that fall within the State's waterfowl season, including: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

3. Hunters must possess and carry a valid, signed refuge permit (signed brochure) at all times while hunting on the refuge.

4. We allow only hunting in the areas posted and shown on the refuge hunt brochure.

5. Hunters may enter the refuge from the south side of U.S. 41. We allow hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must remove all decoys, guns, blinds, and other related equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) by 1 p.m. daily.

6. We prohibit hunting within 100 yards (90 m) of the south edge of U.S. 41 and the area posted around Marsh Trail extending south from U.S. 41.

7. We prohibit pit blinds and permanent blinds (see §27.92 of this chapter).

8. We allow and recommend prehunt scouting from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

9. Hunters may only take duck and coot with a shotgun (no larger than a 10 gauge). We prohibit target practice on the refuge (see §27.42 of this chapter).

10. We prohibit air-thrust boats, hovercraft, personal watercraft (jet skis, jet boats, and wave runners), and off-road vehicles at all times. We limit vessels to a maximum of a 25 hp outboard motor.

11. We require all commercial guides to purchase, possess, and carry a refuge Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383).

12. We allow and recommend use of dogs for waterfowl retrieval. Dogs must remain under the immediate control of their handlers at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter). We allow dogs during prehunt scouting.

13. We allow youth hunt days in accordance with State regulations. We also will designate a special youth hunt day during the second phase of the regular State waterfowl season that we will specify in the annual hunt brochure. Hunters under age 16 may hunt only with a nonhunting adult age 18 or older. Youth hunters must remain within sight and sound of the nonhunting adult.

14. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of Federal, State, and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and part 32).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit air-thrust boats, hovercraft, personal watercraft (jet skis, jet boats, and wave runners), and off-road vehicles in the freshwater and brackish marsh area south of U.S. 41. We limit vessels to a maximum of 25 hp outboard motor.

2. We allow fishing in the freshwater and brackish marsh area of the refuge year-round from legal sunrise to legal sunset. You may fish the tidal and barrier island area of the refuge year-round 24 hours a day.

3. We only allow crabbing for recreational use in the freshwater and brackish marsh area of the refuge. You may use a dip or landing net, drop net, or hook and line.

4. We prohibit commercial fishing and the taking of snake, turtle, frog, and other wildlife (see §27.21 of this chapter) in the freshwater and brackish marsh area of the refuge.

5. We prohibit the use of trotlines, gigs, spears, bush hooks, snatch hooks, crossbows, or bows and arrows of any type in the freshwater and brackish marsh area of the refuge.

6. Anglers and crabbers must attend their lines at all times.

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7. We require all commercial guides operating in the freshwater and brackish marsh area of the refuge to purchase, possess, and carry a refuge Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3–1383).

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 59 FR 6690, Feb. 11, 1994; 59 FR 55185, Nov. 3, 1994; 61 FR 46394, Sept. 3, 1996; 62 FR 47376, Sept. 9, 1997; 63 FR 46915, Sept. 3, 1998; 65 FR 30781, May 12, 2000; 65 FR 56401, Sept. 18, 2000; 66 FR 46355, Sept. 4, 2001; 67 FR 58944, Sept. 18, 2002; 69 FR 54362, 54378, Sept. 8, 2004; 70 FR 54163, Sept. 13, 2005; 73 FR 33168, June 11, 2008; 74 FR 45682, Sept. 3, 2009; 76 FR 3956, Jan. 21, 2011; 76 FR 56066, Sept. 9, 2011; 77 FR 56037, Sept. 11, 2012; 79 FR 14825, Mar. 17, 2014; 80 FR 51894, Aug. 26, 2015; 81 FR 68893, Oct. 4, 2016]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BANKS LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow the use of pole and line or rod and reel, which the angler must attend at all times.

2. We allow sport fishing after legal sunset; but we prohibit all other activity after legal sunset.

3. We prohibit marking of paths or navigational routes.

4. We prohibit swimming, wading, jet skiing, water skiing, and the use of airboats.

5. We permit commercial fishing only by Special Use Permit (Commercial Activities Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3–1383–C) issued by the refuge manager.

6. We permit fishing tournaments by Special Use Permit (General Activities Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3–1383–G) issued by the refuge manager (fees may apply).

#### BLACKBEARD ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a refuge hunt permit (name/address/phone number) for all hunters age 16 and older, which must be signed and carried

at all times when hunting. We charge a fee for all hunt permits.

2. Hunters must check-in no more than 1 day in advance of the opening day of each hunt. We prohibit check-in after legal sunset of the second hunt day.

3. Each hunter may place one stand on the refuge no earlier than 1 month prior to the opening day of each hunt but must remove the stand (see § 27.93 of this chapter) by the end of each hunt.

4. Hunters must check-in at the refuge dock prior to setting up camp. We require personal identification at check-in.

5. Within the refuge, you may only travel by foot or bicycle, except in the wilderness area where we allow only foot travel. We limit entry and exit points to the designated check stations or other specified areas. We prohibit hunters to leave by boat to reach other parts of the island.

6. You may only camp at the designated camping area.

7. You must confine fires (see § 27.95 of this chapter) to the camping area.

8. We prohibit flagging, blazing, or trail-marking devices to locate stands or for any other purpose.

9. For hunting, we allow only bows in accordance with State regulations.

10. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game.

11. Hunters may take five deer (no more than two antlered), and we will issue State bonus tags for two of these. There is no bag limit on feral hog.

12. Refuge personnel must check deer harvested during the scheduled hunt before hunters may remove them from the refuge.

13. Hunters must be on their stands from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 9 a.m. and from 2 hours before legal sunset until ½ hour after legal sunset.

14. We prohibit target practice except in designated areas (see § 27.42 of this chapter).

15. Hunters must be off the island by 12 p.m. (noon) on Sunday.

16. We close the refuge to the nonhunting public on all hunt days.

17. Youth hunters age 15 and under must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a license. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

18. We prohibit mooring boats to the government dock except for loading and unloading purposes.

19. We prohibit the use of trail or game cameras.

20. We prohibit hunters from bringing firewood to the refuge.

21. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use

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(discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow saltwater fishing year-round in the estuarine waters adjacent to the refuge.
2. We allow bank/beach saltwater fishing into estuarine waters only from legal sunrise to legal sunset except during managed hunts.
3. We require a Georgia fishing license and Saltwater Information Program (SIP) permit.

### BOND SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We coordinate hunting seasons and limits with the State and annually list them in the hunting brochure.
2. We require you to possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and an additional refuge quota hunt permit for the quota hunts while hunting. You may obtain this permit and an application for the quota hunt from the refuge office.
3. At the manager's discretion we may zone or restrict some of the areas of the refuge to season of use, while we may close other areas to all public use.
4. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in part 32).
5. We allow the incidental take of feral hog with legal weapons during open season.
6. We allow only nontoxic shot for hunting with the use of a shotgun in designated areas (see §32.2(k)).
7. We require hunters to report all harvested game at the check station before leaving the refuge (see hunting brochure).
8. We allow access to the hunt area from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.
9. We allow the use of hunting dogs for retrieving downed waterfowl during waterfowl hunts.
10. We allow motorized boats in designated areas at the manager's discretion.
11. We prohibit flagging, blazing, painting, or any other trail-marking devices.
12. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of a road open to vehicle travel or within 200 yards (180 m) of a building.
13. We prohibit entry into the designated hunt area by nonhunters during all quota deer-gun and waterfowl hunts.

14. We prohibit use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(j)).

15. We prohibit target practice or any non-hunting discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter).

16. We prohibit walking or trespassing on the railroad tracks to access the refuge.

17. We prohibit removal of live hogs from the refuge.

18. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game.

19. Youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older possessing a valid hunting license.

20. We prohibit taking, collecting, or disturbing any artifact, property, plant, wildlife, or part thereof, other than that specifically allowed by refuge regulation (see §§27.61 and 27.62 of this chapter).

21. We prohibit littering (see §27.94 of this chapter).

22. We prohibit disturbing, annoying, or interfering with other persons.

23. We prohibit open fires (see §27.95(a) of this chapter).

24. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge except by wheelchair-bound hunters with a refuge Special Use Permit (General Activities—Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3-1383-G).

25. We prohibit off-road vehicle travel.

26. We prohibit vehicle travel around a closed gate.

27. We prohibit blocking refuge roads, boat ramp, or gates with vehicles, boats, or trailers.

28. We prohibit leaving vehicles, boats, trailers, or decoys on the refuge overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

29. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

30. We prohibit the possession or use of any suppressors or silencers on any firearm.

31. We prohibit the possession or use of any trail or game camera or leaving any other electronic device on the refuge.

32. We prohibit the possession or use of any night vision or thermal imaging equipment.

33. We prohibit the possession or use of any electronic calls.

34. We prohibit the training of dogs or release of birds.

35. We prohibit falconry.

36. We prohibit bicycles on foot travel roads or off road. We restrict bicycles to roads designated open to vehicles.

37. We prohibit audio equipment such as radios, other noise-making devices, or generators.

38. We prohibit horses or mules.

39. We prohibit construction of or hunting from permanent blinds for waterfowl. You may only place temporary blinds, blind material, and/or decoys on the day of the hunt,

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and you must remove them by 1:00 p.m. on that same day.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, and quail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A3 through A8, A10 through A12, and A14 through A38 apply.
2. We require you to possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting for upland game. The hunt brochure will serve as your hunt permit. You may obtain this permit from the refuge office.
3. We require each small game hunter to wear at least 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter orange as an outer garment above the waist during small game hunts.
4. We allow the use of hunting dogs while hunting for squirrel, rabbit, and quail.
5. You may place tree stands and hunting blinds during upland game and big game hunts on the day prior to each upland game and big game hunt. You must remove tree stands and hunting blinds by 11:00 a.m. on the day after the hunt.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting for white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A8, A10 through A18, A20 through A38, and B5 apply.
2. We may implement designated feral hog hunts at the manager's discretion.
3. We prohibit the use of buckshot.
4. We prohibit the use of dogs during deer and feral hog hunts.
5. We require each deer and feral hog hunter to wear at least 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter orange as an outer garment above the waist during hunts.
6. For archery hunting, we require you to possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting. You may obtain this permit from the refuge office.
7. Youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older possessing a valid hunting license. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from March 1 to October 31, except on the Ocmulgee River, which is open to fishing year-round.
2. We only allow access to the refuge and fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.
3. We only allow fishing with pole and line or rod and reel.
4. We allow boat launching at the Stone Creek Boat Launch. During periods of high water, we allow boats to be launched from

refuge roads normally open to vehicle traffic. We allow gasoline motors only during periods of high water as defined as a reading of 18.0 feet (5.5 meters) or higher at the Macon Gauge on the Ocmulgee River.

5. Conditions A3, A4, A11, A15, A16, A20 through A32, and A36 through A38 apply.
6. We prohibit use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing on the refuge.
7. We require you to possess and carry a signed refuge fishing permit (signed brochure) while fishing. You may obtain this permit from the refuge office.
8. Youth fishermen age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older possessing a valid fishing license.

### EUFAULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to § 32.20 Alabama for regulations.

### HARRIS NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a refuge hunt permit (name/address/phone number) for all hunters age 16 and older, which must be signed and carried at all times when hunting. We charge a fee for all hunt permits.
2. Each hunter may place one stand on the refuge during the week preceding each hunt, but you must remove stands by the end of each hunt (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
3. Hunters must be on their stands from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 9 a.m. and from 2 hours before legal sunset until ½ hour after legal sunset.
4. We prohibit use of flagging, blazing, or trail-marking devices to locate stands or for any other purpose.
5. We prohibit hunting within 100 yards (91.4 meters) of Harris Neck Road, the refuge entrance drive, Visitor Contact Station/Office, Barbour River Landing, Barbour River Road, or Gould's Cemetery.
6. We require hunters to check-in and check-out each hunt day. Personal identification is required.
7. We require hunters to check all harvested game at the check station before leaving the refuge each day.
8. During the hunts, we will restrict vehicles to the auto tour route (see § 27.31 of this chapter) and allow two-way traffic.
9. During the archery hunt, we allow only bows in accordance with State regulations.
10. Hunters must enter the refuge through the main entrance gate. We prohibit entry by boat.
11. Hunters may take five deer (no more than two antlered), and we will issue State

bonus tags for two of these. There is no bag limit for feral hog.

12. During the gun hunt, we allow only shotguns (20 gauge or larger; slugs only), muzzleloaders, and bows in accordance with State regulations.

13. We prohibit target practice (see §27.42 of this chapter).

14. During the gun hunt, hunters must wear an outer garment with a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 square centimeters) of hunter-orange material above the waistline.

15. Refuge personnel must check deer harvested during refuge hunts before leaving the refuge.

16. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game.

17. We will close the refuge to the non-hunting public on all hunt days.

18. Youth hunters age 15 and under must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a license. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

19. We prohibit the use of trail or game cameras.

20. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow saltwater fishing year-round in the estuarine waters adjacent to the refuge.

2. We allow bank fishing into estuarine waters only from legal sunrise to legal sunset except during managed hunts.

3. We close the Barbour Landing (boat ramp and parking areas) to the public from 12 a.m. (midnight) to 4 a.m.

4. We prohibit freshwater fishing.

5. We require a Georgia fishing license and Saltwater Information Program (SIP) permit.

#### OKEFENOKEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of rabbit, squirrel, bobwhite quail, and turkey on the Cowhouse Unit of the refuge. The season will be consistent with the adjacent Dixon Memorial Wildlife Management Area and in accordance with State hunting regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow foot and bicycle traffic on the refuge portion of Cowhouse Island.

2. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve during quail hunts.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of turkey only on the Cowhouse Island Unit of

the refuge. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog at the Suwannee Canal Recreation Area, the Pocket Unit, and Cowhouse Island Unit in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. In the Pocket Unit:

i. We only allow archery hunting and foot traffic.

ii. You must sign in and out daily.

iii. You must remove tree stands daily (see §27.93 of this chapter).

iv. We prohibit the use of dogs.

v. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45.7 meters) of any road opened for vehicular access.

vi. We prohibit possessing a cocked crossbow in a motor vehicle.

vii. We allow scouting 7 days prior to scheduled hunt.

viii. We prohibit shooting from a motor vehicle.

2. In the Suwannee Canal Unit:

i. We only allow two ½-day hunts (dates will be announced) and shotguns with slugs or muzzleloaders.

ii. We require a refuge permit (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) through refuge lottery (fee will be announced).

iii. Hunters must remain on stands from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 9 a.m.

iv. You must sign in and sign out daily.

v. You must tag your deer with special refuge tags (obtained from Refuge Office). There is a limit of two deer of either sex per day.

vi. We zone Chesser Island Hunt area to accommodate wheelchair hunters.

vii. We prohibit hunting with dogs.

viii. We allow scouting 7 days prior to scheduled hunt.

ix. We prohibit shooting from a motor vehicle.

x. We prohibit taking or possessing any wildlife except during an open season for that species.

xi. Condition C.1.iii applies.

3. In the Cowhouse Island Unit:

i. Dixon Memorial Wildlife Management Area rules, regulations, dates, and times apply.

ii. Conditions B.1, C.1.iii, and C.1.iv apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may use only 10 horsepower motors or less on the refuge.

2. We prohibit possession of live bait fish.

3. We only allow the use of pole and line or rod and reel.

4. We prohibit paddleboarding, air boats, swimming, and wading.

5. All boats must be off the water by posted time.

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6. In the Suwannee Canal Unit, we prohibit fishing in ponds and canals along Swamp Island Drive.

PIEDMONT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit upland game hunting during refuge deer or turkey hunts.

2. We coordinate seasons and limits with the State and annually list them in the refuge hunt brochure.

3. You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting. You may obtain the permit from the refuge office.

4. We require a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) to hunt on the Hitchiti Experimental Forest in accordance with refuge hunting seasons and regulations.

5. We prohibit hunting or possessing weapons in areas posted “No Hunting Zone” or “Area Closed” or designated as no hunting areas on the hunt brochure map (see §§27.42 and 27.43 of this chapter).

6. The refuge is a day-use-only area, with the exception of legal hunting activities.

7. We allow access to the hunt area from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

8. We allow hunting for raccoon and opossum from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on the days listed as open in the refuge hunt brochure.

9. We only allow .22 caliber or smaller rim-fire firearms for raccoon and opossum hunting.

10. You may use dogs on designated areas of the refuge for hunting quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum in accordance with State regulations.

11. You must keep your dogs confined or on a leash except when hunting, and you must remove your dogs upon your departure from the refuge (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

12. We prohibit use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(j)).

13. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

14. We prohibit possession or use of any suppressors or silencer on any firearms.

15. We prohibit possession or use of trail or game cameras or leaving any other electronic device on the refuge.

16. We prohibit possession or use of any night vision or thermal imaging equipment.

17. We prohibit possession or use of any electronic calls.

18. We prohibit training of dogs or release of birds.

19. We prohibit falconry.

20. We prohibit bicycles on foot travel roads or off road. We restrict bicycles to gravel roads designated open to vehicles.

21. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

22. We prohibit horses or mules.

23. We prohibit taking, collecting, or disturbing any artifact, property, plant, wildlife, or part thereof, other than that specifically allowed by refuge regulation (see §§27.61 and 27.62 of this chapter).

24. We prohibit open fires.

25. Youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older possessing a valid hunting license.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting for white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B4 through B7, B12 through B18, B20, and B22 through B24 apply.

2. We coordinate hunting seasons and limits with the State and annually list them in the refuge hunting brochure.

3. We require you to possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) while archery hunting. You may obtain this permit from the refuge office.

4. We require you to possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure), pay a fee for the quota firearms hunts, and possess and carry an additional refuge quota hunt permit (name/address/phone number) for the quota hunts. You may obtain applications and information about the hunt drawing from the refuge office.

5. We have a special deer hunt for disabled hunters confined to wheelchairs. You may obtain information about this hunt from the refuge office.

6. We prohibit entry into designated hunt areas by nonhunters during all quota deer hunts and the disabled deer hunts.

7. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking except in the designated campground at Pippins Lake. You must have a valid, paid refuge quota hunt permit (name/address/phone number) during big game quota hunts or a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) during the archery hunt to enter and use the campground.

8. We prohibit buckshot.

9. We only allow alcoholic beverages in the designated campground.

10. We prohibit flagging, blazing, painting, or any other trail-marking devices.

11. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of a road open to vehicle travel or within 200 yards (180 m) of a building.

12. You must bring any deer, turkey, or hog you harvest to the refuge check station intact, except entrails, the day you kill them

and before you leave the refuge. We prohibit possession of dressed deer, turkey, or hog unless you have checked them at the refuge check station.

13. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge except by wheelchair-bound hunters with a special use permit (General Activities—Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3-1383-G).

14. We prohibit target practice on the refuge, including the shooting of firearms or bows in the designated campground, or any nonhunting discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter).

15. We prohibit audio equipment such as radios or other noise-making devices such as generators after 10 p.m. or before 6 a.m. in the campground (see §27.72 of this chapter).

16. We prohibit dogs for hunting big game.

17. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game.

18. Youth hunters age 15 and under must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older possessing a valid hunting license. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from March 15 to September 30.

2. We only allow access to the refuge and fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. You may keep the following numbers of fish each day: bass—5, channel catfish—5, sunfish or bream—15, and crappie—15.

4. We allow nonmotorized boats or boats with electric motors on all ponds designated as open to fishing.

5. We prohibit use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing on the refuge.

6. We only allow fishing with pole and line or rod and reel.

7. We prohibit leaving boats or other personal equipment on the refuge overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit the use of fish for bait and the possession of minnows.

9. We prohibit placing or throwing in the water feeds, grains, or other materials to chum or attract fish.

10. We prohibit possession or take of grass carp. You must immediately release any grass carp caught.

11. We require you to possess and carry a signed refuge fishing permit (signed brochure) while fishing. You may obtain this permit from the refuge office.

12. Youth fishermen age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older possessing a valid fishing license.

#### SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas

of the refuge north of Georgia Highway 25/South Carolina Highway 170 in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. For all hunters age 16 and older, we require a refuge hunt permit, which must be signed and carried at all times when hunting. We charge a fee for all hunt permits.

2. To participate in the youth waterfowl hunt, youth hunters must submit the Waterfowl Lottery Application (FWS Form 3-2355). We require an application fee to enter the hunt drawing.

3. We only allow temporary blinds. You must remove decoys and other personal property from the refuge daily (see §27.93 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit hunting within 100 yards (91.4 meters) of Georgia Highway 25/South Carolina Highway 170.

5. Youth hunters age 15 and under must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a license. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

6. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32.)

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A6 apply.

2. We only allow rimfire rifles or shotguns with #2 shot or smaller for squirrel hunting.

3. We prohibit hunting on or within 100 yards (90 m) of U.S. Highway 17, GA Highway 25/SC Highway 170, refuge facilities, road and trails, railroad rights of way, and within areas marked as closed.

4. We prohibit the use of dogs.

5. During the period when the squirrel hunt coincides with the refuge gun hunt for deer and hogs, we require hunters to possess a big game license (State) and to wear an outer garment containing a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter-orange material above the waistline.

6. Youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a license. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A6, B3, B4, and B6 apply.

2. To participate in the gun hunt for wheelchair-dependent hunters, hunters must submit the Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354). To participate in the Youth

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Turkey Hunt & Learn Weekend, youth hunters must submit the Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356). We require an application fee to enter these hunt drawings.

3. We allow only bows, in accordance with State regulations, for deer and hog hunting during the refuge archery hunt.

4. We allow only shotguns (20 gauge or larger; slugs only), center-fire rifles (.22 caliber or larger), muzzleloaders, and bows, in accordance with State regulations, for deer and hog hunting during the gun hunts.

5. You must remove hunt stands daily (see §27.93 of this chapter).

6. Hunters may take five deer (no more than two antlered). There is no bag limit on feral hog.

7. Turkey hunters may harvest only three gobblers (male turkey).

8. We allow shotguns with only #2 shot or smaller and bows, in accordance with State regulations, for turkey hunting. We prohibit the use of slugs or buckshot for turkey hunting.

9. We prohibit the use of trail or game cameras.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Anglers may fish in refuge impoundments and canals from March 1 through November 30 annually.

2. Anglers may fish in Kingfisher Pond and all tidal creeks year-round.

3. We allow fishing from sunrise to sunset.

4. Anglers may bank fish year-round throughout the refuge, unless otherwise posted.

5. Boats may not be left on the refuge overnight.

6. Anglers may only use non-motorized boats and boats with electric motors within impounded waters.

7. We require a Georgia fishing license for fishing in Georgia waters; we require a South Carolina freshwater fishing license for fishing in South Carolina waters (includes refuge impoundments and bank fishing from Laurel Hill Wildlife Drive).

### WASSAW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a refuge hunt permit, for all hunters age 16 and older, which must be signed and carried at all times when hunting. We charge a fee for all hunt permits.

2. We prohibit flagging, blazing, or trail-marking devices to locate stands or for any other purpose.

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3. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game.

4. Refuge personnel must check deer harvested during scheduled hunts before hunters leave the refuge.

5. Hunters may take five deer (no more than two antlered), and we will issue State bonus tags for two of these. There is no bag limit on feral hog.

6. Hunters must be on their stands from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 9 a.m. and from 2 hours before legal sunset until ½ hour after legal sunset.

7. We prohibit target practice (see §27.42 of this chapter).

8. We allow only bows and muzzleloading rifles, in accordance with State regulations, for deer and hog hunting during primitive weapons hunt.

9. We allow only shotguns (20 gauge or larger; slug only), center-fire rifles (.22 caliber or larger), bows, and primitive weapons, in accordance with State regulations, for deer and hog hunting during the gun hunt.

10. We prohibit mooring boats to the government dock except for loading or unloading purposes.

11. Hunters must check-in at the refuge dock prior to setting up camp. We require personal identification at check-in.

12. We only allow camping at the designated camping area. You must confine fires (see §27.95 of this chapter) to the camping area.

13. Each hunter may place one stand on the refuge no earlier than 1 month prior to the opening day of each hunt, but you must remove all stands by the end of each hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

14. We require hunters to wear an outer garment that contains a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter-orange material above the waistline.

15. Hunters may check-in at the refuge dock no more than 1 day in advance of the opening day of the hunt.

16. Hunters must be off the island by 12 p.m. (noon) the day following the last day of the hunt.

17. Within the refuge, you may only walk or use a bicycle. We prohibit hunters to leave by boat to reach other parts of the island.

18. We will close the refuge to the non-hunting public on all hunt days.

19. Youth hunters age 15 and under must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a license. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

20. We prohibit the use of trail or game cameras.

21. We prohibit hunters from bringing fire-wood to the refuge.

22. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use

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(discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32.)

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow saltwater fishing year-round in the estuarine waters adjacent to the refuge.
2. We allow bank/beach fishing into estuarine waters only from legal sunrise to legal sunset except during managed hunts.
3. We prohibit freshwater fishing.
4. We require a Georgia fishing license and Saltwater Information Program (SIP) permit.

### WOLF ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may fish in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow saltwater fishing year-round in the estuarine waters adjacent to the refuge.
2. We close all beach, marsh, and upland areas to the public.
3. We require a Georgia fishing license and Saltwater Information Program (SIP) permit.

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### § 32.30 Hawaii.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### HAKALAU FOREST NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### HANAIEI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*D. Sport Fishing.* Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge.

#### KAKAHAIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*D. Sport Fishing.* Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge.

#### KILAUEA POINT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may salt water fish in designated areas of the refuge.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 59 FR 6691, Feb. 11, 1994; 62 FR 47377, Sept. 9, 1997; 65 FR 30782, May 12, 2000; 69 FR 54362, Sept. 8, 2004; 77 FR 56039, Sept. 12, 2012]

### § 32.31 Idaho.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BEAR LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit air-thrust boats.
2. We allow nonmotorized and motorized boats after September 20 within the designated refuge hunting areas.
3. You may only use portable blinds or construct temporary blinds of natural vegetation. Blinds will be available for general use on a first-come, first-served basis. You must remove portable blinds from the refuge at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).
4. You must remove all personal property, including decoys and boats, (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, grouse, partridge, and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit boats in the fishing area.
2. We prohibit use and possession of lead weights or sinkers.

#### CAMAS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

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1. We prohibit public entry onto the refuge prior to 1 hour before legal hunting hours.

2. You may only use portable blinds or construct temporary blinds of natural vegetation. Blinds will be available for general use on a first-come, first-served basis. You must remove portable blinds (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

3. You must remove all personal property (see § 27.93 of this chapter), including decoys, from the refuge at the end of each day.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, grouse, and partridge on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### DEER FLAT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, common snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You may hunt only duck, coot, and mourning dove on the Lake Lowell Unit.

2. You may hunt duck and coot only within 200 yards (180 meters) of the shoreline.

3. Duck and coot hunting in the East Side Recreation Area is walk-in only. We prohibit using float tubes and boats. Duck and coot hunters in the South Side Recreation Area may use float tubes, nonmotorized boats, or boats equipped with electric motors within 200 yards (180 meters) of the shoreline. We prohibit the use or possession of gas-powered motors.

4. You may possess only 25 or fewer shotgun shells per day for hunting duck and coot.

5. You may only use portable and temporary blinds. We prohibit permanent structures (see § 27.92 of this chapter).

6. You must remove boats, decoys, blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

7. You may enter the refuge 1 hour before official shooting hours (½ hour before legal sunrise), and remain on the refuge until 1 hour after official shooting hours (legal sunset).

8. You may use dogs for hunting. Dogs must be under the immediate control of the handler at all times.

9. From February 1 through June 14, we prohibit hunting on all islands in the Snake River Islands Unit. From June 15 through June 30, we prohibit hunting on islands used by nesting birds. You must comply with all posted signs.

5. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1 hour before official shooting hours (½ hour before legal sunrise), and remain on the ref-

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uge until 1 hour after official shooting hours (legal sunset).

6. We allow the use of dogs for hunting. Dogs must be under the immediate control of the handler at all times and not allowed to roam at large.

7. From February 1 through May 31, we prohibit hunting on the Snake River Islands Unit.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may hunt only pheasant, quail, and partridge on the Lake Lowell Unit.

2. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1 hour before official shooting hours (½ hour before legal sunrise), and remain on the refuge until 1 hour after official shooting hours (½ hour after legal sunset).

3. We allow the use of dogs for hunting. Dogs must be under the immediate control of the handler at all times and not allowed to roam at large.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must obtain a refuge-specific hunting permit (signed brochure) to hunt deer on the Lake Lowell Unit. Hunters must sign and carry the permit in the field while hunting.

2. Only the southern portion of the Lake Lowell Unit is open to deer hunting. We define the boundary of the deer hunting area on the north by the southern shoreline of Lake Lowell, on the east by the New York Canal, on the south by the southern boundary of the refuge, and on the west by Riverside Road.

3. Hunters may place up to two portable deer stands (including elevated platforms) in the Lake Lowell Unit. Hunters must place stands/platforms by hand, without the use of a vehicle. Hunters may place stands/platforms on the refuge no earlier than the beginning date of the assigned hunt permit and must remove them no later than the ending date of the hunt permit. Each stand must bear the hunter's name, address, and telephone number so that it is legible from the ground.

4. In the Lake Lowell Unit you may only shoot deer while hunting from an elevated tree stand/platform. We prohibit ground stalking and/or still hunting from the ground. We prohibit shooting a firearm or bow while on the ground, except to kill a downed deer.

5. While hunting from a tree stand, you must use a Fall-Arrest System (FAS)/Full Body Harness meeting Treestand Manufacturer's Association (TMA) Standards.

6. Hunters may only access the Lake Lowell Unit deer hunting area from Parking Areas 1-8.

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7. Hunters may enter the Lake Lowell Unit no earlier than 2 hours

7. You may enter the Lake Lowell Unit no earlier than 2 hours before official shooting hours (½ hour before legal sunrise) and must leave the area within 2 hours after official shooting hours (½ hour after legal sunset). Successful hunters may extend their departure time only as long as is necessary to retrieve dead deer.

8. A refuge employee, State Game Warden, or local law-enforcement officer must accompany hunters to retrieve a wounded or dead deer from any area that is closed to deer hunting.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. From October 1 through April 14, we only allow ice fishing within 200 yards (180 meters) of the shoreline in front of both the Lower Dam (Fishing Area A) and the Upper Dam (Fishing Area B) on the Lake Lowell Unit, unless otherwise posted by the Bureau of Reclamation.

2. From October 1 through April 14, we allow nonmotorized boats from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset only within 200 yards (180 m) of the shoreline in front of both the Lower Dam (Fishing Area A) and the Upper Dam (Fishing Area B) on the Lake Lowell Unit.

3. From April 15 through September 30, we allow motorized and nonmotorized boats from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset throughout the Lake Lowell Unit.

4. From February 1 through June 14, we prohibit fishing from all islands in the Snake River Islands Unit. From June 15 through June 30, we prohibit fishing from islands used by nesting birds. You must comply with all posted signs.

### GRAYS LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow nonmotorized boats.

2. You may only use portable blinds or construct temporary blinds of natural vegetation. Blinds will be available for general use on a first-come, first-served basis. You must remove portable blinds (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

3. We only allow hunters and dogs to retrieve game in designated hunting areas.

4. You must remove all personal property, including decoys and boats, (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### KOOTENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less per day.

3. We prohibit the discharge of firearms in the posted retrieving/safety zone.

4. On waterfowl hunt days, we allow waterfowl hunters to access the waterfowl hunt area after 3 a.m.

5. We prohibit overnight vehicle parking on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of forest grouse and wild turkey on that portion of the refuge that lies west of Lion's Den Road in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You may possess only approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, elk, black bear, moose, and mountain lion on that portion of the refuge that lies west of Lion's Den Road in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer at the designated accessible blind for hunters with disabilities subject to the following conditions:

i. You may only participate in deer hunting at the accessible blind with a refuge permit (name/address/phone number), which is issued through a random drawing in early August. You may apply for a 7-day archery-only permit (name/address/phone number) or a 7-day archery/special weapons-only permit (name/address/phone number). A total of 4 weeks of archery-only permits and 6 weeks of archery/special weapon-only permits will be available.

ii. You must possess a valid State disabled hunting license and tag and provide proof of this prior to the drawing.

iii. We only allow deer hunting at the accessible blind using the following weapons: Muzzleloader, archery equipment, crossbow, shotgun, or handgun. For shotguns, you may only use slugs. For handguns, you may only use straight-walled cartridges not originally established for rifles.

iv. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).

2. We prohibit the use of dogs to hunt big game.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Myrtle Creek in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We allow bank fishing only.

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### MINIDOKA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunters and dogs to retrieve game in designated hunting areas.

2. You may only use portable blinds or construct temporary blinds of dead natural vegetation. Blinds will be available for general use on a first-come, first-served basis. You must remove portable blinds (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day. We prohibit use of rock piles above the high-water mark for blind construction. We prohibit pit blinds (see §27.92 of this chapter).

3. We only allow vehicle parking in designated parking lots.

4. On West Hunting Area (Lake Walcott), we allow hunting on the uplands and over water within 100 yards (90 m) of the shoreline. We only allow use of boats for retrieval of game.

5. On East Hunting Area (Tule Island), we allow boats during the waterfowl hunting season.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, grouse, partridge, and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow bank fishing year-round. We only allow vehicle access (see §27.31 of this chapter) to shoreline fishing areas on designated routes.

2. We allow ice fishing in accordance with State regulations. We prohibit motor vehicles (see §27.31 of this chapter) on the ice.

3. We allow bank and float-tube fishing year-round, throughout all of Lake Walcott.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

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*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted only in the area outside the main dike in the Liverpool Lake section and north of the entrance to the north ditch known as Goofy Ridge Ditch.

2. Hunters must remove boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds (see §27.92 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge from legal sunrise to legal sunset in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing on Lake Chautauqua from February 1 through October 15. We prohibit fishing in the Waterfowl Hunting Area during the waterfowl hunting season.

2. We allow bank fishing year-round between the boat ramp and the fishing trail in the North Pool and from Goofy Ridge Public Access to the west gate of the north pool water control structure.

3. Motorboats must not exceed "no-wake" speeds.

4. We prohibit the public entering Weis Lake on the Cameron-Billsbach Unit of the refuge from October 16 through January 31.

5. We prohibit leaving boats on refuge waters overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

### CRAB ORCHARD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a refuge hunt brochure permit that is available at the refuge office and in brochure dispensers at multiple locations throughout the refuge. You must carry this signed permit when hunting on the refuge.

2. We prohibit hunting in the restricted use area of Crab Orchard Lake and areas posted closed to hunting as described in the hunting brochure.

3. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of all designated public use facilities, including but not limited to: parking areas, picnic areas, campgrounds, marinas, boat ramps, public roads, and established hiking trails listed in the refuge trails brochure.

4. Hunters must remove all boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

5. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, platforms, or scaffolds (see § 27.92 of this chapter).

6. Waterfowl hunting blinds must be a minimum of 200 yards (180 m) apart. Hunters must anchor boat blinds on the shore or anchor them a minimum of 200 yards (180 m) away from any shoreline.

7. An adult age 21 or older must supervise youth hunters under age 16, and youth hunters must remain in sight of and normal voice contact with the adult.

8. We prohibit the use of paint, flagging, reflectors, tacks, or other manmade materials to mark trails or hunting locations (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

9. We allow the use of hunting dogs during the hunting season, provided the dogs are under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

10. We allow waterfowl hunting on the eastern shoreline in Grassy Bay.

11. Waterfowl hunters may hunt in the "controlled waterfowl hunting area" up to 3 days prior to Canada goose season.

12. We allow waterfowl hunting in the "controlled waterfowl hunting area" (as displayed in the refuge hunting brochure) during the Canada goose season subject to the following conditions:

- i. Waterfowl hunters must attend a special drawing on the day of the hunt.
- ii. We allow hunting ½ hour before legal sunrise to posted closing times.
- iii. Hunters must hunt from assigned refuge blinds or markers. We allow water blind hunters to hunt from a boat immediately adjacent to their blind/marker.
- iv. All hunters must report their harvest at the end of the day's hunt using the Waterfowl Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2361).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, bobwhite quail, raccoon, opossum, red fox, grey fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A5 and A7 through A9 apply.
2. We prohibit upland game hunting in the "controlled waterfowl hunting area" during the Canada goose hunting season, except we allow furbearer hunting from legal sunset to legal sunrise.
3. For hunting, you may possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).
4. We prohibit hunters using rifles or handguns with ammunition larger than .22 caliber rimfire, except they may use black powder firearms up to and including .40 caliber.
5. We allow the use of .22 and .17 caliber rimfire lead ammunition for the taking of small game and furbearers during open season.

6. We prohibit target practice or any non-hunting discharge of firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A5 and A7, A8, and B4 apply.
2. We require all deer and turkey hunters using the "restricted use area" (as described in the hunting brochure) to check-in at the refuge visitor center prior to hunting.
3. We allow the use of legal-sized lead ammunition (see current Illinois hunting digest) for the taking of deer.
4. We prohibit the use of handguns for the taking of deer in the restricted use area.
5. We prohibit the use of "deer drives" for the taking or attempting to take deer. We define a "deer drive" as a hunter(s) moving through an area with the intent of displacing one or more deer in the direction of another hunter(s).
6. We allow deer hunting with archery equipment only in the following areas:
  - i. In the "controlled waterfowl hunting area";
  - ii. On all refuge lands north of Illinois State Route 13; and
  - iii. In the area north of the Crab Orchard Lake emergency spillway and west of Crab Orchard Lake.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. On Crab Orchard Lake west of Wolf Creek Road:
  - i. Anglers may fish from boats all year.
  - ii. Anglers must remove all trotlines/jugs from legal sunrise until legal sunset from the Friday immediately prior to Memorial Day through Labor Day.
2. On Crab Orchard Lake east of Wolf Creek Road:
  - i. Anglers may fish from boats March 15 through September 30.
  - ii. Anglers may fish all year at the Wolf Creek and Route 148 causeways.
3. Anglers must check and remove fish from all jugs and trotlines daily.
4. We prohibit using stakes to anchor any trotlines and anchoring trotlines from any object on the shoreline.
5. Anglers must tag all jugs and trotlines with their name and address.
6. We prohibit anglers using jugs or trotlines with any flotation device that has previously contained any petroleum-based material or toxic substances.
7. Anglers must attach a buoyed device that is visible on the water's surface to all trotlines.

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8. Anglers may use all legal noncommercial fishing methods, except they may not use any underwater breathing apparatus.

9. On A-41, Bluegill, Managers, Honkers, and Vistors Ponds:

i. Anglers may fish only from legal sunrise to legal sunset March 15 through September 30.

ii. We prohibit anglers from using boats or flotation devices.

10. Anglers may not submerge any poles or similar object to take or locate any fish.

11. Organizers of all fishing events must possess a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383G or 3-1383C).

12. We prohibit anglers from fishing within 250 yards (225 m) of an occupied waterfowl hunting blind.

13. We restrict motorboats on all refuge waters to slow speeds leaving "no wake" within 150 feet (45 m) of any shoreline, swimming area, marina entrance, boat ramp, causeway tunnel, and any areas indicated on the lake zoning map in the refuge fishing brochure.

14. We prohibit the use of boat motors of more than "10 horse power" on Devils Kitchen and Little Grassy Lakes.

15. We prohibit the use of gas-powered motors in the southeastern section of Devils Kitchen Lake (consult lake zoning map in the refuge fishing brochure).

16. We prohibit the use of trotlines/jugs on all refuge waters outside of Crab Orchard Lake.

17. Specific creel and size limits apply on various refuge waters as listed in the Crab Orchard Fishing Brochure and the annual Illinois fishing digest.

### CYPRESS CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, woodcock, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove all boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, and platforms (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

2. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, and scaffolds (see §27.92 of this chapter).

3. We prohibit outboard motors larger than 10 hp.

4. We prohibit the use of paint, flagging, reflectors, tacks, or other manmade materials to mark trails or hunting locations.

5. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dogs are under the immediate control of the hunter at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

6. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

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*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, bobwhite quail, raccoon, opossum, red fox, grey fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4, A5, and A6 apply.

2. We prohibit hunting after legal sunset, except we allow raccoon and opossum hunting after legal sunset.

3. We allow the use of .22 and .17 caliber rimfire lead ammunition for the taking of small game and furbearers during open season.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4, and A5 apply. Condition A6 applies to wild turkey only.

2. We prohibit deer drives, by person or animal, and participating in deer drives on all refuge divisions.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A3 apply.

2. Anglers must remove all boats and fishing equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's fishing activity.

3. We prohibit the use of trotlines, jugs, yoyos, nets, or any commercial fishing equipment except in areas where State regulation authorizes commercial tackle.

4. We prohibit the use of more than two poles per angler and more than two hooks or lures per pole.

5. We prohibit possession of bass less than 15 inches (37.5 cm) in length from refuge ponds.

6. We prohibit possession of more than six channel catfish from refuge ponds.

### EMIQON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

2. Hunters must remove boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

3. We allow the use of motorized boats at no-wake speeds on all refuge waters.

4. We allow access for hunting from 1 hour before legal shooting time (consult the State regulations for the species in question) until 1 hour after legal sunset.

5. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in

the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: Conditions A4 and A5 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A4 applies. Condition A5 applies to wild turkey only.
2. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders (see §27.93 of this chapter).
3. You must remove all portable hunting stands and blinds from the area at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the year on designated areas of the refuge. We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit fishing in the Waterfowl Hunting area during the waterfowl hunting season.
2. We prohibit leaving boats on refuge waters overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).
3. Condition A3 applies.

#### GREAT RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl and coot on the Long Island Division of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting only from blinds constructed on sites posted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
2. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of small game, furbearers, and game birds on the Long Island, Fox Island, Cherry Box, and Hickory Creek Divisions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A2 applies.
2. We open refuge divisions for upland game hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.
3. We allow hunting with shotgun only during the Statewide upland game season.
4. We close Fox Island Division to all upland game hunting from October 16 through December 31.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A2 applies, except for when hunting for white-tailed deer.

2. We prohibit construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders (see §27.92 of this chapter).

3. We only allow portable tree stands from September 1 through January 31 of each year. The hunter's full name, address, and State-generated hunter identification number must be permanently attached in a visible location on the stand. Limit one stand per hunter.

4. We prohibit hunting over or placing on the refuge any salt or other mineral blocks (see §32.2(h)).

5. On the Fox Island Division, we only allow deer hunting during the Statewide archery deer season and special managed hunts.

6. On the Cherry Box and Hickory Creek divisions, we allow deer hunting during the Statewide archery deer season only.

7. On the Delair Division, we only allow deer hunting during special managed hunts and subject to the following conditions:

- i. You must possess and carry a refuge permit (hunt letter) when hunting.
- ii. You must register at the hunter sign-in/out station and record the sex and age of deer harvested on the Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359).
- iii. Shooting hours end at 3 p.m. each day.

8. On the Long Island Division, we allow deer and turkey hunting in accordance with State seasons and regulations.

9. On the Fox Island, Cherry Box, and Hickory Creek Divisions, we allow turkey hunting during the state spring season, youth season, and fall archery season.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the Long Island and Fox Island Divisions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the taking of turtle and frog (see §27.21 of this chapter).

2. On the Fox Island Division, we only allow bank fishing along any portion of the Fox River from January 1 through October 15.

#### MEREDOSIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow sport fishing on all areas open to public access from legal sunrise to legal sunset from February 1 to October 15.

2. We allow access to Meredosia Lake from the boat ramp and allow foot access on refuge land along the east side of the Meredosia Lake in Morgan County from legal sunrise to legal sunset throughout the year.

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3. We prohibit leaving boats on refuge waters overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

4. Motorboats must not exceed “no-wake” speeds.

### MIDDLE MISSISSIPPI RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on the Meissner, Wilkinson, and Beaver Island Divisions in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, scaffolds, or platforms (see §27.92 of this chapter).

2. You must remove boats, blinds, blind materials, stands, decoys, and other hunting equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.

3. We allow portable blinds on a daily basis on a first-come, first-served basis.

4. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game (squirrels, rabbits, and bobwhite quail only) on the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. On the Wilkinson Island Division, you must comply with both Illinois and Missouri firearm blaze-orange safety requirements from October 1 to January 31.

2. Condition A4 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. On the Wilkinson Island Division, you must comply with both Illinois and Missouri firearm blaze-orange safety requirements from October 1 to January 31.

2. On the Harlow, Crains, and Meissner Island Divisions, you may only use archery equipment to harvest white-tailed deer.

3. We prohibit deer drives, by person or animal, and participating in deer drives on all refuge divisions.

4. We prohibit placing temporary tree stands in dead or dying trees.

5. You may not remove any tree or limbs greater than 1 inch in diameter.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We close the Meissner Island Division to all sport fishing.

2. We prohibit the taking of turtle and frog (see §27.21 of this chapter).

3. We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

4. You must remove all fishing devices (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day’s fishing.

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Refer to §32.34 (Iowa) for regulations regarding Iowa River Corridor Lands.

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on the Big Timber Division and Iowa River Corridor Lands. We prohibit hunting of migratory game birds on the Louisa, Horseshoe Bend, and Keithsburg Divisions.

2. You must remove boats, decoys, and portable blinds (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

3. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)).

4. On the Big Timber Division, we allow portable blinds on a daily basis at any location on first-come, first-served basis.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of upland game on the Big Timber, Keithsburg, and Horseshoe Bend Divisions, and on Iowa River Corridor Lands. We prohibit hunting of upland game on any other areas of the refuge.

2. Condition A3 applies to upland game, including wild turkey. We allow shotgun slug or muzzleloading rifle for hunting coyotes.

3. We allow only squirrel hunting on the Keithsburg Division from the beginning of the State season to September 15. We prohibit hunting of any other upland game on the Keithsburg Division.

4. We allow hunting on the Horseshoe Bend Division from September 1 until September 15, and December 1 until February 28. We allow spring turkey hunting.

5. We allow hunting on the Big Timber Division from September 1 until February 28. We allow spring turkey hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer only on Big Timber Division, on Horseshoe Bend Division, and on Iowa River Corridor Lands. We prohibit hunting of white-tailed deer on any other areas of the refuge.

2. We only allow the use of portable stands, and hunters must remove them at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

3. We close Horseshoe Bend Division to all public access from September 15 until December 1.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the taking of turtle or frog (see §27.21 of this chapter).

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2. We only allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. We close the following Divisions to all public access: Louisa Division—September 15 until January 1; Horseshoe Bend Division—September 15 until December 1; Keithsburg Division—September 15 until January 1.

4. Anglers must remove boats and all other fishing devices (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day's fishing.

5. We only allow motor boats on Horseshoe Bend Division for fishing during the periods when flood water enables access from the river over the levee.

6. We allow sport fishing on Iowa River Corridor lands subject to the following condition: Condition D4 applies.

### TWO RIVERS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds only on the Apple Creek Division and the portion of the Calhoun Division east of the Illinois River Road in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, scaffolds, or platforms (see §27.92 of this chapter).

2. Hunters must remove boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

3. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting for wild turkey, small game, furbearers, and nonmigratory game birds on the Apple Creek Division and the portion of the Calhoun Division east of the Illinois River Road in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. We allow turkey hunting only on the Clarksville Island Division. We restrict turkey hunting to archery only in the fall and shotgun or archery in the spring.

3. Condition A3 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on the Apple Creek Division and the portion of the Calhoun Division east of the Illinois River Road in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders (see §27.92 of this chapter).

2. Hunters must remove all portable hunting stands and blinds from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. We restrict white-tailed deer hunting on the Clarksville Island Division to archery only.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the taking of turtle or frog (see §27.21 of this chapter).

2. We only allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. From October 15 through December 31 we close the Batchtown, Gilbert Lake, and Portage Island Divisions, and the portion of the Calhoun Division north and west of the Illinois River Road, to all public access.

4. Anglers must remove boats and all other fishing devices (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day's fishing activity.

5. We only allow boats on the Gilbert Lake Division for fishing during those periods when flood water enables access from the river over the levee.

### UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE AND FISH REFUGE

Refer to §32.42 Minnesota for regulations.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 58 FR 29074, May 18, 1993; 59 FR 6685, 6692, Feb. 11, 1994; 59 FR 55185, Nov. 3, 1994; 60 FR 62041, Dec. 4, 1995; 61 FR 45366, Aug. 29, 1996; 61 FR 46394, Sept. 3, 1996; 62 FR 47378, Sept. 9, 1997; 63 FR 46916, Sept. 3, 1998; 65 FR 30782, May 12, 2000; 65 FR 56402, Sept. 18, 2000; 66 FR 46356, Sept. 4, 2001; 67 FR 58944, Sept. 18, 2002; 69 FR 54362, 54387, Sept. 8, 2004; 69 FR 55995, Sept. 17, 2004; 70 FR 54166, Sept. 13, 2005; 72 FR 51542, Sept. 7, 2007; 73 FR 33172, June 11, 2008; 76 FR 3959, Jan. 21, 2011; 76 FR 56068, Sept. 9, 2011; 77 FR 56040, Sept. 11, 2012; 79 FR 14827, Mar. 17, 2014; 80 FR 51901, Aug. 26, 2015; 81 FR 68897, Oct. 4, 2016]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

### BIG OAKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions.

1. We require a refuge hunt permit (signature only).

2. We allow the use of hunting dogs only during the squirrel hunting season. You must ensure that all hunting dogs wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

3. You must hunt only in assigned areas. We prohibit trespass into an unassigned hunt area.

4. In areas posted "Area closed," we prohibit entry, including hunting.

5. We prohibit the use of flagging tape and reflective tacks.

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6. We allow the use of squirrel hunting dogs only in the day-use areas.

7. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

8. We require that all hunters check all harvested game taken on the refuge at the refuge check station.

9. We require all refuge hunters to hunt with a partner. We require hunting partners to know the location of their partner while hunting. An adult, age 18 or older, must directly supervise youth hunters age 17 or under.

10. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(j)).

11. Hunters must possess and carry a compass and/or GPS while hunting on the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1, B3, B4, B5, and B7 through B11 apply.

2. The refuge access permit will contain bag limits and license requirements.

3. We allow the use of portable hunting stands and blinds. You may leave hunting stands and blinds in the field overnight only if you will be hunting that same location the following day. We prohibit tree steps or screw-in steps (see §32.2(i)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the Old Timbers Lake in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a refuge access permit (signature only).

2. We only allow fishing with a rod and reel or pole and line.

3. We prohibit the use of trotlines.

4. We allow boats only if rowed, paddled, or powered by an electric trolling motor on the Old Timbers Lake.

5. We prohibit retaining black bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and spotted bass between 12 and 15 inches (30 and 37.5 cm).

#### MUSCATATUCK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting and the discharge of a firearm within 100 yards (30 m) of any dwelling or any other building that people, pets, or livestock may occupy.

2. We allow the use of hunting dogs only for hunting rabbit, quail, and squirrel provided the dogs are under the immediate control of the hunter at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

3. We allow only shotguns for upland game hunting.

4. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

5. We require hunters to read the current refuge hunting brochure, sign it, and then carry it while hunting.

6. We require all hunters except turkey hunters to wear hunter orange.

7. We require all hunters to display a game harvest report (FWS Form 3–2359), with name and date filled in, on their vehicle dashboard while hunting. Hunters may pick up reports at registration boxes, complete the reports, and leave them there before departing the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1, B5, and B7 apply. Condition B4 applies only to wild turkey.

2. You must possess and carry a State-issued refuge hunting permit to hunt deer during the State muzzleloader season and the youth hunting weekend.

3. We prohibit firearms deer hunting during the State firearms season except in compliance with condition C2.

4. You may take only two deer per day from the refuge, only one of which may be an antlered buck.

5. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders (see §27.92 of this chapter).

6. We allow only spring turkey hunting on the refuge, and hunters must possess a State-issued hunting permit during the first 2 weeks of the season.

7. We require all hunters to display a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3–2359), with name and date filled in, on their vehicle dashboard while hunting. Hunters may obtain a copy of the Big Game Harvest Report at registration boxes. Deer and turkey hunters must leave the completed form at a registration box before departing the refuge.

8. We permit archery deer hunting in designated areas after National Wildlife Refuge Week during the State season with the exceptions that archery deer hunting is closed during the youth deer hunt in November and during the State muzzleloader season.

9. Turkey hunting ends at 1 p.m. daily.

10. We prohibit the use or possession of game trail cameras on the refuge.

11. We require you to remove arrows from crossbows during transport in a vehicle.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

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1. We allow the use of boats (hand- or foot-propelled only) on Stanfield Lake. We prohibit the use of electric or gasoline motors.
2. We allow the use of kayaks and non-motorized canoes on Richart Lake.
3. We allow the use of belly boats or float tubes in all designated fishing areas.
4. We allow fishing only with rod and reel or pole and line.
5. We prohibit harvest of frog and turtle (see § 27.21 of this chapter).
6. We prohibit the use of lead fishing tackle.
7. We allow only children younger than age 16 to fish in the Discovery Pond.

### PATOKA RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND MANAGEMENT AREA

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge and the White River Wildlife Management Area in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, platforms, or scaffolds (see § 27.92 of this chapter).
2. You must remove all boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials after each day's hunt (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
3. We allow motorboats only on Snakey Point Marsh east of the South Fork River and the Patoka River. All other areas are open to either manual-powered boats or boats with battery-driven motors only.
4. Motorboats must not exceed "no wake" speeds.
5. We prohibit the use of powered airboats on the refuge.
6. We close the Cane Ridge Wildlife Management Area to all hunting.
7. We prohibit hunting and the discharge of a weapon within 150 yards of any dwelling or any building that may be occupied by people, pets, or livestock.
8. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).
9. We prohibit the use of trail and game cameras on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of bobwhite quail, cottontail rabbit, squirrel (gray and fox), turkey, red and gray fox, coyote, opossum, and raccoon in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must register to hunt furbearers at the refuge office, record the number of furbearers harvested on the Upland Game Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2362), and return the completed form to the refuge office after the hunting season.
2. We allow the use of dogs for hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

3. Conditions A7 through A9 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, platforms, or scaffolds (see § 27.92 of this chapter).
2. We prohibit marking trails with tape, ribbons, paper, paint, tacks, tree blazes, or other devices.
3. On the Columbia Mine Unit, you may only hunt white-tailed deer during the first week (7 days) of the following State-defined seasons: archery, firearms, and muzzleloader.
4. On the Columbia Mine Unit, you may only hunt wild turkey during the State-defined spring season. We prohibit fall season wild turkey hunting on the Columbia Mine Unit.
5. On the Columbia Mine Unit, you may leave portable tree stands overnight only when the unit is open to hunting and for a 2-day grace period before and after the special season.

6. Conditions A6 through A9 apply. Condition A8 applies only to wild turkey.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on all areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow sport fishing in accordance with State regulations on the main channel of the Patoka River.
2. All other refuge waters are subject to the following conditions:
  - i. We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.
  - ii. We allow fishing only with rod and reel or pole and line.
  - iii. The minimum size limit for largemouth bass on Snakey Point Marsh and on the Columbia Mine Unit is 14 inches (35.6 centimeters).
  - iv. You may not collect or harvest minnows, crayfish, or any reptiles and amphibians (see § 27.21 of this chapter).
3. You must remove boats at the end of each day's fishing activity (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
4. Conditions A2 through A5 apply.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and

are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

DE SOTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow youth hunting of ring-necked pheasant on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with the States of Iowa and Nebraska regulations. The refuge manager will annually determine and publish hunting seasons, dates, and designated areas.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with States of Iowa and Nebraska regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge manager will annually determine and publish hunting seasons and dates and include them in the refuge access permit.

2. You must possess and carry a refuge access permit at all times while in the hunting area. Hunters may enter the hunting areas only within the dates listed on the Refuge Access Permit.

3. All areas open to hunting may be accessed by hunters with a valid Iowa or Nebraska resident hunting permit. Reciprocity exists, with both States allowing hunters with either resident permit to access refuge hunting land in either State.

4. Hunters holding nonresident Nebraska or nonresident Iowa permits may hunt only on the ground that lies within the State that issued the nonresident permit.

5. We allow hunters in the designated area from 3 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

6. We prohibit the use of a crossbow as archery equipment unless the hunter has obtained a State-issued disability crossbow permit.

7. All hunters must be in possession of a valid Entrance Fee Permit.

8. Hunters may not construct or use permanent blinds or stands. Hunters must remove hunting blinds or stands and other property by the close of the season (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

9. We prohibit shooting on or over any refuge road open to vehicle traffic within 30 feet (9 m) of the centerline.

10. We prohibit field dressing of any big game within 100 feet (30 m) of the centerline of any refuge road.

11. We prohibit use of two-way mobile radio transmitters to communicate the location or direction of game or to coordinate the movement of other hunters.

12. We prohibit participation in organized deer drives.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing in DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge in accordance with the States of Iowa and Nebraska

regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow ice fishing in DeSoto Lake from January 2 through the end of February.

2. We allow the use of pole and line or rod and reel fishing in DeSoto Lake from April 15 through October 14.

3. We allow the use of archery and spear fishing for nongame fish only from April 15 through October 14.

4. When the lake is open to ice fishing, we prohibit motor- or wind-driven conveyances on the lake.

5. We allow the use of portable ice fishing shelters on a daily basis from January 2 through the end of February.

6. Anglers may use no more than two lines and two hooks per line, including ice fishing.

7. We prohibit the use of trotlines, float lines, bank lines, or setlines.

8. Anglers must adhere to minimum length and creel limits as posted.

9. We prohibit anglers leaving any personal property, litter, fish or any parts thereof, on the banks, in the water, or on the ice.

10. We prohibit digging or seining for bait.

11. We prohibit take or possession of turtle or frog at any time (see §27.21 of this chapter).

12. We limit boating to “no-wake” speeds, not to exceed 5 miles per hour.

13. We allow anglers on the refuge from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

DRIFTLESS AREA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. In areas posted “Area Closed,” we prohibit entry, including hunting.

2. In areas open to hunting, we allow hunting beginning November 1 until the close of State hunting seasons or January 15, whichever occurs first.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting for any allowed birds or other small game.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. In areas posted “Area Closed,” we prohibit all public entry, including hunting.

2. In areas open to hunting, we allow hunting beginning November 1 until the close of State hunting seasons or January 15, whichever occurs first.

3. We allow archery and muzzleloader hunting only.

4. We allow deer drives only during lawful party hunting conducted within the refuge, in accordance with State regulations. We prohibit driving deer from or through the refuge to any persons hunting outside the refuge boundary.

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5. We do not allow construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders.

6. You must remove all stands from the refuge following each day's hunt.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge.

### IOWA WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. For hunting, you may possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

2. We prohibit leaving boats, decoys, or other personal property unattended at any time. You must remove all personal property, which includes boats, decoys, and blinds, brought onto the district at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. We allow boats or other floating devices. We restrict all watercraft motors to 15 horsepower (11.2 kW) or less.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting throughout the district in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: Conditions A1 and A2 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting throughout the district in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You may leave tree stands in an area for a continuous period of time beginning 7 days prior to the open season for hunting deer and ending 7 days after the final day of that season. You must clearly mark the stand with your name or Iowa hunting license number.

2. You do not have exclusive use of the tree stand when unattended or exclusive use of the tree stand site.

3. We prohibit driving nails, screws, spikes, or other metal objects into a tree (see §32.2(i)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the district in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A3 applies.

2. You must remove all ice fishing shelters and other personal property at the end of each day's fishing (see §27.93 of this chapter).

### NEAL SMITH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow the hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit all hunting February 1 through August 31 due to conflict with existing appropriate and compatible uses.

2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while hunting for any allowed bird, including waterfowl and wild turkey, or other upland or small game.

3. We allow entry into the refuge 1 hour before sunrise and require hunters to leave the refuge no later than 1 hour after sunset.

4. We prohibit shooting on or over any refuge road within 50 feet (15 meters) from the centerline.

5. You must possess and carry a refuge permit (free brochure available at the refuge visitor center).

6. We allow the use of dogs for waterfowl, pheasant, and quail hunting only.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail, pigeon, mourning dove, crow, cottontail rabbit, gray and fox squirrel, and fall wild turkey (2 weeks within the season) on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Conditions A1 to A6 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A3 to A5 apply.

2. We allow the use of portable stands and blinds for hunting, and hunters must remove them at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### NORTHERN TALLGRASS PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails (Virginia and sora only), woodcock, snipe, and doves (mourning and Eurasian collared) on designated areas in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. For units adjacent to and managed by Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, you must follow the refuge-specific regulations provided in this section of the regulations for Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.

2. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

3. Hunters may construct temporary blinds using manmade materials only. We prohibit bringing plants or their parts onto the refuge.

4. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds (see §27.93 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit leaving boats, decoys, or other personal property unattended at any time.

6. Hunters must remove boats, decoys, portable or temporary blinds, materials brought onto the refuge, and other personal property at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

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7. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided that the dogs remain under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

8. We prohibit the use of motorized watercraft.

9. We prohibit camping.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail, gray partridge, cottontail rabbit, squirrel (fox and gray), groundhog, raccoon, opossum, fox (red and gray), coyote, badger, striped skunk, and crow on designated areas in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. For units adjacent to and managed by Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, you must follow the refuge-specific regulations provided in this section of the regulations for Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.

2. Shotgun hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

3. We allow the use of dogs for upland game bird hunting only, provided the dogs remain under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

4. We prohibit the use of dogs for hunting furbearers.

5. Conditions A8 and A9 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. For units adjacent to and managed by Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, you must follow the refuge-specific regulations provided in this section of the regulations for Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.

2. We allow the use of temporary stands, blinds, platforms, or ladders. Hunters may construct blinds using manmade materials only. We prohibit bringing plants or their parts onto the refuge.

3. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, scaffolds, or ladders (see §27.93 of this chapter).

4. Conditions A6, A8, and A9 apply.

5. While hunting wild turkey, you may use only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### PORT LOUISA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.32 (Illinois) for Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge fee title lands.

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, teal, brant, merganser, coot, sora and Virginia rail, dove, woodcock and snipe on Iowa River Corridor Project lands in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting migratory birds (see §32.2(k)).

2. You must remove boats, decoys, and portable blinds at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting upland game (see §32.2(k)); you may use lead shot to hunt turkey.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: We only allow the use of portable stands and you must remove them at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on all areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: You must remove boats and all other fishing devices at the end of each day's fishing.

### UNION SLOUGH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, rail (Virginia and sora only), woodcock, and snipe on the Buffalo Creek Bottoms and Schwob Marsh units of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters on the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

2. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

3. We allow boats or other floating devices. We allow electric motors only. We prohibit the use of air-thrust boats. You may not leave boats unattended.

4. You may construct blinds using manmade materials or natural vegetation found on the refuge. We prohibit bringing plants or their parts onto the refuge.

5. You must remove boats, decoys, and blinds (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.

6. We allow the use of hunting dogs provided that the dogs remain under the immediate control of the hunter at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

7. We prohibit entry into any closed area to retrieve downed game, unless the hunter has received written permission from the refuge manager.

8. We prohibit hunting on road rights-of-way on any portion of the refuge not open to hunting. The road right-of-way extends to the center of the road.

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*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, gray partridge, cottontail rabbit, squirrel (fox and gray), groundhog, raccoon, opossum, fox, coyote, and crow on Buffalo Creek Bottoms, Schwob Marsh, and the Core Area in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting in the Core Area during the dates posted at the Refuge Headquarters.

2. We prohibit possession of shotgun slugs.

3. Hunters may only enter the refuge from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

4. Conditions A2, A6, A7, and A8 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and turkey on Buffalo Creek Bottoms, Schwob Marsh, and the Core Area in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 and A8 apply. Condition A2 applies only to wild turkey.

2. Deer hunters in the Core Area must possess a valid State deer hunting license and an unfilled State-issued transportation tag.

3. We allow portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms to be left on the refuge from 7 days prior to the first deer hunting season; they must be removed prior to 7 days following the last deer hunting season. Turkey hunters must remove blinds and stands each day.

4. You must label portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your name, address, and phone number if left unattended. The label must be legible from the ground.

5. You must remove any other personal property brought onto the area at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. We only allow deer hunters on the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

7. Deer hunters may possess only shot shells that shoot a single projectile (*i.e.*, slugs).

8. We prohibit turkey hunting in the Core Area at all times.

9. We only allow turkey hunters on the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

10. We allow the use of temporary stands, blinds, platforms, or ladders. You may construct blinds using manmade materials or natural vegetation found on the refuge. We prohibit bringing plants or their parts onto the refuge.

11. We prohibit entry into any closed area to retrieve downed game, unless the hunter has received written permission from the refuge manager.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing from the County Road A-40 right-of-way and in Buffalo Creek south of County Road 320th Street in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. We allow fishing from boats on the Buffalo Creek Bottoms; however, we prohibit the use of gasoline motors.

3. We prohibit the use or possession of lead terminal tackle.

### UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE AND FISH REFUGE

Refer to §32.42 Minnesota for regulations.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### FLINT HILLS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, rail, woodcock, crow, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) when hunting.

2. We allow waterfowl hunting only on portions of the refuge on the south side of the Neosho River.

3. We prohibit hunting on the Neosho River and using boats on the river to gain hunting access.

4. We prohibit shooting from or over roads and parking areas.

5. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. You may leave temporary blinds (other than portable blinds) constructed of natural vegetation found on site overnight. We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time. Construction of these temporary blinds does not constitute exclusive use of the blind.

7. Dogs must be under the owner's immediate control at all times.

8. We prohibit hunters or dogs retrieving game in areas closed to hunting.

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9. We prohibit leaving decoys unattended at any time.

10. We allow crow hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

i. We prohibit the use of centerfire rifles and pistols for hunting on the refuge.

ii. We close hunting areas on the north side of the Neosho River to all hunting from November 1 through March 1.

iii. Conditions A1, A3, A4, A7, and A8 apply.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, prairie chicken, rabbit, and squirrel on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A3, A7, and A8 apply.

2. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit the use of centerfire rifles and pistols for hunting on the refuge.

4. We close hunting areas on the north side of the Neosho River to all hunting from November 1 through March 1.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow shotguns, muzzleloading firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter), and archery equipment for deer hunting.

2. We do not open for deer hunting during the extended white-tailed deer antlerless season in January.

3. We require the use of approved nontoxic shot for turkey hunting (see § 32.2(k)).

4. Dogs used during the fall turkey season must be under the owner's immediate control at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. We allow portable tree stands and/or portable ground blinds; however, you must remove them along with any other personal property at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. We prohibit the use of electronic or photographic trail-monitoring devices.

7. Conditions A1, A3, A7, A8, B3 and B4 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not open areas on the north side of the Neosho River to all fishing from November 1 through March 1, except for the Dove Roost pond and the Upper Burgess marsh.

2. We only allow fish bait collecting for personal use. We prohibit digging or habitat disturbance (see § 27.51 of this chapter).

### KIRWIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, merganser, coot, mourning dove, and snipe on designated

areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only possess six shells per day in the area from the Quillback Cove parking lot to the No Hunting Zone boundary east of Dogtown.

2. You may use natural vegetation to construct a temporary blind.

3. You may use portable hunting blinds.

4. We prohibit construction or use of any permanent blind.

5. We prohibit digging or using holes or pits for blinds.

6. We prohibit retrieval of waterfowl from an area closed to waterfowl hunting.

7. We only allow waterfowl hunting by boat in Bow Creek. You may not create a wake while in Bow Creek.

8. We prohibit the use of ATVs (all-terrain vehicle), OHVs (off-highway vehicle), NHVs (nonhighway vehicle), or snowmobiles on the refuge (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).

9. We prohibit commercial guiding on the refuge.

10. We prohibit overnight camping on the refuge.

11. We prohibit open fires on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, prairie chicken, fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only possess bow and arrow or shotguns no larger than 10 gauge on the refuge.

2. In addition to pheasant, we allow hunting of fox squirrel and cottontail rabbit only during pheasant season.

3. We prohibit retrieval of upland game from an area closed to upland game hunting.

4. We prohibit retrieval of turkey from an area closed to turkey hunting.

5. Conditions A1, A8, A9, A10, and A11 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow archery hunting of deer.

2. You must obtain a refuge-issued permit to hunt deer on the refuge. You must sign and carry the permit in the field while hunting.

3. We prohibit construction or use of any permanent stand or blind (see § 27.92 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit digging or using holes or pits for blinds.

5. You may use natural vegetation to construct a temporary blind.

6. We prohibit retrieving deer from an area closed to deer hunting.

7. We prohibit retrieving turkey from an area closed to turkey hunting.

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8. We prohibit the use of nails, wires, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven (see §32.2(i)).

9. Conditions A8 through A11 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow access to Kirwin Reservoir by foot to bank or ice fish.

2. We allow motorized vehicles only on designated roads, parking lots, and boat ramps (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit motorized vehicles on the ice.

3. We allow motorized boating in the main body of Kirwin Reservoir and in Bow Creek. You must not create a wake in Bow Creek or within 100 yards (90 m) of any shoreline or island in the main body of Kirwin Reservoir. We prohibit motorized boats in the Solomon Arm of Kirwin Reservoir.

4. We allow motorless boats in the Solomon Arm of Kirwin Reservoir from August 1 through September 30.

5. We prohibit access within 100 yards (90 m) of a nesting endangered or threatened species.

6. We allow noncommercial collection of bait fish in accordance with State regulations.

7. We prohibit fishing tournaments on the refuge.

8. We prohibit disposal of fish cleanings on the refuge (see §27.94 of this chapter).

9. Conditions A8 through A11 apply.

### MARAIS DES CYGNES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, rail, snipe, woodcock, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) when hunting.

2. We restrict outboard motor use to the westernmost 5½ miles (8.8 km) of the Marais des Cygnes River. You may use only non-motorized boats and electric trolling motors on remaining waters in designated areas of the refuge.

3. We prohibit discharge of firearms within 150 yards (135 m) of any residence or occupied building.

4. We allow only temporary portable blinds and blinds made from natural vegetation.

5. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, and other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, squirrel, and bobwhite quail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A3 apply.

2. We prohibit centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols.

3. You may possess only bow and arrow or shotguns smaller than 10 gauge while hunting upland game.

4. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A3, A4, A5, and B2 apply.

2. You must possess and carry a refuge access permit to hunt deer and spring turkey.

3. We prohibit hunting with the aid of or distribution of any feed, salt, or other mineral (see §32.2(h)).

4. We prohibit the use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices.

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for turkey hunting (see §32.2(k)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: Condition A2 applies.

### QUIVIRA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, Virginia and Sora rail, mourning dove, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We open refuge hunting areas September 1 through February 28.

2. We may close refuge hunting areas to hunting without notice when whooping crane are present or emergencies arise.

3. We post refuge hunting areas as "Public Hunting Areas" and delineate them on the refuge hunting brochure map.

4. The refuge is open from 1½ hours before legal sunrise to 1½ hours after legal sunset. We prohibit hunters entering refuge hunting areas to set up decoys and other devices until 1 hour prior to legal shooting time (½ hour before legal sunrise). Hunters must remove all decoys within 1 hour following the end of legal shooting time (legal sunset).

5. We prohibit hunting from or across any road, trail, or parking area.

6. Hunters must park in designated parking areas.

7. We only allow portable devices or temporary blinds of natural vegetation. We prohibit construction of permanent blinds or pits (see §27.92 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit the retrieval of game from areas closed to hunting.

9. We prohibit the use of boats, canoes, or other watercraft.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, squirrel, and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance

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with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A6, and A8 apply.
2. We only allow shotguns for hunting on the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on all waters on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may take fish species listed in the State fishing regulations. We prohibit taking of frog, snake, or any other wildlife (see § 27.21 of this chapter).
2. We prohibit the use of trotlines and setlines.
3. We prohibit the use of seines for taking bait.
4. We prohibit fishing from water control structures and bridges.
5. We restrict fishing in the designated “Kid’s Pond,” approximately ¼ mile (.4 km) WSW of headquarters, to youth age 14 and under, and to a parent and/or guardian age 18 or older accompanying a youth.
6. The bag limit for the Kid’s Pond is one fish per day.
7. We prohibit the use of boats, canoes, or other watercraft.
8. The refuge is open 1½ hours before legal sunrise to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### CLARKS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove, woodcock, common snipe, Canada and snow goose, coot, crow, and waterfowl listed in 50 CFR 10.13 under DUCKS on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Except for raccoon, opossum, and bullfrog hunting, access to the refuge is from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset.
2. We prohibit the use of motorized off-road vehicles (e.g., ATVs) and any unlicensed vehicles on the refuge (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).
3. We prohibit target practice with any weapon or nonhunting discharge of firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit the use of horses and mules on refuge property during the State muzzle-loader and modern gun deer hunts. We allow horseback riding on refuge roads and portions of the abandoned railroad tracks owned by the refuge for access purposes while engaged in wildlife activities. We prohibit horses and mules off these secondary access routes for any reason.

5. You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed brochure) while hunting and/or fishing on the refuge.

6. To retrieve or track game from a posted closed area of the refuge, you must first receive authorization from the refuge manager at 270-527-5770 or the law enforcement officer at 270-703-2836.

7. We prohibit the use of flagging tape, reflective tacks, or nonbiodegradable devices used to identify paths to and mark tree stands, blinds, and other areas.

8. We close portions of abandoned railroad tracks within the refuge boundary to vehicle access (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

9. We prohibit discharge of firearms on or within 200 feet (90 meters) of any home, the abandoned railroad tracks, graveled roads, and hiking trails.

10. We prohibit possession or use of alcoholic beverages.

11. We prohibit the use of any electronic call or other electronic device used for producing or projecting vocal sounds of any wildlife species with the exception of electronic calls used during the refuge coyote hunt starting at legal sunrise on the first Monday following the end of deer archery season and closing at legal sunset on the Friday 2 weeks prior to the beginning of youth turkey season.

12. We allow trail cameras. Cameras may be used year-round. Cameras must have the owner’s name, address, and phone number clearly displayed or they may be confiscated.

13. An adult age 21 or older must supervise all youth hunters age 15 and younger. Youth hunters must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. On small game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than two youths; on big game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than one youth.

14. All persons born after January 1, 1975, must possess a valid hunter education card while hunting.

15. We prohibit the use of centerfire weapons when hunting crow.

16. We allow dogs for waterfowl, small game, and fall turkey hunting. Hunters must control all dogs by leash or chain if they are not legally using them for hunting. Dog owners/handlers must have a collar on each dog with the owner’s name, address, and telephone number.

17. By 12 p.m. (noon) during the Statewide waterfowl season: you must cease hunting; unload firearms used for waterfowl hunting (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter); remove decoys,

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blinds, boats, and all other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter); and be out of the field daily.

18. We close to all entry of, as posted, the Clarks River Waterfowl Units from November 1 through March 31, with the exception of drawn permit holders (name/address/phone) and their guests.

19. We only allow waterfowl hunting on the Clarks River Waterfowl Units on specified days during the State waterfowl season. We only allow hunting by individuals in possession of a drawn permit and their guests. State regulations and the following conditions apply:

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, opossum, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16 apply.
2. We close squirrel, rabbit, crow, woodcock, snipe, dove, and quail seasons during muzzleloader and modern gun deer hunts.
3. You may not kill or cripple a wild animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal and harvest a reasonable portion to be included in your daily bag limit.
4. You may use only rimfire rifles, pistols, shotguns, and legal archery equipment for taking upland game.
5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while hunting small game.
6. You may hunt coyote under Statewide regulations starting at legal sunrise on the first Monday following the end of deer archery season and closing at legal sunset on the Friday 2 weeks prior to the beginning of youth turkey season. Hunters may also take coyote during any daytime refuge hunt for other wildlife species with weapons, ammunition, and equipment legal for that species only.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16 and B3 apply.
2. We only allow the use of portable and climbing stands. You may place stands in the field no earlier than 2 weeks prior to the opening of deer season, and you must remove them from the field within 1 week after the season closes (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). The hunter's name, address, and phone number must appear on all stands left in the field.
3. You must use safety belts at all times when occupying the tree stands.
4. We prohibit organized deer drives of two or more hunters. We define "drive" as: the act of chasing, pursuing, disturbing, or otherwise directing deer so as to make animals more susceptible to harvest.

5. Ground blinds used for the purpose of hunting any species during the deer modern gun, muzzleloader, and youth firearms seasons must display one square foot (144 square inches) of solid, unbroken, hunter orange visible from all sides. You must remove ground blinds when not in use.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A15 apply.
2. The following apply to the Environmental Education and Recreation Area (EERA).
  - i. The EERA is a day-use area only.
  - ii. We only allow one rod and reel or pole and line for fishing per person.
  - iii. We prohibit the use of any type of watercraft.
  - iv. We prohibit the introduction or stocking of any species (see §27.52 of this chapter).
  - v. We prohibit the use of live fish for bait.
  - vi. We close designated portions of the EERA to all entry from November 1 to March 15.
  - vii. We allow the taking of largemouth bass, channel catfish, and bluegill in accordance with posted limits.
  - viii. We prohibit the hunting or harvesting of frog.

### OHIO RIVER ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.68 West Virginia for regulations.

### REELFOOT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.62 Tennessee for regulations.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

### ATCHAFALAYA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting must be in accordance with State-issued Sherburne Wildlife Management Area regulations.

2. Feral hogs are incidental take species. You may take feral hog during any open hunting season, only with the weapon allowed for that season, and only if you are a hunter with proper licenses and State permits for that season. There is no bag limit on feral hog.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions: A1 and A2 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions: A1 and A2 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow finfishing and shellfishing year-round in accordance with Sherburne Wildlife Management Area regulations and subject to the following condition: We prohibit all commercial finfishing and shellfishing without a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-C).

#### BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require that all hunters and anglers age 16 and older purchase an annual public use permit (name/address/telephone number). We waive the fee for individuals age 60 and older. You must sign the permit, certifying that you understand and will comply with all regulations. You must carry this permit at all times while on the refuge.

2. We allow migratory game bird hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season. We do not open for the special teal season or the State youth waterfowl hunt.

3. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) of the maintained rights-of-way of roads, refuge roads or designated trails, buildings, residences, or designated public facilities.

4. You must remove harvested waterfowl, temporary blinds, and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) used for duck hunting by 1 p.m. daily.

5. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

6. While hunting, all persons age 16 or younger must be in the presence and under direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter age 18 or older.

7. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of

whether the payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

8. We prohibit use or possession of any type of trail-marking material.

9. Coyote, beaver, feral hog, and raccoon are incidental take species and you may take them during any open hunting season only with the weapon allowed for that season if you are a hunter having the required licenses and permits. There is no bag limit on coyote, feral hog, and beaver. State regulations apply on other incidental species.

10. You must check all game taken on the refuge before leaving the refuge at one of the self-clearing check stations indicated on the map in the refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations Brochure.

11. We allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility vehicles in accordance with State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) regulations and size specifications on designated trails (see §27.31 of this chapter) from scouting season until February 28. An ATV is an off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed the following: Weight 750 pounds (337.5 kilograms), length 85 inches (212.5 centimeters (cm)), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 26 inches (66 cm) by 12 inches (30.5 cm) with a maximum 1-inch (2.5-cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi (48 kPa) as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

12. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

13. You must obtain a daily use reporting card (one per person) and place it on the dashboard of your vehicle or in your boat so that your personal information (name/city/State/zip code) is readable and in plain view. You must complete all the information requested (name/address/phone number) and return the cards to the refuge kiosk/check stations upon departure from the refuge.

14. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge by 2 hours after legal sunset except that raccoon and opossum hunters during the month of February may use the refuge at night.

15. Waterfowl hunters are allowed no more than 25 shotshells per person.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow squirrel and rabbit hunting within the State season. We will list specific refuge season dates annually in the Refuge Public Use Brochure.

2. Conditions A1, A3, and A7 through A16 apply.

3. We allow the use of dogs to hunt squirrel and rabbit during that portion of the season designated as small game with dogs. We list specific season dates in the refuge brochure.

4. While engaged in upland game hunting, we prohibit possession of hunting firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, or buckshot.

5. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge by 2 hours after legal sunset.

6. While hunting, all persons age 16 and younger must be in the presence and under direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter age 18 or older.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A3, and A7 through A16 apply.

2. The bag limit is one deer per day. The State tagging regulations apply.

3. You must check all deer on the same day taken during lottery deer hunts at the nearest refuge check station.

4. You must wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters) of unbroken hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back, and a hat or cap of unbroken hunter orange. You must wear the solid-hunter-orange items while in the field.

5. You may place stands up to 2 days prior to established hunting season dates. You must remove stands by 2 days after the hunting season closes. You must mark your name and phone number on your stand. You are allowed one portable stand or blind on the refuge.

6. We only allow deer hunting with modern firearms during the lottery deer hunt. We require special limited permits for the lottery deer hunt. We only allow hunters with a valid lottery deer hunt permit (must possess and carry the permit) to use the refuge during the lottery deer hunt.

7. We allow deer hunting within the State season. We will list specific refuge season dates annually in the Refuge Public Use Brochure.

8. We allow deer hunting with primitive firearms subject to State regulations. Specific open dates will appear in the annual Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations Brochure.

9. We prohibit possession or use of buckshot.

10. We prohibit possession or use of climbing spikes.

11. We prohibit the use of trail cameras.

12. We prohibit baiting or hunting over bait and the possession of bait or any non-naturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

13. There is an application fee per person for the lottery gun hunt application (name/address/phone number). We waive the fee for youth and special access applications.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A11 through A15 apply.

2. We prohibit commercial fishing.

3. We prohibit the taking of alligator snapping turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

4. We only allow fishing during daylight hours.

5. The refuge boat ramp is open for daylight use only, except during specified hunting seasons when the ramp is open from 4 a.m. until 2 hours after legal sunset.

6. We prohibit wire traps, slat traps, wire nets, hoop nets, trotlines, yo-yos, and jug lines on the refuge.

#### BAYOU SAUVAGE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds (duck and goose) on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We consider all waterfowl and coot hunting to be youth hunts. Youths, age 15 or younger, must accompany an adult age 21 or older. The youth must be capable of and must actively participate in such hunt by the possession and/or firing of a legal weapon during such hunt for the express purpose of harvesting game.

2. Each adult may supervise no more than two youths, and no more than one adult may supervise each youth during the course of any hunt. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Adults accompanying youth on refuge hunts may participate by hunting but may not harvest more than their own daily bag limit. Youth must harvest their own bag limits.

3. We allow waterfowl (duck, goose, and coot) hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, including early teal season, youth waterfowl hunt season, or other such special seasons that may be promulgated by law or statute. We will close the refuge to waterfowl and coot hunting during any segment of goose season that extends beyond the regular duck season.

4. Hunters may not enter the refuge prior to 4 a.m. on the day of the hunt and must exit the refuge with all equipment and materials (see §27.93 of this chapter) no later than 1 p.m.

5. We allow hunting only on those portions of the refuge that lie outside of the confines of the hurricane protection levee, unless we post areas closed to hunting or designated areas closed on the refuge hunt permit (signed brochure).

6. Specific State regulations apply during the State Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days (*i.e.*, adults may not hunt), except adults must be age 21 or older.

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7. Hunters must possess and carry a valid refuge hunt permit (signed brochure).

8. We allow dogs only to locate, point, and retrieve while hunting.

9. We allow only nontoxic shot while hunting (see §32.2(k)).

10. We prohibit hunting within 500 feet (150 m) of any residence or structure adjacent to the refuge; and we prohibit hunting within 200 feet (60 m) of any road, railroad, levee, water control structure, designated public use trail, designated parking area, and other designated public use facilities.

11. We require hunters to comply with State regulations regarding the completion of a Hunter Safety Course.

12. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

13. We prohibit air-thrust boats, aircraft, mud boats, and air-cooled propulsion engines on the refuge, except hunters may use air-cooled propulsion engines to traverse the refuge through the Intracoastal Waterway and the Irish Bayou Straight Canal.

14. We prohibit motorized vehicles on all levees.

15. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting/angling guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting/angling on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

16. We prohibit the use of open fires.

17. We prohibit camping.

18. We prohibit target shooting on the refuge.

19. We prohibit the use of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers, except bright eyes.

20. We close all portions of the refuge outside of the Hurricane Protection Levee to public entry other than waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. from November 1 through January 31 and during the State teal season.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow finfishing and shellfishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is open from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset.

2. We allow sport fishing and shell fishing year-round on designated areas of the refuge and only after 12 p.m. on portions of the refuge outside of the Hurricane Protection Levee from November 1 through January 31 and during the State teal season. We close

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the remainder of the refuge from November 1 through January 31.

3. We only allow sport fishing with hand-held rod and reel or hand-held rod and line. You may take bait shrimp with cast nets 8 feet (2.4 m) in diameter or less. You may take crawfish (up to 100 pounds (45 kg) per person) with wire nets up to 20 inches (50 cm) in diameter. We allow recreational crabbing with a limit of 12 dozen per person. You must attend all fishing, crabbing, and crawfishing equipment at all times.

4. The use of trotlines, limblines, slat traps, gar sets, nets or alligator lines is prohibited on the refuge.

5. Only outboard motors 25 horsepower or less are permitted in waterways inside the hurricane protection levee.

6. We prohibit feeding of any wildlife within the refuge.

7. We prohibit all commercial finfishing and shell fishing.

8. Conditions A12 through A19 apply.

9. We prohibit motorized vehicles on all levees.

### BAYOU TECHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds and waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. All hunters must possess and carry a signed hunt permit while hunting on the refuge. This permit is free and available on the front cover of the refuge brochure. This permit is free and available on the front cover of the refuge's brochure.

2. We prohibit hunting in and/or shooting into or across any agricultural field, roadway, or canal.

3. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters age 15 and younger during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game hunts and migratory bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

4. We require waterfowl hunters to remove all portable blinds, boats, decoys, and other personal equipment from the refuge by 1 p.m. daily.

5. All hunters must check-in prior to hunting and check out after hunting at a refuge self-clearing check station. You must report all game taken on the refuge when checking out by using the check card.

6. We prohibit airboats and marsh buggies (tracked vehicles) on the refuge. We restrict motorized boat use to existing canals, ditches, trenasses, ponds, and from areas marked as nonmotorized areas only.

7. We prohibit parking, walking, or hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any active oil well site, production facility, or equipment. We also prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any public road, refuge road, building, residence, or designated public facility.

8. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait while in the field and hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or any nonnaturally occurring food attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

9. We allow hunting until 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters may only enter the refuge after 4 a.m.

10. We allow waterfowl hunting in Centerville, Garden City, Bayou Sale, North Bend East, and North Bend West Units during the State waterfowl season. We open no other units to migratory waterfowl hunting.

11. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

12. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

13. We prohibit horses and ATVs.

14. We prohibit the use of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers except bright eyes.

15. We prohibit target shooting on the refuge.

16. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

17. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§27.42 and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting from the start of the State squirrel and rabbit seasons until the last day of State waterfowl season in the West Zone.

2. We prohibit upland game hunting on days corresponding with refuge deer gun hunts.

3. We allow hunters to enter the refuge after 4 a.m., but they must leave the refuge 1 hour after legal sunset.

4. We allow hunting 7 days per week beginning with the opening of the State season through the last day of the State waterfowl season in the West Zone in the following refuge units: Centerville, Garden City, Bayou Sale, North Bend—East, and North Bend—

West Units. We open no other units to the hunting of upland game.

5. We prohibit dogs.

6. Conditions A1 through A3, A5 through A8, and A12 through A17 apply, except we allow the use of .17 and .22 caliber rimfire or smaller while hunting small game.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of deer only with firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) during 5 specific days during October and November. A youth gun hunt will occur during the last weekend of October. The general gun hunt will occur during the final full weekend in November. The youth gun hunt includes both Saturday and Sunday. The general gun hunt includes the Friday immediately before the weekend.

2. We allow archery deer hunting from the start of the State archery season until January 31. Hunters may take deer of either sex in accordance with State-approved archery equipment and regulations. The State season limits apply. The following units are open to archery deer hunting: Centerville, Bayou Sale, North Bend East, North Bend West, and Garden City. We close refuge archery hunting on those days that the refuge deer gun hunts occur.

3. We allow hunting only in the Centerville, Garden City, Bayou Sale, North Bend East, and North Bend West Units. We do not open the Bayou Sale Unit for all big game firearm hunts.

4. We allow each hunter to possess only one deer per day, the deer may be a buck or a doe. State season limits apply.

5. You may take no other native or feral wildlife other than white-tailed deer while engaged in big game hunting (see §27.21 of this chapter).

6. Hunters may use only portable deer stands. Hunters may erect deer stands one day before the deer archery season and must remove them from the refuge within 1 day after the season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on a refuge. Deer stands must have owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position when not in use (see §27.93 of this chapter).

7. All hunters (including archery hunters) except waterfowl hunters must wear and display 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of unbroken hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back and a hunter-orange cap during deer gun seasons. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

8. Conditions A1 through A3, A5 through A8, A13 through A17, B3, and B5 apply.

9. We prohibit the use of trail cameras.
10. We prohibit the use of deer decoys.
11. We prohibit dogs and driving deer.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in all refuge waters in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow recreational fishing. We prohibit all commercial fishing activity.
2. We prohibit the use of unattended nets, traps, or lines (trot, jug, bush, etc.).
3. The refuge is open from legal sunrise until legal sunset unless stated otherwise.
4. The Franklin Unit canals (birdfoot canals) will be open for motorized boats between April 15 and August 31. This unit is open to nonmotorized boats all year.
5. Conditions A6, A13, A15, and A17 apply.

BIG BRANCH MARSH NATIONAL WILDLIFE  
REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, goose, snipe, rail, gallinule, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge during the State season for those species in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon), including the State special teal season and State youth waterfowl hunt.
2. We do not open the refuge to goose hunting for that part of the season that extends beyond the regular duck season.
3. We allow only temporary blinds, and hunters must remove the blinds and decoys by 1 p.m. (see §27.93 of this chapter).
4. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.
5. You must possess and carry a valid refuge hunt permit (signed brochure).
6. We prohibit air-thrust boats, aircraft, mud boats, and air-cooled propulsion engines on the refuge.
7. An adult age 21 or older must supervise youth hunters age 15 or younger during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game and migratory bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.
8. We prohibit camping.
9. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§27.42 and specific refuge regulations in part 32).
10. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) from the centerline of any road open to vehicle travel, Boy Scout Road, any main-

tained trails, or from any residence. We prohibit hunting in refuge-designated closed areas which we post on the refuge and identify in the refuge hunt permits (see §27.31 of this chapter).

11. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).
  12. Hunters may not enter the refuge before 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal sunset for that day.
  13. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.
  14. We prohibit horses.
  15. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs).
  16. We prohibit target shooting on the refuge.
  17. We prohibit the use of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers except reflective tacks.
  18. We designate refuge areas closed to public hunting on the refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) or posted with no hunting signs.
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, and quail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. We allow upland game hunting during the open State season. When hunting, you may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k) of this chapter), shot size 4 or smaller, or 0.22 caliber rimfire rifles or smaller.
  2. You may only use dogs for hunting squirrel and rabbit after the close of the State archery deer season.
  3. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for quail.
  4. Conditions A5 through A10 and A12 through A18 apply.
  5. All hunters, including archers (while on the ground), except waterfowl hunters must wear a hunter orange cap or hat during the dog season for squirrel and rabbit.
- C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. We are open only during the State season for archery hunting of deer.
  2. We only allow portable stands.
  3. We prohibit dogs and driving deer.
  4. You may take deer of either sex in accordance with State-approved archery equipment and regulations. The State season limits apply. Longbow, compound bow, and crossbow or any bow drawn, held, or released

by mechanical means will be a legal means of take during the deer archery season.

5. Hunters may erect temporary deer stands 1 day prior to the start of deer archery season. Hunters must remove all deer stands within 1 day after the archery deer season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on a refuge. Deer stands must have the owner's name, address and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position when not in use (see §27.93 of this chapter).

6. Hunters may take hogs only during the refuge deer archery hunt.

7. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait while in the field and hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or any nonnaturally occurring food attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

8. Conditions A5 through A10, A12 through A18, and B5 apply.

9. We prohibit the use of trail cameras.

10. We prohibit the use of deer decoys.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated waters of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may fish only from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset, except we allow night fishing from the bank and pier on Lake Road.

2. You must only use rods and reel or pole and lines while fishing.

3. We prohibit the use of trotlines, limblines, slat traps, gar sets, nets, or alligator lines on the refuge. You may take bait with cast nets 8 feet (2.4 m) in diameter or less.

4. We allow recreational crabbing.

5. We prohibit all commercial finfishing and shellfishing.

6. Conditions A6, A8, A9, and A13 (angling guides) through A17 apply.

7. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

#### BLACK BAYOU LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of certain species of migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge as indicated in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed Public Use Regulations brochure) and must carry and fill out daily a Visitor Check-In Permit and Report (FWS Form 3-2405).

2. We allow migratory bird hunting on designated areas as indicated in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure.

3. We allow waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

4. We prohibit accessing the hunting area by boat from Black Bayou Lake.

5. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m.

6. We prohibit hunting within 100 feet (30 meters) of the maintained right-of-way of roads and from or across all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit hunting within 50 feet (15 meters), or trespassing on above-ground oil, gas, or electrical transmission facilities.

7. We prohibit leaving boats, blinds, and decoys overnight.

8. We only allow hunting dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting migratory game birds.

9. Youths are generally defined as those individuals age 17 or younger, except that for migratory bird hunts youth are defined as age 15 or younger. Youths younger than age 16 may hunt without hunter-education certification if they are accompanied by and under direct supervision of a person born before September 1, 1969, who has a valid hunting license or if they are accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person who is age 18 or older and has proof of successful completion of a hunter-education course approved by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Direct supervision means that the person being supervised is within a normal audible voice contact and in direct line of sight of the supervising person at all times while hunting. The supervising adult is responsible for ensuring that youth hunters do not violate refuge regulations.

10. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether the payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

11. We only allow ATVs on trails (see §27.31 of this chapter) designated for their use and marked by signs. ATV trails are closed March 1 through August 31. An ATV is an off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed the following: Weight 750 lbs. (337.5 kilograms), length 85 inches (212.5 centimeters (cm)), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25 inches by 12 inches (62.5 cm by 30 cm) with a maximum of 1-inch (2.5-cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi (48 kPa) as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of certain species of upland game on designated areas of the refuge as indicated in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure and in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A4, A6, A9, A10, and A11 apply.

2. Specific open dates and open areas to small game hunting will appear in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure.

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3. We prohibit taking small game with firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot.

4. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 1 hour after legal shooting hours end.

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while hunting on the refuge. This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge as indicated in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A4, A6, A9, A10, A11, and B4 apply.

2. Specific open dates and open areas will appear in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure.

3. We prohibit gun deer hunting.

4. The daily bag limit is one deer of either sex. The State season limit applies.

5. We prohibit leaving deer stands, blinds, cameras, and other equipment unattended.

6. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters under age 16 during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game and migratory bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not violate refuge regulations.

7. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or other feed or any nonnaturally occurring attractant, on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may enter the refuge ½ hour before legal sunrise, and you must exit no later than ½ hour after legal sunset.

2. You may only launch boats at the concrete ramp adjacent to the visitor center. We prohibit launching boats with motors greater than 50 hp. We prohibit personal watercraft (Jet Skis).

3. We prohibit trotlines, limb lines, yo-yos, traps, or nets.

4. We prohibit commercial fishing.

5. We prohibit leaving boats or other equipment on the refuge overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

6. We require a boat launch fee. You must pay launch fees and fill out and properly display your launch permit before launching boat.

7. We prohibit take of frog, turtle, and mink (see §27.21 of this chapter).

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8. We prohibit crossing the water hyacinth booms in a boat or traveling over idle speed within the booms.

### BOGUE CHITTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon), including the State special teal season and State youth waterfowl hunt. You must remove blinds and decoys by 1 p.m. (see §27.93 of this chapter). We do not open the refuge to goose hunting for that part of the season that extends beyond the regular duck season.

2. We allow woodcock hunting in accordance with State regulations using only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) size #4 or smaller.

3. We allow public hunting on designated areas during the open State season for listed migratory game bird species. We designate areas where public use is restricted in the refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) or by designated signage.

4. When hunting for migratory game birds, we only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve.

5. We require possession of a signed refuge hunt permit (signed refuge brochure) while hunting.

6. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters age 15 or younger during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game hunts and migratory bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

7. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) from the centerline of any public road, refuge road, designated or maintained trail, building, residence, designated public facility, or from or across aboveground oil or gas or electric facilities. We prohibit hunting in refuge-designated closed areas, which we post on the refuge and identify in the refuge hunt permits (signed brochure).

8. For the purpose of hunting, we prohibit possession of slugs, buckshot, rifle, or pistol ammunition unless otherwise specified.

9. We allow primitive camping within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of designated streams. These include either bank of the Boque Chitto River, Wilson Slough, and West Pearl River south of Wilson Slough, refuge lands along the East Pearl River, and Holmes Bayou. Campers must mark their campsite

with the owner's name, address, phone number, and dates of occupancy placed in a conspicuous location in the center of camp.

10. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly to indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

11. We prohibit horses, trail cameras, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and utility-type vehicles (UTVs).

12. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)).

13. We prohibit the use of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers, except reflective tacks.

14. We prohibit the use or possession of alcohol while hunting (see § 32.2(j)).

15. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait while in the field and hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or any nonnaturally occurring food attractant, on the refuge (see § 32.2(h)).

16. We prohibit target shooting on the refuge.

17. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow use of dogs for rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, and opossum on specific dates listed in the refuge hunt brochure.

2. We will close the refuge to hunting (except waterfowl) and camping when the Pearl River reaches 15.5 feet (4.65 m) on the Pearl River Gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana.

3. We prohibit the take of feral hog during any upland game hunts.

4. All hunters in Louisiana (including archery hunters and small game hunters), except waterfowl hunters, must wear and display not less than 400 square inches (2,580.6 square centimeters) of unbroken hunter-orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back and a hunter-orange cap during deer gun seasons. We require all deer hunters to display a minimum of 400 square inches (2,580.6 square centimeters) of hunter-orange or a hunter-orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. All hunters in Mississippi must wear not less than 500 square inches (3,225.8 square centimeters) of hunter-orange in place of the 400 square inches (2,580.6 square centimeters) requirement described for Louisiana. All hunters,

including archers (while on the ground), except waterfowl hunters, must wear a hunter-orange cap during the dog season for squirrels and rabbits. Deer hunters hunting from concealed blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches (2,580.6 square centimeters) of hunter-orange above or around their blinds that is visible from 360 degrees.

5. Conditions A5 through A17 apply, except you may use .22- caliber rifles or smaller, and the nontoxic shot in your possession while hunting must be size 4 or smaller (see § 32.2(k)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A5 through A7, A9 through A11, A13 through A17, B2, and B4 apply.

2. You may use only portable deer stands. You may erect deer stands one day before the deer archery season and remove them from the refuge within 1 day after this season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on a refuge. Deer stands must have owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position when not in use (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

3. We allow archery deer and hog hunting during the open State deer archery season. You may take deer of either sex in accordance with State-approved archery equipment and regulations. The State season limits apply.

4. We list specific dates for general gun big game hunts in the refuge hunt brochure.

5. We list specific dates for the primitive weapons big game hunts in the refuge hunt brochure.

6. Legal primitive weapons/firearms used for hunting during the primitive weapons/firearm season are defined by State regulation.

7. We prohibit the use of dogs unless noted otherwise.

8. You may take hog as incidental game while participating in the refuge archery, primitive weapon, and general gun deer hunts and where otherwise specified. We list specific dates for the special hog hunts in January, February, and March in the refuge hunt permit (signed brochure). During the special hog hunts in February, you must use trained hog-hunting dogs to aid in the take of hog. During the special hog hunts, you may take hog from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot or pistol or rifle ammunition not larger than .22 caliber rimfire to take the hog after it has been caught by dogs. During the special hog hunt in March, you may use any legal firearm. A8 applies during special hog hunts in February.

9. You must kill all hogs prior to removal from the refuge.

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10. We prohibit the use of deer and turkey gobbler decoys.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow recreational fishing year-round in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow cotton limb lines.
2. Conditions A9 and A11 apply.
3. We close the fishing ponds at the Pearl River Turnaround to fishing and boating during the months of April, May, and June.
4. When open, we allow boats in the fishing ponds at the Pearl River Turnaround that do not have gasoline-powered engines attached. Anglers must hand launch these boats into the ponds.
5. We prohibit the take of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).
6. We allow trotlines but the last five feet of trotline must be 100% cotton.
7. We prohibit all commercial finfishing and shellfishing.
8. The Pearl River Turnaround area, when open, is daylight use only.

### BRETON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport finfishing and shellfishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Crabbers must tend crabbing equipment at all times.
2. Anglers may not use trotlines, slat traps, or nets.
3. We prohibit camping.
4. We will post as closed to all entry portions of the refuge during migratory bird nesting seasons to reduce disturbance to colonies of brown pelicans and other shore birds.

### CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, gallinule, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge will be open on selected days for migratory game bird hunting as identified in the refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and regulations brochure.
2. We prohibit entrance to the waterfowl hunting area earlier than 4 a.m. Shooting hours for waterfowl hunts end at 2 p.m. each day.
3. We require every hunter to possess and carry a valid, signed refuge hunt permit and regulations brochure.
4. Every hunter must complete and turn in a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361) available from a self-clearing check station after each hunt.

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5. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of any public road, refuge road, trail, building, resident, or designated public facility.

6. We prohibit all persons or groups from acting as guides, outfitters, or in any other capacity in which any individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for service rendered to any person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

7. We prohibit overnight camping on the refuge.

8. We allow dogs when migratory bird hunting for the purpose of locating, pointing, and retrieving only.

9. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

10. Hunters must remove all hunting-related equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge immediately following each day's hunt.

11. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 and specific refuge regulations in part 32 of this chapter).

12. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters age 15 or younger during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during migratory bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge will be open for hunting on selected days as identified in the refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and regulations brochure.

2. We allow only portable deer stands. Hunters may place deer stands on the refuge 1 day before the white-tail deer archery season and must remove them from the refuge within 1 day after the season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on the refuge, and deer stands must have the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position at ground level when not in use.

3. Conditions A3, A5 through A7, and A9 through A12 apply.

4. Each hunter must complete and turn in a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) available from a self-clearing check station after each hunt.

5. We prohibit entrance to the hunting area earlier than 4 a.m. Hunters must leave no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

6. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or other feed or any nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see § 32.2(h)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing, boating, crabbing, and cast netting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing with a rod and reel or a pole and line. We prohibit possession of any other type of fishing gear, including limb lines, gill nets, jug lines, yo-yos, or trotlines.

2. We allow recreational fishing, crabbing, or cast netting in the East Cove Unit year-round from legal sunrise to legal sunset, except during the Louisiana west zone waterfowl season or when the Grand Bayou Boat Bay is closed.

3. We prohibit fishing, crabbing, or cast netting from or trespassing on refuge water control structures at any time.

4. On the East Cove Unit, we prohibit walking, wading, or climbing in or on the marsh, levees, or structures.

5. We allow sport fishing, crabbing, and cast netting in the Gibbstown Unit's Outfall Canal from March 15 through October 15.

6. We allow only nonpowered boats in the Bank Fishing Road waterways.

7. We allow only recreational crabbing with cotton hand lines or drop nets up to 24 inches (60 cm) outside diameter. We prohibit using floats on crab lines.

8. Anglers must attend all lines, nets, and bait and remove same from the refuge when through fishing (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

9. The daily limit of crabs is 5 dozen (60) per boat or vehicle, regardless of the number of people thereon.

10. Cast net size is in accordance with State regulations.

11. The daily shrimp limit during the Louisiana inshore shrimp season is 5 gallons (19 L) of heads-on shrimp per day, per vehicle or boat.

12. We allow cast netting for bait on both the East Cove Unit and the Gibbstown Unit in accordance with State regulations when the units are open for public fishing only. Anglers must empty cast nets directly into the container from the net. The daily bait shrimp limit is one gallon (3.8 L) per day, per boat, outside the Louisiana inshore shrimp season.

13. Shrimp must remain in your actual custody while on the refuge.

14. We prohibit ATVs, air-thrust boats, and personal motorized watercraft (jet skis) in any refuge area (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).

15. We allow operation of outboard motors in refuge canals, bayous, and lakes. We allow only trolling motors in the marsh.

16. We prohibit all persons or groups from acting as guide, outfitter, or in any capacity in which any other individual(s) pay or promise to pay directly or indirectly for service rendered to any other person or persons fishing on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership, unless authorized by a refuge Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383).

17. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

18. We prohibit the commercialization (*i.e.*, selling) of plants and wildlife unless authorized.

#### CAT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunt brochure map in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require that all hunters and anglers age 16 and older purchase an annual public use permit (name/address/telephone number). We waive the fee for hunters age 65 and older. The refuge user is required to sign, certifying that you understand and will comply with all regulations, and carry this permit at all times while on the refuge.

2. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge by 2 hours after legal sunset.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)). This requirement applies only to the use of shotgun ammunition.

4. Waterfowl hunters may possess no more than 25 shotshells per person.

5. While hunting, all persons age 17 or younger must be in the presence and under direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter age 18 or older.

6. We allow take of beaver, feral hog, nutria, raccoon, and coyote incidental to any refuge hunt with weapons legal for that hunt until you take the daily bag limit of game.

7. You must check all game (name) taken prior to leaving the refuge at one of the self-clearing check stations indicated on the map in the refuge public use brochure.

8. We allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicle (UTVs) in accordance with State Wildlife Management Area regulations and size specifications on designated trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter) from scouting season until February 28. An ATV is an off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed the following: Weight 750 pounds (337.5 kilograms), length 85 inches (212.5 centimeters (cm)), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 26 inches by 12 inches (66 cm by 30 cm) with a maximum 1-inch (2.5-cm) lug

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height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi (48 kPa) as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

9. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) of any public road, refuge road, trail or ATV trail, building, residence, or designated public facility.

10. We prohibit the possession or use of any type of trail-marking material.

11. We prohibit horses or mules.

12. We prohibit camping or overnight parking on the refuge.

13. We prohibit air-thrust boats on the refuge.

14. We prohibit all other hunting during refuge lottery deer hunts.

15. We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until 12 p.m. (noon) during the designated State duck season.

16. You must remove harvested waterfowl, temporary blinds, and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) used for duck hunting by 1 p.m. daily.

17. We allow dogs to only locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

18. We prohibit accessing refuge property by boat from the Mississippi River.

19. We prohibit trapping.

20. We prohibit the possession of saws, saw blades, or machetes.

21. We prohibit the use or possession of alcohol while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

22. We prohibit all commercial activities (including, but not limited to, guiding).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunt brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A15, A19 through A23 apply.

2. While upland game hunting, we prohibit the possession of hunting firearms larger than 0.22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot (see §27.42 of this chapter).

3. We allow the use of squirrel and rabbit dogs during designated small game with dog seasons. We allow up to two dogs per hunting party for squirrel hunting.

4. We require the owner's name and phone number on the collars of all dogs.

5. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or other feed or nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunt brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition B1 applies.

2. We allow archery-only deer hunting on the refuge during the State archery deer season.

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3. There is no application fee per person for each lottery hunt application (name/address/phone number).

4. You may place stands up to 2 days prior to established hunting season dates, and you must remove them no more than 2 days after the hunting season closes. You must mark your name and phone number on your stand. You are allowed one portable stand or blind on the refuge.

5. We prohibit the use of dogs to trail wounded game.

6. You may only take one deer of either sex per day during the deer season. State season limits apply.

7. You must wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters) of unbroken-hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back, and a hat or cap of unbroken-hunter orange.

8. We prohibit nailing deer stands or steps to trees. We prohibit attaching any blind or stand to a tree by using any metal object inserted into the tree.

9. We prohibit the use of trail cameras.

10. We allow "still hunting" only. We prohibit man drives or use of dogs.

11. We prohibit use of climbing spurs.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunting and fishing brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit commercial fishing or commercial crawfishing.

2. Conditions A1, A2, A4, A7, A8 (on the open portions of Wood Duck ATV trail for wildlife-dependent activities throughout the year), A11 through A14, A19, A20, and A23 apply.

3. We prohibit slat traps or hoop nets on the refuge.

4. We prohibit possession of cleaned or processed fish on the refuge.

5. We allow recreational crawfishing on the refuge subject to specific dates (see refuge brochure for details). The harvest limit is 50 pounds (22.5 kg) per permit per day.

6. You must attend all crawfish traps and nets at all times and may not leave them on the refuge overnight. We allow up to and not to exceed 20 traps per angler on the refuge.

7. We prohibit harvest of frog or turtle on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit boat launching by trailer from all refuge roads and parking lots except at designated boat ramps.

### CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot only on designated areas of the Bushley Bayou Unit in accordance with State hunting regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow migratory hunting of duck, goose, and coot on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from ½ hour before

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legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

2. We prohibit migratory game bird hunting during deer-gun and primitive firearms hunts.

3. We allow the use of dogs only to locate, point, and retrieve game when hunting migratory game birds.

4. We allow the use of shotguns only for hunting migratory birds.

5. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters under age 16 during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game and migratory bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

6. Hunters must check-in and check out in accordance with refuge-specific terms (see refuge hunting brochure for details).

7. We require hunters age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed special refuge recreational activity permit (name/address/phone only).

8. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal sunset for that day. Waterfowl hunting must cease by 12 p.m. (noon), and hunters must remove all decoys, blinds and boats from the hunting area by 1 p.m.

9. We prohibit hunting or the discharge of firearms within 150 feet (45 m) from the centerline of roads and maintained trails.

10. We prohibit parking, walking, or hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any active oil and gas facility or equipment.

11. We prohibit the use of mules or horses.

12. We prohibit the use or possession of saws, saw blades, or machetes.

13. We allow the use of nonmotorized boats or boats with motors of 10 horsepower or less on refuge lakes and waters as designated. We prohibit the use of air-thrust boats, water-thrust boats, or personal watercraft.

14. Refuge users must enter and exit the refuge only at designated parking areas on the refuge. We prohibit accessing adjacent lands from the refuge parking areas or any other part of the refuge.

15. We prohibit the use or possession of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers except bright eyes or reflective tape.

16. We prohibit camping or parking overnight on the refuge.

17. We restrict use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to designated trails. We allow ATVs only for hunting and fishing and other wildlife-related activities. ATVs will not exceed 25 miles per hour (mph) when operated on the refuge. ATVs used on the refuge will not exceed the following: Weight 750 pounds (337.5 kg), length 85 inches (212.5 cm), width

48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25 inches × 12 inches (62.5 cm × 30 cm) with a maximum one inch (2.5 cm) lug height and maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 pounds per square inch (psi) as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

18. We allow the incidental take of feral hog, raccoon, beaver, nutria, and coyote while hunting with firearms or archery equipment authorized for that hunt.

19. We prohibit the possession or use of remote cameras.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A5 through A19 apply.

2. At the Headquarters Unit, we only allow squirrel and rabbit hunting from the first day of the State season until October 31.

3. At the Bushley Unit, we allow squirrel and rabbit hunting in accordance with the State season.

4. We prohibit squirrel and rabbit hunting during deer-gun and primitive firearms hunts.

5. At the Bushley Unit, we allow the use of dogs to hunt squirrels and rabbits only after the last primitive firearms season for deer on the refuge. Hunters must place their names and phone numbers on the collars of all their dogs.

6. We require hunters participating in the dog season for rabbits to wear a hunter-orange cap.

7. We allow the use of shotguns with nontoxic shot and rifles .22 magnum or smaller when hunting. We prohibit possession of toxic shot when hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A5 through A19 apply.

2. At the Headquarters Unit, we allow archery hunting of deer and feral hog during the State archery season except the area south of the French Fork of the Little River, which we close during deer-gun hunt in that area.

3. We allow deer-gun hunting on the area south of the French Fork of the Little River for 2 days in December with these dates being set annually.

4. At the Bushley Unit, we allow archery hunting for deer and feral hog during the State archery season except we close during deer-gun hunt and primitive firearms hunts.

5. We allow hunting of deer with primitive firearms during the first segment of the State season for area 1, weekdays only (Monday through Friday) and the third weekend after Thanksgiving Day.

6. We allow the use of portable deer stands. Hunters may place deer stands on the refuge 1 day before the deer archery season and must remove them from the refuge within 1

day after this season closes. Hunters may place only one stand on the refuge. Deer stands must have the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a non-hunting position when not in use (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

7. We prohibit the possession of buckshot when hunting.

8. All hunters (including archery and small game hunters), except waterfowl hunters on refuges, must wear and display 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter orange and a hunter-orange cap during the deer-gun and primitive firearms seasons. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

9. You may take only one deer per day during any refuge hunt. The State season limits apply.

10. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game or the use of pursuit dogs.

11. We prohibit the use of dogs to trail wounded deer.

12. At the Headquarters Unit, we close hunting during high water conditions, elevation 42 feet (12.6 m) or above as measured at the Corp of Engineers center of the gauge on Catahoula Lake. On the Bushley Unit, we close hunts when the gauge measures elevation 44 feet (13.2 m) or above.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A10 through A17 apply.

2. We require anglers age 16 and older to possess and carry a signed special refuge recreational activity permit (name/address/phone only).

3. Anglers may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal sunset for that day.

4. At the Headquarters Unit, we allow year-round fishing on Cowpen Bayou and the Highway 28 borrow pits. We allow fishing on Duck Lake, its tail-waters Muddy Bayou, Willow Lake, and the Highway 84 borrow pits from March 1 through October 31. We allow only rod and reel or pole and line fishing. We prohibit snagging.

5. At the Bushley Bayou Unit, we allow fishing year-round. We allow trotlines, but anglers must tend them at least once every 24 hours and reset them when receding water levels expose them. Anglers must attach lines with a length of cotton line that extends into the water. We allow the use of yoyos, but you must attend and only use them from 1 hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset. We allow the use of only recreational gear.

6. At the headquarters unit, we allow the launching of only trailered boats at des-

ignated boat ramps. Anglers may launch small hand-carried boats from the bank in other areas. We prohibit dragging of boats or driving onto road shoulders to launch boats.

7. We allow fishing from 1 hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

8. We prohibit bank fishing on Bushley Creek and fishing in Black Lake, Dempsey Lake, Long Lake, Rhinehart Lake, and Round Lake during deer-gun and primitive firearms hunts.

9. We prohibit fishing in Black Lake, Dempsey Lake, Long Lake, Round Lake, and Rhinehart Lake during waterfowl hunts.

10. We prohibit taking or possessing snake, frog, turtle, salamander, and mollusk by any means (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

#### D'ARBONNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of certain species of migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge as indicated in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed Public Use Regulations brochure) and must carry and fill out daily a Visitor Check-In Permit and Report (FWS Form 3-2405).

2. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas as indicated in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure.

3. We allow waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

4. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m.

5. We prohibit hunting within 100 feet (30 meters (m)) of the maintained rights-of-way of roads. We prohibit hunting within 50 feet (15 m) or trespassing on above-ground oil, gas, or electrical transmission facilities.

6. We prohibit leaving boats, blinds, and decoys overnight.

7. We only allow hunting dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting migratory game birds.

8. Youths are generally defined as those individuals age 17 or younger, except that for migratory bird hunts youth are defined as age 15 or younger. Youths younger than age 16 may hunt without hunter-education certification if they are accompanied by and under direct supervision of a person born before September 1, 1969, who has a valid hunting license or if they are accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person who is age 18 or older and has proof of successful completion of a hunter-education course approved by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Direct supervision means that the person being supervised is within a normal audible voice contact and in direct line of sight of the supervising person at all times while hunting. The supervising adult is responsible for ensuring that youth hunters do not violate refuge regulations.

9. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether the payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

10. We prohibit motorized boats in the No Gun Hunting Area (the "Beanfield") from November 1 through January 31.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of certain species of upland game on designated areas of the refuge as indicated in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A5, A8, A9, and A10 apply.
2. Specific open dates and open areas to small game hunting will appear in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure.
3. We prohibit taking small game with firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot.
4. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.
5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

6. We allow hunting dogs only to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for upland game species.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge as indicated in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A5, A8, A9, A10, and B4 apply.
2. Specific open dates and open areas will appear in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure.
3. You must check all deer taken during general Gun Deer Hunts at a refuge check station on the same day taken.
4. We prohibit leaving deer stands, blinds, cameras, and other equipment unattended.
5. Deer hunters must wear hunter orange in accordance with State deer hunting regulations in Wildlife Management areas.
6. We prohibit hunters from placing or hunting from stands on pine trees with white-painted bands or rings.
7. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or other feed or any nonnaturally occurring attractant, on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).
8. We prohibit the hunting of big game species with dogs.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit leaving boats and other personal property on the refuge overnight.

2. You must tend trotlines daily. You must attach ends of trotlines by a length of cotton line that extends into the water.

3. We prohibit commercial fishing. For recreational fishing using commercial gear (slat traps, etc.) we require you to carry a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G), which is available at the refuge office.

4. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

#### DELTA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon), including the State special teal season, State youth waterfowl season, and State light goose special conservation season.

2. We only allow temporary blinds. You must remove both blinds and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) by 1 p.m.

3. We allow dogs to only locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

4. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).

5. Hunters must possess and carry a valid refuge hunt permit (signed brochure).

6. We allow hunting only on those portions of the refuge that lie northwest of Main Pass and south of Raphael Pass.

7. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations part 32).

8. We prohibit air-thrust boats, mud boats, aircraft, and air-cooled propulsion engines on the refuge.

9. We close all refuge lands between Raphael Pass and Main Pass to all entry during the State waterfowl hunting season.

10. We prohibit discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) within 250 yards (225 m) of buildings or worksites, such as oil or gas production facilities.

11. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters age 15 or younger during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game and migratory game bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not engage in conduct

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that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

12. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

13. We open the refuge from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset with the exception that hunters may enter the refuge earlier, but not before 4 a.m.

14. We prohibit camping.

15. We prohibit target shooting on the refuge.

16. We prohibit the use of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers, except bright eyes.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge rabbit season opens the day after the State duck season closes and continues through the remainder of the State rabbit season.

2. We restrict hunting to shotgun only.

3. We allow dogs for rabbit hunting.

4. Conditions A4 through A16 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We only allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer and hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State archery regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A5 through A16 apply with the following exception to condition A11: Each adult may only supervise one youth hunter.

2. We allow archery deer hunting, bucks only, October 1 through 15. We allow either-sex archery deer hunting October 16 through 31 and from the day after the close of the State duck season through the end of the State deer archery season.

3. Hunters may use only portable deer stands (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters may erect deer stands 1 day before the deer archery season and must remove them from the refuge within 1 day after the season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on a refuge. Deer stands must have the owner's name, address and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position when not in use.

4. We prohibit dogs and driving of deer for archery deer hunting.

5. You may take hog only with archery equipment during the archery deer season.

6. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals or other feed or any nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

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7. Longbow, compound bow, and crossbow or any bow drawn, held, or released by mechanical means will be a legal means of take during the deer archery season.

8. We prohibit the use of trail cameras.

9. We prohibit the use of deer decoys.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow recreational fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow recreational fishing and crabbing from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset. During State waterfowl hunting seasons; however, we only allow recreational fishing and crabbing from after 12 p.m. (noon) until ½ hour after legal sunset.

2. We prohibit all commercial finfishing and shellfishing.

3. We prohibit the use of trotlines, limblines, slat traps, jug lines, nets, or alligator lines.

4. Conditions A7, A8, A9, A14, and A15 apply.

5. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

### GRAND COTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge as depicted on the refuge hunting brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow waterfowl (duck, goose, coot) hunting on Wednesdays and Saturdays from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

2. We prohibit teal hunting during the State September season.

3. There will be lottery-spaced-blind-waterfowl hunts on designated sections of the refuge during the regular State waterfowl season subject to refuge-specific dates, terms, and selection process (see refuge hunting brochure for details).

4. Hunters may use shotguns and possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting migratory game birds.

5. We allow the use of dogs only to locate, point, and retrieve game when hunting migratory game birds.

6. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal sunset for that day. Waterfowl hunting must cease by 12 p.m. (noon), and hunters must remove all decoys, blinds, and boats from the hunt area by 1 p.m.

7. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters under age 16 during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game and migratory bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under

age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

8. We allow the incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote using only approved nontoxic shot while hunting migratory game birds.

9. We require hunters age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed refuge special recreational activity permit (name/address/phone number only).

10. We prohibit hunting or the discharge of firearms within 150 feet (3.7 m) from the centerline of roads and maintained trails.

11. Hunters must check-in and check out in accordance with refuge-specific terms (see refuge hunting brochure for details).

12. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait while in the field, hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or any nonnaturally occurring food attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

13. We prohibit camping or overnight parking on the refuge.

14. Refuge users must enter and exit the refuge only at designated parking areas occurring on the refuge. We prohibit accessing adjacent lands from refuge parking areas or any other part of the refuge.

15. We restrict the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to designated trails. We allow ATVs only for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-related activities. ATVs will not exceed 25 mph when driven on the refuge. ATVs used on refuges will not exceed the following: Weight-750 lbs. (337.5 kg), length-85 inches (2.12 m), and width-48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25 inches (62.5 cm) × 12 inches (30 cm) with a maximum 1-inch (2.5 cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 p.s.i. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

16. We allow only electric-powered or non-motorized boats.

17. We prohibit the use of horses or mules.

18. We prohibit the use or possession of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers, except for bright eyes or reflective tape.

19. We prohibit the use or possession of saws, saw blades, or machetes.

20. We prohibit the use or possession of remote cameras.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit on designated areas of the refuge as depicted on the refuge hunting brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A9 through A20 apply.

2. We allow the use of only shotguns and rifles that are .22 magnum caliber rimfire or less for upland game hunting. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot in shotguns while hunting (see §32.2(k)).

3. We allow incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote with firearms that are authorized for use during upland game hunting.

4. We allow the use of rabbit dogs only after the close of the State deer rifle season. Dog owners must place their name and phone number on the collars of all their dogs.

5. We require hunters participating in the special dog season for rabbits to wear a hunter-orange cap.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge as depicted on the refuge hunting brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A9 through A20 apply.

2. We allow archery hunting in special designated areas (see refuge hunting brochure map) during the State archery deer season subject to refuge closures resulting from high water conditions.

3. You may only harvest one buck or doe per day during the refuge archery season. Deer harvested on the refuge count towards the State bag limit.

4. We allow incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote while deer hunting with weapons authorized for use.

5. You may use only portable deer stands (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters must place deer stands on the refuge 1 day before the deer archery season and must remove them from the refuge within 1 day after the season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on the refuge and deer stands must have the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place the stand in a non-hunting position and at ground level when not in use.

6. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter orange above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

7. We prohibit the use of deer decoys.

8. We prohibit the use of dogs to trail wounded deer.

9. We prohibit organized drives for taking or attempting to take game or the use of pursuit dogs.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated areas as depicted in the refuge hunting brochure in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A13 through A19 apply.

2. We allow bank fishing in Coulee Des Grues only along Little California Road from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. Anglers may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal sunset for that day.

4. We require anglers age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed refuge special recreational activity permit.

5. We prohibit the use of gear or equipment other than hook and line to catch fish.

6. We prohibit the possession of cleaned or processed fish on the refuge.

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7. We prohibit the harvest of frog, turtle, snake, or mollusk (see §27.21 of this chapter).
8. We prohibit crawfishing.

### LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, gallinule, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge will be open on selected days for migratory game bird hunting as identified in the refuge hunt permit and regulations brochure.
2. We require every hunter to possess and carry a valid signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and regulations brochure.
3. We prohibit entrance to the waterfowl hunting area earlier than 4 a.m. Shooting hours end at 2 p.m. each day.
4. Each hunter must complete and turn in a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361), available from a self-clearing check station, after each hunt.
5. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).
6. We prohibit all mechanized equipment including motorized boats within the designated wilderness area.
7. We prohibit all boat motors, excluding trolling motors, within refuge marshes. We prohibit air-thrust boats and ATVs on the refuge (see §27.31(f) of this chapter), unless otherwise permitted.
8. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of refuge canals; waterways; public roads; buildings; above-ground oil, gas, or electrical transmission facilities; or designated public facilities. Hunting parties must remain a distance of no less than 150 yards (135 m) away from another hunter.
9. You must remove all hunting-related equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge immediately following each day's hunt.
10. We prohibit overnight camping on the refuge.
11. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)).
12. We allow the use of dogs when migratory bird hunting only for the purpose of locating, pointing, and retrieving.
13. We prohibit all persons or groups from acting as guides, outfitters, or in any other capacity in which any individual(s) pay or promise to pay directly or indirectly for service rendered to any person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

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14. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters age 15 or younger during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during migratory game bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

### *B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting for white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge will be open for hunting white-tailed deer on selected days as identified in the refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and regulations brochure.
  2. We allow only portable deer stands. Hunters may place deer stands on the refuge 1 day before the deer archery season and must remove them from the refuge within 1 day after the season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on the refuge, and deer stands must have the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position at ground level when not in use.
  3. Conditions A2 and A5 through A14 apply.
  4. We prohibit entrance to the hunting area earlier than 4 a.m. Hunters must leave no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.
  5. We prohibit hunting in the headquarters area along Nature Road and along the Lacassine Pool Wildlife Drive (see refuge map).
  6. We allow boats of all motor types with 40 hp or less in Lacassine Pool.
  7. We prohibit boats in Lacassine Pool and Unit D from October 16 through March 14. We prohibit boats in Units A and C.
  8. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt minerals, or other feed or any nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).
  9. Each hunter must complete and turn in a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) available from a self-clearing check station, after each hunt.
- D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. Conditions A6, A7, A10, A13 (fishing guide), C6, and C7 apply.
  2. We allow fishing March 15 through October 15.
  3. You may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise, and you must leave 1 hour after legal sunset.
  4. We prohibit fishing in the headquarters display pond.

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5. We prohibit bank fishing from the Lacassine Pool Wildlife Drive.

6. We prohibit air-thrust boats, ATVs, and Jet Skis on the refuge (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

7. We prohibit dragging or driving of boats over levees.

8. You must only launch trailered boats at the cement ramps at the public boat launches in Lacassine Pool.

9. We only allow boats powered by paddling or trolling motors in the Unit D impoundment within Lacassine Pool.

10. We prohibit boat and bank fishing in Lacassine Pool Unit D and refuge waters from October 16 through March 14.

11. We prohibit all boat motors, excluding trolling motors, in refuge marshes outside Lacassine Pool. We prohibit air-thrust boats, ATVs, and UTVs (utility vehicle) on the refuge (see §27.31(f) of this chapter) unless otherwise allowed.

12. We prohibit all mechanized equipment, including motorized boats, within the designated wilderness area.

13. We allow fishing only with rod and reel or pole and line in refuge waters. We prohibit possession of any other type of fishing gear, including limb lines, gill nets, jug lines, yoyos, or trotlines.

14. We allow only recreational crabbing with cotton hand lines or drop nets up to 24 inches (60 cm) outside diameter. We prohibit using floats on crab lines.

15. The daily limit of crabs is 5 dozen (60) per boat or vehicle, regardless of the number of people thereon.

16. Anglers must attend all lines, nets, and bait and remove same from the refuge when through fishing (see §27.93 of this chapter).

17. Anglers can travel the refuge by boat from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset in order to access fishing areas. We prohibit fishing activities before legal sunrise and after legal sunset.

18. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

### LAKE OPHELIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge as depicted on the refuge hunting brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow waterfowl (duck, goose, coot) hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) during the Statewide duck season.

2. Hunters may use shotguns and possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting migratory game birds.

3. We allow the use of dogs only to locate, point, and retrieve game when hunting for migratory birds.

4. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal sunset for that day. Waterfowl hunting must cease by 12 p.m. (noon), and hunters must remove all decoys, blinds, and boats from the hunt area by 1 p.m.

5. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters under age 16 during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game and migratory bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

6. We prohibit migratory game bird hunting during refuge deer primitive firearm hunts.

7. We allow the incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote using only nontoxic shot while hunting migratory game birds.

8. We restrict the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to designated trails. We allow ATVs only for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-related activities. ATVs will not exceed 25 mph when driven on the refuge. ATVs used on refuges will not exceed the following: Weight 750 lbs. (337.5 kg), length 85 inches (2.12 m), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25 inches (62.5 cm) × 12 inches (30 cm) with a maximum 1-inch (2.5 cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

9. We restrict the special all-terrain vehicle trails for physically challenged persons to ATV physically challenged permittees. Individuals that qualify must obtain a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383) from the refuge office to use these trails.

10. We require hunters age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed refuge special recreational activity permit (name/address/phone number only).

11. We prohibit hunting or the discharge of firearms within 150 feet (45 m) from the centerline of roads and maintained trails.

12. Hunters must check-in and check out in accordance with refuge-specific terms (see refuge hunting brochure for details).

13. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait while in the field, hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or any nonnaturally occurring food attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

14. We allow watercraft with motors up to 36 hp in Possum Bayou (north of boat ramp), Palmetto Bayou, Duck Lake, Westcut Lake, Point Basse, and Nicholas Lake.

15. We allow electric-powered or non-motorized boats in Doomes Lake, Lake Long, Possum Bayou (south of boat ramp), and Lake Ophelia.

16. We prohibit camping or overnight parking on the refuge.

17. Refuge users must enter and exit the refuge only at designated parking areas occurring on the refuge. We prohibit accessing adjacent lands from refuge parking areas or any other part of the refuge.

18. We prohibit the use of horses or mules.

19. We prohibit the use or possession of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers, except for bright eyes or reflective tape.

20. We prohibit the use or possession of saws, saw blades, or machetes.

21. We prohibit the use or possession of remote cameras.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge as depicted on the refuge hunting brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A5 and A8 through A21 apply.

2. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal sunset for that day.

3. We only allow the use of shotguns and rifles that are .22 magnum caliber rimfire or less for upland game hunting. We allow only nontoxic shot in shotguns and prohibit possession of toxic shot when hunting.

4. We allow incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote with firearms authorized for use during upland game hunting.

5. We prohibit upland game hunting during refuge deer primitive firearm hunts.

6. We allow the use of squirrel and rabbit dogs only after the close of the State deer rifle season. Dog owners must place their name and phone number on the collars of all their dogs.

7. We require hunters participating in the special dog season for rabbits to wear a hunter-orange cap.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge as depicted on the refuge hunting brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A5 and A9 through A21 apply.

2. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal sunset for that day.

3. We restrict the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to designated trails from the first Saturday in September until the last day of refuge turkey season. We allow ATVs only for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-related activities. ATVs will not exceed 25 mph when driven on the refuge. ATVs used on refuges will not exceed the following: Weight 750 lbs. (337.5 kg), length 85 inches (2.12 m), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25 inches (62.5 cm) × 12 inches (30 cm) with a maximum 1-inch (2.5 cm) lug height and a maximum al-

lowable tire pressure of 7 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

4. You may harvest only one buck or doe per day during the refuge archery season. You may harvest only one buck or doe during each of the primitive firearm lottery deer hunts. Deer harvested on the refuge count towards the State bag limit.

5. We allow incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote while deer hunting with weapons authorized for use.

6. You may use only portable deer stands. Hunters may place deer stands on the refuge 1 day before the deer archery season and must remove them from the refuge within 1 day after the season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on the refuge, and deer stands must have the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position and at ground level when not in use.

7. All deer gun hunters must wear and display 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter orange and a hunter-orange cap during the deer gun seasons and lottery deer hunts. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

8. There will be lottery deer primitive firearm hunts subject to refuge-specific dates, terms, and selection process, as outlined in the refuge hunting brochure. Applicants may not apply for more than one hunt. There is a \$5 nonrefundable application fee per person for each hunt application.

9. We allow youth deer hunting in the closed area of the refuge during lottery youth deer gun hunts subject to the refuge-specific dates, terms, and selection process outlined in the refuge hunting brochure. Youths selected in prior years may not apply.

10. We prohibit all other hunting during refuge deer primitive firearm hunts as described in the refuge hunting brochure.

11. We prohibit the use of deer or turkey gobbler decoys.

12. We allow turkey hunting only during the first 16 days of the State season until 12 p.m. (noon). We prohibit incidental hunting of hog. We allow the use and possession of lead shot for turkey hunting (see § 32.2(k)).

13. We prohibit the use of dogs to trail wounded deer.

14. We prohibit organized drives for taking or attempting to take game or the use of pursuit dogs.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated areas as depicted in the refuge hunting brochure in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A14 through A21 and C3 apply.

2. We require anglers age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed refuge special recreational activity permit (name/address/phone number only).

3. Anglers may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal sunset for that day.

4. We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

5. We allow the use of ATVs on the designated trails to the Duck and Westcut Lake boat ramps from March 1 through October 15.

6. We allow sport fishing in Duck Lake, Westcut Lake, Lake Long, and in the immediate vicinity of the Lake Agnes drainage culverts on the Red River during March 1 through October 15 from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

7. We prohibit the use of gear or equipment other than hook and line to catch fish.

8. We prohibit the possession of cleaned or processed fish on the refuge.

9. We prohibit the harvest of frog, turtle, snake, or mollusk (see §27.21 of this chapter).

10. We prohibit crawfishing.

#### MANDALAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, moorhen, gallinule, and coot in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on Wednesdays and Saturdays until 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters may only enter the refuge after 4 a.m.

2. Prior to hunting, we must assign a refuge blind and issue a refuge lottery waterfowl permit to any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting migratory game birds. You may only hunt from your assigned blind.

3. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters age 15 or under during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game and migratory game bird hunts. An adult may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

4. All hunters must possess and carry a signed hunt brochure (on the front cover) while hunting on refuge. The brochure is free and available on at the refuge office or online at <http://www.fws.gov/boguechitto/>. All hunters must check-in and check out at a refuge self-clearing check station. Each hunter must list their name on the self-clearing check station form (Migratory Bird Hunt Report, FWS Form 3-2361) and deposit the form at a refuge self-clearing check station prior to hunting. Hunters must report all game

taken on the refuge when checking out by using the self-clearing check station form.

5. Only one adult may occupy a blind with up to two youths during a designated Lottery Youth Waterfowl Hunt. We allow no more than three hunters to hunt from a blind at one time during any waterfowl hunt.

6. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §26.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32). Hunters may only possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).

7. We prohibit air-thrust boats or marsh buggies on the refuge. We restrict motorized boat use to existing canals, ditches, trenasses, and ponds.

8. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait while in the field and hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt minerals, or any nonnaturally occurring food attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

9. We prohibit target shooting on the refuge.

10. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

11. We prohibit horses and ATVs.

12. We prohibit the use of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers except bright eyes (see §27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge to hunting of deer and hog only during the State archery season, except prior to 12 p.m. (noon) on Wednesdays and Saturdays during State waterfowl seasons when we close areas north of the Intracoastal Waterway to hunting of big game.

2. Hunters may only enter the refuge after 4 a.m. and must exit by 1 hour after legal sunset.

3. You may take big game with archery equipment and in accordance with State law. From October 1 through October 15, State bucks-only regulations are in effect. From October 16 through February 15 you may take only one deer of either sex per day and hunters may possess only one deer. The State season limits on deer apply. There is no daily or possession limit on feral hogs.

4. We prohibit trail cameras.

5. We prohibit the use of deer decoys.

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6. We only allow portable stands. Hunters may erect temporary deer stands 1 day prior to the start of deer archery season. Hunters must remove all deer stands within 1 day after the archery deer season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on a refuge. Deer stands must have the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position when not in use (see § 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

7. We prohibit dogs and driving deer.

8. Conditions A3, A4, and A6 through A12 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in all refuge waters in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow recreational fishing. We prohibit commercial fishing on the refuge.

2. We prohibit the use of unattended nets, traps, or lines (trot, jog, bush, etc.).

3. We allow fishing in the refuge year-round.

4. The refuge is open from legal sunrise until legal sunset unless specifically stated otherwise.

5. Conditions A6, A7, and A9 apply.

6. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

### RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, woodcock, and dove on designated areas of the refuge as indicated in the refuge brochure in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure).

2. We allow waterfowl and woodcock hunting on designated areas as indicated in the refuge brochure until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

3. We allow dove hunting only during the first 3 days of the State season on all refuge lands as indicated in the refuge brochure.

4. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m.

5. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any public road, refuge road, trail, or ATV trail, residence, building, aboveground oil or gas or electrical transmission facilities, or designated public facility.

6. We prohibit leaving boats, blinds, and decoys unattended.

7. We allow dogs only to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

8. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters under age 16 during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game and migratory bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under

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age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

9. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

10. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shotgun ammunition for hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)).

11. We prohibit the possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, mineral or other feed or nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see § 32.2(h)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge as indicated in the refuge brochure in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A5, and A8 through A11 apply.

2. We allow hunting on all refuge lands on designated areas as indicated in the refuge brochure.

3. We prohibit the use of firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot while hunting on the refuge.

4. We allow hunting of raccoon and opossum during the daylight hours of rabbit and squirrel season. We allow night hunting during December and January, and you may use dogs for night hunting. We prohibit selling of raccoon and opossum taken on the refuge for human consumption.

5. We allow use of dogs to hunt squirrel and rabbit after December 31.

6. If you want to use horses and mules to hunt raccoon and opossum at night, you must first obtain a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383) at the refuge office.

7. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal shooting hours.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge as indicated in the refuge brochure in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A5, A8 through A11, and B7 apply.

2. We allow only archery hunting.

3. We allow deer hunting on all refuge lands on designated areas as indicated in the refuge brochure.

4. The daily bag limit is one deer of either sex. The State season limit applies.

5. We allow use of portable deer stands as indicated in the refuge brochure.

6. We allow hog hunting during all open refuge hunts with weapons legal for the ongoing hunt.

7. We allow turkey hunting on the days noted in the brochure.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge as indicated in the refuge brochure in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit leaving boats and other personal property on the refuge unattended.
2. We allow use of only electric trolling motors on all refuge waters.
3. You must tend trotlines daily. You must attach ends of trotlines by a length of cotton line that extends into the water.
4. We prohibit commercial fishing. Recreational fishing using commercial gear (slat traps, etc.) requires a special refuge permit that you must possess and carry available at the refuge office.
5. We prohibit the taking of alligator snapping turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

#### SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, gallinule, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We will open the refuge on selected days for migratory game bird hunting as identified in the refuge hunt permit and regulations brochure.
2. We require all hunters to possess and carry a valid signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and regulations brochure.
3. We prohibit entrance to the waterfowl hunting area earlier than 4 a.m. Shooting hours end at 2 p.m. each day.
4. Each hunter must complete and turn in a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361) from a self-clearing check station after each hunt.
5. You may access the hunt areas by boat using the boat launches at the West Cove Public Use Area or by access through Burton Canal. You may access hunt areas by vehicle from Vastar Road or designated turnouts within the refuge public hunt area along State Highway 27 (see §27.31(f) of this chapter) unless otherwise posted.
6. We allow hand launching of small boats along Vastar Road (no trailers allowed).
7. We allow operation of outboard motors in designated refuge canals only. We allow trolling motors within the refuge marshes.
8. We prohibit air-thrust boats, personal motorized watercraft (e.g., Jet Skis), and ATVs on the refuge (see §27.31(f) of this chapter) unless otherwise posted.
9. We allow only portable blinds and those made of native vegetation. Hunters must remove portable blinds, decoys, spent shells, and all other personal equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) after each day's hunt.
10. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of refuge canals; waterways; public roads;

buildings; above-ground oil, gas, or electrical transmission facilities; or designated public facilities. Hunting parties must maintain a distance of no less than 150 yards (135 m) away from another hunter.

11. We prohibit all persons or groups from acting as guides, outfitters, or in any other capacity in which any other individual(s) pay or promise to pay directly or indirectly for service rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

12. We allow dogs when migratory bird hunting only for the purpose of locating, pointing and retrieving.

13. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

14. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

15. We prohibit overnight camping on the refuge.

16. An adult at least age 21 must supervise youth hunters under age 16 during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during migratory game bird hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing, crabbing, and cast netting in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Bank and wharf access for fishing are available year-round at the Public Use Areas along State Highway 27. Anglers may access the refuge for fishing by boat only during the March 15 to October 15 open period. You may launch boats at designated boat ramps only.
2. We allow fishing with a rod and reel, pole and line, or jug and line. We prohibit possession of any other type of fishing gear, including limb lines, gill nets, or trot lines. Jug line limit is up to 10 per boat, and you must attend them at all times. The angler must mark all jugs with their fishing license number (State requirement) and remove the jugs (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge daily.
3. We allow hand launching of non-motorized boats into Units 1A and 1B from Blue Crab Recreation Area for recreational paddling year-round. We prohibit fishing October 16 through March 14.
4. We allow operation of outboard motors in designated refuge canals and Management

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Unit 3 (40 hp maximum in Unit 3). We allow use of trolling motors within the refuge marshes.

5. Conditions A8, A11 (fishing guide), and A15 apply.

6. Anglers can travel the refuge by boat from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset in order to access fishing areas. We prohibit fishing activities, however, before legal sunrise and after legal sunset.

7. Crabbing: We allow recreational crabbing in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

i. We allow only recreational crabbing with cotton hand lines or drop nets up to 24 inches (60 cm) outside diameter. We prohibit using floats on crab lines.

ii. Anglers must remove all hand lines, drop nets, and bait (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge upon leaving.

iii. We allow a daily limit of 5 dozen (60) crabs per vehicle or boat.

8. Cast Netting: We allow recreational cast netting in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

i. We allow recreational cast netting from boats only from legal sunrise to legal sunset during the Louisiana inshore shrimp season.

ii. Anglers must immediately return all incidental take (bycatch) to the water before continuing to cast.

iii. The daily shrimp limit during the Louisiana Inshore shrimp season is 5 gallons (19 L) of heads-on shrimp per day, per vehicle or boat.

iv. The daily bait shrimp limit is one gallon (3.8 L) per day, per boat, outside the Louisiana inshore shrimp season.

v. Shrimp must remain in your actual custody while on the refuge.

vi. We prohibit all cast netting activities from the banks, wharves, and water control structures.

vii. We prohibit cast netting at or around any recreation area and boat launch not designated as open for cast netting.

viii. We allow cast netting throughout the refuge except where posted and signed as closed.

ix. We prohibit swimming and/or wading in the refuge canals and waterways.

9. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

### TENSAS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge access permit (signed brochure) when hunting.

2. We require that all hunters must check-in/check-out daily at their closest entrance point using the Visitor Check-in Permit and

Report (FWS Form 3-2405) for all recreational activities.

3. We allow hunting of duck and coot on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until 2:00 p.m. during the State season. We prohibit migratory bird hunting during refuge gun hunts for deer.

4. We allow refuge hunters to enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m., and they must leave no later than 2 hours after legal sunset unless they are participating in the refuge nighttime raccoon hunt.

5. In areas posted “Area Closed” or “No Waterfowl Hunting Zone,” we prohibit hunting of migratory birds at any time. The Public Use Regulations brochure will be available at the refuge headquarters no later than August.

6. We allow hunting shotguns equipped with a single-piece magazine plug that allows the gun to hold no more than two shells in the magazine and one in the chamber. We prohibit target practicing or shooting to unload modern firearms on the refuge at any time. Shotgun hunters must possess only an approved nontoxic shot when hunting migratory birds (see §32.2(k)). Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

7. We prohibit permanent or pit blinds on the refuge. You must remove all blind materials and decoys by 2 p.m. daily.

8. We allow nonmotorized boats, electric motors, and boats with motors 10 hp or less in refuge lakes, streams, and bayous. Boaters must follow State boating regulations, including those for navigation lights. We prohibit boat storage on the refuge. Hunters/anglers must remove boats daily (see §27.93 of this chapter).

9. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait while in the field and hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or any nonnaturally occurring food attractant while on the refuge at any time (see §32.2(h)).

10. We allow all-terrain vehicle (ATV) travel on designated trails for access typically from September 15 to the last day of the refuge squirrel season. We open designated trails from 4 a.m. to no later than 2 hours after legal sunset unless otherwise specified. We define an ATV as an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: Weight 750 pounds (337.5 kilograms), length 85 inches (212.5 centimeters (cm)), and width 48 inches (121.9 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25 inches (62.5 cm) x 12 inches (30 cm) with a 1-inch (2.5 cm) lug height and maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. We require a permanently affixed refuge ATV

permit that hunters may obtain from the refuge headquarters. Hunters/anglers using the refuge handicapped all-terrain trails must possess the State's Physically Challenged Program Hunter Permit or be age 60 or older. Additional physically challenged access information will be available at the refuge headquarters.

11. While visiting the refuge, we prohibit: use of artificial light to locate wildlife (see § 27.73 of this chapter), littering (see § 27.94 of this chapter), fires (see § 27.95 of this chapter), trapping, man-drives for game, use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §§ 32.2(j) and 27.81 of this chapter), flagging, engineers tape, paint, unleashed pets (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter), and parking/blocking trail and gate entrances (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter). We also prohibit hunting or shooting within 150 feet (45 m) of a designated public road, maintained road, trail, fire breaks, dwellings, and above-ground oil and gas production facilities. We define a maintained road or trail as one which has been mowed, disked, or plowed.

12. We prohibit field dressing of game within 150 feet (45 m) of parking areas, maintained roads, and trails.

13. An adult at least age 18 must supervise youth hunters younger than age 16 during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game and migratory bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters younger than age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute violation of refuge regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of raccoon, squirrel, and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow nighttime raccoon hunting beginning typically the third Saturday in December and typically ending the third Sunday in January. We allow raccoon hunters to hunt from legal sunset to legal sunrise with the aid of dogs, horses, mules, and use of lights. We allow such use of lights on the refuge only at the point of kill. We prohibit all other use of lights for hunting on the refuge. Hunt dates will be available at refuge headquarters typically in July. We prohibit ATVs during the raccoon hunt. Hunters must attempt to take treed raccoons.

2. We allow squirrel and rabbit hunting with and without dogs. We will allow hunting without dogs from the beginning of the State season to a date typically ending the day before the refuge deer firearms hunt. We do not require hunters to wear hunter orange during the squirrel and rabbit season without dogs. Squirrel and rabbit hunting with or without dogs will begin typically the second

Monday in January and will conclude the last day of February, but will re-open for Louisiana State Spring Season, typically during May. We require a minimum of a solid-hunter-orange cap during the squirrel season with or without dogs. We allow no more than three dogs per hunting party.

3. We close squirrel and rabbit hunting during the following gun hunts for deer: refuge-wide youth hunt, primitive firearms hunt, and modern firearms hunt.

4. In areas posted "Area Closed" and "No Hunting Zone," we prohibit upland game hunting at any time.

5. When hunting, we allow .22 caliber and smaller rimfire weapons or shotguns equipped with a single-piece magazine plug that allows the shotgun to hold no more than two shells in the magazine and one in the chamber. We prohibit target practicing or shooting to unload modern firearms on the refuge at any time. Shotgun hunters must possess only an approved nontoxic shot when hunting upland game (see § 32.2(k)). Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§ 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

6. Conditions A1, A2, A4, A8, A9, A10, A11, A12, and A13 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of refuges in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Deer archery season will begin the first Saturday in November and will conclude on January 31. We prohibit archery hunting during the following refuge-wide deer hunts: youth gun hunt and modern firearms hunts. We prohibit possession of pods, drug-tipped arrows, or other chemical substances.

2. The deer primitive firearms season will occur between November 1 and January 31. Legal primitive firearms for primitive season include:

i. Hunting rifles, .44 caliber minimum, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder; use of black powder or approved substitute only; use of ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets, including muzzleloaders known as "in line" muzzleloaders; and

ii. Single-shot, breech-loading hunting rifles, .35 caliber or larger of a kind or type manufactured prior to 1900 and relics, reproductions, or reintroductions of that type of rifle having an exposed hammer that use metallic cartridges loaded with black powder or modern smokeless powder.

3. During the deer primitive firearms season, hunters may fit any legal primitive hunting firearm with magnified scopes. We

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allow hunters using primitive weapons described as muzzleloader (including in-line) (see C.2.i.) to hunt reforested areas. We prohibit hunters using primitive weapons described in C.2.ii. from hunting in reforested areas.

4. We will conduct two quota-modern-firearms hunts for deer typically in the months of November and/or December. We will make hunt dates and permit application procedures available at refuge headquarters no later than August. We restrict hunters using a primitive firearm during this hunt access to areas where we allow modern firearms. We prohibit hunting and/or shooting into or across any reforested area during the quota hunt for deer. We require a quota hunt permit (Quota Deer Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2354) for these hunts.

5. We will conduct guided quota youth deer hunts and guided quota deer hunts for full-time wheelchair users in the Greenlea Bend area typically in December and January. We will make hunt dates and permit application procedures (Quota Deer Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2354) available at the refuge headquarters typically in July. For the guided quota youth hunts, we consider youth to be ages 8 through 15.

6. We will conduct a refuge-wide youth deer hunt. We will make hunt dates available at refuge headquarters typically in July. An adult at least age 18 must supervise youth hunters younger than age 16 during all hunts. One adult may supervise two youths during small game and migratory bird hunts but may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters younger than age 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute violation of refuge regulations.

7. Hunters may take only one deer (one buck or one doe) per day during refuge deer hunts except during guided youth and wheelchair-bound hunts where the limit will be one antlerless and one antlered deer per day.

8. We allow turkey hunting the first 16 days of the State turkey season. We will conduct a youth turkey hunt the Saturday and Sunday before the regular State turkey season. Hunters may harvest two bearded turkeys per season. We allow the use and possession of lead shot while turkey hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)). We allow use of non-motorized bicycles on designated all-terrain vehicle trails. Although you may hunt turkey without displaying a solid-hunter-orange cap or vest during your turkey hunt, we do recommend its use.

9. Conditions A1, A2, A4, A8, A9, A10, A11, and A12 apply.

10. In areas posted "Area Closed" or "No Hunting Zone," we prohibit big game hunting at any time. We close "Closed Areas"

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(designated on the Public Use Regulations brochure map) to all hunts. We prohibit shooting into or across any closed area with a gun or archery equipment.

11. We prohibit any hunter from using climbing spikes or to hunt from a tree that contains screw-in steps, nails, screw-in umbrellas, or any metal objects that could damage trees (see § 32.2(i)).

12. We allow muzzleloader hunters to discharge their primitive firearms at the end of each hunt safely into the ground at least 150 feet (135 m) from any designated public road, maintained road, trail, fire break, dwelling, or above-ground oil and gas production facility. We define a maintained road or trail as one that has been mowed, disked, or plowed, or one that is free of trees.

13. We prohibit deer hunters leaving deer stands unattended before the opening day of the refuge archery season. Hunters must remove stands by the end of the last day of the refuge archery season (see § 27.93 of this chapter). Hunters must clearly mark stands left unattended on the refuge with the name and address of the stand owner. Hunters must remove portable stands from trees daily and place freestanding stands in a non-hunting position when unattended.

14. We require deer hunters using primitive firearms or modern firearms to display 400 square inches (2,580.6 square centimeters) of solid hunter-orange consisting of a solid-hunter-orange cap on their head and a solid hunter-orange vest over their outermost garment covering their chest and back. Hunters must display the solid-hunter-orange items the entire time while in the field.

15. We require primitive firearms and modern firearms hunters using ground blinds to display outside of the blind 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter orange, which is visible from all sides of the blind. Hunters must wear orange vests and hats as their outermost garments while inside the blind.

16. We allow hunting with slugs, rifle, or pistol ammunition larger than .22 caliber rimfire only during the quota hunts for deer. We prohibit use of buckshot when hunting. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

17. We require that hunters tag all deer and turkey per State tagging requirements.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Anglers must possess and carry a signed refuge access permit (signed brochure) when fishing.

2. We require that all anglers must check-in/check-out daily at their closest entrance

point using the Visitor Check-in Permit and Report (FWS Form 3-2405) for all recreational activities.

3. We allow anglers to enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m., and they must depart no later than 2 hours after legal sunset.

4. In areas open to fishing, State creel limits and regulations apply.

5. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

6. Conditions A8, A9, and A11 apply.

7. We prohibit fish cleaning within 150 feet (45 m) of parking areas, maintained roads, and trails.

#### UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of certain species of migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge as indicated in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed Public Use Regulations brochure) and must carry and fill out daily a Visitor Check-In Permit and Report (FWS Form 3-2405).

2. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas as indicated in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure.

3. We allow waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

4. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m.

5. We prohibit hunting within 100 feet (30 meters (m)) of the maintained rights-of-way of roads and from or across all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails. We prohibit hunting within 50 feet (15 m), or trespassing on aboveground oil, gas, or electrical transmission facilities.

6. We prohibit leaving boats, blinds, and decoys overnight.

7. We only allow hunting dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting migratory game birds.

8. Youths are generally defined as those individuals age 17 or younger; for migratory bird hunts youth are defined as age 15 or younger. Youths younger than age 16 may hunt without hunter-education certification if they are accompanied by and under direct supervision of a person born before September 1, 1969, who has a valid hunting license or if they are accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person who is age 18 or older and has proof of successful completion of a hunter-education course approved by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Direct supervision means that the person being supervised is within a normal audible voice contact and in direct line of sight of the supervising person at all times while hunting. The supervising adult is responsible for ensuring that youth hunters do not violate refuge regulations.

9. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide or outfitter, or in any

other capacity that receives payment directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether the payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

10. We allow ATVs only on trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter) designated for their use and marked by signs. ATV trails are closed March 1 through August 31. An ATV is an off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed the following: Weight 750 lbs. (337.5 kilograms), length 85 inches (212.5 centimeters (cm)), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25 inches by 12 inches (62.5 cm by 30 cm) with a maximum of 1-inch (2.5-cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi (48 kPa) as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of certain species of upland game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A5, A8, A9, and A10 apply.

2. Specific open dates and open areas to hunt small game will appear in the annual Public Use Regulations brochure.

3. We prohibit taking small game with firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot.

4. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of certain species of big game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A5, A8, A9, A10, and B4 apply.

2. Specific open dates and open areas will appear in the Annual Public Use Regulations Brochure.

3. We prohibit leaving deer stands, blinds, cameras, and other equipment unattended.

4. Deer hunters must wear hunter orange in accordance with State deer hunting regulations in Wildlife Management Areas.

5. We prohibit hunters from placing stands or hunting from stands on pine trees with white-painted bands and/or rings.

6. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or other feed or nonnaturally occurring attractant, on the refuge (see § 32.2(h)).

7. We prohibit the use of dogs for hog hunting.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance

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with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow sport fishing year-round except within closed areas of the refuge, as designated by the Annual Public Use Regulations Brochure.

2. We prohibit outboard motors in the Wigeon Ponds (only trolling motors allowed).

3. We prohibit launching boats from a trailer or from a nondesignated boat ramp within the Mollicy levee.

4. We prohibit leaving boats and other personal property on the refuge overnight (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

5. You must tend trotlines daily. You must attach ends of trotlines by a length of cotton line that extends into the water.

6. We prohibit commercial fishing. Recreational fishing using commercial gear (slat traps, etc.) requires a special refuge permit (General Special Use Application and Permit, FWS Form 3–1383–G) that you must possess and carry and that is available at the refuge office.

7. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

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The following refuge units have been opened to hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### MOOSEHORN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, American woodcock, and Wilson's snipe on designated areas of the Baring and Edmunds Division of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require every hunter to possess and carry a personally signed Migratory Bird Hunt Application (FWS Form 3–2357). Permits and regulations are available from the refuge in person during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed on holidays) or by contacting

the Project Leader at (207) 454–7161 or by mail (Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, 103 Headquarters Road, Baring, Maine 04694).

2. You must annually complete a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3–2361) and submit it by mail or in person at the refuge headquarters no later than 2 weeks after the close of the hunting season in March. If you do not comply with this requirement, we may suspend your future hunting privileges on Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge.

3. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 2 hours before legal shooting hours, and they must exit the refuge by 1 hour past legal shooting hours.

4. You may hunt American woodcock and Wilson's snipe on the Edmunds Division and that part of the Baring Division that lies west of State Route 191.

5. You may hunt waterfowl (duck and goose) in that part of the Edmunds Division that lies north of Hobart Stream and west of U.S. Route 1, and in those areas east of U.S. Route 1, and refuge lands that lie south of South Trail; and in that portion of the Baring Division that lies west of State Route 191.

6. We prohibit hunting waterfowl in the Nat Smith Field and Marsh or Bills Hill Field or Ponds on the Edmunds Division.

7. We prohibit construction or use of any permanent blind.

8. You may only use portable or temporary blinds.

9. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

10. You must remove portable or temporary blinds and decoys from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

11. We prohibit use of motorized or mechanized vehicles and equipment in designated Wilderness Areas. This includes all vehicles and items such as winches, pulleys, and wheeled game carriers. You must remove animals harvested within the Wilderness Areas by hand without the aid of mechanical equipment of any type.

12. You must follow the State hunter-or-ange clothing requirements.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare, red fox, gray and red squirrel, raccoon, skunk, and woodchuck on designated areas of the Edmunds Division and that part of the Baring Division that lies west of State Route 191 in accordance with State regulations, seasons, and bag limits, subject to the following conditions:

1. We require every hunter to possess and carry a personally signed Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3–2356). Permits and regulations are available from the refuge in person during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed on holidays) or by contacting the Project Leader at (207) 454–7161, or by

mail (Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, 103 Headquarters Road, Baring, ME 04694).

2. You must annually complete a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) and submit it by mail or in person at the refuge headquarters no later than 2 weeks after the close of the hunting season in March. If you do not comply with this requirement, we may suspend your future hunting privileges on Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge.

3. Conditions A9, A11, and A12 apply.

4. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 2 hours before legal shooting hours, and they must exit the refuge by 1 hour past legal shooting hours, except for hunters pursuing raccoons at night.

5. We prohibit hunting of upland game species listed in the introductory text of this paragraph B, on refuge lands between April 1 and September 30.

6. You must register with the refuge office prior to hunting raccoon or red fox with trailing dogs.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of black bear, bobcat, eastern coyote, moose, and white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1, B2, A11, and A12 apply.

2. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 2 hours before legal shooting hours, and they must exit the refuge by 1 hour past legal shooting hours, except for hunters pursuing eastern coyotes at night.

3. We allow bear hunting during the State Prescribed Season.

4. We allow eastern coyote hunting from October 1 to March 31.

5. If you harvest a bear, deer, moose, or coyote on the refuge, you must notify the refuge office in person or by phone within 24 hours and make the animal available for inspection by refuge personnel.

6. The hunter must retrieve all species, including coyotes, harvested on the refuge.

7. We prohibit construction or use of permanent tree stands, blinds, or ladders.

8. All tree stands, blinds, and ladders must be portable.

9. You must clearly label any tree stand, blind, or ladder left on the refuge overnight with your name, address, phone number, and hunting license number.

10. You must remove all tree stands, blinds, and ladders from the refuge on the last day of the muzzleloader deer season (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

11. You may hunt black bear, eastern coyote, and white-tailed deer during the State archery and firearms deer seasons on that part of the Baring Division that lies east of State Route 191.

12. You may hunt black bear, bobcat, eastern coyote, moose, and white-tailed deer on the Edmunds Division and that part of the Baring Division that lies west of State Route 191.

13. We prohibit use of firearms to hunt bear and coyote during the archery deer season on that part of the Baring Division that lies east of Route 191. We prohibit the use of firearms, other than a muzzleloader, to hunt bear and coyote during the deer muzzleloader season on that part of the Baring Division that lies east of Route 191.

14. You must register with the refuge office prior to hunting black bear, bobcat, or eastern coyote with trailing dogs.

15. We prohibit hunting in the following areas:

i. The South Magurrewock Area: The boundary of this area begins at the intersection of the Charlotte Road and U.S. Route 1; it follows the Charlotte Road in a southerly direction to a point just south of the fishing pier and observation blind, where it turns in an easterly direction, crossing the East Branch of the Magurrewock Stream, and proceeds in a northerly direction along the upland edge of the Upper and Middle Magurrewock Marshes to U.S. Route 1 where it follows Route 1 in a southerly direction to the point of origin.

ii. The North Magurrewock Area: The boundary of this area begins where the northern exterior boundary of the refuge and Route 1 intersect; it follows the boundary line in a westerly direction to the railroad grade where it follows the main railroad grade and refuge boundary in a southwest direction to the upland edge of the Lower Barn Meadow Marsh; then it follows the upland edge of the marsh in a southerly direction to U.S. Route 1 where it follows Route 1 to the point of origin.

iii. The posted safety zone around the refuge headquarters: The boundary of this area starts where the snowmobile trail intersects with Charlotte Road. The boundary follows the southern edge of the field, across the abandoned Maine Central Railroad grade, where it follows the snowmobile trail in a northwesterly direction to Barn Meadow Road. It proceeds across Barn Meadow Road to the South Fireline, where it follows the South Fireline to the Headquarters Road. It follows the Headquarters Road in a southerly direction to Two Mile Meadow Road. It follows the westerly side of Two Mile Meadow Road to the intersection with Mile Bridge Road. It then follows Mile Bridge Road to the intersection with Hanson Pit Road, then along Hanson Pit Road leaving the road in an easterly direction at the site of the old crossing, across the abandoned Maine Central Railroad grade to Charlotte Road (directly across from the Moosehorn Ridge Road gate). The line follows Charlotte Road in a northerly direction to the point of origin.

iv. The Southern Gravel Pit: The boundary of this area starts at a point where Cranberry Brook crosses the Charlotte Road and proceeds south along the Charlotte Road to

the Baring/Charlotte Town Line, east along the Town Line to a point where it intersects the railroad grade where it turns in a northerly direction, and follows the railroad grade to Cranberry Brook, following Cranberry Brook in a westerly direction to the point of origin.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit use of motorized or mechanized vehicles, boats, and equipment in designated Wilderness Areas. This includes all vehicles, boats, and items such as snowmobiles and motorized ice augers (Bearce and Conic Lakes).
2. We only allow fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.
3. We allow fishing in the following areas on the Baring Division of the refuge:
  - i. Bearce Lake, Conic Lake, James Pond, Ledge Pond, and Vose Pond;
  - ii. Clark Brook and the West Branch of the Magurrewock Stream from the outlet of the Howard Mill Flowage water control structure to the handicapped-accessible fishing pier located off the Charlotte Road; and
  - iii. Barn Meadow Brook, Cranberry Brook, Mahar Brook, and Moosehorn Stream.
4. We allow ice fishing in the following areas on the Baring Division of the refuge: Bearce Lake, Conic Lake, James Pond, and Vose Pond.
5. We allow fishing in the following areas on the Edmunds Division of the refuge: Hobart Lake, Hobart Stream, Cranberry Brook, Crane Meadow Brook, Crane Mill Stream, and Crane Mill Flowage.
6. We allow ice fishing in the following areas on the Edmunds Division of the refuge: Hobart Lake (within the refuge boundary).
7. We prohibit fishing on the stretch of Moosehorn Stream on the Baring Division that lies west of the Charlotte Road and north of Moosehorn Ridge Road.
8. We prohibit trapping of bait fish on the refuge.

#### PETIT MANAN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, woodcock, rail, gallinule, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge (Gouldsboro Bay and Sawyers Marsh Divisions) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow waterfowl hunting on the following islands: Little Libby, Eastern Brothers, Halifax, Schoppee, Inner Sand, Jordans Delight, Petit Manan, Sally, Abbott, Egg Rock, South Twinnie, John's, Little Marshall, Ship, Trumpet, East and West Barge, Matinicus Rock, Two Bush, Hart, Little Thrumcap, Outer White, Outer Heron, Upper Flag, and Ram.

2. We prohibit erection of permanent waterfowl blinds.

3. You must remove all temporary blinds, concealment materials, boats, and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) each day.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge (Gouldsboro Bay and Sawyers Marsh Division) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).
2. We allow only pointing and flushing dogs.
3. We prohibit the hunting of crows.
4. You may hunt coyotes from November 1 to March 31.

5. The hunter must retrieve all species, including coyotes, harvested on the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and bear on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow white-tailed deer hunting on designated areas of the Petit Manan Point, Sawyers Marsh, and Gouldsboro Bay Division and Bois Bubert Island. Petit Manan Point is open only during the State-prescribed muzzleloader season.
2. We allow black bear hunting only on designated areas of the Sawyers Marsh and Gouldsboro Bay Divisions during the firearm season for white-tailed deer.
3. We prohibit the use of dogs.
4. You must remove all tree stands by the last day of the white-tailed deer hunting season (see §27.93 of this chapter).
5. We normally close the refuge to all visitors from legal sunset to legal sunrise. However, during hunting season, we allow hunters to enter the refuge 1 hour prior to legal sunrise and remain on the refuge 1 hour after legal sunset.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### RACHEL CARSON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, woodcock, and snipe in accordance with State regulations on designated areas of the Brave Boat Harbor, Lower Wells, Upper Wells, Mousam River, Goose Rocks, and Spurwink River Divisions of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to entering designated refuge hunting areas, you must obtain a Migratory Bird Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2357), pay a recreation fee, and sign and carry the permit at all times.
2. You may only take sea duck when the State sea duck season coincides with the regular duck season.
3. You may take waterfowl by falconry during State seasons.

4. We open Designated Youth Hunting Areas to hunters age 15 and under who possess and carry a refuge hunting permit. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. The accompanying adult must possess and carry a refuge hunting permit and may also hunt.

5. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)) on the refuge.

6. You may use seasonal blinds with a Special Use Permit. A permitted seasonal blind is available to permitted hunters on a first-come, first-served basis. The permit holder for the blind is responsible for the removal of the blind at the end of the season and compliance with all conditions of the Special Use Permit. You must remove temporary blinds, decoys, and boats from the refuge each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

7. We open the refuge to hunting during the hours stipulated by State regulations. We close the refuge to night hunting.

8. We close the Moody, Little River, Biddeford Pool, and Goosefare Brook divisions of the refuge to all migratory bird hunting.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, and grouse on designated areas of the Brave Boat Harbor, Lower Wells, Upper Wells, Mousam River, Goose Rocks, Goosefare Brook, and Spurwink River division of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A7 apply.

2. You may take pheasant, quail, and grouse by falconry during State seasons.

3. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)) on the refuge.

4. We close the Moody, Little River, and Biddeford Pool divisions of the refuge to all upland game hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the Brave Boat Harbor, Lower Wells, Upper Wells, Mousam River, Goose Rocks, Little River, Goosefare Brook, and Spurwink River divisions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to entering designated refuge hunting areas, you must obtain a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356), pay a recreation fee and sign and carry the permit at all times. Conditions A.4 and A.7 apply.

2. We allow hunting of deer and turkey with shotgun and archery only. We prohibit rifles and muzzleloading firearms for hunting.

3. We allow turkey hunting during the fall season only, as designated by the State. All State regulations governing the hunting of turkey must be followed.

4. We allow portable tree stands, ladders, and blinds only, and they must be removed daily (see §27.93 of this chapter). The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand

to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. You must keep vegetation disturbance (including tree limbs) to a minimum (see §32.2(i)).

5. We close the Moody and Biddeford Pool divisions of the refuge to white-tailed deer and turkey hunting.

6. We allow archery on only those areas of the Little River division open to hunting.

7. We allow hunting of fox and coyote with archery or shotgun with a refuge big game permit, during State firearm deer season.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing along the shoreline on the following designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. At the Brave Boat Harbor division on the north side (York) of the stream crossing under Route 103, beginning at Route 103 then downstream to the first railroad trestle.

2. At the Moody division on the north side of the Ogunquit River and downstream of Route 1, beginning at the refuge boundary then downstream a distance of 500 feet (150 m).

3. At the Moody division on the east side of Stevens Brook and downstream of Bourne Avenue, beginning at Bourne Avenue then downstream to where the refuge ends near Ocean Avenue.

4. At the Lower Wells division on the west side of the Webhannet River downstream of Mile Road, from Mile Road north to the first creek.

5. At the Upper Wells division on the south side of the Merriland River downstream of Skinner Mill Road, beginning at the refuge boundary and then east along the oxbow to the woods.

6. At the Mousam River division on the north side of the Mousam River downstream of Route 9, beginning at the refuge boundary and then east to a point opposite Great Hill Road. Access is from the Bridle Path along the first tidal creek.

7. At the Goosefare Brook division on the south side of Goosefare Brook where it flows into the Atlantic Ocean.

8. At the Spurwink River division on the west side (Scarborough) of the Spurwink River upstream of Route 77, beginning at Route 77 and then upstream approximately 1,000 feet (300 m) to a point near the fork in the river.

9. You may launch boats from car top from legal sunrise to legal sunset at Brave Boat Harbor division on Chauncey Creek at the intersection of Cutts Island Road and Sea Point Road.

10. We allow car-top launching from legal sunrise to legal sunset at Little River division at the end of Granite Point Road into the Little River.

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11. We allow car-top launching from legal sunrise to legal sunset at Spurwink River division on the upstream side of Route 77 at the old road crossing.

12. We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

13. We prohibit lead jigs and sinkers.

14. Anglers must attend their lines at all times.

15. We prohibit collection of bait on the refuge.

### SUNKHAZE MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on all areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on all areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Shotgun hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

2. We allow eastern coyote hunting from October 1 to March 31.

3. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1 hour before legal shooting hours (½ hour before legal sunrise in the State of Maine), and they must exit the refuge by 1 hour past legal shooting hours (½ hour after legal sunset in the State of Maine), except for hunters pursuing raccoons and coyotes at night.

4. The hunter must retrieve all species, including coyotes, harvested on the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of black bear, bobcat, moose, and white-tailed deer on all areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunter-orange clothing in accordance with State of Maine regulations.

2. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1 hour before legal shooting hours (½ hour before legal sunrise in the State of Maine), and they must exit the refuge by 1 hour past legal shooting hours (½ hour after legal sunset in the State of Maine).

3. We allow bear hunting from October 1 to the end of the State prescribed season. We prohibit use of bait during the hunting of bears.

4. You must remove all tree stands by the last day of the white-tailed deer hunting season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on the waters of and from the banks of Baker Brook, Birch Stream, Buzzy Brook, Dudley Brook, Johnson Brook, Little Birch Stream, Little Buzzy Brook, Sandy Stream, and Sunkhaze Stream.

### UMBAGOG NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, snipe, duck, coot, and

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woodcock in accordance with State regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must comply with State regulations regarding hunter-orange clothing or material.

2. We will provide permanent refuge blinds at various locations on the refuge that are available for public use by reservation. Hunters may make reservations for particular blinds up to 1 year in advance, for a maximum of 7 days, running Monday through Sunday during the hunting season. Hunters may make reservations for additional weeks up to 7 days in advance, on a space-available basis. We allow no other permanent blinds. Hunters must remove temporary blinds, boats, and decoys from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

3. Pursuant to State regulations, you may use dogs to assist in hunting and retrieval of harvested birds.

4. We prohibit dog training on the refuge.

5. We open the refuge to hunting during the hours stipulated under the State's hunting regulations. Hunters will unload all hunting firearms outside of legal hunting hours.

6. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs or OHRVs) on refuge land.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote (see C. Big Game Hunting), fox, raccoon, woodchuck, squirrel, porcupine, skunk, snowshoe hare, ring-necked pheasant, and ruffed grouse in accordance with State regulations, seasons, and bag limits, subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit night hunting.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot when hunting with a shotgun (see §32.2(k)).

3. We open the refuge to hunting during the hours stipulated under State hunting regulations. You must unload all hunting firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) and nock no arrows outside of legal hunting hours.

4. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs or OHRVs) on refuge land.

5. Each hunter must wear hunter-orange clothing or material as specified by State hunting regulations.

6. We allow hunting of snowshoe hare, ring-necked pheasant, and ruffed grouse with dogs during State hunting seasons in accordance with State regulations.

7. We prohibit dog training on the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of bear, white-tailed deer, coyote, and moose in accordance with State regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition B3 applies, and we prohibit night hunting.

2. We allow bear and coyote hunting with dogs during State hunting seasons. We prohibit dog training on the refuge.

3. We allow prehunt scouting of the refuge; however, we prohibit dogs and hunting firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) during prehunt scouting.

4. Each hunter must wear hunter-orange clothing or material in accordance with State regulations.

5. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs or OHRVs) (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

6. We allow only temporary tree stands and blinds, and they may be erected no earlier than August 1 and must be removed by December 31. We prohibit nails, screws, or screw-in climbing pegs to build or access a stand or blind (see §32.2(i)). You must mark your tree stand and/or blind with your full name and address.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

BLACKWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose and duck on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require you to obtain a refuge waterfowl hunting permit using the Waterfowl Lottery Application (FWS Form 3-2355) or a signed refuge permit (signed brochure) while hunting on refuge property.

2. We require you to abide by the terms and conditions of the refuge permit and brochure. Hunters are subject to inspections by law enforcement officials and may have their permits revoked if they are found to be in violation of §32.2 or other Federal and State laws.

3. We allow only hunters possessing a valid refuge waterfowl hunting permit issued by the refuge to participate in the waterfowl hunt during designated days.

4. We require hunters to possess on their person a printed valid Maryland hunting license and all required stamps, a valid form of government-issued photo identification, and a printed valid hunting permit issued by

the refuge at all times while on refuge property.

5. The use of common reed (*Phragmites australis*) in any manner is prohibited.

6. You must remove all hunting blind materials and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each hunting day.

7. We allow hunters to access hunting areas only by boat, unless otherwise authorized by the refuge manager.

8. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) or amphibious vehicles of any type.

9. We prohibit the use of air boats on the refuge.

10. We allow the use of trained dogs by hunters to retrieve game on designated waterfowl hunt days. We require that hunters have dogs not engaged in retrieving waterfowl under control or confined to a vehicle, boat, kennel, blind area, or other container.

11. We require all hunters and hunt parties to remain within their designated hunt site or unit while hunting.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed and sika deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require you to obtain a deer or turkey hunting permit (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356 or Quota Deer Hunt Application FWS Form 3-2354).

2. We allow only hunters possessing a valid permit issued by the refuge to hunt/scout during designated days.

3. We require hunters to possess on their person at all times while on refuge property, a printed valid Maryland hunting license and all required stamps, a valid form of government-issued photo identification, and a printed valid hunting permit issued by the refuge.

4. We require hunters to notify and receive permission from a Service law enforcement officer, refuge manager, or designee if they need to enter a refuge closed area to retrieve game.

5. We prohibit the use of rimfire or centerfire rifles and all handguns, including muzzleloading pistols, for hunting.

6. We prohibit the use of boats, flotation devices, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), motorized off-road vehicles, and amphibious vehicles to access the refuge unless authorized by the refuge manager for use by disabled hunters.

7. We prohibit screw-in steps, spikes, or other objects that may damage trees (see §32.2(i)).

8. We prohibit hunting from a permanently constructed tree stand or blind.

9. We allow the use of temporary tree stands and blinds for hunting. All stands and blinds left on refuge property, unoccupied,

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must be tagged in plain sight with your permit number and the years that are printed on your permit. We require you to remove all stands and blinds by legal sunset of a date established annually by the refuge manager. We are not responsible for damage, theft, or use of the stand by other hunters (see §27.93 of this chapter).

10. We prohibit organized deer drives, unless otherwise authorized by the refuge manager.

11. Hunters may use marking devices, including flagging or tape, but they must remove them by legal sunset of date established annually by the refuge manager (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit paint or any other permanent marker to mark trails.

12. We require all disabled hunters to provide certification of their disability.

13. Disabled persons may have an assistant during the hunt in designated areas of the refuge. Persons assisting disabled hunters must be at least age 18 and obey all refuge, State, and Federal laws and regulations. Non-hunting assistants assisting disabled hunters must not be afield with a hunting firearm, bow, or other hunting device. Assistants who wish to hunt must abide by the conditions in C1 and C3. Assistants may not enter a designated disabled hunting area unless they are accompanied by a certified disabled hunter. All refuge-provided hunt blinds are reserved for disabled hunters only; however, when a certified disabled hunter and their assistant occupy the same blind, both may take game.

14. Hunters may use bicycles to access hunt areas on designated hunt/scout days. We prohibit hunters taking bicycles off of designated roads and trails while on refuge lands.

15. We require that you abide by the terms and conditions of the refuge permit and brochure. Hunters are subject to inspection by law enforcement officials and may have their permits revoked if we find them to be in violation of §32.2 or other Federal and State laws.

16. We prohibit shooting a projectile from a firearm, muzzleloader, bow, or crossbow from, down, or across any refuge road.

17. We require you to make a reasonable effort to retrieve all wounded or killed game and include it in your daily bag limit. We prohibit leaving deer entrails or other waste within 50 feet (15.2 meters) of any road, trail, or refuge structure on the refuge.

18. We require that all deer harvested be checked in at the refuge-sponsored check station during hunt days when the refuge-sponsored check station is being operated. If you fail to check your deer during the check station business hours, you must report your harvest through the State-sponsored big game check-in system within 24 hours of harvest.

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19. We prohibit parking in front of any open or closed gate. Parked vehicles may not impede any road traffic.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing and crabbing only from April 1 through September 30 during daylight hours in refuge waters, unless otherwise authorized by the refuge manager.

2. We allow fishing and crabbing from boats and from the Key Wallace roadway (bridge) across the Little Blackwater River, unless otherwise authorized by the refuge manager.

3. We require you to possess a printed valid Maryland sport fishing license, all required stamps, and a valid form of government-issued photo identification while fishing on the refuge. We do not require a refuge permit to fish on the refuge.

4. We require anglers to attend all fish and crab lines.

5. We prohibit boat launching from refuge lands except from the car-top boat launch located near the Blackwater River Bridge on Route 335.

6. We prohibit the use of airboats on refuge waters.

### EASTERN NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require you to obtain a deer or turkey hunting permit using the Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356).

2. We allow only hunters possessing a valid permit issued by the refuge to hunt/scout during designated days.

3. We require hunters to possess on their person at all times while on refuge property a printed valid Maryland hunting license and all required stamps, and a valid form of government-issued photo identification. On scout days, we require hunters to place their printed refuge permit on the dash of their vehicle in plain view. On hunt days, we require hunters to have a printed valid refuge permit on their person.

4. We require hunters to notify and receive permission from a Service law enforcement officer, refuge manager, or designee if they need to enter a closed area to retrieve game.

5. We prohibit the use of rimfire or centerfire rifles and all handguns, including muzzleloading pistols, for hunting.

6. We prohibit the use of boats, flotation devices, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), motorized off-road vehicles, and amphibious vehicles to access the refuge, unless authorized

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by the refuge manager for use by disabled hunters.

7. We prohibit screw-in steps, spikes, or other objects that may damage trees (see § 32.2(i)).

8. We prohibit hunting from a permanently constructed tree stand or blind.

9. We allow the use of temporary tree stand and blinds for hunting. All stands and blinds left on refuge property, unoccupied, must be tagged in plain sight with your permit number and the years that are printed on your permit. We require you to remove all stands and blinds by legal sunset of a date established annually by the refuge manager. We are not responsible for damage, theft, or use of the stand by other hunters (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

10. We allow use of marking devices, including flagging or tape, but hunters must remove them by legal sunset of a date established annually by the refuge manager (see § 27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit paint or any other permanent marker to mark trails.

11. We require all disabled hunters to provide certification of their disability.

12. Disabled persons may have an assistant during the hunt on designated areas of the refuge. Persons assisting disabled hunters must be at least age 18 and obey all refuge, State, and Federal laws and regulations. Non-hunting assistants assisting disabled hunters must not be afield with a hunting firearm, bow, or other hunting device. Assistants who wish to hunt must abide by the conditions in C1 and C3. Assistants participating in a disabled hunt must be accompanied by a hunter certified by the State as being disabled.

13. We require that you abide by the terms and conditions of the refuge permit and brochure. Hunters are subject to inspection by law enforcement officials and may have their permits revoked if we find them to be in violation of § 32.2 or other Federal and State laws.

14. We allow parking only in designated parking areas.

15. We prohibit shooting a projectile from a firearm, muzzleloader, bow, or crossbow from, down, or across any refuge road.

16. We require you to make a reasonable effort to retrieve all wounded or killed game and include it in your daily bag limit. We prohibit leaving deer entrails or other waste within 50 feet (15.2 meters) of any road, trail, or refuge structure on the refuge.

17. We prohibit parking in front of any open or closed gate. Parked vehicles may not impede any road traffic.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing and crabbing from the Eastern Neck Island Bridge and the Tundra Swan Boardwalk.

2. We allow fishing and crabbing from designated shore line areas located at the Ingleside Recreation Area from legal sunrise to legal sunset, April 1 through September 30.

3. We allow fishing from designated shore-line areas located at the Chester River end of Boxes Point and Duck Inn Trails from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

4. We require you to possess a printed valid Maryland sport fishing license and all required stamps, and valid form of government-issued photo identification while fishing on the refuge. We do not require a refuge permit to fish on the refuge.

5. We require anglers to attend all fish and crab lines.

6. We prohibit boat launching from refuge lands except for canoes/kayaks at the canoe/kayak ramp located at the Ingleside Recreation Area.

### PATUXENT RESEARCH REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and dove on the North Tract in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a Refuge Hunt Application (PRR Hunt Form #1). We issue permits through our Cooperating Association, Meade Natural Heritage Association (MNHA), at the refuge Hunting Control Station (HCS). MNHA charges a fee for each permit. Contact refuge headquarters for more information.

2. We publish the Refuge Hunting Regulations, which includes the daily and yearly bag limits and hunting dates, in late summer. We provide you with a copy of the regulations with your fee permit, and we require you to know the specific hunt seasons and regulations.

3. We require hunters, age 17 or younger, to have a parent or guardian cosign to receive a hunting permit.

4. We require hunters, age 17 or younger, to be accompanied in the field by an adult possessing a refuge hunting permit, age 21 or older.

5. You must check-in and out at the HCS and exchange your hunting permit for a daily hunting pass and a vehicle pass every time you enter or exit the refuge. This includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and other breaks if you leave your designated hunting area.

6. You must use designated and maintained roads for vehicular traffic.

7. You must park within the selected area specified and not block traffic or gates (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter).

8. We restrict you to the selected area until you check-out at the HCS.

9. We prohibit hunting on or across any road (paved, gravel, dirt, opened and/or closed) or within 50 yards (45.7 meters) of a road (paved, gravel, dirt, opened and/or closed), within 150 yards (137.2 meters) of any

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building or shed, and within 25 yards (22.5 meters) from any designated “No Hunting” and “Safety Zone” areas, except:

- i. You must be more than 50 yards (135 m) beyond the gate at Blue Heron Pond before hunting.
- ii. You must be more than 50 yards (135 m) from the road beyond the barricade at Wood Duck Pond before hunting.
- iii. You may hunt waterfowl (goose/duck) from any permanent photo/hunt blind on North Tract.
- iv. You may hunt from the roadside, except on the Wildlife Loop and Bald Eagle Drive, at designated areas, if you possess a Maryland Department of Natural Resources issued “Universal Disability Pass.”

10. You must wear fluorescent orange in accordance with State regulations subject to the additional following conditions:

- i. You must wear a solid-colored-fluorescent hunter orange that must be visible 360° while carrying-in and carrying-out equipment (e.g., portable blinds).
- ii. “Jump shooters” must wear at least a solid-colored, fluorescent-hunter-orange cap while hunting. If you stop and stand, you may remove it.

11. We allow the taking of only Canada goose during the Canada goose early resident season and late Canada goose migratory Atlantic population seasons.

12. Goose, duck, and dove hunting is suspended during the muzzleloader and firearms seasons, with the exceptions that waterfowl hunting will remain open during the 2-day January firearms season, during the early muzzleloader season, and waterfowl hunters are restricted to hunting only Blue Heron Pond, Lake Allen, and Area Z.

13. We require waterfowl hunters to use trained adult retrieving dogs while hunting duck and goose within 50 yards (45 meters) of the following impounded waters: Blue Heron Pond, Lake Allen, New Marsh, and Wood Duck Pond.

- i. We require dogs to be under the immediate control of their owner at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of gray squirrel, eastern cottontail rabbit, and woodchuck on the North Tract and turkey on the Central Tract in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A10i apply.
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting in the field (see §32.2(k)), except for the use of .22-caliber rimfire rifles during the months of December and January only to hunt squirrel.
3. We prohibit hunting of upland game during the deer muzzleloader and firearms seasons, including the Youth Firearms Deer Hunts.
4. We prohibit the use of dogs to hunt upland game.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of turkey on North Tract only and white-tailed deer on the North, Central, and South Tracts in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A10i apply.
2. Spring turkey hunters are exempt from wearing hunter orange.
3. We allow the use of bow and arrow for turkey hunting.
4. We require turkey hunters to use #4, #5, or #6 nontoxic shot or vertical bows (see §32.2(k)).
5. We select turkey hunters by a lottery for youth, disabled, and general public hunts. We require Maryland Department of Natural Resources-required documentation to accommodate hunters with disabilities.
6. We require turkey hunters to pattern their hunting weapons prior to going afield. Contact refuge headquarters for more information.
7. Prior to issuing a hunt permit, we require you to pass a yearly proficiency test with each hunting weapon used. See A1 for issuing information.
8. We only allow the use of a hunting shotgun, muzzleloader, or bow and arrow according to refuge hunting regulations.
9. We require hunters to secure longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows in accordance with State regulations.
10. We prohibit possession or use of buckshot for hunting.
11. We require bow hunters to wear fluorescent-orange color in accordance with State regulations when moving to and from their vehicle to their deer stand or their hunting spot and while tracking or dragging out their deer. We do not require bow hunters to wear fluorescent-orange when in position to hunt except during the North Tract Youth Firearms Deer Hunts, the muzzleloader seasons, and the firearms seasons, when they must wear it at all times. You must wear fluorescent orange when stalking or “still hunting.”
12. All bucks harvested must have a 15-inch (37.5-centimeter) minimum outside antler spread.
13. We allow hunting in the Schafer Farm, Central Tract, and South Tract. You must hunt using a portable tree stand, which must be at least 10 feet (3 meters) off the ground and equipped with a full-body safety harness. You must wear the full-body safety harness while in the tree stand. We will make limited accommodations for disabled hunters for Central Tract lottery hunts.
14. We allow hunting in the North Tract. You may hunt from the ground or using a portable tree stand. You must wear a full-body safety harness while in the tree stand.
15. We prohibit the use of dogs to hunt or track wounded deer.
16. We prohibit deer drives or anyone taking part in any deer drive. We define a “deer

drive'' as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive chase, or otherwise frighten or cause deer to move in the direction of any person or persons who are part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer. We also prohibit organized deer drives without a standing hunter.

17. North Tract: We allow shotgun, muzzle-loader, and bow hunting in accordance with the following: Conditions C1 through C16 apply.

18. Central Tract: Headquarters/Mills Race (MR) Lottery Hunt: We only allow shotgun and bow hunting in accordance with the following: Conditions C1 through C15 apply (except C8).

19. South Tract: We allow shotgun, muzzle-loader, and bow hunting in accordance with the following: Conditions C1 through C16 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing in accordance with State hook and line fishing regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require all anglers, age 16 and older, to present their current Maryland State nontidal fishing license and complete the Fishing/Shrimping/Crabbing Application (FWS Form 3-2358). Anglers age 18 and older will receive a free Patuxent Research Refuge Fishing Pass. Organized groups must complete the Fishing/Shrimping/Crabbing Application (FWS Form 3-2358), and the group leader must stay with the group at all times while fishing.

2. We publish the refuge fishing regulations, which include the daily and yearly creel limits and fishing dates, in early January. We provide a copy of the regulations with your free Fishing Pass, and we require you to know the specific fishing regulations.

3. Anglers must carry a copy of their Maryland State fishing license in the field.

4. Anglers must display the Fishing Pass in the vehicle windshield while fishing.

5. We require anglers, ages 16 and 17, to have a parent or guardian cosign the Fishing/Shrimping/Crabbing Application (FWS Form 3-2358).

6. An adult age 21 or older possessing a Fishing Pass must accompany anglers age 17 or younger in the field; they must maintain visual contact with each other within a 50-yard (45.7-meters) distance; and they may take 3 youths, age 15 or younger, to fish under their Fishing Pass.

7. We prohibit the use and/or possession of lead sinkers.

8. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages (see §27.81 of this chapter).

9. We allow the use of earthworms as the only source of live bait. We prohibit bloodworms, fish, or other animals or parts of animals to be used as bait.

10. We prohibit harvesting bait on the refuge.

11. Anglers must attend all fishing lines.

12. Anglers may take the following species: Chain pickerel, catfish, golden shiner, eel, and sunfish (includes bluegill, black crappie, warmouth, and pumpkinseed). Maryland State daily harvest limits apply unless otherwise noted.

i. All bluegill taken must be 6 inches (15 cm) or larger.

ii. We allow take of one chain pickerel per day.

iii. Anglers must release all bass that they catch.

13. We prohibit fishing from all bridges except the downstream side of Bailey Bridge.

14. North Tract: We allow sport fishing in accordance with the following regulations:

i. Conditions D1 through D13 apply.

ii. We allow sport fishing year-round at Lake Allen, Blue Heron Pond, Rieve's Pond, New Marsh, Cattail Pond, and Little Patuxent River (downstream only from Bailey's Bridge) except Mondays through Saturdays September 1 through January 31 during the hunting season. We also reserve the right to close Lake Allen at any time.

iii. Anglers age 18 and older must complete an Emergency Contact Information/warning/waiver form (PRR Fishing Form #1) prior to receiving a free North Tract Vehicle Access Pass. Anglers must display the North Tract Vehicle Access Pass in the vehicle windshield at all times and return the Pass to the North Tract Visitor Contact Station at the end of each visit.

iv. We prohibit the use of any type of watercraft.

15. South Tract: We allow sport fishing in accordance with the following regulations:

i. Conditions D1 through D12 apply.

ii. Anglers must park their vehicles in the parking lot located behind Refuge Gate #8 off MD Rt. 197. Anglers may not access Cash Lake from the National Wildlife Visitor Center.

iii. We allow sport fishing at the pier and designated shorelines at Cash Lake. See Refuge Fishing Regulations for areas opened to fishing. We post other areas with, "No fishing beyond this point" signs.

iv. Anglers may fish from April 1 until mid-October, as posted. We also reserve the right to close Cash Lake at any time.

v. We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

vi. Anglers may use watercraft for fishing in accordance with Maryland State boating laws subject to the additional following conditions:

a. You may use car-top boats that are 14 feet (4.2m) or less, canoes, kayaks, and inflatable boats.

b. You may use only electric motors that are 4 hp or less.

c. We prohibit sailboats.

d. Maryland State law requires personal flotation devices and whistle and/or horn in boats.

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vii. We prohibit boat trailers except by individuals possessing a refuge handicapped permit.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### ASSABET RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of woodcock on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow woodcock hunting within the portions of the refuge located north of Hudson Road, except those areas north of Hudson Road that are designated as “archery only” hunting on the current refuge hunting map. These archery only hunting areas north of Hudson Road are those portions of the refuge that are external to Patrol Road from its southerly intersection with White Pond Road, northwesterly and then easterly, to its intersection with Old Marlborough Road.

2. We require a Migratory Bird Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2357). We limit the number of migratory game bird hunters allowed to hunt on the refuge. If the number of applications received is greater than the number of permits available, we will issue permits by random selection.

3. You must possess and carry all applicable hunting licenses, permits, stamps, and a photographic identification while hunting on the refuge.

4. We prohibit use of motorized vehicles on the refuge. The refuge will provide designated parking areas for hunters. You must display issued hunter parking permits (generated from the Migratory Bird Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2357) on their dashboards when parked in designated hunter parking areas.

5. During any season when it is legal to hunt deer with a shotgun or muzzleloader, we require all hunters, including archers and small game hunters, to wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters) of solid-orange clothing or material in a conspicuous manner on their chest, back, and head. During all other times, if you are engaged in woodcock hunting on the refuge,

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you must wear a minimum of a solid-orange hat.

6. We prohibit the use of electronic calls during any hunting season.

7. We prohibit trimming or cutting of branches larger than the diameter of a quarter (see § 27.61 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit marking any tree or other refuge feature with flagging, paint, or any other substance. Hunters may use reflective tacks, which we require hunters to remove by the end of their permitted season.

9. You may begin scouting hunting areas 1 month prior to the opening day of your permitted season. We require possession of refuge permits (Migratory Bird Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2357) while scouting.

10. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1½ hours before legal hunting hours, and they must leave the refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset.

11. For seasons wherein State regulations allow use of dogs, we allow no more than two dogs per hunting party. We prohibit the training of dogs on the refuge.

12. One nonhunting companion may accompany each permitted hunter. We prohibit nonhunting companions from hunting, but they may assist in other means. All companions must carry identification and stay close enough to the hunter to speak to them without raising their voice.

13. We prohibit construction or use of any permanent structure while hunting on the refuge. Hunters must remove all temporary blinds each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow shotgun hunting for ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, and gray squirrel within those portions of the refuge located north of Hudson Road, except those areas north of Hudson Road designated as “archery only” hunting on the current refuge hunting map. These archery only hunting areas north of Hudson Road are those portions of the refuge that are external to Patrol Road from its southern intersection with White Pond Road, northwest and then east, to its intersection with Old Marlborough Road.

2. We require a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356). We limit the number of upland game hunters allowed to hunt on the refuge. If the number of applications received is greater than the number of permits available, we will issue permits by random selection.

3. Conditions A3, A4, A6 through A13 apply.

4. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

5. During seasons when it is legal to hunt deer with a shotgun or muzzleloader, we require all hunters, including archers and small game hunters, to wear a minimum of

500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-orange clothing or material in a conspicuous manner on their chest, back, and head. During all other times, if you are hunting ruffed grouse, squirrel, or cottontail rabbit on the refuge, you must wear a minimum of a solid-orange hat.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow shotgun and muzzleloader hunting of white-tailed deer, as well as shotgun hunting of turkey, within the portions of the refuge located north of Hudson Road, except those areas north of Hudson Road that are designated as "archery only" hunting on the current refuge hunting map. These archery only hunting areas north of Hudson Road are those portions of the refuge that are external to Patrol Road from its southerly intersection with White Pond Road, northwesterly and then easterly, to its intersection with Old Marlborough Road.
2. We allow archery deer and archery turkey hunting within all portions of the refuge during the hunting seasons for these species.
3. We require refuge permits. We limit the numbers of deer and turkey hunters allowed to hunt on the refuge. If the number of applications to hunt these species received is greater than the number of permits available, we will issue permits by random selection.
4. We require a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356). We limit the number of big game hunters allowed to hunt on the refuge. If the number of applications received is greater than the number of permits available, we will issue permits by random selection.
5. Conditions A3, A4, A6 through A10, and A12 apply.
6. During seasons when it is legal to hunt deer with a shotgun or muzzleloader, we require all hunters, including archers, to wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-orange clothing or material in a conspicuous manner on their chest, back, and head.
7. You may use decoys to hunt turkey.
8. We prohibit driving deer by any means on the refuge.
9. We prohibit construction or use of permanent structures while hunting.
10. You may use temporary tree stands and/or ground blinds while engaged in hunting deer during the applicable archery, shotgun, or muzzleloader deer seasons or while hunting turkey. We allow hunters to keep one tree stand or ground blind on each refuge during the permitted season. Hunters must mark ground blinds with the hunter's permit number. Hunters must mark tree stands with the hunter's permit number in such a fashion that all numbers are visible from the ground.

Hunters must remove all temporary tree stands and ground blinds by the 15th day after the end of the hunter's permitted season.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing in Puffer Pond in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from designated locations on the banks of Puffer Pond. We prohibit the use of motorized and non-motorized boats on Puffer Pond.
2. We allow catch and release fishing only.
3. We prohibit the use of live bait.
4. We prohibit lead sinkers.
5. We prohibit taking of frogs or turtles on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).
6. We allow fishing on Puffer Pond from legal sunrise to legal sunset.
7. We prohibit ice fishing on the refuge.
8. We prohibit open fires anywhere on the refuge.

#### GREAT MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of ducks and geese on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge permits (information taken from OMB-approved form). We limit the number of waterfowl hunters allowed to hunt on the refuge. If the number of applications received to hunt waterfowl is greater than the number of permits available, we will issue permits by random selection.
2. We will provide waterfowl hunters maps showing the portions of the refuge designated as open.
3. You must possess and carry all applicable hunting licenses, permits, stamps, and a photographic identification while hunting on the refuge.
4. We prohibit construction or use of any permanent structure while hunting on the refuge. You must remove all temporary blinds each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
5. We prohibit use of motorized vehicles on the refuge. The refuge will provide designated parking areas for hunters. You must display issued hunter parking permits (generated from the Migratory Bird Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2357) on their dashboards when parked in designated hunter parking areas.
6. Except while hunting waterfowl from a blind or from a boat, you must wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-orange clothing or material in a conspicuous manner on your chest, back, and head during any season when it is legal to hunt deer with a shotgun or muzzleloader.
7. We prohibit the use of electronic calls during any hunting season.
8. We prohibit trimming or cutting of branches larger than the diameter of a quarter (see §27.61 of this chapter).

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9. We prohibit marking any tree or other refuge feature with flagging, paint, or any other substance. Hunters may use reflective tacks which they must remove by the end of the hunter's permitted season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

10. You may begin scouting hunting areas beginning 1 month prior to the opening day of your permitted season. We require possession of refuge permits (FWS Form 3-2357) while scouting. We prohibit the use of dogs during scouting.

11. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1½ hours before legal hunting hours, and they must leave the refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset.

12. We allow no more than two dogs per hunting party. We prohibit the training of dogs on the refuge.

13. We allow one nonhunting companion to accompany each permitted hunter. We prohibit nonhunting companions from hunting, but they can assist in other means. All companions must carry identification and stay close enough to the hunter to speak to them without raising their voice.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow archery hunting of whitetail deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow archery hunting of whitetail deer within the portions of the Concord Unit of the refuge that are located north of Massachusetts Route 225. We also allow archery hunting of whitetail deer within the portions of the Sudbury Unit of the refuge that are located north of Stonebridge Road in Wayland, Massachusetts and south of Lincoln Road/Sherman's Bridge Road on the Sudbury and Wayland Town Line.

2. We prohibit the use of firearms for hunting deer on the refuge. However, you may archery hunt in the portions of the refuge that are open for deer hunting during the archery, shotgun, and muzzleloader seasons established by the State.

3. We require refuge permits (information taken from OMB-approved forms). We limit the number of deer hunters allowed to hunt on the refuge. If the number of applications received to hunt deer on the refuge is greater than the number of permits available, we will issue permits by random selection.

4. Conditions A3, A5, A7 through A11, and A13 apply.

5. During seasons when it is legal to hunt deer with a shotgun or muzzleloader, we require all hunters, including archers, to wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-orange clothing or material in a conspicuous manner on their chest, back, and head.

6. We prohibit the use of decoys to hunt deer on the refuge.

7. We prohibit driving deer by any means on the refuge.

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8. We prohibit construction or use of permanent structures while hunting.

9. You may use temporary tree stands and/or ground blinds while engaged in hunting deer during the applicable archery season. We allow hunters to keep one tree stand or ground blind on each refuge during the permitted season. Hunters must mark ground blinds with their permit number. Hunters must mark tree stands with their permit number in such a fashion that all numbers are visible from the ground. Hunters must remove all temporary tree stands and ground blinds by the 15th day after the end of the permitted deer season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We allow fishing along the main channels of the Concord and Sudbury Rivers and from designated banks of Heard Pond. We limit access to Heard Pond to foot traffic only.

### MONOMOY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing on the portions of the Monomoy Islands that we do not post as closed to public use from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. We allow surf fishing from the Morris Island shore 24 hours a day.

### NANTUCKET NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We reserve the right to close the refuge shoreline and beach area to surf fishing and over-sand vehicle use during the period of April 1 through mid-September annually, based on biological needs and beach conditions. Seasonal closures are delineated with posted signs. A portion of the northernmost area of the shoreline, commonly referred to as the point, is posted closed from April 1 through mid-September.

2. We may close the northeast-facing shoreline and beach if piping plover nesting is occurring in this portion of the refuge.

3. We require a permit obtained from the Trustees of Reservations for the use of over-sand, surf-fishing vehicles on the refuge.

4. If we do not otherwise close an area because of these conditions, we allow fishing 24 hours a day.

## OXBOW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl, woodcock, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow waterfowl and common snipe hunting within the portions of the refuge located south of Massachusetts Route 2 and west of the B&M railroad tracks.

2. We allow woodcock hunting within the portions of the refuge south of Massachusetts Route 2 and west of the B&M railroad tracks; north of Massachusetts Route 2 and south of Hospital Road; as well as within the portions of the refuge along the westerly side of the Nashua River located north of the commuter rail tracks in Shirley, Massachusetts.

3. We require refuge permits (information taken from OMB-approved forms). We limit the number of waterfowl hunters allowed to hunt on the refuge. If the number of applications received to hunt waterfowl is greater than the number of permits available, we will issue permits by random selection.

4. You must possess and carry all applicable hunting licenses, permits, stamps, and a photographic identification while hunting on the refuge.

5. We prohibit construction or use of any permanent structure while hunting on the refuge. You must remove all temporary blinds each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. We prohibit use of motorized vehicles on the refuge. The refuge will provide designated parking areas for hunters. You must display issued hunter parking permits (generated from the Migratory Bird Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2357) on their dashboards when parked in designated hunter parking areas.

7. With the exception of waterfowl hunters hunting within a blind or from a boat, during any season when it is legal to hunt deer with a shotgun or muzzleloader, we require all hunters to wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-orange clothing or material in a conspicuous manner on their chest, back, and head. During all other times, if you are engaged in woodcock hunting on the refuge, you must wear a minimum of a solid-orange hat.

8. We prohibit the use of electronic calls during any hunting season.

9. We prohibit trimming or cutting of branches larger than the diameter of a quarter (see § 27.51 of this chapter).

10. We prohibit marking any tree or other refuge feature with flagging, paint, or any other substance. Hunters may use reflective tacks and must remove them by the end of the hunter's permitted season (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

11. You may begin scouting hunting areas 1 month prior to the opening day of your permitted season. We require possession of refuge permits while scouting. We prohibit the use of dogs during scouting.

12. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1½ hours before legal hunting hours, and they must leave the refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset.

13. For seasons wherein State regulations allow use of dogs, we allow no more than two dogs per hunting party. We prohibit the training of dogs on the refuge.

14. One nonhunting companion may accompany each permitted hunter. We prohibit nonhunting companions from hunting, but they can assist in other means. All companions must carry identification and stay close enough to the hunter to speak to them without raising their voice.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow shotgun hunting of ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, and gray squirrels within the areas of the refuge located south of Massachusetts Route 2 and west of the B&M railroad tracks; north of Massachusetts Route 2 and south of Hospital Road; and, within the portions of the refuge along the westerly side of the Nashua River located north of the commuter rail tracks in Shirley, Massachusetts, subject to the following conditions:

2. We require a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356). We limit the number of upland game hunters allowed to hunt on the refuge. If the number of applications received to hunt upland game is greater than the number of permits available, we will issue permits by random selection.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

4. Conditions A4 through A6 and A8 through A14 apply.

5. With the exception of waterfowl hunters hunting within a blind or from a boat, during seasons when it is legal to hunt deer with a shotgun or muzzleloader, we require all hunters, including archers and small game hunters, to wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-orange clothing or material in a conspicuous manner on their chest, back, and head. During all other times, if you are engaged in ruffed grouse, squirrel, or cottontail rabbit hunting on the refuge, you must wear a minimum of a solid-orange hat.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow shotgun, archery, and muzzleloader hunting of white-tailed deer, as well as shotgun and archery hunting of turkey,

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within the portions of the refuge located south of Massachusetts Route 2 and west of the B&M railroad tracks.

2. We allow archery deer and archery turkey hunting within the portions of the refuge located south of Massachusetts Route 2 and east of the B&M railroad tracks, as well as within the portions of the refuge along the easterly side of the Nashua River located north of the commuter rail tracks in Ayer, Massachusetts.

3. We allow archery deer hunting as well as shotgun and archery turkey hunting within the portions of the refuge located north of Massachusetts Route 2 and south of Hospital Road; and, within the portions of the refuge along the westerly side of the Nashua River located north of the commuter rail tracks in Shirley, MA.

4. We require refuge permits (information taken from OMB-approved form). We limit the number of deer and turkey hunters allowed to hunt on the refuge. If the number of applications received to hunt those species is greater than the number of permits available, we will issue permits by random selection.

5. Conditions A4, A6, A8 through A12, and A14 apply.

6. With the exception of waterfowl hunters hunting within a blind or from a boat, during seasons when it is legal to hunt deer with a shotgun or muzzleloader, we require all hunters, including archers, to wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-orange clothing or material in a conspicuous manner on their chest, back, and head.

7. You may use decoys to hunt turkey.

8. We prohibit driving deer by any means on the refuge.

9. We prohibit construction or use of permanent structures while hunting.

10. You may use temporary tree stands and/or ground blinds while engaged in hunting deer during the applicable archery, shotgun, or muzzleloader deer seasons or while hunting turkey. We allow hunters to keep one tree stand or ground blind on each refuge during the permitted season. Hunters must mark ground blinds with their permit number. Hunters must mark tree stands with their permit number in such a fashion that all numbers are visible from the ground. Hunters must remove all temporary tree stands and ground blinds by the 15th day after the end of the permitted season.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing along the Nashua River in accordance with State regulations.

### PARKER RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Hunting of waterfowl and coots is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may not use or possess more than 25 shells per day.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the Plum Island portion of the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations. You may hunt deer on designated day(s) during the regular State shotgun season subject to the following conditions:

1. All hunters, regardless of age, must possess and carry a refuge permit (Quota Deer Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2354). This is a quota hunt, and we will randomly select a limited number of hunters from those that apply. You may apply by mail from September 1 until October 1.

2. If selected from the random drawing, you must attend a refuge-specific hunter orientation session prior to the hunt. We will charge a fee of participating hunters.

3. We only allow shotguns (slugs only) and shoulder-fired muzzleloaders (single projectile only) for our deer hunt.

4. We prohibit discharge of a firearm on or across the refuge road. You must unload hunting weapons when walking upon the refuge road.

5. You must check-in and out at the refuge entrance gatehouse.

6. We prohibit alcoholic beverages (See § 32.2(j)).

7. We prohibit hunting from the North Pool or Stage Island Observation towers.

8. We prohibit loaded hunting firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) on or within 150 feet (45 m) of the refuge road.

9. You must bring all deer to the refuge deer check station located at our Headquarters on the Plum Island Turnpike in Newburyport, Massachusetts.

10. We will only allow permitted refuge hunters or those individuals hunting at Sandy Point State Reservation at the southern end of Plum Island access to the refuge or Sandy Point on the day(s) of the deer hunt.

11. We prohibit vehicular travel (emergency excepted) on refuge roads from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 8:30 a.m. Refuge and Sandy Point State Reservation hunters may enter or reenter the refuge until 2:30 p.m. during the refuge deer hunt.

12. Parking regulations are subject to change and will be determined based on the number of permitted hunters and available hunt areas. We will provide this information in detail to all permitted hunters attending the required hunter-orientation session.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow saltwater fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow saltwater fishing on the ocean beach and the surrounding waters of the Broad Sound with the following conditions:

i. We prohibit fishing during closures.

ii. Anglers are subject to State licensing requirements and catch limits.

iii. We allow persons using refuge fishing areas access from legal sunrise to legal sunset without a refuge permit. They are, however, subject to entrance fee requirements.

iv. Nelson Island is open to fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset, except during waterfowl seasons, or other closures. We limit access to the trail, and fishing within 100 feet (30 m) on either side of the trail at the shoreline of Broad Sound.

v. The south-facing shoreline of Stage Island is open to fishing when accessed from the shore from Sandy Point State Reservation. We allow access from the Sandy Point State Reservation, along the shoreline below mean high tide, to a point 250 feet (73 m) beyond the terminus, or most western point, of the Stage Island peninsula known as Ipswich Bluff.

2. We require a Fishing Application (Fishing/Shrimping/Crabbing Application, FWS Form 3-2358) and application fee, as well as an entrance fee for night fishing and for the use of over-the-sand, surf-fishing vehicles (ORVs) with the following conditions:

i. We prohibit fishing in closed areas.

ii. Anglers must enter the refuge through the entrance gate and arrive prior to legal sunset.

iii. We generally allow fishing after legal sunset with a permit (vehicle sticker issued by the refuge office) sometime in mid-July until October 31 of the same year. Those persons are subject to additional listed environmental and/or emergency conditions.

iv. We will issue persons wishing access to the refuge beach with ORVs a separate Fishing/Shrimping/Crabbing Application (FWS Form 3-2358), generally valid between September 1 and October 31 of the same year. Those persons are subject to additional listed permit conditions. We may restrict ORV use due to beach, weather, tide, and other conditions.

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*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, rail, gallinule, coot, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit cutting of woody vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter) on the refuge for blinds.

2. All blinds must be portable; and you must remove all of your blinds, boats, and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge each day.

3. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, platforms, or scaffolds (see §27.92 of this chapter).

4. For hunting, you may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)). Discarded shells are considered litter.

5. We allow refuge access from 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

6. We prohibit the use of paint, flagging, reflectors, tacks, or other human-made materials to mark trails or hunting locations (see §27.93 of this chapter).

7. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

8. You must park all vehicles in designated parking areas.

9. We prohibit camping.

10. We allow hunting of waterfowl only on the Plum Creek Bay Unit of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

i. Conditions A1 through A7 and A9 apply.

ii. Access to this unit is by boat only.

11. We allow hunting of waterfowl only on the Brancheau Unit of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

i. You must obtain permits for this unit by entering the Michigan Department of Natural Resources daily drawing at the Point Mouillee State Game Area.

ii. You must possess a valid permit for the date you are hunting in the Brancheau Unit.

iii. Conditions A1, A2, A4, and A6 through A9 apply.

iv. You must remain with 75 feet (22.5 m) of your assigned blind or numbered post. We allow an exception for unarmed (hunting weapons) retrieval of waterfowl.

v. We prohibit boats. You may access all blinds or areas by walking.

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vi. You may possess a maximum of 18 shells per hunter containing only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

vii. We prohibit shot size larger than BBB.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, squirrel, rabbit, fox, raccoon, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A3, A5, A6, A7, A8, and A9 apply.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while in the field with the following exception: While hunting fox, coyotes, and raccoons in units where we allow it, you may use single projectile shot such as bullets, slugs, or muzzleloader bullets containing lead. We prohibit the use of buckshot for any hunting on the refuge. Discarded shells are considered litter.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A8, and A9 apply.

2. We prohibit the distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, salt, minerals, or other ingestible attractant (see §32.2(h)).

3. For deer hunting, you may use only single projectile shot. We prohibit the use of buckshot for any hunting on the refuge. Discarded shells are considered litter.

4. We allow portable tree stands for deer hunting.

5. We allow only one tree stand per hunter per refuge unit.

6. We do not require hunters to remove tree stands at the end of each day's hunt, but we strictly enforce State rules on tree stands.

7. For Humbug Marsh Only:

i. You must obtain State-issued permits for this unit by entering the Michigan Department of Natural Resources annual drawing.

ii. You must possess a valid State-issued permit for the date you are hunting in the Humbug Marsh Unit.

iii. We will provide fixed hunting platforms and blinds for selected hunters.

8. The Fix Unit is closed to firearm deer hunting. We allow only archery deer hunting in the Fix Unit.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### KIRTLAND'S WARBLER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Hunting is pursuant to State regulation.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Hunting is pursuant to State regulation.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting is pursuant to State regulation.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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### MICHIGAN WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorized boats, motorized vehicles, ATVs, horses, and bicycles except in designated parking areas.

2. Hunters must remove boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials at the end of each day.

3. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season.

4. We prohibit camping.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions: Conditions A1, A3, and A4 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of big game throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions: Conditions A1 and A4 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions: Conditions A1 and A4 apply.

### SENEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of woodcock and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Shotgun hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

2. We prohibit the use of ATVs and snowmobiles.

3. We prohibit baiting and the possession of bait while on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

4. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse and snowshoe hare on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of deer and bear on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2 and A3 apply.

2. We prohibit the use of dogs while deer or bear hunting.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of fishing weights or lures containing lead.

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2. We allow ice fishing from January 1 through the end of February.

3. Anglers must remove ice fishing shelters and all other personal property from the refuge each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

4. Condition A2 applies.

5. We allow fishing on designated refuge pools and the Creighton, Driggs, and Manistique Rivers from May 15 through September 30.

6. We prohibit boats and flotation devices on the refuge pools.

7. We prohibit motorized boats on the Creighton and Driggs Rivers.

8. We allow fishing only during daylight hours.

### SHIAWASSEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose on designated areas in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit.

2. We allow goose hunting on designated cropland fields until 12 p.m. (noon) with a required checkout time of 1 p.m.

3. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotgun shells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 10 or less.

4. We require hunters to stay within 50 feet (15 m) of posted site.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit.

2. Hunters must wear in a visible manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored hunter orange clothing or material.

3. We require that you must display a minimum of 100 square inches (650 cm<sup>2</sup>) solid-colored, hunter-orange material on the external surface of portable blinds.

4. During muzzleloader hunts we require only guns capable of firing one round before reloading.

5. We allow hunters with a State medical permit to use crossbows.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing by boat in navigable waterways but not within any managed refuge units.

2. We allow bank fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset only at designated sites along

the Spaulding Drain and the Tittabawassee and Cass Rivers.

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### § 32.42 Minnesota.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### AGASSIZ NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow a youth hunt only in designated areas in accordance with State regulations.

2. The refuge is closed from 7:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

3. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.

4. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds (see §27.92 of this chapter).

5. You must remove all personal property, which includes stands, boats, decoys, and blinds brought onto the refuge, each day of hunting (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

7. We prohibit the use of snowmobiles and ATVs.

8. We prohibit camping.

9. We allow the public onto the refuge the day prior to the opening of the season for scouting purposes.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse and sharp-tailed grouse on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting from the opening of the State's deer firearms season to the close of the regular State's ruffed grouse and sharp-tailed grouse seasons.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit hunting in the closed areas around the administrative buildings.

4. Conditions A2 through A8 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and moose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We are currently closed to moose hunting.

2. Conditions A2 through A5, A7, A8 and A9 apply.

3. We open archery hunting at the start of the State's deer firearms season and close according to the State's archery deer season.

4. We allow muzzleloader deer hunting following the State's muzzleloader season.

5. Hunters may use portable stands. We prohibit construction or use of permanent blinds, permanent platforms, or permanent ladders.

6. We prohibit hunters from occupying illegally set up or constructed ground and tree stands (see conditions A5 and C5).

7. We allow the use of wheeled, non-motorized conveyance devices (e.g., bikes, retrieval carts) except in Wilderness Areas.

8. Shooting on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet of a road edge open to public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal is prohibited.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### BIG STONE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We prohibit the hunting of migratory game birds. We allow the unarmed retrieval of waterfowl, legally taken outside the refuge, up to 100 yards (90 m) inside the refuge boundary.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, Hungarian partridge, rabbit (cottontail and jack), squirrel (fox and gray), raccoon, fox (red and gray), and striped skunk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

2. We allow the use of hunting dogs for upland game bird hunting only, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

3. We prohibit the use of dogs for hunting furbearers.

4. You may only hunt fox and raccoon from ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset in accordance with the beginning of the State season through the last day of February.

5. You may only hunt striped skunk from ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset from September 1 through the last day of February.

6. We allow nonmotorized boats and boats using electric motors only in the Minnesota River channel. We prohibit boats on all other refuge waters.

7. We prohibit camping.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow the use of temporary stands, blinds, platforms, or ladders. Hunters may construct blinds using manmade materials

only. We prohibit hunters bringing plants or their parts onto the refuge.

2. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds (see §27.92 of this chapter).

3. You must remove all stands, temporary blinds, platforms, ladders, materials brought onto the refuge, and other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. Conditions B6 and B7 apply. Condition B1 applies only to wild turkey.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B5 and B6 apply.

2. You must remove all ice fishing structures, devices, and personal property from the refuge following each day's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. We allow only bank fishing on all refuge pools and open marshes.

#### BIG STONE WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.

2. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds.

3. You must remove all personal property, which includes boats, decoys, and blinds brought onto the WPA each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. We prohibit camping.

6. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting throughout the district in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: Conditions A3 through A6 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may use portable stands. Hunters may not construct or use permanent blinds, permanent platforms, or permanent ladders.

2. You must remove all stands and personal property from the WPAs each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. We prohibit hunters occupying ground and tree stands that are illegally set up or constructed.

4. Condition A5 applies.

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*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.
2. You must remove all ice fishing shelters and all other personal property from the WPAs each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).
3. Condition A5 applies.

### CRANE MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. [Reserved]*

*B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]*

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow an archery deer hunt for youth hunters and a firearm deer hunt for persons with disabilities by special use permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G).
2. We only allow a turkey hunt for youth hunters and persons with disabilities by special use permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G).
3. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders (see §27.93 of this chapter).
4. Hunters must remove all stands from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.
5. Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.
6. We prohibit the possession of hunting firearms or archery equipment on areas closed to white-tailed deer or turkey hunting.
7. We prohibit deer pushes or deer drives in the areas closed to deer hunting.
8. We prohibit entry to hunting areas earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting hours.
9. We prohibit camping.
10. Turkey hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]*

### DETROIT LAKES WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district in accordance with State regulations, except that we prohibit hunting on the Headquarters Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in Becker County, the Hitterdal WPA in Clay County, and the McIntosh WPA in Polk County. The following conditions apply:

1. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.
2. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
3. You must remove all personal property, which includes boats, decoys, and blinds brought onto the WPAs each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season.

5. We prohibit camping.

6. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting in accordance with State regulations throughout the district (except that we allow no hunting on the refuge headquarters Waterfowl Production Area [WPA] in Becker County, the Hitterdal WPA in Clay County, and the McIntosh WPA in Polk County) and subject to the following condition: Conditions A3 through A6 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting in accordance with State regulations throughout the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Headquarters Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in Becker County, the Hitterdal WPA in Clay County, and the McIntosh WPA in Polk County. The following conditions apply:

1. Hunters may use portable stands. Hunters may not construct or use permanent blinds, permanent platforms, or permanent ladders.

2. You must remove all stands and personal property from the WPAs each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. We prohibit hunters occupying ground and tree stands that are illegally set up or constructed.

4. Condition A5 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in accordance with State regulations throughout the district subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove all ice fishing shelters and all other personal property from the WPAs each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).
2. Condition A5 applies.

### FERGUS FALLS WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district (except that we allow no hunting on the Townsend, Mavis, and Gilmore Waterfowl Production Areas [WPA] and the building and administrative area of Knollwood WPA in Otter Tail County, and Larson WPA in Douglas County) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.
2. You must remove boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials (see §27.93 of this chapter) brought onto the WPAs at the end of each day's hunt.
3. During the State-approved hunting season, we allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control

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of the hunter at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

4. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit hunters occupying ground and tree stands that are illegally set up or constructed.

6. We prohibit camping.

7. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting throughout the district (except that we prohibit hunting on the Townsend, Mavis, Gilmore, and designated portions of Knollwood Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in Otter Tail County, and Larson WPA in Douglas County) in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: Conditions A2, A3, A6, and A7 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting throughout the district (except that we prohibit hunting on the Townsend, Mavis, and Gilmore Waterfowl Production Areas [WPA] and the building and administrative area of Knollwood WPA in Otter Tail County, and Larson WPA in Douglas County) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders.

2. You must remove all portable hunting stands and blinds from the area at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

3. Condition A6 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the district (except that we prohibit fishing on the Townsend, Mavis, and Gilmore Waterfowl Production Areas [WPA] and the building and administrative area of Knollwood WPA in Otter Tail County, and Larson WPA in Douglas County) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A6 apply.

2. You must remove all ice fishing structures, devices, and personal property (see §27.93 of this chapter) brought onto the area following each day of fishing.

### GLACIAL RIDGE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, woodcock, snipe, rail, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit all types of watercraft.

2. We restrict vehicles to designated parking lots (see §27.31 of this chapter).

3. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

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*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of prairie chicken and sharp-tailed grouse on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Only those hunters selected by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to hunt prairie chicken may hunt sharp-tailed grouse.

2. Conditions A2 and A3 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove all stands from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

2. Condition A2 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### HAMDEN SLOUGH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow waterfowl hunting during the State's Youth Waterfowl Day.

2. Youth waterfowl hunters must be age 15 and under.

3. We will only allow waterfowl hunting in refuge tracts within Audubon and Riceville Townships.

4. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.

5. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds.

6. You must remove all personal property, which includes boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials (except for blinds made entirely of marsh vegetation) brought onto the refuge, following that day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

7. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season.

8. We prohibit entry to hunting areas earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting hours.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting during the State's muzzleloader season with muzzleloaders.

2. Hunters may use portable stands. We prohibit construction or use of permanent blinds, permanent platforms, or permanent ladders.

3. Hunters must remove all stands and personal property from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. Condition A8 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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### LITCHFIELD WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district except we prohibit hunting on that part of the Phare Lake Waterfowl Production Area in Renville County that lies within the Phare Lake State Game Refuge. All hunting is in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove boats, decoys, and other personal property following each day's hunt.
2. You must remove portable or temporary blinds and any material brought onto the area for blind construction following each day's hunt.
3. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.
4. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).
5. We prohibit camping.
6. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting throughout the district (except we prohibit hunting on that part of the Phare Lake Waterfowl Production Area in Renville County) in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: Conditions A1, A4, A5, and A6 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting throughout the district except we prohibit hunting on that part of the Phare Lake Waterfowl Production Area in Renville County that lies within the Phare Lake State Game Refuge. All hunting is in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not allow construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or platforms.
2. You must remove all temporary blinds, stands, or platforms following each day's hunt.
3. Condition A5 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.
2. You must remove all ice fishing structures, devices, and personal property (see §27.93 of this chapter) brought onto the area at the end of the day.
3. Condition A5 applies.

### MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow the hunting of goose, duck, merganser, moorhen, coot, rail, woodcock, common snipe, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State

regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge authorization for refuge-specific special hunts.
2. We prohibit the use of motorized boats. We allow nonmotorized boats in areas open to waterfowl hunting during the waterfowl hunting seasons.
3. We prohibit hunting on, from, across, or within 100 feet (30 m) of any service road, parking area, or designated trail.
4. You must remove all personal property, which includes boats, decoys, and blinds brought onto the refuge each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
5. We prohibit entry into the refuge earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time and require hunters to leave the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal shooting time.
6. We prohibit camping.
7. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).
8. We prohibit hunting during the State spring goose hunt.
9. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, gray partridge, ring-necked pheasant, American crow, squirrel (gray, fox, and red), snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit, raccoon, fox (red and gray), striped skunk, coyote, opossum, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A7 and A9 apply.
2. We prohibit single projectile ammunition for hunting upland game and furbearers, except that we allow hunters to use small-caliber rimfire rifles and handguns (.22 caliber and smaller) on designated areas of the refuge.
3. We prohibit the use of dogs for hunting furbearers.
4. You may only hunt fox, opossum, and raccoon from ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset, in accordance with the beginning of the State season through the last day of February, on designated areas of the refuge.
5. You may only hunt coyotes and skunks from ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset, from September 1 through the last day of February, on designated areas of the refuge.
6. You may only hunt crow during the State's fall crow season, on designated areas of the refuge.
7. We require hunters to wear at least one article of blaze-orange clothing visible above the waist.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A6 apply.
2. Hunters must remove all personal property, which include portable stands, climbing sticks, decoys, game cameras, and blinds, brought onto the refuge each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
- D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge during daylight hours in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:
  1. Only bank fishing is permitted.
  2. Ice fishing is permitted when ice conditions are safe.
  3. You must remove all ice fishing shelters and all other personal property from the refuge each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
  4. We prohibit the taking of any turtle, frog, leech, minnow, crayfish, and mussel (clam) species by any method on the refuge (see § 27.21 of this chapter).
  5. Condition A6 applies.

MINNESOTA VALLEY WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.
2. We prohibit the construct or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds.
3. You must remove all personal property, which includes boats, decoys, and blinds brought onto the WPAs each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
4. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).
5. We prohibit camping.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A4 and A5 apply.
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may use portable stands. Hunters may not construct or use permanent blinds, permanent platforms, or permanent ladders.
2. Hunters may not possess single shot projectiles (shotgun slugs or bullets) on the Soberg Waterfowl Production Area.
3. You must remove all stands and personal property from the WPAs at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit hunters occupying ground and tree stands that are illegally set up or constructed.

5. Condition A5 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A5 apply.
2. You must remove all ice fishing shelters and all other personal property from the WPAs each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

MORRIS WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district except that we prohibit hunting on the designated portions of the Edward-Long Lake Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in Stevens County in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.
2. You must remove boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of hunting hours.
3. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).
4. We prohibit camping.

5. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game, except that we prohibit hunting on the designated portions of the Edward-Long Lake Waterfowl Production Area in Stevens County, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: Conditions A2 through A5 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer throughout the district except that we prohibit hunting on the designated portions of the Edward-Long Lake Waterfowl Production Area in Stevens County in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders.
2. You must remove all portable hunting stands and blinds each day at the close of hunting hours (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
3. Condition A4 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing throughout the district except that we prohibit fishing on the designated portions of the Edward-Long Lake Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in Stevens County in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A4 apply.

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2. You must remove all ice fishing structures, devices, and personal property (see §27.93 of this chapter) brought onto the WPA at the end of each day's fishing.

### NORTHERN TALLGRASS PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, moorhen, coot, rail (Virginia and sora only), woodcock, common snipe, mourning dove, and sandhill crane in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

2. Hunters may construct temporary blinds using manmade materials only (see §27.92 of this chapter). We prohibit hunters from bringing plants or their parts onto the refuge.

3. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, scaffolds, and ladders.

4. We prohibit hunters from leaving boats, decoys, or other personal property unattended at any time (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

5. Hunters must remove boats, decoys, portable or temporary blinds, materials brought onto the refuge, and other personal property at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

7. We prohibit the use of motorized watercraft.

8. We prohibit camping.

9. For the Spieker tract in Clay County, you must follow the Clay County Game Refuge regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, Hungarian partridge, prairie chicken, spruce grouse, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, rabbit (cottontail and jack), snowshoe hare, squirrel (fox and gray), raccoon, opossum, fox (red and gray), badger, coyote, bobcat, striped skunk, and crow on designated areas in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Shotgun hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.3(k)).

2. We allow the use of dogs for upland game bird hunting only, provided that the dogs remain under the immediate control of the hunter at all times, during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

3. We prohibit the use of dogs for hunting furbearers.

4. Conditions A1, A7, and A8 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, elk, black bear, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow the use of temporary stands, blinds, platforms, or ladders (see §27.92 of this chapter). Hunters may construct blinds using manmade materials only. We prohibit hunters from bringing plants or their parts onto the refuge.

2. Conditions A3, A5, A7, and A8 apply. Condition A1 applies only to wild turkey.

3. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

4. We prohibit the use and distribution of bait and hunting over bait (see §32.2(h)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### RICE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of woodcock and common snipe on designated areas in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Shotgun hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

2. We require that the visible portion of at least one article of clothing worn above the waist be blaze orange.

3. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

4. We prohibit camping.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, gray and fox squirrels, cottontail rabbit, and snowshoe hare on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Shotgun hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting upland game species.

2. We require that the visible portion of at least one article of clothing worn above the waist be blaze orange.

3. Conditions A3 and A4 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. The construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms or ladders is not permitted.

2. All stands must be removed from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

3. Permits are required for firearms hunting.

4. Condition A4 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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1. Fishing from non-motorized boats or boats powered by electric motors is permitted only in designated areas.
2. Ice fishing shelters must be removed from the refuge following each day's fishing activity.
3. Condition A4 applies.

### RYDELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Permits are required to hunt white-tailed deer in the Special Permit Area of the refuge.
2. Hunting in the Special Permit Area is permitted with firearms only.
3. Hunters may not construct or use permanent blinds, permanent platforms, or permanent ladders. Hunters may use portable stands, but must remove them from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.
4. Hunters who harvest deer in the Special Permit Area must take their deer to the refuge check station.
5. We prohibit camping.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Tamarac Lake in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow fishing from designated fishing piers.
2. We allow fishing from May 1 to November 1.
3. We allow parking at designated parking lots only (see §27.31 of this chapter).
4. Condition C5 applies.

### SHERBURNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, rail, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Field possession of migratory game birds is not permitted on refuge areas closed to migratory game bird hunting.
2. We allow only nonmotorized boats, and they must be launched at designated access sites.
3. You must remove boats, decoys, and blinds from the refuge following each day's hunt.
4. We prohibit entry to hunting areas earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting hours.
5. We prohibit hunting from March 1 through August 31.
6. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times, during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).
7. We prohibit camping.
8. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in

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the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, ring-necked pheasant, gray and fox squirrel, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, and jackrabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Shotgun hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting for all upland game species.
2. We prohibit field possession of upland game species on areas closed to upland game hunting.
3. Conditions A6 through A8 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is closed to turkey hunting, except we allow a turkey hunt for youth hunters and persons with disabilities by special use permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G).
2. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders.
3. Hunters must remove all stands from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).
4. Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.
5. We prohibit the possession of hunting firearms or archery equipment on areas closed to white-tailed deer and turkey hunting.
6. We prohibit deer pushes or deer drives in the areas closed to deer hunting.
7. Conditions A4 and A7 apply. Condition A8 applies to wild turkey only.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. From March 1 through August 31 (the refuge Wildlife Sanctuary period), fishing is only allowed from non-motorized boats on the designated canoe route and on banks within 100 yards (both upstream and downstream) of designated access points.
2. We prohibit the taking of any mussel (clam), crayfish, frog, leech, and turtle species by any method on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).
3. We prohibit the use of dip nets, traps, or seines for collecting bait.

### TAMARAC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow the hunting of goose, duck, coot, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting by tribal members is in accordance with White Earth Reservation regulations on those portions of the Reservation that are a part of the refuge.

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2. You must remove all personal property, which includes boats, decoys, and blinds brought onto the refuge each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times, during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

4. We prohibit camping.

5. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, red, gray, and fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit, snowshoe hare, red fox, raccoon, and striped skunk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting by tribal members is in accordance with White Earth Reservation regulations on those parts of the Reservation that are part of the refuge.

2. You may only hunt fox and raccoon from ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset through the last day of February.

3. You may only hunt striped skunk from ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset from September 1 through the last day of February.

4. We require hunters to wear at least one article of blaze orange clothing visible above the waist.

5. Conditions A3 through A5 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting by tribal members is in accordance with White Earth Reservation regulations on those parts of the Reservation that are part of the refuge.

2. The construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms or ladders is not permitted.

3. All stands must be removed from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

4. Condition A4 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge between the hours of 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing in North Tamarac Lake, Wauboose Lake, and Two Island Lake all year in accordance with State and/or White Earth Reservation regulations.

2. We allow fishing in Blackbird Lake and Lost Lake from the first day of the State walleye season through Labor Day under State and/or White Earth Reservation regulations.

3. We only allow bank fishing in an area 50 yards (45 m) on either side of the Ottetail River Bridges on County Roads #26 and #126 during State seasons.

4. We allow fishing in Pine Lake from December 1 until March 31.

5. You must remove all ice fishing shelters and all other personal property from the refuge each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. We prohibit motorized vehicles on frozen water bodies.

7. Condition A4 applies.

### UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE AND FISH REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on areas designated by the refuge manager and shown on maps available at refuge offices in accordance with State regulations. We prohibit migratory bird hunting March 16 through August 31 each year. All migratory bird hunting is subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess a hunting license valid in the State in which you are hunting and be in compliance with all applicable State and Federal regulations and requirements (see §32.2). You cannot reserve hunting areas, except at Potter's Marsh Managed Hunt Area, Pool 13, near Thomson, Illinois, in accordance with procedures established by the refuge manager.

2. In areas posted and shown on maps as "Closed to All Access," we prohibit public entry, to include hunting and fishing, at all times. This area is named and located as follows: Crooked Slough Backwater, Pool 13, Illinois, 2,453 acres.

3. In areas posted and shown on maps as "No Entry—Sanctuary," we prohibit migratory bird hunting at all times and all public entry except as specified. These areas are named and located as follows:

i. Pool Slough, Pool 9, Minnesota/Iowa, 1,126 acres.

ii. Bertom Island, Pool 11, Wisconsin, 31 acres.

iii. Guttenberg Ponds, Pool 11, Iowa, 252 acres.

iv. Spring Lake, Pool 13, Illinois, 3,697 acres.

4. In areas posted and shown on maps as "Area Closed" and "Area Closed—No Motors," we prohibit migratory bird hunting at all times. We ask that you practice voluntary avoidance of these areas by any means or for any purpose from October 15 to the end of the respective State duck season. In areas also marked "no motors," we prohibit the use of motors on watercraft from October 15 to the end of the respective State duck season. These "Area(s) Closed" are named and located as follows:

i. Big Lake, Pool 4, Wisconsin, 2,210 acres.

ii. Weaver Bottoms/Lost Island, Pool 5, Minnesota/Wisconsin, 3,508 acres.

iii. Polander Lake, Pool 5A, Minnesota/Wisconsin, 1,873 acres.

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iv. Lake Onalaska, Pool 7, Wisconsin, 7,366 acres (voluntary avoidance on 3,365 acres until mid-November).

v. Wisconsin Islands, Pool 8, Minnesota/Wisconsin, 6,538 acres.

vi. Harpers Slough, Pool 9, Iowa/Wisconsin, 5,209 acres.

vii. Wisconsin River Delta, Pool 10, Wisconsin, 1,414 acres (closed November 1 to end of duck season).

viii. 12-Mile Island, Pool 11, Iowa, 1,139 acres.

ix. Bertom-McCartney, Pool 11, Wisconsin, 2,384 acres (no voluntary avoidance provision).

x. Pleasant Creek, Pool 13, Iowa, 2,191 acres.

xi. Elk River, Pool 13, Iowa, 1,248 acres.

The "Area(s) Closed—No Motors" are named and located as follows:

xii. Peterson Lake, Pool 4, Wisconsin 572 acres.

xiii. Rieck's Lake, Pool 4, Wisconsin, 499 acres.

xiv. Spring Lake, Pool 5, Wisconsin, 254 acres.

xv. Sturgeon Slough, Pool 10, Wisconsin, 340 acres.

xvi. 12-Mile Island, Pool 10, Iowa, 540 acres.

xvii. John Deere Marsh, Pool 11, Iowa, 439 acres.

xviii. Kehough Slough, Pool 12, Illinois, 333 acres.

xiv. Beaver Island, Pool 14, Iowa, 864 acres.

5. In areas posted and shown on maps as "No Hunting Zone" or "No Hunting or Trapping Zone," we prohibit migratory bird hunting at all times. These areas are named and located as follows:

i. Buffalo River, Pool 4, Wisconsin, 219 acres.

ii. Fountain City Bay, Pool 5A, Wisconsin, 24 acres.

iii. Upper Halfway Creek Marsh, Pool 7, Wisconsin, 143 acres.

iv. Brice Prairie Tract, Pool 7, Wisconsin, 186 acres.

v. Hunter's Point, Pool 8, Wisconsin, 82 acres.

vi. Goose Island, Pool 8, Wisconsin, 984 acres (also no motors and voluntary avoidance as in condition A3).

vii. Sturgeon Slough, Pool 10, Wisconsin, 66 acres.

viii. Goetz Island Trail, Pool 11, Iowa, 31 acres.

ix. Crooked Slough Proper, Pool 13, Illinois, 270 acres.

x. Frog Pond, Pool 13, Illinois, 64 acres.

xi. Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center, Pool 13, Illinois, 41 acres.

xii. Amann Tract, Pool 7, Wisconsin, 0.21 acre.

xiii. Lost Mound Unit Office and River Road, Pool 13, Illinois, 175 acres.

6. In the area posted and shown on maps as "Mesquaki Lake No Hunting Zone," Pool 13,

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Illinois, we prohibit hunting migratory birds from April 1 to September 30.

7. We prohibit hunting of migratory birds within 50 yards (45 m) of the Great River Trail at Thomson Prairie, within 150 yards (135 m) of the Great River Trail at Mesquaki Lake, and within 400 yards (360 m) of the Potter's Marsh Managed Hunt area, all in or near Pool 13, Illinois.

8. You must immediately make a reasonable attempt to retrieve downed waterfowl unless the bird lies in plain sight of you, is clearly dead, and there is no risk of the bird drifting off due to wind or current. You may retrieve dead or wounded game from areas posted "Area Closed," "No Hunting Zone," and "No Hunting or Trapping Zone" provided you do not attempt to chase birds from the area. You may not use a motor to aid in the retrieval of game in areas posted "Area Closed—No Motors." You may not retrieve birds or other game from areas posted "No Entry—Sanctuary."

9. You may not engage in open-water waterfowl hunting in Pool 11, approximate river miles 586-592, Grant County, Wisconsin as marked with signs and as shown on refuge maps. Open-water hunting regulations and definitions that apply for Wisconsin outside of Grant County will apply in this area.

10. You may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)).

11. We allow the use of dogs for hunting in accordance with State regulations. When dogs are not actively engaged in authorized hunting activities, the following conditions apply:

i. We prohibit dogs disturbing or endangering wildlife or people while on the refuge.

ii. All dogs while on the refuge must be under the control of their owners/handlers at all times or on a leash.

iii. We prohibit allowing dogs to roam.

iv. All dogs must be on a leash when on hiking trails, or other areas so posted.

v. We allow working a dog in refuge waters by tossing a retrieval dummy or other object for out-and-back exercise.

vi. Owners/handlers of dogs are responsible for disposal of dog droppings on refuge public use concentration areas such as trails, sandbars, and boat landings.

vii. We prohibit field trials and commercial/professional dog training.

12. We prohibit the construction of permanent hunting blinds (see § 27.92 of this chapter). You may use natural material for temporary blinds, with restrictions. You may hunt from a boat blind, pop-up blind, or construct a temporary blind of natural materials. You may gather grasses and marsh vegetation (*e.g.*, willow, cattail, bulrush, lotus, and/or arrowhead) from the refuge for blind-building materials. However, you may not gather, bring onto the refuge, or use for blind building, tree(s) or other plant parts,

including dead wood on the ground, greater than 2 inches (5 centimeters) in diameter. Nonnative species may not be gathered from nor brought onto the refuge for building or brushing temporary blinds (*e.g.*, Phragmites (giant cane)). We prohibit constructing hunting blinds from rocks placed for shoreline protection (rip rap). You may leave only temporary blinds made entirely of natural vegetation and biodegradable twines on the refuge. We consider all such blinds public property and open to use by any person on a first-come, first-served basis. At the end of each day's hunt, you must remove all manmade blind materials, including boat blinds. Any blinds containing manmade materials left on the refuge are subject to immediate removal and disposal. Manmade materials include, but are not limited to, wooden pallets, metal fence posts, wire, nails, staples, netting, or tarps (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit occupying or using any blind made with unauthorized materials.

13. We require a 200-yard (182.9-meter) spacing distance between hunting parties on the Illinois portions of the refuge in Pools 12, 13, and 14.

14. You may set up hunting equipment the day of the hunt but must remove it at the end of each day. You may place and leave hunting equipment and decoys on the refuge only from 1 hour before the start of legal shooting hours until ½ hour after the close of legal shooting hours. You may not use nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunt from a tree into which a metal object has been driven or screwed for support (see §32.2(i) and §27.93 of this chapter).

15. We prohibit the cutting, removing, or damaging of any tree or other vegetation except as allowed for blinds in Condition A10 or by written permit. You may not clear vegetation for shooting lanes or limb trees for trees stands (see §27.51 of this chapter).

16. We prohibit camping beginning the day before the opening of waterfowl hunting seasons within areas posted "No Entry—Sanctuary," "Area Closed," "Area Closed—No Motors," and "No Hunting Zone" or on any sites not clearly visible from the main commercial navigation channel of the Mississippi River. We define camping as erecting a tent or shelter of natural or synthetic material, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, parking of a motor vehicle, or mooring or anchoring of a vessel for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy, or occupying or leaving personal property, including boats or other craft, at a site anytime between the hours of 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. on any given day. Where we allow camping, you must occupy claimed campsites each night.

17. We prohibit the building or use of warming fires while hunting (see §27.95 of this chapter). We only allow campfires in

conjunction with camping, day-use activities on beaches, or on the ice while ice fishing using only dead wood on the ground, or materials brought onto the refuge such as charcoal or firewood. However, transport of firewood must be in accordance with State or county regulations. We prohibit use of firewood originating more than 50 miles from the refuge unless certified as pest-free. You must remove any unused firewood brought onto the refuge upon departure due to threat of invasive insects.

18. We prohibit all vehicle use on or across refuge lands at any time except on designated routes of travel or on the ice over navigable waters accessed from boat landings. We prohibit parking beyond vehicle control barriers or on grass or other vegetation. You may not park or operate vehicles in a manner that obstructs or impedes any road, trail, fire lane, boat ramp, access gate, or other facility or in a manner that creates a safety hazard or endangers any person, property, or environmental feature. We may impound any vehicle left parked in violation at the owner's expense (see §27.31 of this chapter).

19. We require that you keep all refuge lands clean during your period of use or occupancy. At all times you must keep all refuse, trash, and litter contained in bags or other suitable containers and not left scattered on the ground or in the water. You must remove all personal property, refuse, trash, and litter immediately upon vacating a site. We consider animal carcasses and spent shells to be litter (see §27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on areas of the refuge designated by the refuge manager and shown on maps available at refuge offices in accordance with State regulations. We prohibit upland game hunting from March 16 through August 31 each year except for spring wild turkey hunting, and squirrel hunting on the Illinois portion of the refuge. All upland game hunting is subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A2 apply.
2. We prohibit the discharging of firearms (including dog training pistols and dummy launchers), air guns, or any other weapons on the refuge, unless you are a licensed hunter or trapper engaged in authorized activities during established seasons, in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations. We prohibit target practice on the refuge (see §§27.42 and 27.43 of this chapter).
3. In areas posted and shown on maps as "No Entry—Sanctuary," we prohibit entry and upland game hunting at all times. In areas posted and shown on maps as "No Entry—Sanctuary October 1 to end of state duck hunting season," we allow upland game hunting beginning the day after the respective State duck hunting season until upland

game season closure or March 15, whichever comes first, except we allow spring turkey hunting during State seasons. We describe these areas more fully in Condition A3.

4. In areas posted and shown on maps as “Area Closed” and “Area Closed—No Motors,” we allow upland game hunting beginning the day after the respective State duck hunting season until upland game season closure or March 15, whichever comes first, except we allow spring turkey hunting during State seasons. We ask that you practice voluntary avoidance of these areas by any means or for any purpose from October 15 to the end of the respective State duck season. In areas also marked “Area Closed—No Motors,” we prohibit the use of motors on watercraft from October 15 to the end of the respective State duck season. We describe these areas more fully in Condition A4.

5. In areas posted and shown on maps as “No Hunting Zone” or “No Hunting or Trapping Zone,” we prohibit upland game hunting at all times. We describe these areas more fully in Condition A5.

6. We prohibit hunting of upland game within 50 yards (45.7 meters) of the Great River Trail at Thomson Prairie, within 150 yards (137.2 meters) of the Great River Trail at Mesquaki Lake, and within 400 yards (365.8 meters) of the Potter’s Marsh Managed Hunt area, all in or near Pool 13, Illinois.

7. In the area posted and shown on maps as “Mesquaki Lake No Hunting Zone,” Pool 13, Illinois, we prohibit hunting upland game from April 1 to September 30.

8. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

9. We prohibit the shining of a light to locate any animal on the refuge except at the point of kill for species specified in respective State night or artificial light hunting regulations (see §27.73 of this chapter). You may use lights to find your way. We prohibit the distribution of bait or feed, the hunting over bait or feed, and the use or possession of any drug on any arrow for bow hunting (see §32.2(g) and (h)). You must comply with all other hunt method regulations of the respective State on the refuge.

10. Conditions A8, A11, A12, and A14 through A19 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on areas of the refuge designated by the refuge manager and shown on maps available at refuge offices in accordance with State regulations. We prohibit big game hunting from March 16 through August 31 each year. In areas closed to public access on the Lost Mound Unit of Savanna District, Illinois, we permit firearm deer hunts by youth and disabled hunters in accordance with procedures and regulations established by the refuge manager. Special regulations are in effect that identify specific hunt sites

and restrict hunter’s movements, access, and firearms/ammunition that may be used by special hunt participants. All big game hunting is subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, and B2 apply.

2. In areas posted and shown on maps as “No Entry—Sanctuary,” we prohibit entry and big game hunting at all times. In areas posted and shown on maps as “No Entry—Sanctuary October 1 to end of state duck hunting season,” we allow big game hunting beginning the day after the respective State duck hunting season until big game season closure or March 15, whichever comes first. We describe these areas more fully in Condition A3.

3. In areas posted and shown on maps as “Area Closed” and “Area Closed—No Motors,” we allow big game hunting beginning the day after the respective State duck hunting season until big game season closure or March 15, whichever comes first. We ask that you practice voluntary avoidance of these areas by any means or for any purpose from October 15 to the end of the respective State duck season. In areas also marked “Area Closed—No Motors,” we prohibit the use of motors on watercraft from October 15 to the end of the respective State duck season. These areas are described more fully in Condition A4.

4. In areas posted and shown on maps as “No Hunting Zone” or “No Hunting or Trapping Zone,” we prohibit big game hunting at all times. We describe these areas more fully in Condition A5.

5. We prohibit hunting of big game within 50 yards (45.7 meters) of the Great River Trail at Thomson Prairie, within 150 yards (137.2 meters) of the Great River Trail at Mesquaki Lake, and within 400 yards (365.8 meters) of the Potter’s Marsh Managed Hunt area, all in or near Pool 13, Illinois.

6. In the area posted and shown on maps as “Mesquaki Lake No Hunting Zone,” Pool 13, Illinois, we prohibit hunting big game from April 1 to September 30.

7. Conditions A8, A11, A12, A14 through A19, and B8 and B9 apply.

8. On refuge-managed lands in Illinois, we prohibit organized drives for deer. A deer drive is defined as a deliberate action by one or more persons, whether armed or unarmed, on foot or with the aid of a conveyance, whose intent is to cause deer to move within shooting range of one or more participating hunters.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on areas of the refuge designated by the refuge manager and shown on refuge maps available at refuge offices in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A2 applies.

2. In the Bertrom Island “No Entry—Sanctuary” area, Pool 11, Wisconsin we prohibit entry and fishing at all times.

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3. In the Spring Lake “No Entry—Sanctuary, October 1 to end of State duck hunting season” area, Pool 13, Illinois, we prohibit fishing from October 1 until the day after the close of the State duck hunting season.

4. In areas posted and shown on maps as “Area Closed” and “Area Closed—No Motors,” we allow fishing; however, we ask that you practice voluntary avoidance of these areas by any means or for any purpose from October 15 to the end of the respective State duck season. In areas also marked “Area Closed—No Motors,” we prohibit the use of motors on watercraft from October 15 to the end of the respective State duck season. We describe these areas more fully in Condition A3.

5. On Mertes Slough, Pool 6, Wisconsin, we allow only hand-powered boats or boats with electric motors.

6. For the purpose of determining length limits, slot limits, and daily creel limits, the impounded areas of Spring Lake and Duckfoot Marsh in Pool 13, Illinois, and Pleasant Creek in Pool 13, Iowa, are part of the Mississippi River site-specific State regulations.

7. Conditions A12, and A15 through A19 apply.

8. Commercial fishing in Spring Lake and Crooked Slough, Pool 13, Illinois, requires a Special Use Permit (Permit Application Form: National Wildlife Refuge System Commercial Special Use, FWS Form 3-1383-C) issued by the refuge or district manager (see §31.13 of this chapter).

### WINDOM WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting on the Worthington Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in Nobles County, or designated portions of the Wolf Lake WPA in Cottonwood County.

2. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.

3. You must remove all personal property, which includes boats, decoys, and blinds brought onto the WPAs at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. We prohibit camping.

6. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game throughout the district, except that you may not hunt on the Worthington Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in Nobles County or designated portions of

the Wolf Lake WPA in Cottonwood County, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: Conditions A3 through A6 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting on the Worthington WPA in Nobles County and designated portions of the Wolf Lake WPA in Cottonwood County.

2. We allow the use of portable stands. Hunters may not construct or use permanent blinds, permanent platforms, or permanent ladders.

3. You must remove all stands and personal property from the WPAs at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit hunters occupying ground and tree stands that are illegally set up or constructed.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2 and A5 apply.

2. You must remove all ice fishing shelters and other personal property from the WPAs each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BOGUE CHITTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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#### COLDWATER RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory waterfowl, coots, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. All hunters must comply with all State hunter education requirements. All hunters age 16 and older must possess and carry a

valid, signed refuge hunting permit (Visitor Check-In Permit and Report, FWS Form 3–2405). While hunting on the refuge, all persons younger than age 16 (“youth hunter”) must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least age 21 (“licensed hunter”). A hunter supervising a youth hunter must hold all required licenses and permits.

2. General refuge hours are legal sunrise to legal sunset. During hunting season, hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal sunset except during raccoon and frog hunts.

3. We allow hunting of migratory game birds, including under the Light Goose Conservation Order, only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays ending at 12 p.m. (noon).

4. Each hunter must obtain a daily Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3–2359), available at each refuge information station, and follow the printed instructions on the card. You must display the card in plain view on the dashboard of your vehicle so that the personal information is readable. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must complete the reverse side of the card and deposit it at one of the refuge information stations. Include all game harvested, and if you harvest no game, report “0.” We prohibit hunters possessing more than one Big Game Harvest Report at a time.

5. We may close certain areas of the refuge for sanctuary or administrative purposes. We will mark those areas with “No Hunting” or “Area Closed” signs.

6. We restrict motor vehicle use to roads designated as vehicle access roads on the refuge map (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit blocking access to any road or trail entering the refuge (see §27.31(h) of this chapter). It is unlawful to hunt from or shoot into the 100-foot (30.5-meter) zone along either side of designated roads and parking lots.

7. During the refuge deer firearm season (to include primitive weapons and youth gun hunt) all hunters and visitors on the refuge except waterfowl hunters and nighttime raccoon hunters must wear in full view a minimum of 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters (cm<sup>2</sup>)) of solid, unbroken, fluorescent orange. Deer archery hunters on the refuge must also wear in full view a minimum of 500 square inches (3,226 square cm) of solid, unbroken, fluorescent orange when there is a State gun season on private land. When hunting quail or rabbit on a refuge outside the refuge’s general gun and primitive weapon season, hunters must wear a fluorescent orange vest or cap.

8. We only allow dogs on the refuge when specifically authorized for hunting. We encourage the use of dogs to retrieve dead or wounded waterfowl. Dogs must remain in the immediate control of their handlers at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

9. You must remove decoys, blinds, boats, other personal property, and litter (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the hunting area following each morning’s hunt. We prohibit cutting or removing trees and other vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter). We prohibit the use of flagging, paint, blazes, tacks, or other types of markers.

10. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs, see §27.31(f) of this chapter), horses, and mules on the refuge. We prohibit the overnight storage of boats on the refuge.

11. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(j)).

12. We prohibit all commercial activities, including guiding or participating in a paid guided hunt.

13. We prohibit possession of bait in the field, placement of bait, and hunting over bait (see §32.2(h)).

14. You are allowed no more than 25 shotshells per person in the field.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, nutria, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A4 (substitute Upland/Small Game/Furbearer Report [FWS Form 3–2362] for Migratory Bird Hunt Report), A5, A7, A10, and A11 apply.

2. We restrict all public use to 2 hours before legal sunrise and to 2 hours after legal sunset. We prohibit entering or remaining on the refuge before or after hours. We may make exceptions for raccoon hunters possessing a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3–1383). Contact the refuge office for details.

3. When hunting, we allow only shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)), .17 or .22-caliber rimfire rifles, or archery equipment without broadheads.

4. All hunters or persons on the refuge for any reason during any open-refuge hunting season must wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of visible, unbroken, fluorescent-orange-colored material above the waistline.

5. We allow dogs on the refuge only when specifically authorized for hunting. Dogs must remain in the immediate control of their handlers at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter). Consult the refuge hunting brochure for specific seasons.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4 (substitute Big Game Harvest Report [FWS Form 3–2359] for Migratory Bird Hunt Report), A5, A7, A11, and B4 apply.

2. We prohibit dogs while hunting deer. Hunters may only use dogs to hunt hog during designated hog seasons.

3. We prohibit use or possession of any drug or device for employing such drug for hunting (see § 32.2(g)).

4. We prohibit drives for deer.

5. We prohibit hunting or shooting across any open, fallow, or planted field from ground level or on or across any public road, public highway, railroad, or their rights-of-way during all general gun and primitive weapon hunts.

6. Hunters may erect portable deer stands 2 weeks prior to the opening of archery season on the refuge and must remove them (see § 27.93 of this chapter) by January 31. We prohibit the use of flagging, paint, blazes, tacks, or other types of markers.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A12 applies.

2. All anglers must carry a valid refuge permit (Visitor Check-In Permit and Report, FWS Form 3-2405), certifying that they understand and will comply with all regulations.

3. We allow fishing in bar pits along the Corps of Engineers levee only.

4. We prohibit possession or use of jugs, seines, nets, hand-grab baskets, slat traps/baskets, or any other similar devices and commercial fishing of any kind.

5. We allow trotlines, yo-yos, limb lines, crawfish traps, or any other similar devices for recreational use only, and you must tag or mark them with waterproof ink, legibly inscribed or legibly stamped on the tag with your full name and full residence address, including zip code. You must attend these devices a minimum of once daily. If you are not going to attend these devices, you must remove them from the refuge.

6. We prohibit snagging or attempting to snag fish.

7. We allow crawfishing.

8. We allow take of frog only with a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G).

#### DAHOMY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory waterfowl, coots, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. All hunters must comply with all State hunter education requirements. All hunters age 16 and older must carry a valid, signed refuge hunting permit (Visitor Check-In Permit and Report, FWS Form 3-2405). While hunting on the refuge, all persons younger than age 16 ("youth hunter") must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least age 21 ("licensed hunter"). A hunter supervising a youth hunter must hold all required licenses and permits.

2. General refuge hours are legal sunrise to legal sunset. During hunting season, hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal sunset except during raccoon and frog hunts.

3. We allow hunting of migratory game birds, including under the Light Goose Conservation Order, only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays ending at 12 p.m. (noon).

4. Each hunter must obtain a daily Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359), available at each refuge information station, and follow the printed instructions on the card. You must display the card in plain view on the dashboard of your vehicle so that the personal information is readable. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must complete the card and deposit it at one of the refuge information stations. Include all game harvested, and if you harvest no game, report "0." We prohibit hunters possessing more than one Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) at a time.

5. We may close certain areas of the refuge for sanctuary or administrative purposes. We will mark those areas with "No Hunting" or "Area Closed" signs.

6. We restrict motor vehicle use to roads designated as vehicle access roads on the refuge map (see § 27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit blocking access to any road or trail entering the refuge (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter). It is unlawful to hunt from or shoot into the 100-foot (30.5-meter) zone along either side of designated roads and parking lots.

7. During the refuge deer firearm season (to include primitive weapons and youth gun hunt) all hunters and visitors on the refuge except waterfowl hunters and nighttime raccoon hunters must wear in full view a minimum of 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters (cm)) of solid, unbroken, fluorescent orange. Deer archery hunters on the refuge must also wear in full view a minimum of 500 square inches (3,226 square cm) of solid, unbroken, fluorescent orange when there is a State gun season on private land. When hunting quail or rabbit on a refuge outside the refuge's general gun and primitive weapon season, hunters must wear a fluorescent orange vest or cap.

8. We only allow dogs on the refuge when specifically authorized for hunting. We encourage the use of dogs to retrieve dead or wounded waterfowl. Dogs must remain in the immediate control of their handlers at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

9. You must remove decoys, blinds, boats, other personal property, and litter (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the hunting area following each morning's hunt. We prohibit cutting or removing trees and other vegetation (see § 27.51 of this chapter). We prohibit the use of flagging, paint, blazes, tacks, or other types of markers.

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10. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs) (see §27.31(f) of this chapter), horses, and mules on the refuge.

11. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(j)).

12. We prohibit all commercial activities, including guiding or participating in a paid guided hunt.

13. We prohibit possession of bait in the field, placement of bait, and hunting over bait (see §32.2(h)).

14. You are allowed no more than 25 shotshells per person in the field.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon (raccoon by general Special Use Permit [FWS Form 3-1383-G] only) on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4 through A7, and A10 through A13 apply.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)) while in the field if hunting small game with a shotgun. Small game also may be hunted with .22 magnums, .17 calibers, and .22 caliber rimfire rifles and archery equipment using arrows with points other than broadheads.

3. You may use dogs, but dogs must remain under the immediate control of their handlers at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

4. We prohibit the cutting or removal of trees and other vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit the use of flagging, paint, blazes, tacks, or other types of markers.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4 through A7, and A10 through A13 apply.

2. We prohibit dogs for any big game hunt.

3. We prohibit possession of any drug on any arrow for bow hunting (see §32.2(g)).

4. We prohibit organized drives for deer.

5. We prohibit hunting or shooting across any open, fallow, or planted field from ground level.

6. We prohibit the construction of, and hunting from, any permanent stands or blinds on the refuge. We allow valid permit holders to possess and hunt from one portable stand or blind on the refuge. You must permanently and legibly write your name and phone number on all stands on the refuge. Stands left in the area do not reserve the hunting locations. You may place stands up to 2 days prior to the hunt, and you must remove them no more than 2 days after the refuge's deer season closes. We may confiscate and dispose of stands not in compliance with these regulations. Ground blinds

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must display a minimum 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) of fluorescent orange that is visible from all sides. We prohibit nailing deer stands and/or steps to trees and attaching any blind or stand to a tree by any metal object inserted into the tree (see §32.2(i)).

7. Hunters using a climbing tree stand must use a fall-arrest system manufactured to Treestand Manufacturers Association standards.

8. We prohibit cutting or removing trees and other vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter).

9. We prohibit the use of flagging, paint, blazes, tacks, or other types of markers.

10. We prohibit the use of buckshot on the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A11 applies.

2. All anglers must carry a valid refuge permit (Visitor Check-In Permit and Report, FWS Form 3-2405), certifying that they understand and will comply with all regulations.

3. We prohibit possession or use of jugs, seines, nets, hand-grab baskets, slat traps/baskets, or any other similar devices and commercial fishing of any kind.

4. We allow trotlines, yo-yos, limb lines, crawfish traps, or any other similar devices for recreational use only. You must tag or mark these devices with your full name, full residence address including zip code, written with waterproof ink, legibly inscribed or legibly stamped on the tag. You must attend these devices a minimum of once a day. If you do not attend these devices (see §27.93 of this chapter), you must remove them from the refuge.

5. We prohibit snagging or attempting to snag fish.

6. We allow crawfishing.

7. We allow take of frog only by Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G).

### GRAND BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Hunters may enter the refuge 2 hours before legal sunrise. Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material (see §27.93 of this chapter), and harvested waterfowl from the area no later than 1 p.m. each day.

2. You must only use portable or temporary blinds.

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3. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)) while hunting waterfowl in the field.

4. The refuge is a day-use area only with the exception of legal hunting activities.

5. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles on all refuge hunts.

6. We prohibit target practice on refuge property.

7. We prohibit mules and horses on refuge hunts.

8. We allow retrievers for waterfowl hunting. We require all dogs to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

9. You must unload and case or dismantle firearms (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter) before transporting them in a vehicle or boat within the boundaries of the refuge or along rights-of-way for public or private land within the refuge.

10. Each hunter must possess and carry a current, signed copy of the refuge hunting permit while participating in refuge hunts.

11. Youth hunters under age 16 must possess and carry a State-approved hunter safety course card or certificate. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. An adult may supervise no more than two youths during small game hunts and one youth during big game hunts.

12. We prohibit the use of airboats, mudboats, motorized pirogues, and air-cooled propulsion engines on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A4 through A7 and A10 through A12 apply.

2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)). All shotgun ammunition must meet legal shot-size requirements. We only allow .22 caliber rimfire.

3. We prohibit the possession of dogs for squirrel hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A4 through A7 and A9 through A12 apply.

2. We only allow hunting with bow and arrow. We prohibit the use of poisonous arrows (see § 32.2(g)). We prohibit firearms.

3. We prohibit the use or construction of any permanent tree stand. We allow portable and climbing stands, but you must remove them from the tree when not in use or they will be subject to confiscation (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit hunting by organized deer drives of two or more hunters. We define "drive" as the act of chasing, pursuing, dis-

turbing, or otherwise directing deer so as to make the animals more susceptible to harvest.

5. We prohibit hunting with the aid of bait (see § 32.2(h)).

6. We prohibit the use of dogs to hunt deer and feral hog.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### HILLSIDE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, merganser, coot, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Each person age 16 and older hunting or fishing must possess a valid T R Complex Annual Public Use Permit card (name/address/phone number).

2. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must be in the presence and direct supervision of a Mississippi licensed or exempt hunter, age 21 or older. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

3. Before hunting or fishing, all participants must display their Daily Visitor Information/Harvest Report Card (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359) in plain view in their vehicle so that the required information is readable. All cards must be returned upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.

4. We prohibit hunting or entry into areas designated as "CLOSED" (see refuge brochure map).

5. We prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages (see § 32.2(j)).

6. It is unlawful to throw, dump, dispose of, or intentionally leave any fish or wildlife, wildlife parts, or waste on the refuge. You must remove all parts from the refuge with the exception of field dressing.

7. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging tape.

8. Vehicles must be parked in such a manner as not to obstruct roads, gates, turn rows, or fire lanes (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter).

9. We prohibit all other public use on the refuge during the muzzleloader deer hunt.

10. For hunting, you may possess or use only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

11. With the exception of raccoon hunting and frogging, we limit refuge entry and exit to the period of 4 a.m. to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

12. For instances of lost or stolen public use permits, management may issue duplicates at their discretion, and we may charge a fee.

13. Valid permit holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, nutria, and feral hog in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt.

14. We allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs) only on designated trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter; see

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refuge brochure map) from September 15 through February 28. We prohibit horses and mules.

15. We prohibit hunting over or the placement of bait (see §32.2(h)). We prohibit the possession, direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, or scattering of any salt, grain, powder, liquid or other feed substance to attract game.

16. We prohibit hunting or shooting into a 100-foot (30.5-meter) zone along either side of pipelines, power line rights-of-way, designated roads, trails, or around parking lots (see refuge brochure map). It is considered hunting if you have a loaded weapon, if you have a nocked arrow while bow hunting, or if you are in an elevated tree stand or ground blind with a means to take, within these areas.

17. Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material (see §27.93 of this chapter), and harvested waterfowl from the area no later than 1 p.m. each day.

18. We allow dogs for retrieving migratory birds.

19. We allow goose, duck, merganser and coot hunting beginning ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

20. There is no early teal season.

21. We allow dove hunting on specified dates and areas within the first and second State seasons. The first two Saturdays of the first season require a Limited Hunt Permit (name/address/phone number) assigned by random computer drawing. At the end of the hunt, you must return the permit with information concerning your hunt. If you fail to return this permit, you will not be eligible for any limited hunts the next year. Contact the refuge headquarters for specific dates and open areas.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16 apply.

2. We allow only shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)), and .22 and .17 caliber rimfire rifles for small game hunting.

3. We allow dogs for hunting squirrel and quail, and for the February rabbit hunt.

4. All hunters must wear at least 500 square inches (3,225.8 square centimeters) of unbroken, fluorescent-orange material visible above the waistline as an outer garment while hunting and en route to and from hunting areas during any firearm deer season (State and/or refuge) and while rabbit hunting.

5. Beginning the first day after the deer muzzleloader hunt, we prohibit entry into the Turkey Point area until March 1.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State

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regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16, and B4 through B5 apply.

2. We prohibit organized drives for deer and feral hog.

3. Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields and tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 meters) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 meters) above the ground.

4. Deer check station dates, locations, and requirements are designated in the refuge brochure. Prior to leaving the Refuge, you must check all harvested deer at the nearest self-service check station following the posted instructions.

5. Hunters may possess and hunt from only one stand or blind. Hunters may place a deer stand or blind 48 hours prior to a hunt and must remove it within 48 hours after each designated hunt with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply (see brochure).

6. During designated muzzleloader hunts, we allow archery equipment and muzzleloaders loaded with a single ball; we prohibit breech-loading firearms of any type.

7. Turkey hunting opportunities will consist of three limited draw hunts within the State season time frame. These hunts require a Limited Hunt Permit (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application Permit, FWS Form 3-2356) assigned by random computer drawing. At the end of the hunt, you must return the permit with information concerning your hunt. If you fail to return this permit, you will not be eligible for any limited hunts the next year. Contact refuge headquarters for specific requirements, hunts, and application dates.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16 and B5 apply.

2. We prohibit trot lines, limb lines, jugs, seines, and traps.

3. We allow frogging during the State bullfrog season.

4. We allow fishing in the borrow ponds along the north levee (see refuge brochure map) throughout the year except during the muzzleloader deer hunt.

5. We open all other refuge waters to fishing March 1 through November 15.

6. We prohibit fishing from bridges.

### HOLT COLLIER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

#### *A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit and furbearers on designated areas in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Each person age 16 and older hunting or fishing must possess a valid T R Complex

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Annual Public Use Permit (name/address/phone number).

2. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must be in the presence and direct supervision of a Mississippi licensed or exempt hunter, age 21 or older. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

3. Before hunting or fishing, all participants must display their Daily Visitor Information/Harvest Report Card (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359) in plain view in their vehicle so that the required information is readable. All cards must be returned upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.

4. We prohibit hunting or entry into areas designated as "CLOSED" (see refuge brochure map).

5. We prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages (see § 32.2(j)).

6. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging tape.

7. Vehicles should be parked in such a manner as not to obstruct roads, gates, turn rows, or fire lanes (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter).

8. We prohibit all other public use on the refuge during all limited draw hunts.

9. Valid permit holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, nutria, and feral hog in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt.

10. We allow only shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)), .22 and .17 caliber rimfire rifles for small game hunting.

11. We allow rabbit hunting with dogs in February.

12. During the rabbit hunt, any person hunting or accompanying another person hunting must wear at least 500 square inches (3,225.8 square centimeters) of unbroken, fluorescent-orange material visible above the waistline as an outer garment.

13. With the exception of raccoon hunting, we limit refuge entry and exit to the period of 4 a.m. to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

14. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility-type vehicles (UTVs), horses, and mules on the refuge.

15. We prohibit hunting over or the placement of bait (see § 32.2(h)). We prohibit the possession, direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, or scattering of any salt, grain, powder, liquid, or other feed substance to attract game.

16. For instances of lost or stolen public use permits (FWS Form 1383), management may issue duplicates at their discretion, and may charge a fee.

17. It is unlawful to throw, dump, dispose of, or intentionally leave any fish or wildlife, wildlife parts, or waste on the refuge. You must remove all parts from the refuge with the exception of field dressing.

18. We prohibit all other public use on the refuge during muzzleloader deer hunts.

19. We prohibit hunting or shooting into a 100-foot (30.5-meter (m)) zone along either side of pipelines, power line rights-of-way, designated roads, trails, or around parking lots (see refuge brochure map). It is considered hunting if you have a loaded weapon, if you have a nocked arrow while bow hunting, or if you are in an elevated tree stand or ground blind with a means to take, within these areas.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 through B7, B9, and B13 through B19 apply.

2. All hunters must wear at least 500 square inches (3,225.8 square centimeters) of unbroken, fluorescent-orange material visible above the waistline as an outer garment while hunting and en route to and from hunting areas during any firearm deer season (State and/or refuge).

3. We prohibit organized drives for deer and feral hog.

4. Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields or tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 meters) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 meters) above the ground.

5. Deer check station dates, locations, and requirements are designated in the refuge brochure. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must check all harvested deer at the nearest self-service check station following the posted instructions.

6. Hunters may possess and hunt from only one stand or blind. Hunters may place a deer stand or blind 48 hours prior to a hunt and must remove it within 48 hours after each designated hunt with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply (see brochure).

7. During designated muzzleloader hunts, we allow archery equipment and muzzleloaders loaded with a single ball; we prohibit breech-loading firearms of any type.

### *D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### MATHEWS BRAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, merganser, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Each person age 16 and older hunting or fishing must possess a valid T R Complex Annual Public Use Permit (name/address/phone number).

2. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must be in the presence and direct supervision of a Mississippi licensed or exempt hunter, age 21 or older. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

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3. Before hunting or fishing, all participants must display their Daily Visitor Information/Harvest Report Card (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359) in plain view in their vehicle so that the required information is readable. All cards must be returned upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.

4. We prohibit hunting or entry into areas designated as "CLOSED" (see refuge brochure map).

5. We prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages (see § 32.2(j)).

6. It is unlawful to throw, dump, dispose of, or intentionally leave any fish or wildlife, wildlife parts, or waste on the refuge. You must remove all parts from the refuge with the exception of field dressing.

7. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging tape.

8. Vehicles should be parked in such a manner as not to obstruct roads, gates, turn rows, or firelanes (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter).

9. For hunting, you may possess or use only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

10. With the exception of raccoon hunting and frogging, we limit refuge entry and exit to the period of 4 a.m. to 1 ½ hours after legal sunset.

11. For instances of lost or stolen public use permits (name/address/phone number), management may issue duplicates at their discretion, and the hunter may incur a fee.

12. Valid permit holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, nutria, and feral hog in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt.

13. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility-type vehicles (UTVs), horses, and mules on the refuge.

14. We prohibit hunting over or the placement of bait (see § 32.2(h)). We prohibit the possession, direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, or scattering of any salt, grain, powder, liquid, or other feed substance to attract game.

15. We prohibit hunting or shooting into a 100-foot (30.5m) zone along either side of pipelines, power line rights-of-way, designated roads, trails, or around parking lots (see refuge brochure map). It is considered hunting if you have a loaded weapon, if you have a nocked arrow while bow hunting, or if you are in an elevated tree stand or ground blind with a means to take, within these areas.

16. Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material (see § 27.93 of this chapter), boats, and harvested waterfowl from the area no later than 1 p.m. each day.

17. We allow dogs for retrieving migratory birds.

18. We allow goose, duck, merganser, and coot hunting beginning ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

19. There is no early teal season.

20. We allow hunting during open State season. The first 2 days of the season and all weekends, with the exception of youth weekends, are limited draw hunts. These hunts require a Limited Hunt Permit (name/address/phone number) assigned by random computer drawing. At the end of the hunt, you must return the permit with information concerning your hunt. If you fail to return this permit, you will not be eligible for any limited hunts the next year. Contact refuge headquarters for specific requirements, hunts, and application dates.

21. Beginning the day before duck season opens and ending the last day of duck season, we close refuge waters to all public use from 1 p.m. until 4 a.m.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon on designated areas in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A15 and A21 apply.

2. We allow only shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)), and .22 and .17 caliber rimfire rifles for small game hunting.

3. We allow dogs for hunting squirrel and for the February rabbit hunt.

4. All hunters must wear at least 500 square inches (3,225.8 square centimeters) of unbroken, fluorescent-orange material visible above the waistline as an outer garment while hunting and en route to and from hunting areas during any firearm deer season (State and/or refuge) and while rabbit hunting.

5. Beginning the day before waterfowl season, we restrict hunting to the waterfowl hunt area (see refuge brochure map).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A15, A21, B4, and B5 apply.

2. We prohibit organized drives for deer and feral hog.

3. Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields or tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 meters) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 meters) above the ground.

4. Deer check station dates, locations, and requirements are designated in the refuge brochure. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must check all harvested deer at the nearest self-service check station following the posted instructions.

5. Hunters may possess and hunt from only one stand or blind. A hunter may place a deer stand or blind 48 hours prior to a hunt and must remove it within 48 hours after each designated hunt with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply (see brochure).

6. We allow archery hunting October 1 through January 31.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A15, and A21 apply.
2. We prohibit trot lines, limb lines, jugs, seines, and traps.
3. We allow frogging during the State bullfrog season.
4. We allow fishing in all refuge waters throughout the year, except in the waterfowl sanctuary, which we close to fishing from the first day of duck season through March 1 (see refuge brochure map).

#### MORGAN BRAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, merganser, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Each person age 16 and older hunting or fishing must possess a valid T R Complex Annual Public Use Permit (name/address/phone number).
2. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must be in the presence and direct supervision of a Mississippi licensed or exempt hunter, age 21 or older. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.
3. Before hunting or fishing, all participants must display their Daily Visitor Information/Harvest Report Card (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359) in plain view in their vehicle so that the required information is readable. All cards must be returned upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.
4. We prohibit hunting or entry into areas designated as "CLOSED" (see refuge brochure map).
5. We prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages (see §32.2(j)).
6. It is unlawful to throw, dump, dispose of, or intentionally leave any fish or wildlife, wildlife parts, or waste on the refuge. You must remove all parts from the refuge with the exception of field dressing.
7. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging tape.
8. Vehicles should be parked in such a manner as not to obstruct roads, gates, turn rows, or fire lanes (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).
9. We prohibit all other public use on the refuge during the muzzleloader deer hunt.
10. For hunting, you may possess or use only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).
11. With the exception of raccoon hunting and frogging, we limit refuge entry and exit to the period of 4 a.m. to 1 ½ hours after legal sunset.
12. For instances of lost or stolen public use permits (name/address/phone number), management may issue duplicates at their discretion, and the hunter may incur a fee.

13. Valid permit holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, nutria, and feral hog in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt.

14. We allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs) only on designated trails (see §27.31 of this chapter; see refuge brochure map) from September 15 through February 28. We prohibit horses and mules.

15. We prohibit hunting over or the placement of bait (see §32.2(h)). We prohibit the possession, direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, or scattering of any salt, grain, powder, liquid, or other feed substance to attract game.

16. We prohibit hunting or shooting into a 100-foot (30.5-meter (m)) zone along either side of pipelines, power line rights-of-way, designated roads, trails, or around parking lots (see refuge brochure map). It is considered hunting if you have a loaded weapon, if you have a nocked arrow while bow hunting, or if you are in an elevated tree stand or ground blind with a means to take, within these areas.

17. Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material (see §27.93 of this chapter), and harvested waterfowl from the area no later than 1 p.m. each day.

18. We allow dogs for retrieving migratory birds.

19. We allow goose, duck, merganser, and coot hunting beginning 1-2 hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

20. There is no early teal season.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16 apply.
2. We allow only shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)), and .22 and .17 caliber rimfire rifles for small game hunting.
3. We allow dogs for hunting squirrel and for the February rabbit hunt.
4. All hunters must wear at least 500 square inches (3,225.8 square centimeters) of unbroken, fluorescent-orange material visible above the waistline as an outer garment while hunting and en route to and from hunting areas during any firearm deer season (State and/or refuge) and while rabbit hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16 and B4 apply.
2. We prohibit organized drives for deer and feral hog.
3. Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields or tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 meters) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 meters) above the ground.

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4. Deer check station dates, locations, and requirements are designated in the refuge brochure. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must check all harvested deer at the nearest self-service check station following the posted instructions.

5. Hunters may possess and hunt from only one stand or blind. Hunters may place a deer stand or blind 48 hours prior to a hunt and must remove it within 48 hours after each designated hunt with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply (see brochure).

6. During designated muzzleloader hunts, we allow archery equipment and muzzleloaders loaded with a single ball; we prohibit breech-loading firearms of any type.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16 apply.
2. We prohibit trot lines, limb lines, jugs, seines, and traps.
3. We allow frogging during the State bullfrog season.
4. We open refuge waters to fishing March 1 through November 15, except Providence Ponds, which is closed one day prior to the beginning of waterfowl season until March 1.

### PANTHER SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, merganser, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following regulations:

1. Each person age 16 and older hunting or fishing must possess a valid T R Complex Annual Public Use Permit (name/address/phone number).
2. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must be in the presence and direct supervision of a Mississippi licensed or exempt hunter, age 21 or older. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.
3. Before hunting or fishing, all participants must display their Daily Visitor Information/Harvest Report Card (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359) in plain view in their vehicle so that the required information is readable. All cards must be returned upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.
4. We prohibit hunting or entry into areas designated as "CLOSED" (see refuge brochure map).
5. We prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages (see § 32.2(j)).
6. It is unlawful to throw, dump, dispose of, or intentionally leave any fish or wildlife, wildlife parts, or waste on the refuge. You must remove all parts from the refuge with the exception of field dressing.
7. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging tape.

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8. Vehicles should be parked in such a manner as not to obstruct roads, gates, turn rows, or fire lanes (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter).

9. We prohibit all other public use on the refuge during all limited draw hunts.

10. For hunting, you may possess or use only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

11. With the exception of raccoon hunting and frogging, we limit refuge entry and exit to the period of 4 a.m. to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

12. For instances of lost or stolen public use permits (name/address/phone number), management may issue duplicates at their discretion, and may charge a fee.

13. Valid T R Complex Annual Public Use Permit (name/address/phone number)/holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, nutria, and feral hog in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt.

14. We allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs)/utility-type vehicles (UTVs) only on designated trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter) (see refuge brochure map) from September 15 through February 28. We prohibit horses and mules.

15. We prohibit hunting over or the placement of bait (see § 32.2(h)). We prohibit the possession, direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, or scattering of any salt, grain, powder, liquid, or other feed substance to attract game.

16. We prohibit hunting or shooting into a 100-foot (30-meter (m)) zone along either side of pipelines, power line rights-of-way, designated roads, trails, or around parking lots (see refuge brochure map). It is considered hunting if you have a loaded weapon, if you have a nocked arrow while bow hunting, or if you are in an elevated tree stand or ground blind with a means to take, within these areas.

17. Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material (see § 27.93 of this chapter), and harvested waterfowl from the area no later than 1 p.m. each day.

18. We allow dogs for retrieving migratory birds.

19. We allow goose, duck, merganser, and coot hunting beginning ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

20. Beginning December 15 through March 1, we prohibit all entry into the Lower Twist and Carter Ponds area.

21. During the State Waterfowl season (except early teal season), waterfowl hunting in Unit 1 will be on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Waterfowl hunting in Unit 2 will be on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (see refuge brochure for details).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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1. Conditions A1 through A16 and A20 apply.

2. We allow only shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)), and .22 and .17 caliber rimfire rifles for small game hunting.

3. We allow dogs for hunting squirrel and raccoon, and for the February rabbit hunt.

4. All hunters must wear at least 500 square inches (3,225.8 square centimeters) of unbroken, fluorescent-orange material visible above the waistline as an outer garment while hunting and en route to and from hunting areas during any firearm deer season (State and/or refuge) and while rabbit hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16, and B4 apply.

2. We prohibit organized drives for deer and feral hog.

3. Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields or tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 meters) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 meters) above the ground.

4. Deer check station dates, locations, and requirements are designated in the refuge brochure. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must check all harvested deer at the nearest self-service check station following the posted instructions.

5. Hunters may possess and hunt from only one stand or blind. Hunters may place a deer stand or blind 48 hours prior to a hunt and must remove it within 48 hours after each designated hunt with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply (see brochure).

6. During designated muzzleloader hunts, we allow archery equipment and muzzleloaders loaded with a single ball; we prohibit breech-loading firearms of any type.

7. We allow only shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) and archery equipment for turkey hunting.

8. Limited draw hunts require a Limited Hunt Permit (name/address/phone number) assigned by random computer drawing. At the end of the hunt, the permit with information concerning that hunt must be returned to the refuge. Failure to return this permit will disqualify the hunter for any limited hunts the next year.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A12 and A20 apply.

2. We prohibit trot lines, limb lines, jugs, seines, and traps.

3. We allow frogging during the State bullfrog season.

### SAM D. HAMILTON NOXUBEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, woodcock, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must purchase a refuge waterfowl permit (Waterfowl Lottery Application; FWS Form 3-2355) for waterfowl hunting in addition to meeting other applicable State and Federal requirements. No more than two companions may accompany each permitted hunter, and we do not require these companions to purchase permits. Permits are non-transferable and only issued to hunters ages 16 and older. Permit holders can hunt as standby hunters for any date for which waterfowl hunting is open. Youth age 15 or younger are not required to obtain a refuge waterfowl permit and can obtain a free permit from the refuge's office.

2. Information on hunts and hunt dates are available at refuge headquarters, on the refuge Web site, and as specified in the refuge brochure.

3. You must remove all decoys, blind material, and harvested game and return to the check station by 1 p.m. each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. One adult may supervise not more than two youth hunters.

5. All waterfowl hunters must check-in and check-out at the refuge's duck check station both before and after a day's hunt.

6. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

7. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

8. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting within wetlands and green-tree reservoirs (see §32.2(k)). Waterfowl hunters are limited to 25 shotshells per person.

9. We prohibit leaving any personal property, including, but not limited to, boats or vehicles of any type, geocaches, and cameras, overnight on the refuge (see §27.93 of this chapter). You may not bring any mechanized equipment into the Noxubee Wilderness Area, and you must remove all personal property daily from the Noxubee Wilderness Area. Outside the Noxubee Wilderness Area, you may leave properly labeled tree stands used for deer hunting and trotlines and jugs used for fishing overnight.

10. During the deer firearm (primitive or modern gun) hunts, any person hunting species other than waterfowl, accompanying another person hunting species other than waterfowl, or walking off-trail within areas open to deer hunting must wear at least 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters (cm)) of unbroken fluorescent-orange material visible above the waistline as an outer garment at all times. Ground blinds when occupied must display a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square cm) of unbroken fluorescent-orange material.

11. We allow unleashed dogs for retrieval of migratory and upland game only. Livestock is prohibited, and pets must remain restrained and under the owner's control.

12. We prohibit marking trees and using flagging tape, reflective tacks, and other similar marking devices.

13. We require all hunters and anglers to record hours active and game harvested using the Visitor Check-In Permit and Report (FWS Form 3-2405).

14. We require all users to possess and display a valid Entrance Pass. You may use a current Federal Recreational Lands Pass or valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) as the Entrance Pass.

15. Waterfowl hunters must stay within 100 feet (30.5 meters (m)) of the assigned hunt location. You may exceed 100 feet (30.5 m) when retrieving downed birds.

16. We prohibit using real or artificial agricultural grain baits, salts and other minerals, scents, and other food-like attractants (see §32.2(h)). We allow you to use baited lines for fishing on the refuge.

17. We prohibit off-road vehicle use including the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility-type vehicles (UTVs), and livestock, including horses and mules.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, opossum, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. When waterfowl hunting is actively taking place, we prohibit all public use other than waterfowl hunting within the designated areas for waterfowl hunting.

2. We allow hunting of squirrel, raccoon, rabbit, quail, and opossum with unleashed dogs during designated hunts. All pets must remain restrained and within the immediate control of the owner.

3. We allow raccoon and opossum hunting between the hours of legal sunset and legal sunrise.

4. Conditions A2, A4, A6 through A14, A16, and A17 apply.

5. We prohibit hunting or entry into areas designated as being "closed" (see refuge brochure map).

6. You may take incidental species (coyote, beaver, nutria, and feral hog) during any

hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts.

7. Bobwhite quail and rabbit hunters are required to wear at least a solid hunter orange vest or cap.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2, A4, A6 through A14, A16, A17, B1, B2, B5 and B6 apply.

2. You must purchase a refuge quota deer permit (Quota Deer Hunt Application; FWS Form 3-2354) in addition to meeting State requirements for all refuge deer hunts. Permits are nontransferable. Youth age 15 or younger are not required to purchase a refuge quota deer permit and can obtain a free permit from the refuge's office.

3. We prohibit organized drives for deer.

4. You may place one portable tree stand or ground blind for deer hunting on the refuge only during the open deer season. You must clearly label the stand or blind with the name, address, and phone number of the hunter. When not in use and left on the refuge, you must place stands in a non-hunting position at ground level.

5. While climbing a tree, installing a tree stand that uses climbing aids, or hunting from a tree stand on the refuge, you must use a fall-arrest system (full body harness) that is manufactured to the Treestand Manufacturer's Association's standards.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. The general sport fishing, boating, and bow fishing season extends from March 1 through October 31, except for the shoreline of Bluff Lake from the Bluff Lake Boardwalk to the visitor center, the entire Noxubee River, and all borrow pit areas along Highway 25 that are open year-round to fishing.

2. Conditions A2, A6, A7, A9 through A14, A16, A17, B1, and B5 apply.

3. Anglers must keep boat travel at idle speed, and they must not create a wake when moving.

4. We prohibit limb lines, jug fishing, trotlines, snag lines, and hand grappling in Ross Branch, Bluff, and Loakfoma Lakes as well as areas within 100 yards of refuge water and transportation structures.

5. When left unattended, anglers must tag fishing gear with their name, address, and phone number. Anglers must check all gear within 24 hours each day or remove these devices.

6. Trotlining:

i. Anglers must label each end of the trotline floats with the owner's name, address, and phone number.

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ii. We limit trotlines to one line per person, and we allow no more than two trotlines per boat.

iii. Anglers must tend all trotlines every 24 hours and remove them when not in use.

iv. Trotlines must possess at least 6-inch (15.2-centimeter) cotton string leads.

7. Jug fishing:

i. Anglers must label each jug with their name, address, and phone number.

ii. Anglers must check all jugs every 24 hours and remove them when not in use.

8. We prohibit nighttime bow fishing.

9. We prohibit fishing tournaments on all refuge waters.

10. We prohibit the taking of frogs, turtles, and crawfish (see §27.21 of this chapter).

11. We prohibit the use of airboats, sailboats, hovercrafts, and inboard-water-thrust boats such as, but not limited to, personal watercraft, watercycles, and waterbikes.

12. We prohibit using nets of any type to capture free-roaming fish or wildlife. Fishing nets can be used to recover fish caught by hook and line.

### ST. CATHERINE CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot during the State season in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting in Butler Lake, Salt Lake, and Gillard Lake from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

2. We require that all hunters and anglers age 16 and older purchase an Annual Public Use Permit (name/address/telephone number). We waive the fee for individuals age 65 and older. The refuge user is required to sign, certifying that you understand and will comply with all regulations, and carry this permit at all times while on the refuge.

3. The refuge will close for hunting when flooding restricts safe access.

4. We restrict access to Butler Lake for waterfowl hunting only to Butler Lake Road.

5. Hunters must remove harvested waterfowl, temporary blinds and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) used for duck hunting by 1 p.m. daily.

6. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

7. You must use portable blinds.

8. Refuge users may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge by 2 hours after legal sunset.

9. Waterfowl hunters are allowed no more than 25 shotshells per person.

10. You must hand-launch boats except at designated boat ramps, where you may trailer-launch them.

11. We allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs) in accord-

ance with State WMA regulations and size specifications on designated trails (see §27.31 of this chapter) from scouting season until February 28. An ATV is an off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed the following: Weight 750 pounds (337.5 kilograms), length 85 inches (212.5 centimeters (cm)), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 26 inches (66 cm) by 12 inches (30 cm) with a maximum 1-inch (2.5-cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi (48 kPa) as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

12. You must be age 16 or older to operate an ATV or UTV on the refuge.

13. State bag limits apply.

14. We prohibit the following acts: Use or possession of alcohol while hunting (see §32.2(j)); entering the refuge from private property; hunters entering the refuge from public waterways; overnight parking; parking or hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) of any petroleum facility or equipment, or refuge residences and buildings; parking by hunters in refuge headquarters parking lot; and use of handguns for hunting on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, and woodcock in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting shotguns, .22 caliber rimfire rifles or smaller, and muzzle-loading rifles under .38 caliber shooting patched round balls, except for raccoon hunting (see condition 3.iv below). We prohibit the possession of hunting with slugs, buckshot, or rifle hunting ammunition larger than .22 rimfire.

2. You must wear a hunter-orange hat and upper garment when hunting in open fields or reforested areas.

3. We allow raccoon hunting only during the month of February from legal sunset to legal sunrise with the following conditions:

i. We require dogs.

ii. We prohibit hunting along/from Carthage-Linwood Road.

iii. We prohibit the use of boats, ATVs, and UTVs.

iv. You may use only .22 caliber rimfire rifles for hunting.

4. You may take beaver, nutria, coyote, and hog incidental to the hunt.

5. Conditions A2 and A6 through A14 apply.

6. We prohibit the following acts: Target practice; and the possession of any trail-marking material.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow deer and lottery youth turkey hunting in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only still hunting.

2. Hunters may take only one deer per day. State regulations apply.

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3. You must wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters) of unbroken hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back, and a hat or cap of unbroken hunter orange. You must wear the solid-hunter-orange items while in the field.

4. While hunting, all persons under age 16 must be in the presence and under direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least age 21.

5. We must receive all applications for the limited youth lottery draw turkey hunt by February 28 of each year.

6. Youth (ages 10 to 15) gun deer and waterfowl hunts will coincide with designated State youth hunts each year. Youth deer hunters may use any weapon deemed legal by the State except for buckshot, which we prohibit.

7. We prohibit nailing deer stands and/or steps to trees. We prohibit attaching any blind or stand to a tree by any metal object inserted into the tree (see §32.2(i)).

8. We prohibit the use or possession of climbing spurs.

9. You may place stands up to 2 days prior to established hunting season dates, and you must remove them no more than 2 days after the hunting season closes. You must mark your stand with your name and phone number. We allow each hunter one portable stand or blind on the refuge.

10. Refuge users must check all game (name) taken prior to leaving the refuge at one of the self-clearing check stations indicated on the map in the Refuge Public Use Brochure.

11. State season bag limits apply.

12. Conditions A2, A6 through A14, B4, and B6 apply.

13. We prohibit the use of trail cameras.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing during daylight hours only from February 1–November 15 in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of ATVs and UTVs (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

2. On the Sibley Unit, we prohibit motorized boats north of the Ring Levee. Anglers may hand-launch boats in Swamp Lake during nonflood conditions.

3. An adult age 21 or older must supervise youth age 15 and younger who may fish in the Kid's Pond. We prohibit adults from fishing in this pond.

4. We allow bow fishing. Bow anglers must abide by State law.

5. We prohibit taking alligator gar.

6. We prohibit the following acts: Crawfishing and commercial fishing or possession of trotline equipment including limb lines, nets, traps, yo-yos, or jugs.

7. Conditions A2, A10, A11, and A14 apply.

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*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory waterfowl, coots, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. All hunters must comply with all State hunter education requirements. All hunters age 16 and older must possess and carry a signed North Mississippi NWR hunting permit (code 606, available from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks). While hunting on the refuge, all persons younger than age 16 (“youth hunter”) must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least age 21 (“licensed hunter”). A licensed hunter supervising a youth hunter must hold all required licenses and permits.

2. General refuge hours are legal sunrise to legal sunset. During hunting season, hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal sunset except during raccoon and frog hunts.

3. We allow hunting of migratory game birds, including under the Light Goose Conservation Order, only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays ending at 12 p.m. (noon).

4. We prohibit public hunting north of Mississippi Highway 8.

5. Each hunter must obtain a daily Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) available at each refuge information station and follow the printed instructions on the card. You must display the card in plain view on the dashboard of your vehicle so that the personal information is readable. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must complete the card and deposit it at one of the refuge information stations. Include all game harvested, and if you harvest no game, report “0.” We prohibit hunters possessing more than one Big Game Harvest Report at a time.

6. We may close certain areas of the refuge for sanctuary or administrative purposes. We will mark those areas with “No Hunting” or “Area Closed” signs.

7. We restrict motor vehicle use to roads designated as vehicle access roads on the refuge map (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit blocking access to any road or trail entering the refuge (see §27.31(h) of this chapter). It is unlawful to hunt from or shoot into the 100-foot (30.5-meter) zone along either side of designated roads and parking lots.

8. During the refuge deer firearm season (to include primitive weapons and youth gun hunt), all hunters and visitors on the refuge except waterfowl hunters and nighttime raccoon hunters must wear in full view a minimum of 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters (cm)) of solid, unbroken, fluorescent orange. Deer archery hunters on the refuge must also wear in full view a minimum of 500

square inches (3,226 square cm) of solid, unbroken, fluorescent orange when there is a State gun season on private land. When hunting quail or rabbit on a refuge outside the refuge's general gun and primitive weapon season, hunters must wear a fluorescent orange vest or cap.

9. We only allow dogs on the refuge when specifically authorized for hunting. We encourage the use of dogs to retrieve dead or wounded waterfowl. Dogs must remain in the immediate control of their handlers at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

10. You must remove decoys, blinds, boats, other personal property, and litter (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94) from the hunting area following each morning's hunt. We prohibit cutting or removing trees and other vegetation (see § 27.51 of this chapter). We prohibit the use of flagging, paint, blazes, tacks, or other types of markers.

11. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs) (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter), horses, and mules on the refuge.

12. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(j)).

13. We prohibit all commercial activities, including guiding or participating in a paid guided hunt.

14. We prohibit possession of bait in the field, placement of bait, and hunting over bait (see § 32.2(h)).

15. You are allowed no more than 25 shotshells per person in the field.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon (raccoon by general Special Use Permit [FWS Form 3-1383-G] only) on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4 through A8, and A10 through A14 apply.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)) while in the field if hunting for small game with a shotgun. Small game also may be hunted with .22 magnums, .17 calibers, and .22 caliber rimfire rifles and archery equipment using arrows with points other than broadheads.

3. You may use dogs, but they must remain under the immediate control of their handlers at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4 through A8, and A10 through A13 apply.

2. We prohibit dogs for any big game hunt.

3. We prohibit possession of any drug on any arrow for bow hunting (see § 32.2(g)).

4. We prohibit organized drives for deer.

5. We prohibit hunting or shooting across any open, fallow, or planted field from ground level.

6. We prohibit the construction of, and hunting from, any permanent stands or blinds on the refuge. We allow valid permit holders to possess and hunt from one portable stand or blind on the refuge. You must permanently and legibly write your name and phone number on all stands on the refuge. Stands left on the area do not reserve the hunting locations. You may place stands up to 2 days prior to the hunt, and you must remove them no more than 2 days after the refuge's deer season closes. We may confiscate and dispose of stands not in compliance with these regulations. Ground blinds must display a minimum 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) of fluorescent orange that is visible from all sides. We prohibit nailing deer stands and/or steps to trees and attaching any blind or stand to a tree by any metal object inserted into the tree (see § 32.2(i)).

7. Hunters using a climbing tree stand must use a fall-arrest system manufactured to Treestand Manufacturers Association standards.

8. We prohibit cutting or removing trees and other vegetation (see § 27.51 of this chapter). We prohibit the use of flagging, paint, blazes, tacks, or other types of markers.

9. We prohibit the use of buckshot on the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A12 applies.

2. All anglers must carry a valid refuge permit (Visitor Check-In Permit and Report, FWS Form 3-2405), certifying that they understand and will comply with all regulations.

3. We only allow bank or boat sport fishing south of Mississippi Highway 8.

4. We prohibit possession or use of jugs, seines, nets, hand-grab baskets, slat traps/baskets, or any other similar devices and commercial fishing of any kind.

5. We only allow trotlines, yo-yos, limb lines, crawfish traps, or any other similar devices for recreational use. You must tag or mark them with the angler's full name and full residence address, including zip code written with waterproof ink, legibly inscribed or legibly stamped on the tag, and you must attend the devices a minimum of once daily. When not attended, you must remove these devices (see § 27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge.

6. We prohibit snagging or attempting to snag fish.

7. We allow crawfishing.

8. We allow take of frog only with a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G).

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*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, coot, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Each person age 16 and older hunting or fishing must possess a valid T R Complex Annual Public Use Permit (name/address/phone number).

2. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must be in the presence and direct supervision of a Mississippi licensed or exempt hunter, age 21 or older. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

3. Before hunting or fishing, all participants must display their Daily Visitor Information/Harvest Report Card (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359) in plain view in their vehicle so that the required information is readable. All cards must be returned upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.

4. We prohibit hunting or entry into areas designated as "CLOSED" (see refuge brochure map).

5. We prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages (see §32.2(j)).

6. It is unlawful to throw, dump, dispose or intentionally leave any fish or wildlife, wildlife parts, or waste on the refuge. You must remove all parts from the refuge with the exception of field dressing.

7. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging tape.

8. Vehicles should be parked in such a manner as not to obstruct roads, gates, turn rows, or fire lanes (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

9. We prohibit all other public use on the refuge during all limited draw hunts.

10. For hunting, you may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

11. With the exception of raccoon hunting, we limit refuge entry and exit to the period of 4 a.m. to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

12. For instances of lost or stolen public use permits (name/address/phone number), management may issue duplicates at their discretion, and may charge a fee.

13. Valid T R Complex Annual Public Use Permit (name/address/phone number) holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, nutria, and feral hog in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt.

14. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility-type vehicles (UTVs), horses, and mules are prohibited.

15. We prohibit hunting over or the placement of bait (see §32.2(h)). We prohibit the possession, direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, or scattering of any salt, grain, powder, liquid, or other feed substance to attract game.

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16. We prohibit hunting or shooting into a 100-foot (30.5-meter (m)) zone along either side of pipelines, power line rights-of-way, designated roads, trails, or around parking lots (see refuge brochure map). It is considered hunting if you have a loaded weapon, if you have a nocked arrow while bow hunting, or if you are in an elevated tree stand or ground blind with a means to take, within these areas.

17. Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material (see §27.93 of this chapter), and harvested waterfowl from the area no later than 1 p.m. each day.

18. We allow dogs for retrieving migratory birds.

19. We allow goose, duck, merganser, and coot hunting beginning ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16 apply.

2. We allow only shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)), .22 and .17 caliber rimfire rifles for small game hunting.

3. We allow dogs for hunting squirrel and raccoon, and for the February rabbit hunt.

4. All hunters must wear at least 500 square inches (3,225.8 square centimeters) of unbroken, fluorescent-orange material visible above the waistline as an outer garment while hunting and en route to and from hunting areas during any firearm deer season (State and/or refuge) and while rabbit hunting.

5. We allow rabbit hunting on the Brown Tract.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16, and B4 apply.

2. We prohibit organized drives for deer and feral hog.

3. Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields or tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 meters) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 meters) above the ground.

4. Deer check station dates, locations, and requirements are designated in the refuge brochure. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must check all harvested deer at the nearest self-service check station following the posted instructions.

5. Hunters may possess and hunt from only one stand or blind. Hunters may place a deer stand or blind 48 hours prior to a hunt and must remove it within 48 hours after each designated hunt with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply (see brochure).

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6. During designated muzzleloader hunts, we allow archery equipment and muzzleloaders loaded with a single ball; we prohibit breech-loading firearms of any type.

7. Limited draw hunts require a Limited Hunt Permit (name/address/phone number) assigned by random computer drawing. At the end of the hunt, the permit with information concerning that hunt must be returned to the refuge. Failure to return this permit will disqualify the hunter for any limited hunts the next year.

8. We allow archery deer hunting on the Brown Tract.

### *D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BIG MUDDY NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove all your blinds, boats, and decoys (see § 27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge each day except for blinds made entirely of marsh vegetation.

2. We prohibit cutting of woody vegetation (see § 27.51 of this chapter) on the refuge for blinds.

3. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A3 applies.

2. We allow upland game hunting on the 131-acre mainland unit of Boone's Crossing with archery methods only. On Johnson Island, we allow hunting of game animals dur-

ing Statewide seasons using archery methods or shotguns using shot no larger than BB.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders at any time.

2. We prohibit hunting over or placing on the refuge any salt or other mineral blocks (see § 32.2(h)).

3. We allow only portable tree stands from September 1 through January 31. Hunters must place their full name and address on their stands.

4. We restrict deer and turkey hunters on the Boone's Crossing Unit, including Johnson Island, to archery methods only.

5. The Cora Island Unit is open to deer hunting for archery methods only. We restrict hunting for other game to shotgun only with shot no larger than BB.

6. Condition A3 applies to wild turkey only.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must operate all motorized boats at no-wake speed.

#### CLARENCE CANNON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting only during the State-designated managed deer hunts.

2. You must register at the hunter sign-in/out station and record the sex and age of deer harvested on the Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359).

3. We prohibit shooting at deer that are on any portion of the main perimeter levee.

4. We allow use of portable stands, but hunters must remove them at the end of each day. If assigned a specific blind location, you may hunt only from that location.

5. You must remove all boats, blinds, blind materials, stands, platforms, scaffolds, and other hunting equipment (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

6. We close the area south of Bryants Creek to deer hunting.

7. You must park all vehicles in designated parking areas (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the taking of turtle or frog (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

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2. We allow only boat fishing. We allow bank fishing during managed refuge special events.

3. Anglers must remove all boats and fishing equipment at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §27.92 of this chapter).

### GREAT RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.32 (Illinois) for regulations.

### MIDDLE MISSISSIPPI RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.32 (Illinois) for regulations.

### MINGO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow waterfowl hunting in Pool 7 and Pool 8 in accordance with State and Federal regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow the use of hunting dogs only for waterfowl hunting, provided the dogs are under the immediate control of the hunter at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

2. We allow waterfowl hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 1 pm.

3. We prohibit the use of paint, non-biodegradable flagging, reflectors, tacks, or other manmade materials to mark trails or hunting locations (see §27.61 of this chapter).

4. You must remove boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds (see §27.92 of this chapter).

6. We require hunters to go through the Missouri Department of Conservation daily draw process at Duck Creek Conservation Area to hunt in Pool 7 and Pool 8.

7. We will only open Pool 7 for waterfowl hunting 3 days a week, when conditions allow.

8. We require hunters to read the current refuge hunting brochure that contains a hunting permit (signature only required). We require hunters to sign the permit and carry the signed brochure while hunting.

9. We prohibit the discharging of firearms, including air guns or any other weapons, on the refuge unless you are a hunter with a valid refuge brochure engaged in authorized activities during established seasons.

10. We allow the take of feral hog at any time and bobcat when in season, while legally hunting other species on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, raccoon, and bobcat in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3, A8, A9, and A10 apply.

2. We allow hunter access from 1½ hours before legal shooting time until 1½ hours after legal shooting time.

3. We require that all hunters register at the hunter sign-in stations and complete an Upland Game Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2362) located at the exit kiosks prior to exiting the refuge.

4. We prohibit the use of dogs for squirrel hunting.

5. We allow squirrel hunting from the State opening day until the day before the State opening of archery deer season.

6. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field (see §32.2(k)) and rifles chambered for rimfire cartridges.

7. Archery hunters may take squirrel, raccoon, and bobcat while in season and feral hog anytime while archery deer hunting.

8. We allow raccoon hunting by special use permit during the Statewide raccoon season.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3, A5, A8, A9, A10, and B2 apply.

2. We require that all hunters register at the hunter sign-in stations and complete the Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) located at the exit kiosks prior to exiting the refuge.

3. We allow archery hunting for deer and turkey during the fall season.

4. We allow spring turkey hunting. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

5. You must remove all boats brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

6. We allow archery hunting in the Expanded General Hunt Area through October 31.

7. We allow portable tree stands only from 2 weeks before to 2 weeks after the State archery deer season with the following exception: In the Expanded General Hunt Area, you must remove all personal property at the end of each day.

8. We allow only one tree stand per deer hunter.

9. We allow only non-motorized boats in the Mingo Wilderness Area.

10. We prohibit the distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, salt, or other ingestible attractant (see §32.2(h)).

11. We require hunters to apply for managed deer hunts through the Missouri Department of Conservation internet draw.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State "impounded waters" regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing year-round from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset on Red Mill Pond, Mingo River (south of Ditch 6 Road), Stanley Creek, May Pond,

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Fox Pond, Binford Pond, and Ditches 2, 3, 6, 10, and 11.

2. We allow fishing in moist soil units, Monopoly Marsh, Rockhouse Marsh, and Ditches 4 and 5 only from March 1 through September 30.

3. We allow fishing in May Pond and Fox Pond only with rod and reel or pole and line. Anglers may only take bass greater than 12 inches (30 cm) in length from May Pond.

4. We prohibit all boat motors in the Mingo Wilderness. We allow the use of electric trolling motors outside the Mingo Wilderness.

5. We require the removal of watercraft (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day's fishing activity.

6. We allow anglers to take nongame fish by nets and seines for personal use only from March 1 through September 30.

7. Anglers must attend trammel and gill nets at all times and plainly label them with the owner's name, address, and phone number.

8. We only allow the use of trotlines, throwlines, limb lines, bank lines, and jug lines from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset. Anglers must remove all fishing lines (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day's fishing. Anglers must mark each line with their name, address, and phone number.

9. We allow the take of common snapping turtle and soft-shelled turtle using only pole and line. We require all anglers to immediately release all alligator snapping turtles (see §27.21 of this chapter).

### SQUAW CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of light geese on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations during the spring conservation order season subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must remain within direct sight of the guide in the hunt boundary at all times.

2. We allow the guide and hunters into the hunt boundary up to 2 hours prior to legal shooting time.

3. Hunting will stop at 12 p.m. (noon), and hunters must be out of the fields by 2 p.m.

4. We allow hunting dogs, portable blinds, and decoys at the discretion of the guide.

5. We prohibit pit blinds.

6. Hunting dogs must be under the immediate control of their handlers at all times (see §26.21 of this chapter).

7. We prohibit retrieving crippled geese outside of the hunt boundary, including adjacent private land. This includes retrieval by hunting dogs.

8. We prohibit vehicles beyond the established parking area located adjacent to State Highway 118 (see §27.31 of this chapter).

9. We prohibit ATV use on the refuge.

10. Both the guide and hunters are responsible for ensuring that all trash, including spent shotgun shells are removed from the hunt area each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

11. Violations of these rules may result in the revocation of the guide's Special Use Permit as deemed appropriate by the refuge manager.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Permits are required.

2. Only historic weapon hunting is permitted.

3. Hunters are required to check in and out of the refuge.

4. Stands must be removed from the refuge each day.

5. Hunting is permitted only during the special hunt season established by the State for the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Fish, amphibians, reptiles and crustaceans may only be taken with hand-held pole and line or rod and reel.

### SWAN LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

2. We allow hunting of waterfowl, dove, rail, snipe, and woodcock on the Schmitt, Moresi, Bates, Truman Reservoir, and Yellow Creek Triangle Units subject to State regulations and seasons.

3. We allow hunting of waterfowl, dove, rail, snipe, and woodcock on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

i. We require the Missouri Department of Conservation "Green Card" while hunting waterfowl.

ii. We require Missouri Department of Conservation "Orange Cards" while dove hunting.

iii. You must follow designated check-in and check-out procedures.

iv. We only allow waterfowl hunting during designated days of the waterfowl seasons, late goose season, and Spring Conservation Order season.

v. We restrict hunting hours to designated times on designated units. You must remove all equipment and exit units by 1 p.m.

vi. During the Spring Conservation Order season, you may leave decoys and blinds overnight in your assigned unit.

vii. You may hunt only in the designated area to which you are assigned at the check station.

viii. We require that you leash or kennel hunting dogs when outside the hunting unit. Dogs must be under the control of the owner at all times.

ix. We restrict hunting units to parties no larger than four, unless otherwise designated.

x. We prohibit driving vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), into units. We allow hand-pulled carts. You must park vehicles in designated parking areas for the unit.

xi. We prohibit the cutting of woody vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter) on the refuge.

xii. We prohibit hunting or shooting on, across, or within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of a service road, parking lot, or designated trail.

xiii. We restrict waterfowl hunters to a designated number of shot shells in their possession while hunting in designated waterfowl hunting units.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and seasons, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A.1 and A.3.xii apply.

2. On the Schmitt, Moresi, Bates, Truman Reservoir, and Yellow Creek Triangle Units, we allow hunting of quail, rabbit, squirrel, groundhog, bullfrog, green frog, pheasant, raccoon, coyote, red and gray fox, bobcat, opossum, skunk, and badger according to State seasons and regulations. You may access the Yellow Creek Triangle via the Yellow Creek Conservation Area.

3. On the refuge, we allow hunting of squirrel on designated areas in accordance with State regulations and seasons, and subject to the following conditions:

i. We allow shotguns, handguns, and rim-fire .22 caliber rifles.

ii. You may not access the refuge from neighboring private or public lands.

iii. We restrict hunting use hours on designated hunting units.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A.1 applies only to wild turkey. Conditions A.3.iii. and B.3.ii. apply.

2. On the Schmitt, Moresi, Bates, and Truman Reservoir Units, we allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey in accordance with State regulations and seasons.

3. On the Yellow Creek Triangle Unit, we allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer consistent with regulations and seasons in the adjacent Yellow Creek Wildlife Management Area.

4. On the refuge, we allow hunting of white-tailed deer subject to the following conditions:

i. We require a Missouri Department of Conservation Permit, along with Missouri Department of Conservation hunter identification tags and parking permits (name/address/phone number) to hunt during the managed deer hunt.

ii. You must participate in a pre-hunt orientation for managed deer hunts.

iii. You must hunt in designated areas during designated times.

iv. We allow entry onto the refuge 1 hour prior to shooting hours during managed deer hunts. You must be off the refuge 1 hour after shooting hours, unless permission has been granted by the refuge manager or designee.

v. We prohibit shooting from, across, or within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of a service road, public road, parking lot, or designated trail unless authorized by the refuge manager.

vi. We allow use of portable tree stands and blinds during managed deer hunts, and you must remove them at designated times. You must attach your name, address, and phone number to all stands and blinds. During managed firearms hunts, you must mark enclosed hunting blinds and stands with hunter orange visible from all sides.

vii. We prohibit hunting over or placing on the refuge any salt or other mineral blocks (see §32.2(h)).

viii. During special hunts, one nonhunting assistant may accompany youth or hunters with disabilities.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on all designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing on the refuge only during refuge open hours.

2. The Taylor Point area of Elk Creek is open to fishing year-round during daylight hours. Anglers may access this area by a refuge road (FHWA Route 100) off of State Highway E. The area open to fishing year-round is 300 feet (90 m) upstream and 300 feet downstream of the parking lot along the banks of Elk Creek. In addition, Elk Creek is open to fishing year-round 300 feet downstream and upstream from the bridge on State Highway E. We close all fishing during the refuge-managed deer hunts.

3. We allow only nonmotorized boats on refuge waters with the exception of the Silver Lake impoundment. Anglers may use motor boats on the Silver Lake impoundment. No wake applies to all waters on the refuge.

4. Anglers must remove all boats from the refuge at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

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Refer to § 32.32 Illinois for regulations.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BENTON LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, swan, and coot in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):

1. We prohibit access to refuge hunting areas from other than authorized refuge parking areas. We prohibit hunting on or within 25 yards (22.5 m) of dikes or roads except the marked portion of the dike between Marsh Units 5 and 6. Hunters must have a means of bird retrieval, using a boat, boots, or a trained dog, while hunting on this dike (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

2. We allow hunting with the opening of waterfowl season and close November 30.

3. We allow hunting during youth waterfowl hunts in accordance with State regulations.

4. Hunters with a documented mobility disability may reserve an accessible blind in advance by contacting a refuge officer or calling the refuge office.

5. We only allow nonmotorized boats on refuge waters.

6. We allow hunting from temporary portable blinds or blinds made from natural vegetation.

7. We prohibit the retrieval of downed game from areas closed to hunting.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and gray partridge in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):

1. Conditions A2 and A7 apply.

2. We prohibit access to refuge hunting areas from other than authorized refuge parking areas.

3. We prohibit hunting on or within 25 yards (22.5 m) of dikes or roads except the marked portion of the dike between Marsh Units 5 and 6.

4. We allow hunting during youth pheasant hunts in accordance with State regulations.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may sport fish on designated areas of the refuge as posted by signs.

#### BENTON LAKE WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Management.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County and H2-0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorboats.

2. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of coyotes, skunks, red fox, raccoons, hares, rabbits, and tree squirrels on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County and H2-0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

2. We prohibit the use of horses for any purposes.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on WPAs throughout the District, excluding Sands WPA in Hill County and H2-0 WPA in Powell County, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: Condition B2 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on WPAs throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A1 applies.

2. You must remove boats, fishing equipment, and other personal property at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

#### BLACK COULEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow nonmotorized boats on refuge waters.

2. You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind

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construction by legal sunset (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. A portion of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to hunt the private land must gain permission from the landowner.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

2. Fox and coyote hunters may only use centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot.

3. Condition A3 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms on the refuge from August 15 to December 15.

2. You must visibly mark portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number.

3. You must remove any other personal property brought onto the area at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. Condition A3 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing* [Reserved]

### BOWDOIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must check-in and check out of the refuge daily. Before hunting, each hunter must record the date, their name, and the time checking into the refuge on a register inside the Hunter Registration Kiosk at refuge headquarters. After hunting, each hunter must record hunting data (hours hunted waterfowl and/or upland game and the number of birds harvested) before departing the refuge.

2. We prohibit air-thrust boats or boats with motors greater than 25 hp.

3. You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction by legal sunset (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A1 applies.

2. You must possess and carry a refuge Special Use Permit to hunt fox and coyotes.

3. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

4. Fox and coyote hunters may only use centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot.

5. We require game bird hunters to wear at least one article of blaze-orange clothing visible above the waist.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### BOWDOIN WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on all Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) (except Holm WPA) throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit use of motorboats.

2. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on all WPAs (except Holm WPA) throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on all WPAs (except Holm WPA) throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms to be left on WPAs from August 15 to December 15.

2. You must label portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number. The label must be legible from the ground.

3. You must remove any other personal property brought onto the area at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. We allow the use of only archery, muzzleloader (as defined by State regulations), or shotgun on the McNeil Slough WPA.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on WPAs throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit use of motorboats.

2. You must remove boats, fishing equipment, and other personal property at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

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### CHARLES M. RUSSELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Refuge open to hunting of migratory game birds in accordance with State law.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Hunting of upland game birds, turkey and coyote is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition:

1. Coyote hunting allowed from the first day of antelope rifle season through March 1 annually.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow the use of portable blinds and stands. You may install stands and blinds no sooner than August 1, and you must remove them by December 15 of each year. We limit each hunter to three stands or blinds. The hunter must have their name, address, phone number, and automated licensing system number (ALS) visibly marked on the stand.

2. We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge. You must possess and carry a refuge permit to hunt elk on the refuge.

*D. Sport fishing.* Refuge open to sport fishing in accordance with State law, and as specifically designated in refuge publications.

### CHARLES M. RUSSELL WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on all Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove all watercraft and personal equipment following each day of hunting (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow only upland game bird hunting on all WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on all WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. All tree stands must be visibly marked and identified with the hunter's name, address, phone number, and ALS number. Hunters must remove all tree stands no later than December 15 of each year.

2. We prohibit permanent stands, ladders, steps, screw-in spikes, nails, screws, and wire (see §32.2(i)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on all WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Anglers must remove all motor boats and other personal equipment at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

### CREEDMAN COULEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition:

1. Most of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to access the private land must gain permission from the landowner.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition A1 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition A1 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### HAILSTONE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGEE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory game birds, but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Hunters may hunt upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### HALFBREED LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### HEWITT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit air-thrust boats and boats with motors greater than 25 hp.

2. You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction by legal sunset (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. A portion of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to hunt the private land must gain permission from the landowner.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated

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portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).
2. Fox and coyote hunters may use only centerfire rifles, rim-fire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot.
3. We prohibit the shooting or taking of prairie dogs.
4. Condition A3 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms on the refuge from August 15 to December 15.
2. You must visibly mark portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number.
3. You must remove any other personal property brought onto the area at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
4. Condition A3 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### LAKE MASON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Hunting of migratory game birds is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The use of motorized boats is not permitted.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Refuge open to big game hunting in accordance with State law.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### LAKE THIBADEAU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition:

1. Most of the land within the refuge boundary is private land (inholding); persons wishing to hunt the private land must gain permission from the landowner.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Condition A1 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to

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the following condition: Condition A1 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### LAMESTEER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGEE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory game birds but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* The refuge unit is open to the hunting of upland game but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* The refuge unit is open to big game hunting but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may sport fish in accordance with state law.

### LEE METCALF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot from established blinds in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):

1. **Hunting Access:** Hunters must enter and exit the Waterfowl Hunt Area (see map in refuge Hunting and Fishing brochure) through the Waterfowl Hunt Area parking lot. All hunters, except those with a Montana disability license, must park in the Waterfowl Hunt Area parking lot to access the Waterfowl Hunt Area. For those hunters with Montana disability licenses, contact the Refuge Manager by phone or email for disability guidelines. Hunters must walk to the blind selected along mowed trails designated in the refuge Hunting and Fishing brochure. Legal entry time into the hunting area is no earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Wildlife observation, scouting, and loitering during waterfowl hunting season are prohibited at the Waterfowl Hunting Area parking lot and on the refuge road leading to the Waterfowl Hunt Area parking lot.

2. **Hunting Hours:** We will close the Waterfowl Hunting Area to waterfowl hunting on Mondays and Thursdays. We open the hunting area, defined by the refuge boundary fence, 2 hours before and require departure 2 hours after legal waterfowl hunting hours, as defined by the State.

3. **Registration (Kiosk Sign-In/Sign-Out box):** Each hunter must complete the Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361), must set the appropriate blind selector (metal flip tag) before and after hunting, and must record hunting data (hours hunted and birds harvested) on FWS Form 3-2361 before departing the hunting area.

4. Blind selection is on a first-come, first-served basis with the exception of the opening weekend of waterfowl season. We will distribute blind permits for the opening weekend by a public drawing. We will announce the drawing time and place in local newspapers.

5. We prohibit attempting to “reserve” a blind for use later in the day by depositing a vehicle or other equipment on the refuge. A hunter must be physically present in the hunting area in order to use a blind. The exceptions are blinds 2 and 7, which may be reserved for hunters with disabilities.

6. We prohibit blocking access to refuge gates (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

7. Hunters with a documented mobility disability (you must have a current year Resident with a Disability Conservation License issued by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks) may reserve an accessible blind in advance by contacting a refuge law enforcement officer.

8. No more than four hunters or individuals may use a blind at one time.

9. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less.

10. You must conduct all hunting from within the hunting blind.

11. All hunters must have a visible means of retrieving waterfowl such as a float tube, waders, or a dog capable of retrieving.

12. We prohibit falconry hunting.

13. We prohibit boats, fishing, and fires (see §27.95 of this chapter).

14. We require dogs be on a leash at the hunter access point and when walking to and from the hunt area/blind (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

15. We require hunters to unload shotguns (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) at the hunter access point and when walking to and from the hunt area/blind.

16. Hunting Blind #8 has a minimum requirement of six decoys.

17. Hunting blinds require the use of a minimum of six decoys with the exception of blinds #1, 2, 7, 14, and 15.

18. We will allow the use of a removable personal blind within the immediate mowed area around field blind #13.

19. Any mechanical decoy powered by battery or solar usage is prohibited.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions (consult refuge manager prior to hunting to learn of changes or updates):

1. **Hunting Access:** Hunters must enter and exit the hunt areas (see map in refuge Hunting and Fishing brochure) through the designated Hunter Access Parking sites. We open access points to hunters intending to immediately hunt on the refuge. We prohibit

wildlife observation, scouting, and loitering at access points and parking areas. Hunters may only enter the hunt area 2 hours prior to legal hunting hours and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal hunting hours.

2. We will allow archery hunting in the Waterfowl Hunt Area in September except during the youth waterfowl hunt weekend. We will allow archery hunting on Mondays and Thursdays in the Waterfowl Hunting Area during waterfowl hunting season.

3. **Registration (Sign-In/Sign-Out box):** Each hunter must complete the Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) before departing the hunting area.

4. **Tree Stands and Ground Blinds:** We allow each hunter the use of portable tree stands or ground blinds. All tree stands and ground blinds must be identified with a tag that has the owner’s name and Montana archery license (ALS) number on it. We prohibit hunters leaving each stand/blind unattended for more than 72 hours.

5. We prohibit preseason entry or scouting.

6. Hunters may not enter or retrieve deer from closed areas of the refuge without the consent of a refuge officer.

7. We prohibit boats, fishing gear, fires (see §27.95 of this chapter), and firearms.

8. Hunters with a documented mobility disability may access designated locations in the hunting area to hunt from ground blinds. To access these areas, hunters must contact the refuge manager in advance to obtain a Special Use Permit.

9. We prohibit the use of any mechanized vehicle to enter or exit the hunt area; this includes bicycles.

10. Rallying game to another hunter and/or deer drives is prohibited.

11. We prohibit the installation or use of remote cameras on the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas (Wildlife Viewing Area) of the refuge in accordance with State regulations in effect on the Bitterroot River from Tucker Crossing to Florence Bridge.

#### LOST TRAIL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of turkey and mountain grouse in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not allow hunting in areas posted as “Closed to Hunting” and identified in the public use leaflet.

2. We prohibit guiding and outfitting.

3. We allow use of riding or pack stock on designated access routes through the refuge to access off-refuge lands as identified in the public use leaflet.

4. You may not use dogs for hunting of any species.

5. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

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6. We prohibit overnight camping and open fires (see § 27.95(a) of this chapter).

7. We prohibit retrieval of game in areas closed to hunting without a refuge retrieval permit.

8. We allow only portable or temporary blinds and tree stands.

9. We allow parking in designated areas only as identified in the public use leaflet.

C. *Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of elk, white-tailed deer, and mule deer within designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 through B9 apply.

2. The first week of the archery elk and deer hunting season and the first week of general elk and deer hunting season are open to youth-only (ages 12–15 only) hunting. A non-hunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field.

3. Persons assisting disabled hunters must not be afield with a hunting firearm, bow, or other hunting device.

D. *Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

MEDICINE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

B. *Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, partridge, and sharp-tailed grouse on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

C. *Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and antelope on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

D. *Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to posted refuge restrictions.

NATIONAL BISON RANGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

B. *Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

C. *Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

D. *Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations and per Joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow public access by walk-in only. All anglers must remain within 100 feet (30 m) of the creek except they may use the canal road to access the creek.

2. We prohibit the use of lead or lead-based lures or sinkers.

3. We prohibit leaving or dumping any dead animal, fish or fish entrails, garbage, or litter on the refuge (see § 27.94 of this chapter).

NINEPIPE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

B. *Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

C. *Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

D. *Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations and per joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of lead or lead-based tackle.

2. We prohibit the use of boats, float tubes, and other flotation devices.

3. You must remove ice fishing shelters and other personal property at the end of each day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit leaving or dumping any dead animal, fish or fish entrails, garbage, or litter on the refuge (see § 27.94 of this chapter).

NORTHEAST MONTANA WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorboats.

2. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

B. *Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

2. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

C. *Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands and freestanding elevated platforms on Waterfowl Production Areas from August 25 through February 15.

2. You must label portable tree stands and freestanding elevated platforms with your name and address such that it is legible from the ground.

3. Condition B2 applies.

4. You must remove portable ground blinds and any other personal property at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

D. *Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

NORTHWEST MONTANA WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) throughout the

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wetland district in accordance with State law (Flathead County WPAs) and per Joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations (Lake Count WPAs) subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds (including those made of native materials), boat blinds, and all other personal property at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

2. We prohibit motorboats except on the Flathead and Smith Lake Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in Flathead County. Motorboats must be operated at no wake speeds.

3. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds.

4. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times during the State-approved hunting season. Commercial dog trials are not allowed. Pets must be on a leash at all other times.

5. Shotgun hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

6. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

7. We prohibit overnight camping and open fires (see §27.95(a) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) throughout the wetland district in accordance with State law (Flathead County WPAs) and per Joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations (Lake County WPAs) subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.

2. Conditions A1 through A7 apply.

3. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Lake County Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) per Joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations. We allow big game hunting on Flathead County WPAs in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow portable tree stands and/or portable ground blinds; however, hunters must remove them and all other personal property at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit construction and/or use of tree stands or portable ground blinds from dimensional lumber. We prohibit the use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven (see §32.2(i)).

2. Conditions A2, A3, A6, A7, and B1 apply.

3. Flathead, Blasdel, and Batavia WPAs are restricted to hunting with archery equipment, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzle-loader, or crossbow only.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on all Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) throughout the wetland district in accordance with State law (Flathead County WPAs) and per Joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations (Lake County WPAs) and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit leaving or dumping any dead animal, fish or fish entrails, garbage, or litter on the refuge (see §27.94 of this chapter).

2. We prohibit all public access on WPAs from March 1 to July 15 (Flathead County WPAs) each year to protect nesting birds.

3. Conditions A2 and A7 apply.

### PABLO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and per Joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of lead or lead-based lures or sinkers.

2. We prohibit the use of boats, float tubes, and other flotation devices.

3. You must remove ice fishing shelters and other personal property at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit leaving or dumping any dead animal, fish or fish entrails, garbage, or litter on the refuge (see §27.94 of this chapter).

### RED ROCK LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only goose, duck, and coot hunting in the area surrounding Lower Red Rock Lake. The north boundary is the east-west running fence line 1 mile (1.6 km) north of the River Marsh. The west boundary is the west boundary of the refuge. The south boundary is the South Valley Road and Sparrow Pond Trail. The east boundary is 50 yards (45 m) east of Odell Creek northward from Sparrow Pond Trail Bridge to Lower Red Rock Lake then continuing due north from the mouth of Odell Creek to the north boundary. (Consult the refuge manager prior to hunting to learn the specific boundary of the hunting area.)

2. Hunters must remove all blinds, decoys, shell casings, and other personal equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge each day.

3. We only allow nonmotorized boats in the hunt area east of the Lower Red Rock Lake dam. We allow boats with motors 10 hp or less west of Lower Red Rock Lake dam.

4. We prohibit the use of motorized decoys.

5. We prohibit camping along roadsides. We allow camping only in two established campgrounds. We restrict camping to 16 consecutive days within any 30-day period. We prohibit horses in the campgrounds. From March 1 to December 1, all bear attractants including, but not limited to, food, garbage, and carcasses or parts thereof, must be acceptably stored at night (unless in immediate use) and during the day if unattended. Acceptably stored means any of the following:

- i. Suspended at least 10 feet high and 4 feet from any vertical support 100 yards from any camp or hiking trail;
- ii. Secured in a certified bear safe container; or
- iii. Secured in a hard-sided vehicle, including an enclosed camper or horse trailer.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, elk, moose, and pronghorn antelope on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Moose hunting on the refuge portion of Montana moose hunt zone 334 opens October 15 and runs through the end of the State moose season.

2. We restrict moose hunting to the willow fen area south of Elk Springs Creek, east of Upper Red Rock Lake and north and west of the South Valley Road, at the southeast corner of the refuge. We prohibit moose hunting in all other areas of the refuge.

3. We allow big game hunting (elk, white-tailed deer, mule deer, and pronghorn antelope) on the refuge except we prohibit big game hunting in the moose hunting area (willow fen area), in Alaska Basin (far east end of the refuge), on those areas of the refuge east of Elk Lake Road (Culver Pond/Widgeon Pond Area), and east of the willow fen.

4. We prohibit hunting near the Lakeview town site, near refuge headquarters, and on portions of Odell Creek Trail. We close those areas for protection of nearby residences. (Consult the refuge manager prior to hunting to learn the specific boundary of the closed areas.)

5. We limit the number of hunters per day during the "general" big game season for the area north of South Valley Road, south of Red Rock River Mash, west of Upper Red Rock Lake to the west refuge boundary. We close this area to hunting by other big game hunters during the general big game season. We select the hunters per day by annual lottery. (Consult the refuge manager to participate in the lottery.)

6. You may hire outfitters or ranchers for the retrieval of big game only. We prohibit outfitted or guided hunting on the refuge.

7. We prohibit retrieval of game from closed areas of the refuge without consent of a refuge employee.

8. We prohibit use of wheeled game carts or other mechanical transportation devices for game retrieval on portions of the refuge designated as Wilderness Area.

9. We prohibit horses north of South Valley Road except for the retrieval of big game. We only allow horses for back-country access to the Centennial Mountains south of South Valley Road. We require the use of certified weed-free hay or pellets in refuge parking lots and on refuge roads or trails.

10. We prohibit hunting and/or shooting from or onto refuge lands from within 50 yards (45 meters) of the centerline of any public road open to motorized vehicles.

11. Condition A5 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State fishing regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing on all refuge streams in accordance with State River and Stream regulations, unless closure is necessary to protect nesting trumpeter swans or Arctic grayling restoration efforts.

2. We allow fishing on Widgeon Pond and Culver Pond. These are open under State River and Stream regulations to fishing from the bank, except for necessary closures to protect nesting trumpeter swans or Arctic grayling restoration efforts.

3. We prohibit fishing on all other refuge waters.

4. We prohibit all means of fishing except the use of pole and line or rod and reel while fishing on the refuge.

5. We prohibit the use of felt-soled wading boots on all refuge waters.

6. We prohibit bait fishing and allow only artificial lures or flies when fishing refuge waters.

7. We prohibit the use or possession of lead sinkers or any lead fishing product while fishing.

8. We prohibit tubes and other flotation devices while fishing on Widgeon and Culver Ponds.

9. Condition A5 applies.

#### SWAN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Refuge open to sport fishing in accordance with State law, and as specifically designated in refuge publications.

#### UL BEND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory

game birds but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Refuge is open to upland game hunting in accordance with State laws, regulations and subject to the following condition:

1. Coyote hunting allowed from the first day of antelope rifle season through March 1 annually.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunters may hunt big game subject to refuge-specific regulations as designated in refuge publications.

*D. Sport Fishing.* The refuge unit is open to sport fishing but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

#### WAR HORSE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* The refuge unit is open to the hunting of migratory game birds but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* The refuge unit is open to big game hunting but has no refuge-specific regulations as it follows guidelines set out in State law.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Refuge open to sport fishing in accordance with State law, and as specifically designated in refuge publications.

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#### § 32.46 Nebraska.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BOYER CHUTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of ducks, geese, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may access the refuge from 1½ hours before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset along the immediate shoreline and including the high bank of the Missouri River. You may access the hunting area by water or, if by land, only within the public use area of the Island Unit.

2. You must remove all blinds and decoys at the conclusion of each day's hunt.

3. You must adhere to all applicable State hunting regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must possess and carry a refuge access permit (signed brochure) at all times while in the hunting area. Hunters may enter the hunting areas only within the dates listed on the refuge access permit.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow personally attended hook and line fishing and archery fishing (rough fish only) from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

2. We allow boating at no-wake speeds, not to exceed 5 mph (8 km), on side or back channels. We prohibit all watercraft in the Boyer Chute waterway or other areas as posted.

3. We prohibit the use of trotlines, float lines, bank lines, or setlines.

4. We prohibit ice fishing.

5. We prohibit digging or seining for bait.

6. We prohibit the take or possession of turtles or frogs.

7. Anglers may use no more than two lines and two hooks per line.

#### CRESCENT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl and coot in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We close the refuge to the general public from legal sunset to legal sunrise. However, hunters may enter the designated hunting area 2 hours before legal sunrise and must be back to their vehicle in the process of leaving the refuge 2 hours after legal sunset. Official shooting hours are from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset for deer, coyote, and furbearer hunters; and from ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset for all other hunters.

2. We only allow you to unleash dogs used to locate, point, and retrieve upland and small game and migratory birds on the refuge while hunting (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

3. We open the refuge to hunting from September 1 through January 31 in accordance with State regulations.

4. We allow decoys, but hunters must remove them (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

5. We restrict vehicles to roads that are open to the public (see § 27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit hunters taking vehicles off of approved roads to set up blinds, decoys, or to retrieve game or for any other purposes

other than emergencies. We allow parking within one vehicle length of the road.

6. We prohibit publicly organized hunts unless authorized under a Special Use Permit.

7. We only allow temporary blinds and stands, and hunters must remove them (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

8. We only allow floating blinds on Island Lake. We prohibit all boats (including a floating device of any kind) on all other refuge lakes.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, furbearer, coyote, ring-necked pheasant, and prairie grouse on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A6 apply.

2. We prohibit baiting. We allow electronic calls for coyote and furbearer hunting.

3. Coyotes and all furbearers or their parts, if left in the field, must be left out of view of the public. Otherwise hunters must remove them from the refuge and properly dispose of them.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A4, A5, A6, and A7 apply.

2. We prohibit tree stands that cause damage to the tree by penetrating into the bark and tree climbing spikes or screw-in steps that penetrate beyond the outer bark of a tree (see § 32.2(i)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We close the refuge to the general public from legal sunset to legal sunrise. However, anglers may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise and remain until 1 hour after legal sunset.

2. We open Island Lake to fishing year-round and open Smith and Crane Lakes to fishing seasonally from November 1 through February 15. We close all other refuge lakes.

3. We prohibit the possession or use of live or dead minnows and the possession of any fish not taken lawfully from one of the refuge lakes open to fishing.

4. We only allow boating and float tubes on Island Lake. We prohibit use of internal combustion motors for boats on Island Lake; we close all other refuge lakes to boating or float tubing.

5. We prohibit leaving temporary shelters used for fishing overnight on the refuge.

DESOTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to § 32.34 Iowa for regulations.

FORT NIOBRARA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and elk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require the submission of a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356). You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) when hunting. We require hunters to complete a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) and return it to the refuge at the conclusion of the hunting season.

2. We allow hunting with muzzleloader and archery equipment. We prohibit hunting with firearms capable of firing cartridge ammunition.

3. We establish the dates when the refuge is open to hunting access annually. We specify the hunting access dates on the refuge hunting access permit.

4. We allow hunting in the area defined as those refuge lands situated north and west of the Niobrara River. We allow access to this area only from designated refuge parking areas and the Niobrara River.

5. We prohibit hunting within 200 yards (180 meters) of any public use facility.

6. We allow hunter access from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

7. We allow horses within the wilderness area. We limit horse use to three groups at a time and no more than five horses per group. We prohibit horses from 2 hours after legal sunset until 2 hours before legal sunrise. We require registration at the refuge headquarters prior to horse use during the hunting season. We limit horse access to the wilderness area via the refuge corrals and buffalo bridge.

8. We allow canoes, kayaks, and float tubes capable of carrying no more than four people on the Niobrara River below Cornell Dam.

9. We prohibit permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree (see § 32.2(i)). We prohibit leaving tree stands and ground blinds in the same location for more than 7 consecutive days. You must label unattended tree stands, elevated platforms, and ground blinds with your name and address; the label must be legible from the ground. You may put up tree stands, elevated platforms, and ground blinds, but no earlier than opening day of deer season; you must remove them by the last day of deer season.

10. We prohibit hunting during the Nebraska November Firearm Deer Season.

11. We prohibit the use of game carts or any other wheeled device to retrieve game on the Wilderness Area portion of the refuge that is opened for hunting.

12. We prohibit the marking of any tree or other refuge feature with reflectors, flagging, paint, or other substances.

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13. We prohibit the use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow fishing on the portions of the Minnehaduzza Creek and downstream from Cornell Dam along the Niobrara River that flows through the refuge.

2. We prohibit the use of limb or set lines.

3. We prohibit the take of baitfish, reptiles, and amphibians.

4. We prohibit use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing on refuge lands and waters.

### NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, State-defined furbearers, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We close the Lake Alice Unit to all public entry from October 15 through January 14.

2. Hunters must be 15 years of age or younger. A licensed hunter 19 years of age or older must accompany youth hunters. We prohibit adults accompanying youth hunters to hunt or carry firearms. The accompanying adult is responsible for ensuring that the hunter does not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge or State regulations.

3. We close the refuge to public use from legal sunset to legal sunrise. However, youth hunters and their adult guides may enter the designated hunting area 1 hour prior to legal sunrise.

4. We only allow dogs for pheasant-hunting on the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow archery hunting of mule deer and white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We close the Lake Alice Unit to all public entry from October 15 through January 14.

2. We close the refuge to public use from legal sunset to legal sunrise. However, archery deer hunters may enter the designated hunting area 1 hour prior to legal sunrise and remain until 1 hour after legal sunset.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Sport fishing is allowed on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to State law.

### RAINWATER BASIN WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) throughout the Dis-

trict, excluding McMurtrey Waterfowl Production Area in Clay County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the use of motorboats. We allow only nonpowered motorboats and those powered by electric motors (see § 27.32 of this chapter).

2. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94(a) of this chapter).

3. You may leave temporary blinds, other than portable blinds, constructed of natural vegetation found on site overnight. We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the WPAs for any purpose at any time (see § 27.52 of this chapter). Construction of these temporary blinds does not constitute exclusive use of the blind (see § 27.92 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit exercising, running, training, or hunting with dogs from May 1 to July 31; and dogs must be on a leash during this time period. At all other times during the hunting season, dogs must be under the owner's immediate control (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. We prohibit camping and/or open fires (see § 27.95(a) of this chapter).

6. We restrict the use of all motorized vehicles, including ATVs and/or snowmobiles, to designated parking lots only (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

7. We prohibit the use of all firearms for target practice (see § 27.41 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District, excluding McMurtrey WPA in Clay County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

2. We prohibit the shooting or harvesting of black-tailed prairie dogs.

3. Conditions A4 through A8 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District, excluding McMurtrey WPA in Clay County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow portable tree stands and/or portable ground blinds; however, you must remove them along with any other personal property at the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94(a) of this chapter).

2. Conditions A3 through A8 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District, excluding McMurtrey WPA in Clay County, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions;

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1. You must remove all boats, boat trailers, vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property from the WPAs at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94(a) of this chapter).

2. Conditions A1 and A5 apply.

### VALENTINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl and coots on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following refuge-specific regulations:

1. We close the refuge to the general public from legal sunset to legal sunrise; however, we allow hunter access from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset.

2. We only allow you to unleash dogs used to locate, point, and retrieve upland and small game and migratory birds on the refuge while hunting (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of sharp-tailed grouse, prairie chicken, ring-necked pheasant, dove, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following refuge-specific regulations:

1. Conditions A1 and A2 apply.

2. Coyote hunting is allowed from the Saturday closest to November 13 through March 15. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. The use of dogs or bait to hunt coyotes is prohibited.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following refuge-specific condition: Condition A1 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following refuge-specific regulations:

1. We close the refuge to the general public from legal sunset to legal sunrise; however, anglers may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise and remain 1.5 hours after legal sunset.

2. We prohibit the take of reptiles, amphibians, and minnows, with the exception that bullfrogs may be taken on refuge lakes open to fishing.

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## § 32.47 Nevada.

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are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

### ASH MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting only on designated days.

2. We only allow motorless boats or boats with electric motors on the refuge hunting area during the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

3. We open the refuge to the public from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

4. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3 and A4 apply.

2. We only allow hunting on designated days.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### Desert National Wildlife Refuge

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of bighorn sheep is permitted on designated areas of the range subject to the following conditions:

1. Bighorn sheep guides are required to obtain a Special Use Permit prior to taking clients onto the range.

2. Natural bighorn sheep mortality (pick-up heads) found on the range are government property and possession or removal of them from the range is not permitted.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### PAHRANAGAT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting only on designated days.

2. We only allow motorless boats or boats with electric motors on the refuge hunting area during the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

3. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting on designated days.

2. Conditions A3 applies.

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### *C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing year-round with the exception of the North Marsh that we close October 1 to February 1.
2. We only allow motorless boats or boats with electric motors on the Upper Lake, Middle Pond, and Lower Lake.
3. We prohibit the use of boats, rubber rafts, or other flotation devices on the North Marsh.

### RUBY LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of dark geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is open to the public from 1 hour before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset.
2. We do not allow permanent or pit blinds on the refuge. You must remove all blind materials and decoys following each day's hunt.

### *B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

### *C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is open to the public from 1 hour before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset.
2. We allow fishing by wading and from personal flotation devices (float tubes) and bank fishing in designated areas.
3. You may use only artificial lures in the Collection Ditch and adjoining spring ponds.
4. We do not allow boats on refuge waters from January 1 through June 14.
5. During the boating season, we allow boats only on the South Marsh. June 15 through July 31, we allow only motorless boats or boats with battery-powered electric motors. Anglers must remove all gasoline-powered motors. August 1 through December 31, we allow only motorless boats and boats propelled with motors with a total of 10 horsepower or less.
6. We allow launching of boats only from designated landings.
7. We prohibit the possession of live or dead bait fish, any amphibians (including frogs), and crayfish on the refuge.
8. We do not allow storage of boats of any kind on the refuge beginning January 1 through May 31.
9. We do not allow off-road vehicles on the refuge.

### SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting on the following waters: Big Spring Reservoir, Catnip Reservoir, Dunfurrena Ponds, and the "Little Sheldon" portion of the refuge.
2. We only allow nonmotorized boats or boats with electric motors.
3. We only allow portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of synthetic material.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, grouse, and chukar on the refuge except in the following areas: The "Little Sheldon" portion of the refuge and around the Dunfurrena Ponds in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We allow sage grouse hunting and require a State permit.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, antelope, and bighorn sheep on the refuge except in the following areas: The "Little Sheldon" portion of the refuge and around Dunfurrena Ponds in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow ground blinds, and you must not construct them earlier than 1 week prior to the opening day of the legal season for which you have a valid permit.
2. You must remove blinds (see §27.93 of this chapter) within 24 hours of harvesting an animal or at the end of the permittee's legal season.
3. You must tag blinds with the owner's name and permit number.
4. We prohibit destruction of natural vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter) or below-ground excavation.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in Big Spring Reservoir, Catnip Reservoir, and in the Dunfurrena Ponds in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow nonmotorized boats or boats with electric motors.
2. We only allow individuals who are age 12 or under, age 65 or older, or disabled to fish in McGee Pond.

### STILLWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting inside the posted no hunting zone around the residence of the former Alves property.
2. We prohibit hunting inside the posted no hunting zone located south of Division Road as shown in the refuge brochure.

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3. We prohibit loaded weapons (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter) inside the posted retrieval zone. The zone begins on the north edge of Division Road and extends 200 yards (180 m) northward.

4. Persons possessing, transporting or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§ 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

5. We prohibit boating outside of the waterfowl and youth waterfowl hunting season except in Willow Lake where we allow non-motorized boating all year.

6. We prohibit boats on Swan Lake, the northeast corner of North Nutgrass Lake, and the north end of Pintail Bay. We allow the use of nonmotorized carts, sleds, floating blinds, and other floating devices in these areas to transport hunting equipment and to conceal hunters, but not to transport hunters.

7. We only allow outboard motor boats on Lead Lake, Tule Lake, Goose Lake, South Nutgrass Lake, the southeast corner of North Nutgrass Lake, and south end of Pintail Bay.

8. We only allow air-thrust boats on Goose Lake, South Nutgrass Lake, the southeast corner of North Nutgrass Lake, and the south end of Pintail Bay.

9. You may not operate air-thrust boats until 1 hour after the legal shooting time on opening day of waterfowl season.

10. We require air-thrust boat owners to get a Special Use Permit from the refuge manager and to display a number on their airboats.

11. We allow nonmotorized boats on all lakes and bays except Swan Lake, the northeast corner of North Nutgrass Lake, and the north end of Pintail Bay.

12. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles on the refuge (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).

13. We only allow parking on boat landings and designated parking areas.

14. We only allow camping in designated areas.

15. We prohibit campfires (see § 27.95 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game species on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4, A12, A13, A14, and A15 apply.

2. Hunters must only use shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit the use or possession of lead shot (see § 32.2(k)).

4. We prohibit hunting after legal sunset.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of mule deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

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1. Conditions A1, A2, A12, A13, A14, and A15 apply.

2. Hunters must only use shotguns, muzzle-loading weapons, or bow and arrow, and may possess and use only nontoxic projectiles for hunting (see § 32.2(k)).

3. Persons possessing, transporting or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§ 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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## § 32.48 New Hampshire.

We have opened the following refuge unit to hunting and/or fishing with applicable refuge-specific regulations:

### GREAT BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not require a separate Federal permit for waterfowl hunting.

2. We allow hunting within the refuge boundary upon navigable waters from within a boat. We prohibit access to land areas, mud flats, rocks, or marsh grass above mean high tide within the refuge. We prohibit hunters retrieving birds inland of the boundary signs.

3. We only allow portable blinds. You must remove all decoys, blinds, and boats (see § 27.93 of this chapter) each day.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The deer hunt will be the first weekend of the State's either-sex season for Wildlife Management Unit M, usually held in November.

2. We close the refuge to all other public use during the hunt weekend.

3. We require a fee for a Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354) which you must possess and carry. We draw, by lottery, 20 hunters for each day for a total of 40 hunters. We also draw 20 alternate hunters.

4. A licensed and permit-holding adult who is at least age 18 must accompany youth hunters up to age 16 when hunting. We

charge no refuge permit fee to youth hunters.

5. Youth hunters must have successfully completed a State hunter education course.

6. We require deer hunters to wear in a visible manner on the head, chest, and back, a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, blaze-orange clothing or material.

7. We only allow shotgun hunting with slugs. We prohibit other firearms, including handguns, at any time while on the refuge.

8. You must unload shotguns (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter) outside of legal State hunting hours and while traveling through any designated safety zone.

9. We only allow portable tree stands that hunters must remove (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of the day.

10. Refuge hunting regulations, as listed in the Hunter Information Package and map, will be in effect, and hunters must be in compliance with State law.

11. The refuge is located in Newington, New Hampshire, along the eastern shoreline of Great Bay. McIntyre Road borders the refuge to the east. The southern boundary begins approximately ¼ mile (.4 km) north of the intersection of Fabyan Point Road and McIntyre Road and continues west to the shoreline of Great Bay. The northern boundary begins approximately 150 feet (45 m) south of the intersection of McIntyre Road and Little Bay Road and continues west to the shoreline of Great Bay. The western boundary is the shoreline of Great Bay.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

SILVIO O. CONTE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, common snipe, and American woodcock on the Pondicherry Division of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only use portable blinds. You must remove all blinds, decoys, shell casings, and other personal equipment and refuse from the refuge by legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

2. You must wear in a conspicuous manner on the outermost layer of the head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter-orange clothing or material, except when hunting waterfowl from a blind or boat or over waterfowl decoys.

3. We allow the use of retrieving dogs but dogs must be under voice command at all times (see § 26.21 of this chapter).

4. We allow hunting during the hours stipulated under the State's hunting regulations but no longer than from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset. We prohibit night hunting. You must unload all firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) outside of legal hunting hours.

5. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATV's or OHV's).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote, fox, raccoon, woodchuck, red squirrel, eastern gray squirrel, porcupine, skunk, American crow, snowshoe hare, ring-necked pheasant, and ruffed grouse on the Pondicherry Division of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must wear in a conspicuous manner on the outermost layer of the head, chest, and back, a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter-orange clothing or material.

2. Conditions A3, A4, and A5 apply.

3. We allow hunting of snowshoe hare and coyote with dogs from October 1 to March 15. You may hunt with trailing dogs on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

i. We will only allow dog training outside the established hunting seasons under a Special Use Permit issued by the refuge manager.

ii. We allow a maximum of four dogs per hunter.

iii. You must pick up all dogs the same day you release them (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, moose, black bear, and wild turkey on the Pondicherry Division of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow bear hunting with dogs during the established State hound season. Hunting with trailing dogs on the refuge will be subject to the following conditions:

i. We allow a maximum of four dogs per hunter.

ii. You must pick up all dogs the same day you release them (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

2. We prohibit the use of bait (see § 32.2(h)).

3. We allow temporary tree stands and blinds, but you must remove them (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) by the end of the season. Your name and address must be clearly visible on the tree stand. We prohibit nails, screws, or screw-in climbing pegs to build or access a stand or blind (See § 32.2(i)).

4. You must wear in a conspicuous manner on the outermost layer of the head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter-orange clothing or material, except when hunting turkey or while engaged in archery hunting.

5. Conditions A4 and A5 apply.

6. We allow prehunt scouting of the refuge; however, we prohibit firearms during prehunt scouting.

7. We will only allow dog training outside the established hunting seasons under a Special Use Permit issued by the Refuge Manager.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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### UMBAGOG NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, coot, snipe, and woodcock in accordance with State regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. You must wear hunter-orange clothing or material in accordance with State of Maine regulations for the season and/or species you are hunting; one article of hunter-orange clothing is required during moose season, and two articles are required during firearm and muzzleloader season for deer.

2. At various locations on the refuge, we will provide permanent refuge blinds, which are available for public use by reservation. Hunters may make reservations for particular blinds up to 1 year in advance, for a maximum of 7 days, running Monday through Sunday during the hunting season. Hunters may make reservations for additional weeks up to 7 days in advance, on a space-available basis. We allow no other permanent blinds. Hunters must remove temporary blinds, boats, and decoys from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. You may use dogs to assist in hunting and retrieval of harvested birds. We prohibit dog training on the refuge.

4. We open the refuge to hunting during the hours stipulated under the State's hunting regulations. We close the refuge to night hunting. Hunters must unload all hunting firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) outside of legal hunting hours.

5. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs or OHRVs) on refuge land (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote (see C. Big Game Hunting), fox, raccoon, woodchuck, squirrel, porcupine, skunk, snowshoe hare, ring-necked pheasant, and ruffed grouse in accordance with State regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit night hunting.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot when hunting with a shotgun (see § 32.2(k)).

3. We open the refuge to hunting during the hours stipulated under the State's hunting regulations. We close the refuge to night hunting. Hunters must unload all hunting firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) and nock no arrows outside of legal hunting hours.

4. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs or OHRVs) on refuge land (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).

5. Condition A1 applies.

6. We allow hunting of snowshoe hare, ring-necked pheasant, and ruffed grouse with dogs during State hunting seasons. We prohibit dog training on the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of bear, coyote, white-tailed deer, and moose in

accordance with State regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge to hunting during the hours stipulated under the State's hunting regulations. We prohibit night hunting. Hunters must unload all hunting firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) and nock no arrows outside of legal hunting hours.

2. We allow bear and coyote hunting with dogs during State hunting seasons. We prohibit dog training on the refuge.

3. We allow prehunt scouting of the refuge; however, we prohibit dogs and hunting firearms during prehunt scouting.

4. Each hunter must wear hunter-orange clothing or material in accordance with State of Maine regulations for the season and/or species you are hunting.

5. We allow only temporary tree stands and blinds. You may erect a tree stand or blind no earlier than August 1, and you must remove it by December 31. We prohibit nails, screws, or screw-in climbing pegs to build or access a tree stand or blind (see § 32.2(i)). You must mark tree stands and blinds with your full name and address.

6. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs or OHRVs) on refuge land.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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The following refuge units have been opened to hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

### CAPE MAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl, coot, moorhen, rail, common snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting only on those refuge tracts located west of Route 47 in the Delaware Bay Division and on those tracts north of Route 550 in the Great Cedar Swamp Division. We prohibit hunting on the Two Mile Beach Unit.

2. Any time the State hunting regulations specify the requirement that hunters wear orange-colored clothing, you must wear, in a visible manner on head, chest, and back, a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material. This must consist of a vest and hat or a jacket and hat. We prohibit blaze-orange camouflage.

3. You must remove all hunting blind materials, boats, and decoys at the end of each hunting day (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit permanent or pit blinds.

4. The common snipe season on the refuge begins with the start of the State early woodcock south zone season and continues through the end of the State common snipe season.

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot in the field while hunting migratory game birds (see §32.2(k)).

6. We allow the use of retrieving and/or pointing dogs; however, the dogs must be under the hunter's control at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter), and we prohibit groups of three or more dogs per hunter. We prohibit dog training at all times

7. We prohibit hunting on Sunday.

8. We prohibit falconry.

9. We prohibit motorized and nonmotorized vehicles on refuge lands. This includes, but is not limited to, vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, motorcycles, and bicycles.

10. We prohibit hunting on all areas posted "Area Closed" and all areas marked as closed on the refuge "Hunt Map."

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit and squirrel on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, and A7 through A10 apply.

2. We will allow rabbit and squirrel hunting following the end of the State's Six-Day Firearm Season for white-tailed deer, and it will end at the close of the regular rabbit and squirrel season.

3. We prohibit the use of dogs for hunting rabbit and squirrel. We prohibit dog training at all times.

4. You must remove all hunting stands, blinds, and hunting materials at the end of each hunting day (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit marking (this includes but is not limited to, the use of flagging, bright eyes, tacks, and paint), cutting, and/or removal of trees or vegetation (see §27.61 of this chapter).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on all areas of the refuge except for the Two Mile Beach Unit, areas posted "Area Closed," and all areas marked as closed on the refuge "Hunt Map."

2. We allow turkey hunting only on refuge tracts located north of County Route 550 in the Great Cedar Swamp Division. We prohibit hunting on the Two Mile Beach Unit, areas posted "Area Closed," and all areas marked as closed on the refuge "Hunt Map."

3. We prohibit the use of dogs for deer and turkey hunting.

4. Conditions A2 and A7 through A10 apply.

5. We prohibit the marking (this includes but is not limited to, the use of flagging, bright eyes, tacks, and paint), cutting, and/or removal of trees or vegetation (see §27.61 of this chapter).

6. You must remove all deer hunting stands, blinds, and hunting materials at the end of the State deer hunting season (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit permanent stands or blinds. You should mark tree stands with owner information (name, address, and phone number).

7. You must remove all turkey hunting stands, blinds, hunting materials, and decoys at the end of each hunting day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset.

2. We allow fishing only along beach areas of the Two Mile Beach Unit.

3. The Atlantic Ocean beach is closed annually to all access, including fishing, between April 1 and September 30.

4. We prohibit commercial fishing, crabbing, and clamming on refuge lands.

5. We prohibit fishing or possession of conchs or shellfish on refuge lands.

6. We prohibit dogs on the Two Mile Beach Unit.

7. We prohibit unauthorized vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), on any portion of the Two Mile Beach Unit.

8. We prohibit sunbathing on refuge lands.

9. We prohibit access to swimming or surfing in the Atlantic Ocean.

EDWIN B. FORSYTHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE  
REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl, coot, moorhen, and rail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove all hunting blind materials, boats, and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each hunting day. We prohibit permanent or pit blinds.

2. You may use trained dogs for the retrieval of authorized game birds (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

3. You may possess a maximum of 25 approved nontoxic shotshells per day in all hunting units of the Barnegat Division and a maximum of 50 approved nontoxic shotshells per day in Unit 1 of the Brigantine Division (see §32.2(k)).

4. In Hunting Unit B of the Barnegat Division, we restrict hunting to designated sites, with each site limited to one party of hunters.

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5. In Hunting Units B, D, E, and F of the Barnegat Division, we require a minimum of six decoys, and we prohibit jump shooting.

6. Access is by boat only in all Units of the Barnegat Division except Unit A South and Unit F. You may access these units by foot or boat. Access is by boat only in all Units of the Brigantine Division.

7. You may not enter hunt Units before 4 a.m.

8. No person including, but not limited to, a guide, guide service, outfitter, club, or other organization, will provide assistance, services, or equipment on the refuge to any other person for compensation unless such guide, guide service, outfitter, club, or organization has obtained a Special Use Permit from the refuge for a fee.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer in New Jersey Deer Management Zones 56, 57, and 58 in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require persons hunting on the refuge for the first time to attend one of the four refuge-specific hunter-orientation sessions conducted during the fall.

2. We require a State permit for the appropriate State Deer Management Zone. You must have this permit stamped and validated in person at the Brigantine or Barnegat office. Hunters will receive maps of the refuge-specific zones upon validation.

3. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before shooting time and must leave no later than 1 hour after the end of shooting time. Refuge hunting hours are consistent with State hunting hours.

4. During firearm big game season, hunters must wear in a visible manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material.

5. You may scout on the 2 Sundays prior to the opening day of your respective zone permit.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing at the Holgate Unit, Little Beach Island, Graveling Point, Lily Lake, and the posted fishing areas along the south side of Parkertown Dock Road, North side of Cedar Run Dock Road, end of Stafford Avenue, and the middle branch of the Forked River in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We close the Holgate unit and Little Beach Island during the migratory bird nesting season. We may extend the closure of the bay side portion of the Holgate Unit through October.

2. We require a Special Use Permit to fish from Little Beach Island. You may obtain permits from the refuge headquarters.

3. We only allow car-top-type launches at Lily Lake. There is no boat ramp.

4. We prohibit use of internal combustion engines on Lily Lake.

5. We will close the Forked River fishing area during zone 58 big game hunting season.

6. We will open Forked River and Lily Lake from legal sunrise until legal sunset.

7. We prohibit fishing, clamming, and crabbing from any waters within tract 122X, locally known as the AT&T properties. We close this tract to all public use.

GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a State permit for the appropriate New Jersey Deer Management Zone.

2. In addition to the State permit, we require a Deer Hunting Permit (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) along with a fee, issued by the refuge. We must stamp this permit for validation.

3. Hunters must wear in a visible manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored hunter-orange clothing or material.

4. Hunters must be in possession of refuge and State hunting permits at all times while hunting on the refuge.

5. Refuge hunting regulations, as listed in the "Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Public Deer Hunt Map," will be in effect.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

SUPAWNA MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of geese and ducks on designated areas of the refuge during designated refuge seasons subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow loaded and uncased firearms in an unanchored boat only when retrieving crippled birds.

2. You must remove all hunting blind materials, boats, and decoys following each day's hunt. We do not allow permanent blinds.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only bow hunting on the refuge.

2. We require a State permit for the appropriate State Deer Management Zone.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on the refuge in designated areas subject to the following conditions:

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1. We prohibit the taking of frogs, salamanders, and turtles from all nontidal waters and refuge lands.

2. We prohibit fishing in designated nontidal waters from sunset to sunrise.

3. We prohibit bow fishing in nontidal waters.

### WALLKILL RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of New Jersey regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Application/Permit (information taken from OMB-approved Migratory Bird Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2357) to hunt on the refuge. We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (name and address only) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge. We charge a fee for all hunters except youth age 16 and younger.

2. We issue one companion permit (no personal information) at no charge to each hunter. We allow companions to observe and/or call but not to shoot a firearm or bow. Companion and hunters must set up in the same location.

3. We provide hunters with hunt maps and parking permits (name only) which they must clearly display in their vehicle. Hunters who park on the refuge must park in identified hunt parking areas.

4. We provide a designated hunting area at 119 Owens Station Road, Vernon, New Jersey. We reserve this property for the exclusive use of physically challenged individuals who have produced evidence of the New Jersey Permit to Shoot or Hunt from a Stationary Vehicle and possess a signed, disabled hunter refuge permit.

5. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge.

6. We require hunters to wear, in a conspicuous manner, a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-color, hunter-orange clothing or material on the head, chest and back, except when hunting ducks and geese.

7. We prohibit hunters using or erecting permanent or pit blinds.

8. We require hunters to remove all hunting blind material, boats, and decoys from the refuge at the end of each hunting season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

9. We allow pre-hunt scouting; however, we prohibit the use of dogs during scouting.

10. We limit the number of dogs per hunting party to no more than two dogs.

11. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 2 hours before shooting time, and they must leave no later than 2 hours after the end of shooting time.

12. We prohibit the hunting of crows on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote, fox, crow, ruffed grouse, opossum, raccoon, pheasant, chukar, rabbit/hare/jack-rabbit, squirrel, and woodchuck on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of New Jersey regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to submit a Big Game Hunt Application/Permit (information taken from OMB-approved Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) to hunt on the refuge. We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (name and address only) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge. We charge a fee for all hunters except youth age 16 and younger.

2. Conditions A3 through A6, and A11 apply.

3. We prohibit scouting.

4. We prohibit the use of dogs during hunting.

5. We prohibit baiting on refuge lands (see §32.2(h)).

6. We prohibit night hunting.

7. We prohibit woodchuck hunting prior to July 15; we allow use of only rimfire rifles to harvest woodchuck.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, bear, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of New Jersey regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3 through A5, A9, A11, B1, B4, and B5 apply.

2. We require firearm hunters to wear, in a conspicuous manner, a minimum of 400 square inches (2,580.6 square centimeters) of solid-color, hunter-orange clothing or material on the head, chest, and back. Bow hunters must meet the same requirements when firearm season is also open. We do not require turkey hunters to wear orange at any time.

3. We require hunters to remove all stands and other hunting material from the refuge at the end of each hunting season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

4. We allow pre-hunt scouting.

5. We prohibit deer drives.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated sections of the refuge in both New York and New Jersey in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing in and along the banks of the Wallkill River. We allow shore fishing only in the pond at Owens Station Crossing, Vernon, New Jersey.

2. Anglers may fish from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. We require that anglers park in designated parking areas to access the Wallkill River through the refuge.

4. On refuge ponds, you may perform only catch-and-release fishing. We prohibit the use of live bait fish on refuge ponds.

5. We prohibit ice fishing on refuge ponds.

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6. We prohibit the taking of reptiles and amphibians.

7. We prohibit the digging or collecting of bait.

8. We prohibit commercial fishing on the refuge.

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### § 32.50 New Mexico.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BITTER LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose; duck; coot; mourning, white-winged, and Eurasian collared dove; and sandhill crane on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special posting or publications, subject to the following conditions:

1. On the North Tract (including Salt Creek Wilderness Area and the portion of the refuge located north of U.S. Highway 70), all hunting must be in accordance with State seasons and regulations.

2. On the Middle Tract (the portion of the refuge located between U.S. Highway 70 and U.S. Highway 380), we allow hunting of goose, duck, sandhill crane, and American coot (no dove):

i. In the designated public hunting area, which is located in the southern portion of the Tract; and

ii. No closer than 100 yards (91.4 meters) to the public auto tour route; and

iii. Only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the period when the State seasons that apply to the Middle Tract area are open simultaneously for hunting all of the species allowed; and

iv. Only until 1 p.m. (local time) on each permitted hunt day.

3. On the South Tract (the portion of the refuge located south of U.S. Highway 380), we allow hunting only during Special Hunts (hunters with disabilities and/or youth hunters age 17 and younger).

4. You may use only approved nontoxic shotgun shot while hunting (see § 32.2(k)).

5. We prohibit pit or permanent blinds and require removal of all waterfowl decoys and all temporary blinds/stands daily after each hunt (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

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6. We allow unleashed hunting and/or retrieving dogs on the refuge when hunters are legally present in areas where we allow hunters, only if the dogs are under the immediate control of hunters at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter), and only to pursue species legally in season at that time.

7. We prohibit hunters and their dogs from entering closed areas for retrieval of game.

8. We do not require permits other than those required by the State.

9. Visit the refuge office or Web site, and/or refer to additional on-site brochures, leaflets, or postings for additional regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, cottontail, and jack rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special postings or publications subject to the following conditions:

1. On the North Tract (including Salt Creek Wilderness Area and the portion of the refuge located north of U.S. Highway 70), all hunting must be in accordance with State seasons and regulations with the specification that we allow rabbit hunting only during the season that is concurrently open for quail hunting within the State.

2. On the Middle Tract (the portion of the refuge located between U.S. Highway 70 and U.S. Highway 380), we allow only pheasant hunting:

i. Conditions A.2.i, A.2.ii, and A.2.iv apply.

ii. Only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the appropriate State season that applies to the Middle Tract area.

iii. All hunting must cease at 1 p.m. (local time) on each hunt day.

3. On the South Tract (the portion of the refuge located south of U.S. Highway 380), we allow public hunting only during Special Hunts (hunters with disabilities and/or youth hunters age 17 and younger) as per State seasons and regulations.

4. Conditions A4, A6, and A9 apply.

5. We prohibit the use of archery equipment at any time on the refuge except when hunting deer and hogs (see C. Big Game Hunting).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of mule deer, white-tailed deer, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State seasons and regulations and any special postings or publications, and subject to the following conditions:

1. We restrict all hunting to the North Tract (including Salt Creek Wilderness Area and the portion of the refuge located north of U.S. Highway 70) with the specification that you may hunt and take feral hog (no bag limit) only while legally hunting deer and only with the weapon legal for deer on that day in that area.

2. Conditions A8 and A9 apply.

3. We allow use of only portable blinds or stands and require daily removal of all blinds and stands (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

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### *D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### BOSQUE DEL APACHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove and light goose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations and any special posting or publications and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of light goose on dates to be determined by refuge staff. The permit is available through a lottery drawing (Waterfowl Lottery Application, FWS Form 3-2355) and hunters must pay a fee. Contact the refuge for more information.
2. Legal hunting hours will run from ½ hour before legal sunrise and will not extend past 1:00 p.m. (local time) on each hunt day.
3. Refer to the refuge hunt leaflet for designated hunting areas.
4. You may use only approved nontoxic shot while hunting (see §32.2(k)).
5. We prohibit pit or permanent blinds and require daily removal of all waterfowl decoys, spent shells, all temporary blinds/stands, and all other personal equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
6. We allow unleashed hunting and/or retrieving dogs on the refuge when hunters are legally present in areas where we allow hunters, only if the dogs are under the immediate control of hunters at all time (see §26.21(b) of this chapter), and only to pursue species legally in season at that time.
7. We prohibit hunters and dogs from entering closed areas for retrieval of game.
8. We prohibit falconry on the refuge.
9. We prohibit canoeing, boating, or floating through the refuge on the Rio Grande.
10. We prohibit hunting any species on the Rio Grande within the refuge.
11. We prohibit overnight camping without a permit.
12. All State and Federal hunting and fishing regulations regarding methods of take, dates, bag limits, and other factors apply to all hunting and fishing on the refuge, in addition to these refuge-specific regulations.
13. Visit the refuge visitor center or Web site, and/or refer to additional on-site brochures, leaflets, or postings for additional information.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special posting or publications subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only shotguns and archery equipment for hunting of upland game. We prohibit the use of archery equipment on the refuge except when hunting for upland and big game.
2. Conditions A2 through A13 apply.
- C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of mule deer, oryx, and bearded Rio Grande tur-

key on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special posting or publications subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A5 through A13 apply.
2. Refer to the refuge hunt leaflet for designated hunting areas.
3. Hunting on the east side of the Rio Grande is only by foot, horseback, or bicycle. Bicycles must stay on designated roads.
4. We may allow oryx hunting from the east bank of the Rio Grande to the east boundary of the refuge for population management purposes for hunters possessing a valid State permit. We may also establish special hunts of the oryx on dates established by refuge staff. Contact the refuge for more information.
5. Legal hunting hours will run from 1 hour before legal sunrise and will not extend past 1 hour after legal sunset.
6. We allow hunting of bearded Rio Grande turkey for youth hunters only on dates determined by refuge staff. All hunters must fill out FWS Form 3-2356 (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application) and pay a fee. The permit is available through a lottery drawing. If selected, you must carry your refuge special use permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) at all times during the hunt. All hunters are required to fill out a harvest report (FWS Form 3-2359, Big Game Harvest Report) and return it to the refuge within 72 hours. Contact the refuge for more information.
7. Youth hunters age 17 and under must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course prior to the refuge hunt. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion.
8. Each youth hunter must remain with an adult companion age 18 or older. Each adult companion must possess and carry an adult companion permit (signed refuge youth turkey hunt brochure) and can supervise no more than one youth hunter. Adult companions may observe and call, but they cannot shoot.
9. We allow the use of temporary ground blinds only for youth turkey hunts, and hunters must remove them from the refuge daily (see §27.93 of this chapter). It is unlawful to damage, cut, or mark any tree or other refuge structure with paint, flagging tape, ribbon, cat-eyes, or any similar marking device.
- D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special posting or publications subject to the following conditions:
  1. Condition A9 applies.
  2. We allow fishing from April 1 through September 30.
  3. We allow fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset.

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4. We allow fishing on all canals within the refuge boundaries (Interior Drain, Riverside, Canal, and Low Flow Conveyance Channel), and unit 25AS either from the boardwalk or from shore.

5. We prohibit trotlines, bows and arrows, boats or other flotation devices, seining, dip netting, traps, using bait taken from the refuge, taking of turtle, littering, and all other activities not expressly allowed (see §27.21 of this chapter).

6. Access to the canals is via the tour loop. We prohibit fishing in closed areas of the refuge, with the exception of the Low Flow Conveyance Channel.

7. We allow frogging for bullfrog on the refuge in areas that are open to fishing.

8. All State and Federal fishing regulations regarding methods of take, dates, creel limits, and other factors apply to all fishing on the refuge, in addition to these refuge-specific regulations.

9. We prohibit fishing for any species on the Rio Grande within the refuge.

### LAS VEGAS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove and goose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit and pay a fee.

2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

3. Youth hunters age 17 and under must hunt under the supervision of an adult age 21 or older.

4. We prohibit hunters and dogs from entering closed areas to retrieve birds.

5. We allow goose hunting on designated day(s) of the week as identified on the permit.

6. Shooting hours for geese are from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 1:00 p.m. local time.

7. We assign a bag limit for both light goose and Canada goose to two geese each.

8. For goose hunting you may possess only approved nontoxic shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field in quantities of six or less.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### MAXWELL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Fishing is permitted from noon March 1 through October 31.

2. Fishing is permitted only in Lakes 13 and 14.

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3. Boats are permitted on Lakes 13 and 14 only during the fishing season.

4. Fishing is not permitted within 150 feet of headgates.

### SAN ANDRES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of oryx or gemsbok (*Oryx gazella*) and desert bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis mexicana*) is allowed on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) and White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters are required to check in and out of the hunt area.

2. Hunters are required to complete an unexploded ordnance (UXO) training prior to entering hunt area.

3. The hunter may be accompanied by no more than three guests including their guide(s).

4. Only approved WSMR outfitters can be used.

5. All hunters must enter and exit through the Small Missile Range gate on Range Road 7.

6. All members of the hunting party are required to wear solid or camouflage-style, fluorescent orange (hunter's orange) clothing while away from the vehicle and in the field hunting. A minimum of 144 square inches must appear on both the chest and back (a typical blaze-orange hunting vest).

7. Hunters may be escorted, but not guided, by WSMR, NMDGF, or refuge personnel or their agent(s). Check stations may be used in lieu of hunt escorts.

8. Hunters must follow photo and video policy as described by WSMR regulations.

9. Youth hunters, 16 years of age and younger, must be under the direct supervision of an adult, 18 years of age or older.

10. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

11. Hunters and their guests must abide by all rules established by the refuge, WSMR, and NMDGF regulations.

12. Bighorn Sheep: Hunting desert bighorn sheep is allowed on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with NMDGF and WSMR regulations and subject to the following conditions specifically for bighorn sheep:

i. If camping is allowed on WSMR lands, then camping is allowed at Little San Nicholas Camp on the refuge.

ii. Four-wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use by hunters or members of their hunting

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party is prohibited on the refuge, although ATVs may be used to retrieve game on WSMR.

iii. Hunters using livestock (i.e., horses or mules) must provide only weed-free feed to their animals while on the refuge.

iv. Hunters or other members of the hunting party are not allowed to hunt small game or other species during desert bighorn ram hunts. Only bighorn sheep may be hunted by individuals with ram tags.

13. Oryx. Hunting oryx is allowed on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with NMDGF and WSMR regulations and subject to the following condition specifically for oryx: Four-wheeled all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use by hunters or members of their hunting party is allowed on the refuge and WSMR only to retrieve game.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### SEVILLETA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged doves, geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and any special posting or publications and subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal hunting hours will run from ½ hour before legal sunrise and will not extend past 1:00 p.m. (local time) on each hunt day.

2. The refuge may designate special youth and/or persons with disabilities hunting days during the regular game bird season. This will apply to areas and species that are currently part of the refuge's hunting program. Contact the refuge for more information.

3. Refer to the refuge hunt leaflet for designated hunting areas.

4. You may use only approved nontoxic shot while hunting (see § 32.2(k)) in the field, in quantities of 25 or fewer.

5. We prohibit pit or permanent blinds and require daily removal of all waterfowl decoys, spent shells, all temporary blinds/stands, and all other personal equipment (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

6. We allow unleashed hunting and/or retrieving dogs on the refuge when hunters are legally present in areas where we allow hunters, only if the dogs are under the immediate control of hunters at all time (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter), and only to pursue species legally in season at that time.

7. We prohibit hunters and dogs from entering closed areas for retrieval of game.

8. All State and Federal hunting regulations regarding methods of take, dates, bag limits, and other factors, apply to all hunting on the refuge, in addition to these refuge-specific regulations.

9. Visit the refuge visitor center or Web site, and/or refer to additional on-site brochures, leaflets, or postings for additional information.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### AMAGANSETT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may surf fish in the Atlantic Ocean from the refuge shoreline in accordance with state regulations.

#### ELIZABETH A. MORTON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Fishing is permitted only on the beach and in areas not designated as closed.

2. Fishing is permitted only during daylight hours.

#### IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, rail, coot, gallinule, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. For hunting of goose, duck, and coot (only allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays):

i. We require refuge waterfowl hunting permits. We allocate permits by random drawing at the Waterfowl Hunter Check Station on Route 77 on hunt days, except that we conduct a mail-in lottery for permits issued for opening day and the first two Saturdays of the regular waterfowl season. Permits allow up to three hunters to hunt. We charge a daily fee. A hunt stand is available for physically challenged hunters possessing a Golden Access Passport. We will allocate the hunt stand in a separate random draw for opening day and by first-come, first-served basis for other hunt days. The permit will allow one helper who may also hunt.

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ii. You must possess and carry a valid New York State Waterfowl Education Certificate of Qualification.

iii. You must provide and use a minimum of six decoys.

iv. We only allow hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 12 p.m. (noon). All hunters must check out no later than 1 p.m. by returning the Harvest Report portion of your permit to the Waterfowl Hunter Check Station.

v. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see §32.2(k)) in the field in quantities of 20 or less.

vi. You must hunt within 100 feet (30 m) of your designated stand unless actively pursuing crippled birds.

2. For hunting of rail, gallinule, snipe, and woodcock:

i. We require refuge daily small-game hunt permits and reports. You may obtain these self-issued permits at several kiosks located around the refuge. The hunter must complete and sign Part “A” and possess and carry Part “B” while hunting, then complete and return Part “B” to one of the kiosks at the end of the hunt day.

ii. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot in the field (see §32.2(k)).

iii. We only allow hunting east of Sour Springs Road.

3. We allow youths ages 12 to 17 to hunt goose and duck on the first Sunday of the regular waterfowl season subject to the following conditions:

i. Each youth hunter must preregister at the refuge office.

ii. Each youth hunter must participate in the prehunt orientation and education program.

iii. Each youth must hunt with a preapproved, nonhunting adult (see refuge manager for details), who must be properly licensed to participate in the program.

iv. Conditions iv, 1v, and 1vi above apply.

*B. Hunting of Upland Game.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, gray squirrel, cottontail rabbit, pheasant, coyote, fox, raccoon, skunk, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge daily small-game hunt permits and reports. You may obtain these self-issued permits at several kiosks located around the refuge. You must complete and sign Part A and possess and carry Part B while hunting, then complete and return Part B to one of the kiosks at the end of the hunt day.

2. We only allow hunting from legal sunrise to legal sunset. We prohibit night hunting.

3. We allow hunting only between October 1 and the last day of February.

4. You must only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while in the field if hunting with a shotgun.

5. You must wear in a visible manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material during any firearms deer season.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. White-tailed deer:

i. We require refuge daily deer hunt permits and reports. These self-issued permits are available at several kiosks located around the refuge. You must complete and sign Part A and possess and carry Part B while hunting, then complete and return Part B to one of the kiosks at the end of the hunt day.

ii. All hunters must wear in a visible manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material during any firearms deer season.

iii. If you use portable tree stands, blinds, and decoys, you must remove all equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of the day.

2. Turkey (only allowed during the spring season):

i. We require refuge spring turkey hunting permits. We select permittees, except youth permittees as designated below, from a mail-in, random drawing for available permits. We charge a nonrefundable application processing fee.

ii. Only youth hunters ages 12 to 17, accompanied by a properly licensed, preapproved nonhunting adult (see refuge manager for details), may hunt at the refuge on the first Sunday of the season. All youth hunters must register at the refuge headquarters and attend a mandatory orientation.

iii. You may use portable blinds and decoys, but you must remove all equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the conclusion of each day.

iv. You may only scout during the 7 days immediately preceding the season. You must possess and carry your permit when scouting. We prohibit calling or possessing a call of any kind while scouting.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only fish or frog from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. We allow fishing or frogging in Oak Orchard Creek east of Route 63 and on other designated areas of the refuge year-round during the State season.

3. We only allow ice fishing on Ringneck Marsh from December 15 through the last day of February.

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4. We allow frogging in areas open for public fishing. We prohibit guns or archery equipment to kill or capture frog.

5. We prohibit wading or the use of boats or other flotation devices, with the exception that you may use nonmotorized boats on Oak Orchard Creek east of Route 63.

6. We require that anglers remove boats, structures, or other equipment (see § 27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge after the completion of the day's fishing activities.

7. We allow fishing and frogging from Schoolhouse Marsh dike and Center Marsh dike from July 15 to September 30.

### MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow waterfowl, Canada goose, and snow goose hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. For the regular waterfowl season:

i. We require daily refuge permits (Migratory Bird Hunt Report, FWS Form 3-2361) and reservations. You must possess and carry refuge permits while in the field and present them upon request to any law-enforcement officer.

ii. We allow hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the established refuge season set within the State western zone season. We allow a youth waterfowl hunt during the Saturday of the State's established youth waterfowl hunt dates each year.

iii. Except for opening day, we take telephone reservations from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for the next hunt day.

iv. We take opening day reservations between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on the Thursday of the week before the season opener (Note: This is not the Thursday directly before the opener). We take youth hunt reservations between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on the Thursday of the week before the youth hunt (Note: This is not the Thursday directly before the youth hunt.).

v. The reservation telephone number is 315-568-4136.

vi. All telephone reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

vii. If you have a reservation for Tschache Pool, you may bring one companion; we will determine party limits for other areas annually.

viii. You may request the parking area of your choice when making reservations; parking areas are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

ix. Only refuge personnel may move parking signs and blinds.

x. All hunters with reservations and their hunting companions must check-in at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station area at least 1 hour before legal shooting time or forfeit their reservation.

xi. You must set up in your chosen hunting spot before legal shooting time.

xii. Forfeited reservations become available on a first-come, first-served basis to standby hunters at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station.

xiii. In Tschache Pool, you must use motorless boats to hunt, and we limit hunters to one boat per reservation. We also limit hunters to one motor vehicle in the Tschache Pool area per reservation.

xiv. We prohibit shooting from any dike or within 50 feet (15.2 meters) of any dike or road, or from within 500 feet (152.4 meters) of the Tschache Pool observation tower. We do not limit hunting to specific blind sites.

xv. We will announce selection procedures for hunting sites on areas other than Tschache Pool annually.

xvi. You may possess a maximum of 15 nontoxic shot shells for hunting while in the field (see § 32.2(k)); you may not take more than 15 shot shells per hunter into the hunting area.

xvii. You must stop hunting at 12 p.m. (noon), and you must check-out and be out of the hunting area by 1 p.m.

xviii. We require proof of successful completion of the New York State Waterfowl Identification Course, the Montezuma Non-resident Waterfowl Identification Course, or a suitable nonresident State Waterfowl Identification Course to hunt in the refuge; all hunters must show proof each time they hunt, in addition to showing their valid hunting license and signed Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp).

xix. You must possess, carry, and present upon request to any law enforcement officer a valid daily hunt permit card (Migratory Bird Hunt Report, FWS Form 3-2361). We also require you to return the daily hunt permit card at the end of hunting. You can obtain a permit at the Hunter Check Station during the check-in process, and you can return it to the Hunter Check Station or at the box located at the north end of the Tschache Pool dike.

2. For Canada goose and snow goose hunting:

i. We allow hunting of Canada goose during the New York State September (or "early") season and of snow goose during portions of the New York State snow goose season and portions of the period covered by the Light Goose Conservation Order according to New York State regulations and any special postings or publications set forth by the refuge manager.

ii. Canada goose and snow goose hunting will be permitted 7 days per week during the refuge's set hunting dates. Hunting hours are in accordance with New York State regulations for Canada goose and snow goose seasons.

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iii. You must possess, carry, and present upon request to any law enforcement officer a valid daily hunt permit card (Migratory Bird Hunt Report, FWS Form 3-2361). We also require you to return the daily hunt permit card at the end of hunting or at the end of the day. You can obtain a permit at the Hunter Check Station on State Route 89 and return it to the same location; obtaining a permit will be on a first-come, first-served basis each hunt day until the day's permits are all taken.

3. We allow hunting with dogs.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must carry and present upon request to any law-enforcement officer a valid daily hunt permit card (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356). We also require you to return the daily hunt permit card at the end of hunting or at the end of the day. You can obtain a permit at the Hunter Check Station on State Route 89 and return it to the same location; obtaining a permit during the fall season will be on a first-come, first-served basis each hunt day until the day's permits are all taken.

2. We only allow hunting from legal sunrise to legal sunset during the fall season and from ½ hour before legal sunrise to noon during the youth hunt weekend. We prohibit night hunting.

3. We allow hunting within the New York State fall turkey season. We prohibit hunting during the New York State spring turkey season.

4. We allow youth hunting during the New York State youth wild turkey hunt weekend, depending on whether mentors for youth hunters are available. Participants must make a reservation to hunt; each year, the refuge manager will set the date and time that we will accept reservations by phone. The reservation phone number is (315) 568-4136.

5. Youth hunters and their mentors must attend an orientation program conducted by refuge staff.

6. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)) while in the field if hunting with a shotgun. The refuge manager reserves the right to restrict hunting implements beyond State restrictions (*e.g.*, based on visitor safety).

7. We prohibit hunting with dogs.

8. You may use portable blinds and decoys, but you must remove all equipment (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the conclusion of each day.

9. We prohibit parking and walking along the Wildlife Drive for the purpose of hunting, unless otherwise posted by refuge personnel.

10. We prohibit use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter), dirt

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bikes, bicycles, snowmobiles, and watercraft for the purpose of turkey hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer only on designated areas of the refuge using archery, firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter), muzzleloaders, or crossbows during established refuge seasons set within the general State white-tailed deer season. Esker Brook and South Spring Pool Trails are not open to hunting before November 1 each year. We allow a youth white-tailed deer hunt during the State's established youth white-tailed deer hunt dates each year.

2. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer 7 days per week (Monday through Sunday) during the refuge season.

3. You must possess, carry, and present upon request to any law enforcement officer a valid daily hunt permit card (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356). We will also require you to return the daily hunt permit card at the end of hunting or at the end of the day.

4. Daily hunt permits (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) are available at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station on a first-come, first-served basis, issued by refuge personnel or available on a self-service basis; hunters must come to the Route 89 Hunter Check Station to obtain a permit each day they hunt.

5. We issue a maximum of 300 archery and 175 firearms hunt permit cards each day on a first-come, first-served basis.

6. Hunters must fill out Part A of the daily hunt permit card (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) at check-in and leave it with refuge personnel or deposit it in the Part A box at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station.

7. Hunters must carry Part B of the daily hunt permit card (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) while hunting the refuge.

8. Hunters must complete Part B (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) and deposit it in the Part B box at the Route 89 Hunter Check Station by the end of the hunt day.

9. Successful hunters must bring their deer to the Route 89 Hunter Check Station, or other refuge-specific location, on days designated by the refuge manager in order for deer to be checked.

10. Firearms hunters must wear in a visible manner on the head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,580.6 square centimeters) of solid, blaze orange. Ground blinds must be marked on all sides with a minimum of 400 square inches (2,580.6 square centimeters) of solid, blaze orange.

11. Hunting weapon restrictions follow New York State regulations; successful harvest

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with a bow or other hunting weapon during firearms season requires use of a State-issued firearms season tag. The refuge manager reserves the right to restrict hunting implements beyond State restrictions (*e.g.*, based on visitor safety).

12. Advanced scouting of the refuge, prior to the hunting season, will be allowed during a time set by the refuge manager.

13. We prohibit boats and canoes on refuge pools. We prohibit hunting on the open-water portions of the refuge pools until the pools are frozen; when frozen, we allow access for hunting only to the Main Pool and Tschache Pool at the refuge manager's discretion based on safety factors and habitat conditions.

14. We prohibit use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) (see §27.31(f) of this chapter), dirt bikes, bicycles, snowmobiles, and watercraft for the purpose of white-tailed deer hunting.

15. Hunters may only use portable tree stands and must remove them (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge each day.

16. We prohibit screw-in tree steps, nails, and any object used to puncture the bark of a tree; we do allow climbing tree stands that grip the tree (see §32.2(i)).

17. We allow white-tailed deer hunters to be on the refuge during the period that begins 1 hour before legal sunrise (except for opening day) and ends 1 hour after legal sunset.

18. On opening day of both archery and firearms seasons, we allow hunters on the refuge during the period that begins 2 hours before legal sunrise and ends 1 hour after legal sunset.

19. We prohibit parking and walking along the Wildlife Drive for the purpose of hunting, unless otherwise posted by refuge personnel. Upland areas adjacent to the Wildlife Drive will be open to white-tailed deer hunting each year on December 1 unless otherwise stated by the refuge manager. The Seneca Trail and refuge headquarters areas will be open to white-tailed deer hunting during the refuge's late archery/muzzleloader season unless otherwise stated by the refuge manager.

20. Incentive programs to address deer density issues may be implemented during the refuge hunting season. Incentive programs may include, but are not limited to, issuing New York State Deer Management Assistance Permit tags to refuge hunters, or implementing an "earn a buck" or similar program.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may access the New York State Barge Canal System Waters at established fishing access sites on the refuge. You may either bank fish or boat fish in accordance with State regulations.

### OYSTER BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may fish in refuge-controlled waters of Oyster Bay. Anglers may also fish from designated areas on the refuge shoreline at Mill Pond during daylight hours. All fishing within the refuge is in accordance with state regulations.

### SEATUCK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may fish in refuge-controlled waters of Great South Bay from boats only. All fishing is in accordance with state regulations.

### SHAWANGUNK GRASSLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of New York regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must submit a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356) to hunt on the refuge. We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (name and address only) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge. We charge a fee for all hunters except youth age 16 and younger.

2. We provide hunters with hunt maps and parking permits (name only), which they must clearly display in their vehicle. Hunters who park on the refuge must park in identified hunt parking areas.

3. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge.

4. We prohibit baiting on refuge lands (see §32.2(h)).

5. We require hunters to wear (in a conspicuous manner) a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 square centimeters) of solid-color, hunter-orange clothing or material on the head, chest, and back.

6. We prohibit hunters using or erecting permanent blinds.

7. We allow pre-hunt scouting beginning 2 weeks prior to the bow opener and continuing through the end of the deer season.

8. The refuge only allows archery equipment (crossbows allowed) to harvest deer.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### TARGET ROCK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may fish in Huntington Bay from the refuge shoreline when the refuge is open to visitors. All fishing is in accordance with state regulations.

### WERTHEIM NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer within designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow archery and shotgun hunting of white-tailed deer within portions of the refuge during specific days between October 1 and January 31.

2. We require refuge permits. We limit the number of deer hunters permitted to hunt on the refuge. We will issue permits by random selection.

3. You must take the specified number of antlerless deer as noted in the refuge hunting regulations before taking an antlered deer.

4. You must have all applicable and valid hunting licenses, permits, stamps, and a photographic identification in your possession while hunting on the refuge.

5. You must limit driving to designated access roads and park only in designated areas. We prohibit use of motorized vehicles on the refuge to retrieve white-tailed deer.

6. You must display refuge parking permits face up on the vehicle dashboard while hunting.

7. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1 hour before legal hunting hours, and they must leave the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal hunting hours.

8. We prohibit the use of dogs to hunt or pursue game. We prohibit driving deer by any means.

9. We prohibit shooting directly into the 500-foot (150-m) “No Hunt Buffer.”

10. We prohibit the killing or crippling of any deer without the hunter making reasonable effort to retrieve the deer and retain it in his or her custody.

11. If assigned to Unit 5, hunters must hunt from portable tree stands and must direct aim away from public roads and private dwellings.

12. We allow only shotgun shells loaded with slugs during the firearms season.

13. Hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-orange clothing, visible on head, chest, and back during the firearms season. Camouflage orange does not qualify because it is not solid.

14. We prohibit construction or use of any type of structure while hunting. We prohibit driving nails, spikes, screws, or other metal objects into any tree or hunting from any tree into which a nail, spike, screw, or other object has been driven (see § 32.2(i)).

15. We allow use of temporary or portable tree stands while hunting deer. You must clearly print your name and address on the stand. You must remove all stands or any blinds at the end of each hunt session (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

16. You must report all serious accidents and injuries to refuge personnel as soon as possible and before leaving the refuge.

17. Failure to comply with Federal, State, or refuge regulations may lead to dismissal from the refuge and elimination of participation in future hunts.

18. Hunters must abide by all rules and regulations listed on the hunting permit.

19. We prohibit the use of any bait, salt, or enticement (see § 32.2(h)).

20. A nonhunting adult possessing a valid New York State hunting license must accompany junior hunters (ages 14 and 15).

21. We prohibit the marking of any tree, trail, or other refuge feature with flagging, paint, reflective material, or any other substance.

22. You must use a safety harness and belt while hunting from a tree stand.

23. We allow scouting of hunting areas on the refuge only during designated times and days. We allow only permitted hunters to scout. We prohibit the use of dogs during scouting.

24. We prohibit the use of electronic calls during any hunting season.

25. We prohibit the trimming or cutting of branches larger than the diameter of a quarter.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Shore and boat fishing is permitted on that portion of the Carmans River between Sunrise and Montauk Highways.

2. Only boat fishing is permitted from Montauk Highway south to the mouth of the Carmans River.

3. Fishing is permitted only during daylight hours.

4. Spearfishing and taking of baitfish and frogs is not permitted.

#### WALLKILL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of New York regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Application/Permit (information taken from OMB-approved Migratory Bird Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2357) to hunt on the refuge. We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (name and address only) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge. We charge a fee for all hunters except youth age 16 and younger.

2. We issue one companion permit (no personal information) at no charge to each hunter. We allow companions to observe and/or call but not to shoot a firearm or bow. Companion and hunters must set up in the same location.

3. We provide hunters with hunt maps and parking permits (name only) that they must clearly display in their vehicle. Hunters who

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park on the refuge must park in identified hunt parking areas.

4. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge.

5. We require hunters to wear, in a conspicuous manner, a minimum of 400 square inches (2,580.6 square centimeters) of solid-color, hunter-orange clothing or material on the head, chest, and back, except when hunting ducks and geese.

6. We prohibit hunters using or erecting permanent or pit blinds.

7. We require hunters to remove all hunting blind material, boats, and decoys from the refuge at the end of each hunting season (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

8. We allow pre-hunt scouting; however, we prohibit the use of dogs during scouting.

9. We limit the number of dogs per hunting party to no more than two dogs.

10. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 2 hours before shooting time, and they must leave no later than 2 hours after the end of shooting time.

11. We prohibit Sunday hunting.

12. We prohibit hunting after November 30.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit/hare, gray/black/fox squirrel, pheasant, bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, crow, red/gray fox, coyote, bobcat, raccoon, skunk, mink, weasel, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of New York regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to submit a Big Game Hunt Application/Permit (information taken from OMB-approved Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2356) to hunt on the refuge. We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (name and address only) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge. We charge a fee for all hunters except youth age 16 and younger.

2. Conditions A3 through A5, and A10 through A12 apply.

3. We prohibit scouting.

4. We prohibit the use of dogs during hunting.

5. We prohibit baiting on refuge lands (see § 32.2(h)).

6. We prohibit night hunting.

7. We prohibit hunting of reptiles and amphibians.

8. We prohibit falconry hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, bear, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of New York regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3, A4, A8, A10 through A12, B1, B4, and B5 apply.

2. We require firearm hunters to wear, in a conspicuous manner, a minimum of 400 square inches (2,580.6 square centimeters) of solid-color, hunter-orange clothing or material on the head, chest and back. Bow hunters must meet the same requirements when

firearm season is also open. We do not require turkey hunters to wear orange at any time.

3. We allow pre-hunt scouting.

4. We require hunters to remove all stands and other hunting material from the refuge at the end of each hunting season (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit deer drives.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated sections of the refuge in both New York and New Jersey in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing in and along the banks of the Wallkill River. We allow shore fishing only in the pond at Owens Station Crossing, Vernon, New Jersey.

2. Anglers may fish from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. We require that anglers park in designated parking areas to access the Wallkill River through the refuge.

4. On refuge ponds, you may perform only catch-and-release fishing. We prohibit the use of live bait fish on refuge ponds.

5. We prohibit ice fishing on refuge ponds.

6. We prohibit the taking of reptiles and amphibians.

7. We prohibit the digging or collecting of bait.

8. We prohibit commercial fishing on the refuge.

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The following refuge units have been opened to hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### ALLIGATOR RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Hunting of Migratory Birds.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must possess and carry a valid refuge hunting permit.

2. We prohibit construction or use of a permanent blind.

3. We close the Farming Area to waterfowl hunting.

4. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult

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age 21 or older. An adult may directly supervise (up to two) youth hunters (age 15 and under), who must have successfully completed a State-approved hunter safety course and possess and carry proof of certification.

5. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot in the field (see § 32.2(k)).

6. We allow retrieving dogs in designated areas. We prohibit the use of dogs in the Gum Swamp Unit.

7. We open the refuge to daylight use only, except that we allow hunters to enter and remain in open hunting areas from 1 hour before legal shooting time until one hour after legal shooting time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A4, A5, and A7 apply.

2. We only allow dog training during the corresponding hunt season.

3. We require a Special Use Permit to hunt raccoon or opossum from ½ hour after legal sunset until ½ hour before legal sunrise.

4. We allow the use of dogs in designated areas as shown in the refuge Hunting Regulations and Permit Map brochure.

5. We allow retrieving, pointing, and flushing dogs in designated areas. We prohibit the use of dogs in the Gum Swamp Unit.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A4 (an adult may only supervise one youth hunter), A7 and B2 apply.

2. We close the Hyde county portion of the refuge to all hunting during State bear seasons.

3. We only allow pursuit/trailing dogs in designated areas as shown in the Refuge Hunting Regulations and Permit Map brochure.

4. Unarmed hunters may walk to retrieve stray dogs from closed areas and “no dog hunting” areas.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. We only allow pole and line, rod and reel, or cast net.

3. We require a Special Use Permit for fishing or frogging between legal sunset and legal sunrise.

4. You must only take frog by use of frog gigs.

### CEDAR ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of tundra swan, Canada and snow goose, brant, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting on 400 acres (160 ha) of marsh located along the southern border of West Bay and the eastern border of West Thorofare Bay between the John Day Ditch and the Thorofare Ditch. The hunt area extends 300 feet (90 m) from the shoreline into the marsh.

2. We allow portable blinds, but you must remove them (see § 27.93 of this chapter) each day.

3. Hunters/hunt parties must not hunt closer than 150 yards (135 m) apart.

4. You may use decoys but you must remove them (see § 27.93 of this chapter) daily upon completion of your hunting.

5. We only allow hunting during the State waterfowl seasons occurring in November, December, and January.

6. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. An adult may directly supervise up to two youth hunters age 15 or younger who must have successfully completed a State-approved hunter safety course and possess and carry proof of certification.

7. We open the refuge to daylight use only, except that we allow hunters to enter and remain in open hunting areas from 1 hour before legal shooting time until 1 hour after legal shooting time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### CURRITUCK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Hunting of Migratory Birds.* We allow hunting of swan, goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a North Carolina Waterfowl Hunt Permit or a Refuge Hunt Permit. You must carry a permit while hunting on the refuge.

2. You must hunt from assigned blind location.

3. We allow hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 1 p.m.

4. We allow access 1½ hours before legal shooting time, and all parties must be off the refuge by 2 p.m.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and feral hog on limited dates in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a refuge hunting permit (signed brochure) that hunters must sign and carry while hunting on the refuge.

2. Each hunter must pay an annual \$15 hunt permit (signed brochure) fee.

3. We allow the use of shotguns, muzzle-loading rifles/shotguns, pistols, and bows in designated units. We prohibit the use of all other rifles and crossbows.

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4. Hunters may take two deer per day; there is no daily limit on feral hog.

5. Hunters must wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter-orange material above the waist that is visible from all directions.

6. We prohibit the marking of trees and vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter) with blazes, flagging, or other marking devices.

7. We allow hunters on the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset.

8. We allow the use of portable tree stands, but hunters must remove them daily (see §27.93 of this chapter).

9. Hunters may access the refuge by foot, boat, and/or vehicle, but we prohibit hunting from a boat or vehicle.

10. An adult at least age 21 may supervise only one youth under age 16. The youth must be within sight and normal voice contact of the adult.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### GREAT DISMAL SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.66 Virginia for regulations.

### MACKAY ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a Refuge Deer Hunting Permit (signed brochure) that hunters must sign and carry while hunting on the refuge.

2. Each hunter must pay an annual \$15 hunt permit (signed brochure) fee.

3. We allow the use of shotguns, muzzle-loading rifles/shotguns, and bows. We prohibit the use of all other rifles and pistols.

4. We allow access to hunting areas from 5 a.m. until 8 p.m.

5. We prohibit carrying a loaded firearm on or within 50 feet (15 m) of gravel roads.

6. We prohibit the marking of trees or vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter) with blazes, flagging, or other marking devices.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset from March 15 through October 15 with the exception that we allow fishing along the Marsh Causeway year-round. The 0.3 Mile Loop Trail and the terminus of the canal immediately adjacent to the Visitor Center are open year-round, but we close them during the Refuge Permit Deer Hunts.

2. All fishing lines must be attended.

3. Airboats are not permitted.

### MATTAMUSKEET NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow the hunting of tundra swan, snow goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge-issued permits (name and address) that you must validate at the refuge headquarters, sign, possess, and carry while hunting.

2. Each hunt participant must pay a \$12.50 daily user fee.

3. We restrict hunting to designated blinds assigned by refuge personnel.

4. Hunters may only shoot crippled waterfowl from outside the assigned blind.

5. There is a 30-shell limit per blind hunter per day.

6. You may use decoys, but you must remove them (see §27.93 of this chapter) daily upon completion of your hunt.

7. All waterfowl hunters must check out at the assigned station prior to leaving the refuge.

8. Shooting hours are from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon). Hunting hours on the first day of the youth hunt are from 1 p.m. until legal sunset.

9. We allow the use of retrieving dogs, but dogs must be under voice command at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

10. We allow the taking of only Canada goose during the State September Canada goose season subject to the following conditions:

i. We allow hunting Monday through Saturday during the State season.

ii. The hunter must possess and carry a validated refuge permit (name and address) while hunting.

iii. We close the following areas to hunting of Canada goose: Impoundments MI-4, MI-5, and MI-6; in Rose Bay Canal, Outfall Canal, Lake Landing Canal, and Waupoppin Canal; 150 feet (45 m) from the mouth of the canals where they enter Lake Mattamuskeet; and 150 yards (135 m) from State Route 94.

iv. We allow portable blinds, but hunters must remove them daily (see §27.93 of this chapter).

11. Each youth hunter age 15 or younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Youth hunters must have completed a State-certified hunter safety course and possess and carry the form or certificate. An adult may directly supervise up to two youth hunters age 15 or younger.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The hunter must possess and carry a signed, validated refuge permit (name and address) while hunting.

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2. We close to hunting areas along the Entrance Road, MI-4 impoundment, signed areas along State Route 94, areas around the refuge headquarters, and refuge residence area.

3. Hunters may take one antlered deer and one antlerless deer per day, or two antlerless deer per day.

4. Hunters may take deer with shotgun, bow and arrow, crossbow, or muzzleloading rifle/shotgun.

5. We allow hunters on the refuge from 1 hour before legal shooting time until 1 hour after legal shooting time.

6. Hunters can use boats to access hunt areas, but we prohibit hunting from a boat.

7. You must check all deer taken at the check station near refuge headquarters.

8. We allow the use of only portable blinds and deer stands. Hunters with a valid permit (name and address) may erect one portable blind or stand the day before the start of their hunt and must remove it at the end of the second day of that 2-day hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). Any stands or blinds left overnight on the refuge must have a tag with the hunter's name, address, and telephone number.

9. Hunters must wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter-orange material above the waist that is visible from all directions.

10. An adult may only supervise one youth hunter. The youth hunter must be within sight and normal voice contact of the adult.

11. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) or off-highway vehicles (OHVs) (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

12. We require consent from refuge personnel to enter and retrieve legally taken game animals from closed areas including "No Hunting Zones."

13. We allow the use of only biodegradable-type flagging. We prohibit affixing plastic flagging, dots, glow tacks, reflectors, or other materials to refuge vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing for game and nongame fish and the catching of blue crabs on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We are open to sport fishing, bow fishing, and crabbing from March 1 through October 31 from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset, except we allow bank fishing and crabbing year-round from:

- i. State Route 94;
- ii. The north bridge and south of the north bridge at Lake Landing;
- iii. The Outfall Canal water control structure;
- iv. The Central Canal bridge on Wildlife Drive; and
- v. Along the west main and east main canal between Entrance Road metal bridge and Number One East Canal as posted.

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2. We allow bank fishing and crabbing from the North Carolina Highway 94 causeway 24 hours per day, year-round.

3. We allow motorized and nonmotorized fishing boats, canoes, and kayaks March 1 through October 31. We prohibit airboats, sailboats, Jet Skis, and windboards.

4. We prohibit bank fishing along the Entrance Road from State Route 94 to the Entrance Road metal bridge.

5. We prohibit herring dipping.

6. We allow crabbing subject to the following conditions:

i. We allow only five handlines and hand-activated traps per person. Owners must be in attendance, and anglers must remove all handlines and traps daily.

ii. We prohibit crab pots.

iii. Anglers may only take or possess 12 crabs per person per day.

### PEA ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a nighttime fishing permit for surf fishing between ½ hour after legal sunset and ½ hour before legal sunrise.

2. We prohibit fishing and crabbing North Pond, South Pond, and New Field Pond Impoundments.

### PEE DEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove on designated dates and areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require all hunters to possess and carry a signed Refuge General Hunt Permit and government-issued picture ID while in the field.

2. Validly licensed adults, age 21 or older, holding applicable permits must accompany and supervise, remaining in sight and voice contact at all times, any youth hunters (under age 16). Each adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters. Youth hunters must possess and carry evidence of successful completion of a State-approved hunter education course.

3. We prohibit entering or crossing a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area". We prohibit the discharge of a weapon (see §27.42 of this chapter) within, into, or across a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area". We require consent from refuge personnel to enter a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area" for the purpose of tracking and/or retrieving legally taken game animals.

4. We prohibit hunting on, from, or across any road open to public vehicle traffic. This includes the right-of-way which extends 30

feet (9 m) in either direction from the center of the road and all public parking areas

5. We prohibit hunting on Sundays.

6. We prohibit the use of trail cameras. We define a trail camera as any unattended, self-powered photographic device that records photographic images.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, and opossum on designated dates and areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A6 apply (with the following exception to condition A2: Each adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter).

2. We require dogs on raccoon/opossum hunts. All dogs must wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and phone number.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated dates and areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A6 apply (with the following exception to condition A2: Each adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter).

2. We require each person participating in a muzzleloader or firearms quota hunt to possess a nontransferable refuge Special Use Quota Hunt Permit. You may apply for Quota Hunt Permits by submitting a completed Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354) available at the refuge office.

3. During deer hunts we prohibit hunters from entering the refuge earlier than 4 a.m., and they must leave the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal sunset.

4. Youth quota hunts are for hunters ages 10-15. We prohibit supervising adults from hunting while participating in a youth quota hunt. We allow no more than one supervising adult for each youth possessing a permit on quota hunts.

5. During refuge firearms deer hunts, all participants must wear at least 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of unbroken, fluorescent-orange material above the waist as an outer garment while hunting and while en route to and from hunting areas.

6. We prohibit man driving for deer. We define a "man drive" as an organized hunting technique involving two or more individuals where hunters attempt to drive game animals from cover or habitat for the purpose of shooting, killing, or moving such animals toward other hunters.

7. We prohibit placing a tree stand on the refuge more than 4 days prior to the opening day of the deer hunt in which hunters will be participating, except for participants of the youth deer hunt, who may place tree stands no more than 7 days prior to the hunt day. Archery hunters must remove the tree stands (see §27.93 of this chapter) by the last

day of that hunt. Muzzleloader and firearms hunters must remove tree stands by the day after the last day of that hunt.

8. You must wear a safety belt or harness at all times when using any tree stand or climbing equipment.

9. You must check all deer taken on the refuge at the refuge check station on the date of take prior to removing the animal from the refuge. If we do not have the check station staffed by refuge personnel, you must use the self-check-in procedures.

10. We prohibit the use of dogs for deer hunting.

11. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging.

12. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) or off-highway vehicles (OHVs) (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

13. During refuge muzzleloader and firearms deer hunts, we prohibit all other public use in refuge hunting areas.

14. We prohibit big game hunting within 100 feet (30 m) of any vehicle or road open to vehicle traffic.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated dates and areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require all anglers to possess and carry a signed refuge Sport Fishing Permit (signed brochure) and government-issued picture ID while fishing in refuge waters.

2. We prohibit boats utilizing gasoline-powered motors.

3. You must unload and load boats by hand on all waters except those having designated launch ramps.

4. We prohibit possession or use of trotlines, set hooks, gigs, jug lines, limblines, snagging devices, nets, seines, fish traps, or other special devices.

5. We prohibit swimming.

#### POCOSIN LAKES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, swan, dove, woodcock, rail, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions

1. We prohibit hunting on the Davenport and Deaver tracts (which include the area surrounding the Headquarters/Visitor Center and Scuppernong River Interpretive Boardwalk), the Pungo Shop area, New Lake, refuge lands between Lake Phelps and Shore Drive, that portion of the Pinner Tract east of SR 1105, the portion of Western Road between the intersection with Seagoing Road and the gate to the south, and the unnamed road at the southern boundary of the refuge land located west of Pettigrew State Park's Cypress Point Access Area. We prohibit all public entry on Pungo Lake year-round. During November, December, January, and February, we prohibit all public entry on New Lake, Duck Pen Road (except that portion

that forms the Duck Pen Wildlife Trail and Pungo Lake Observation point when the trail and observation point are open), and the Pungo Lake, Riders Creek, and Dunbar Road waterfowl banding sites.

2. We require consent from refuge personnel to enter and retrieve legally taken game animals from closed areas including “No Hunting Zones.” We prohibit hunting firearms in all closed areas and No Hunting Zones.

3. We require all hunters and anglers to possess and carry a signed, self-service refuge hunting/fishing permit (signed brochure) while hunting and fishing on the refuge. We require all hunters age 16 and older to purchase and carry a special refuge recreational activity permit (name/address/phone number).

4. We open the refuge for daylight use only (½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset), except that we allow hunters to enter and remain in hunting areas from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset when we allow hunting in those areas.

5. We allow the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) only on designated ATV roads (see § 27.31 of this chapter) and only to transport hunters and their equipment to hunt and scout. We allow ATV use only on the ATV roads at the following times:

- i. When we open the ATV road and surrounding area to hunting;
- ii. One week prior to the ATV road and surrounding area opening to hunting; and
- iii. On Sundays, when we open the ATV road and surrounding area for hunting the following Monday.

6. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific regulations in part 32). We prohibit hunting, taking, and attempting to take any wildlife from a vehicle while the passenger area is occupied or when the engine is running, except that:

- i. We allow hunting from ATVs and other similarly classed vehicles (where we authorize them) as long as they are stationary and the engine is turned off; and
- ii. We allow hunting from boats (where we authorize them) when the motor is off and all forward momentum from a motor has ceased.

7. We only allow the use of biodegradable-type flagging. We prohibit affixing plastic flagging, dots, glow tacks, reflectors, or other materials to refuge vegetation (see § 27.51 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit migratory game bird hunting on the Pungo Unit.

9. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)) while migratory game bird hunting.

10. We allow the use of only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials, but we prohibit cutting any live

vegetation on the refuge (see § 27.51 of this chapter). You must remove portable blinds (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

11. We allow the use of dogs to point and retrieve migratory game birds, but they must be under your immediate control at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, raccoon, opossum, rabbit, beaver, nutria, and fox on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A7 apply.
2. We prohibit upland game hunting on the Pungo Unit.

3. We only allow the taking of beaver and nutria with firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) and only during those times when we open the area hunted to hunting of other game animals with firearms.

4. We prohibit the hunting of raccoon and opossum during, 5 days before, and 5 days after the State bear seasons. Outside of these periods, we allow the hunting of raccoon and opossum at night but only while possessing a General Special Use Application and Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G).

5. We allow those weapons authorized by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for taking upland game species except that we prohibit the use of rifles, other than .22-caliber rimfire rifles for hunting, and we prohibit the use of pistols for hunting.

6. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)) while hunting upland game on and west of Evans Road.

7. We allow the use of dogs for pointing and retrieving upland game and for chasing rabbit (but not fox). The dogs must be under your immediate control at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter), and we prohibit possession of buckshot or slugs while hunting with dogs.

8. You must wear 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of fluorescent-orange material above the waist that is visible from all sides when hunting upland game.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A7 apply.
2. You may hunt turkey only if you carry a valid permit (General Activities Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3-1383-G). These permits are valid only for the dates and areas shown on the permit. We require an application and a fee for those permits and hold a drawing, when necessary, to select the permittees. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see § 32.2(k)) while hunting turkeys west of Evans Road and on the Pungo Unit.

3. We allow the use of those weapons authorized by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) for taking deer, including all "blackpowder firearms," as defined by the NCWRC, but we prohibit the use of rifles and pistols.

4. We allow deer hunting on the Pungo Unit only through the end of October each season, except that we allow deer hunting with archery equipment on the Pungo Unit through the end of November.

5. We allow hunters to take feral hogs in any area that is open to hunting deer using only those weapons authorized for taking deer. On the Frying Pan tracts, we also allow hunters to take feral hogs, using only those weapons authorized for taking deer, whenever we open those tracts to hunting any game species with firearms.

6. Hunters must wear 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of fluorescent-orange material above the waist that is visible from all sides while hunting deer and feral hog in any area open to hunting these species with firearms.

7. We allow the use of only portable deer stands (tree climbers, ladders, tripods, etc.), but we require that you remove all of the stands at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit hunters inserting anything (spikes, screw-in steps, etc.) into a tree. Hunters may use ground blinds, chairs, buckets, and other such items for hunting, but we require that you remove all of these items at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit the use of dogs to track, chase, or in any way assist with the take of big game.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions.

1. We allow fishing in Pungo Lake and New Lake only from March 1 through October 31, except that we close Pungo Lake and the entire Pungo Unit to fishing during the special hunts described in condition C5.

2. We prohibit boats on Pungo Lake. We prohibit leaving a boat anywhere on the refuge overnight.

3. We allow fishing only from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset.

#### ROANOKE RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of ducks and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require a State-issued refuge permit.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a State-issued refuge permit.
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require a State-issued refuge permit.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### SWANQUARTER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow the hunting of tundra swan, snow goose, brant, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting on refuge marshlands that include Great Island, Marsh Island, and all of the refuge marshlands adjacent to Juniper Bay eastward to West Bluff Bay.

2. We prohibit hunting within the 27,000 acre (10,800 ha) Presidential Proclamation Area as posted.

3. We allow portable blinds. You must remove blinds (see §27.93 of this chapter) each day.

4. We prohibit hunters/hunt parties from hunting closer than 150 yards (135 m) apart.

5. You may use decoys, but you must remove them (see §27.93 of this chapter) daily upon completion of your hunt.

6. We allow hunting only during the State waterfowl season occurring in November, December, and January.

7. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. An adult may directly supervise up to two youth hunters age 15 or younger who must have successfully completed a State-approved hunter safety course and possess and carry proof of certification.

8. We open the refuge to daylight use only (legal sunrise to legal sunset), except that we allow hunters to enter and remain in open hunting areas from 1 hour before legal shooting time until 1 hour after legal shooting time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and

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are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

ARDOCH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting*. [Reserved]

B. *Upland Game Hunting*. [Reserved]

C. *Big Game Hunting*. [Reserved]

D. *Sport Fishing*. We allow shore fishing and ice fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

- 1. We allow vehicles and fish houses on the ice as conditions allow. We restrict vehicle use to nonvegetated ice areas and designated roads (see §27.31 of this chapter).
- 2. We prohibit boats on the refuge.

ARROWWOOD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting*. [Reserved]

B. *Upland Game Hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, partridge, cottontail rabbit, and fox on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

- 1. We allow hunting on the day following the close of the State firearm deer season through the end of the regular upland bird season.
- 2. We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit and fox on the day following the close of the State firearm deer season through March 31.
- 3. We allow access by foot travel only.
- 4. We prohibit open fires (see §27.95(a) of this chapter) and camping on the refuge.

C. *Big Game Hunting*. We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

- 1. We prohibit entering the refuge before legal shooting hours on the opening day of firearms deer season. Thereafter, you may enter, but not shoot, prior to legal hours. We require all hunters to be off the refuge 1½ hours after legal sunset.
- 2. We allow deer hunting on the refuge during the State Youth Deer Season except in select closed areas as posted. P≤3. Firearm deer hunters may not enter the refuge after harvesting a deer unless unarmed (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) and wearing blaze orange.
- 4. We allow access by foot travel only. You may use a vehicle on designated refuge roads and trails to retrieve deer during the following times only: 9:30 to 10 a.m.; 1:30 to 2 p.m.; and ½ hour after legal sunset for 1 hour.
- 5. We prohibit permanent tree stands. We allow temporary tree stands, blinds, and game cameras for daily use; you must remove them by the end of the day. You may clamp, rope, or chain stands, steps, and cameras to trees; you may not nail, wire, screw, or bolt them to trees (see §32.2(i)).
- 6. Condition B4 applies.

D. *Sport Fishing*. We allow fishing in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

- 1. We only allow boats, up to a maximum of 25 hp, on Arrowwood Lake and Jim Lake from May 1 to September 30 of each fishing year.
- 2. We allow shore fishing, archery, and spearfishing along major road rights-of-way and interior portions of the refuge and bypass channel during the entire State fishing season. We only allow walk-in access, except in designated areas.
- 3. We allow ice fishing and dark house spearfishing. We allow fish houses, cars, and trucks on the ice as conditions allow. You may leave fish houses on the ice overnight until March 15; after March 15 you must remove fish houses from the refuge before leaving for the day.
- 4. We prohibit snowmobiles and ATVs on the refuge (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).
- 5. We prohibit water activities not related to fishing (sailing, skiing, tubing, etc.)
- 6. We prohibit open fires (see §27.95(a) of this chapter) and camping on the refuge.

ARROWWOOD WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

B. *Upland Game Hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

C. *Big Game Hunting*. We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

D. *Sport Fishing*. We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by legal sunset (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

AUDUBON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting*. [Reserved]

B. *Upland Game Hunting*. We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, gray partridge, and sharp-tailed grouse on designated areas of

the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We open to upland game hunting annually on the day following the close of the regular deer gun season, and we close per the State season.

2. We prohibit hunting on or from refuge roads while operating a vehicle. Hunters must park in designated parking areas or at the refuge boundary and walk in.

3. We allow game retrieval without a firearm up to 100 yards (90 m) inside the refuge boundary fence and closed areas of the refuge. Retrieval time may not exceed 10 minutes. You may use dogs to assist in retrieval.

4. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge gun, muzzleloader, and bow deer hunting seasons open and close according to State regulations.

2. We close the refuge to the State special youth deer hunting season.

3. We prohibit hunting on or from refuge roads while operating a vehicle. Hunters must park in designated parking areas or at the refuge boundary and walk in. Hunters may use designated refuge roads to retrieve downed deer.

4. We allow only portable tree stands. You must remove all tree stands at the end of each day (see §27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit hunting on all refuge islands.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow ice fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We restrict vehicle use to designated ice access points and refuge roads (see §27.31 of this chapter).

2. We allow vehicles and fish houses on the ice as conditions allow. We require anglers to remove fish houses, or parts thereof, from the refuge ice, water, and land by no later than March 15 of each year. We allow anglers to use portable houses after March 15, but anglers must remove them from the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. We prohibit leaving fish houses unattended on refuge uplands or in refuge parking areas.

4. We prohibit all shore and boat fishing on the refuge.

#### AUDUBON WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats,

decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

#### CHASE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow deer hunting on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit deer hunting until the start of the State deer gun season.

2. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

3. Hunters may only enter the refuge on foot.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### CHASE LAKE WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

#### CROSBY WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

#### DES LACS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* You may hunt sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, turkey, and ring-necked pheasant on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).
3. Upland game bird season opens on the day following the close of the regular deer gun season through the end of the State season.

4. You may use hunting dogs for retrieval of upland game. Dogs must be under direct control.

5. Turkey hunting is subject to all State regulations, license requirements, units, and dates.

6. Fox hunting is allowed on the day following the regular firearm deer season and closes on March 31.

7. We prohibit hunting the area around refuge headquarters, buildings, shops, and residences. We post these areas with “Closed to Hunting” signs.

8. We prohibit the use of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-highway vehicles (OHVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), bicycles, or similar vehicles on the refuge.

9. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, or similar livestock on the refuge during all hunting seasons.

10. We prohibit accessing refuge lands from refuge waters.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

2. We only allow the use of portable tree stands and ground blinds. We prohibit leaving stands and blinds overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter) on the refuge. Tree stands cannot injure trees. Screw-in steps, bolts, nails, wire, or other objects that penetrate the bark of the tree cannot be used (see §32.2(i)).

3. We prohibit entry to the refuge before 12 p.m. (noon) on the first day of the respective bow, gun, or muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

4. We prohibit the use of flagging, trail markers, paint, reflective tacks, or other types of markers (see §27.93 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit the use of trail cameras and other electronic equipment.

6. Conditions B6 through B9 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### DEVILS LAKE WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting on Lambs Lake Waterfowl Production Area in Nelson County; Pleasant Lake Waterfowl Production Area in Benson County; and Hart, Nelson, Little Goose, and Vold Waterfowl Production Areas in Grand Forks County.

2. We prohibit hunting on portions of Kellys Slough Waterfowl Production Area in Grand Forks County, as posted.

3. You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of

each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A2 apply.
2. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions: Conditions A1, A2, and B2 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit fishing on Hart, Nelson, Vold, and Kellys Slough Waterfowl Production Areas in Grand Forks County.
2. You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

#### J. CLARK SALYER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Hunting Migratory Game Birds.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on nine designated Public Hunting Areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
2. We allow the use of dogs for hunting and retrieving game birds. Dogs must be under direct control of the hunter (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed and sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, turkey, ring-necked pheasant, and fox on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
2. We allow hunting for sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and ring-necked pheasant on nine designated Public Hunting Areas as delineated on the refuge hunting brochure map available at the refuge headquarters or posted on refuge information boards and/or kiosks.
3. We allow hunting for sharp-tailed grouse, ruffed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and turkey south of the Upham-Willow City Road in accordance with State seasons.
4. We open to hunting for sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and ring-necked pheasant north of the Willow-Upham road on the day following the close of the regular firearm deer season.

5. We prohibit hunting the area around the refuge headquarters, buildings, shops, and residences. We post these areas with "Closed to Hunting" signs.

6. We open the refuge to fox hunting on the day following the close of the regular firearm deer season. Fox hunting on the refuge closes March 31.

7. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot for all upland game hunting, including turkey, as identified in §20.21(j) of this chapter.

8. We prohibit the use of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-highway vehicles (OHVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), bicycles, or similar vehicles on the refuge.

9. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, or similar livestock on the refuge during all hunting seasons.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
2. We prohibit hunting the area around the refuge headquarters, buildings, shops, and residences. We post these areas with "Closed to Hunting" signs.

3. We open nine designated Public Hunting Areas (as delineated on the refuge hunting brochure map available at the refuge headquarters or posted on refuge information boards and/or kiosks) on the refuge for deer hunting during the regular firearms issued from the State.

4. You must possess and carry a refuge permit to hunt antlered deer on the refuge outside the nine Public Hunting Areas during the regular firearms season.

5. We only allow the use of portable tree stands and ground blinds. We prohibit leaving stands and blinds overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter) on the refuge.

6. We prohibit the use of flagging, trail markers, paint, reflective tacks, or other types of markers (see §27.93 of this chapter).

7. We prohibit the use of trail cameras and other electronic surveillance equipment.

8. We prohibit entry to the refuge before 12 p.m. (noon) on the first day of the respective bow, gun, or muzzleloader deer hunting seasons. Refuge roads open to the public may be accessed before 12 p.m. (noon).

9. Conditions B8 and B9 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
2. We allow boat and bank fishing only on specifically designated portions of the refuge as delineated on maps, leaflets and/or signs, available at the refuge headquarters or posted on refuge information boards.
3. We only allow non-motorized boats or boats with electric motors.

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4. Boat fishing is allowed from May 1 through September 30.

5. We prohibit entry to or fishing from any water control structure.

6. We open all refuge waters to ice fishing. Ice fishing access is limited to foot traffic only.

7. We allow the use of portable fish houses for ice fishing. Portable fish houses may not be left out overnight.

8. Conditions B8 and B9 apply.

### J. CLARK SALYER WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

### KULM WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following

condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

### LAKE ALICE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions;

1. Refer to the refuge hunting map for designated hunting areas and information on hunting in specific zones.

2. We allow motorized boats only during the migratory game bird hunting season; however, motors must not exceed 10 hp.

3. We prohibit shooting from, on, or across any refuge road.

4. You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit pit blinds.

6. We prohibit retrieval of waterfowl in the Archery Only or Deer and Late Season Pheasant areas; refer to refuge hunting map for information on hunting in specific zones.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasants, sharp-tailed grouse, gray partridge, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit, snowshoe hare, and fox on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Refer to the refuge hunting map for designated hunting areas and restrictions.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow deer and fox hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A1 applies.

2. We allow archery hunting on designated areas of the refuge only; refer to the refuge hunting map for information on hunting in specific zones.

3. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

4. We prohibit trapping, baiting, and spotlighting.

5. We prohibit permanent tree stands. We allow portable tree stands that hunters must remove from the refuge by the end of each

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day (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit the use of screw-in tree steps or similar objects that may damage trees (see §32.2(i)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow ice fishing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow vehicles and fish houses on the ice as conditions allow. We restrict vehicle use to nonvegetated ice areas and designated roads (see §27.31 of this chapter).
2. We allow public access for ice fishing from 5:00 a.m. local time to 10:00 p.m. local time.
3. You must remove ice fishing shelters and personal property from the refuge by 10:00 p.m. local time each day.
4. You may not leave unattended fish houses in uplands or in parking areas.

### LAKE ILO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge all year for fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset. The refuge has designated open and closed areas for fishing.
2. We open the refuge to boating from May 1 through September 30.
3. We open the refuge to ice fishing from October 1 through March 31.
4. We restrict vehicle use to refuge roads, designated boat ramps, and ice access points (see §27.31 of this chapter).
5. We prohibit fishing and public use on refuge islands and concrete dam spillways.

### LAKE NETTIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We open portions of the refuge to gun, muzzleloader, bow, and the special youth deer hunting seasons according to State regulations. The refuge has designated open and closed areas for deer hunting.
2. We close all refuge roads to vehicle use for hunting and retrieval of deer. Hunters must park vehicles at the refuge boundary and walk in.
3. Hunters may walk in to retrieve deer in areas marked with no hunting zone signs. We prohibit firearms while retrieving deer from these areas.
4. Hunters must only use portable tree stands that they install and remove (see

§27.93 of this chapter) each day. We prohibit permanent tree stands.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### LAKE ZAHL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and ring-necked pheasant on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).
3. Upland game bird season opens on the day following the close of the regular deer gun season through the end of the State season.
4. You may use hunting dogs to retrieve upland game. Dogs must be under your direct control at all times.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 and B5 through B7 apply.
2. You may only use portable tree stands and ground blinds. We prohibit leaving stands and blinds overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit driving nails, screws, spikes, or other objects into a tree or otherwise injuring a tree (see §32.2(i)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 and B5 through B7 apply.
2. You may only use portable tree stands and ground blinds. We prohibit leaving stands and blinds overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit driving nails, screws, spikes, or other objects into a tree or otherwise injuring a tree (see §32.2(i)).
3. We prohibit entry to the refuge before 12 p.m. (noon) on the first day of the respective archery, gun, or muzzleloader deer hunting season.
4. We prohibit the use of flagging, trail markers, paint, reflective tacks, or other types of markers (see §27.93 of this chapter).
5. We prohibit the use of trail cameras.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### LONG LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and grey partridge on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).
2. The upland game bird season opens annually on the day following the close of the firearm deer season and runs through the close of the State season.

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3. We close to upland game hunting those areas marked with yellow closed to hunting signs.

4. We prohibit hunters and dogs from entering closed areas to retrieve game.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must only enter the refuge on foot.

2. We allow archery hunting. We restrict open archery areas to those areas of the refuge open to firearms during the firearm season.

3. We close to deer hunting during the firearm deer season those areas marked with yellow closed to hunting signs. We also close this area to muzzleloader hunters during muzzleloader season.

4. We prohibit hunters entering closed areas to retrieve game.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We restrict bank fishing to public use areas on Unit 1 and Long Lake Creek.

2. We restrict boat fishing to Long Lake Creek.

3. We restrict boats to 25 hp maximum.

4. We restrict boats to the period from May 1 through September 30.

5. We restrict ice fishing to Unit 1 and Long Lake Creek.

6. We prohibit motorized vehicles on ice (see §27.31 of this chapter).

7. We only allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

8. Anglers must park vehicles in designated parking areas.

### LONG LAKE WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regula-

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tions subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

### LOSTWOOD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and ring-necked pheasant on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We open the refuge daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit upland game hunting on the portion of the refuge south of Highway 50 during regular deer gun season.

4. We allow upland game hunting on the portion of the refuge north of Highway 50 on the day following the close of the regular deer gun season through the end of the State season.

5. You may use hunting dogs to retrieve upland game. Dogs must be under your direct control at all times.

6. You must comply with all “Closed to Hunting” signs.

7. You may only enter the refuge by foot.

8. We prohibit the use of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-highway vehicles (OHVs), utility-type vehicles (UTVs), bicycles, or similar vehicles on the refuge.

9. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, or similar livestock on the refuge during all hunting seasons.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 and B6 through B9 apply.

2. You may only use portable tree stands and ground blinds. We prohibit leaving stands and blinds overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit driving nails, screws, spikes, or other objects into a tree or otherwise injuring a tree (see §32.2(i)).

3. We prohibit entry to the refuge before 12 p.m. (noon) on the first day of the respective archery, gun, or muzzleloader deer hunting season.

4. We prohibit the use of flagging, trail markers, paint, reflective tacks, or other types of markers (see §27.93 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit the use of trail cameras.

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### LOSTWOOD WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

### ROSE LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow vehicles and fish houses on the ice as conditions allow. We restrict vehicle use to nonvegetated ice areas and designated roads (see §27.31 of this chapter).

2. We allow boats on refuge waters south of Nelson County Road 23; we prohibit boats on other refuge waters.

3. We require that shore anglers park vehicles in the designated parking lot.

### SIBLEY LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Permits are required.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### SILVER LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow vehicles and fish houses on the ice as conditions allow. We restrict vehicle use to nonvegetated ice areas and designated roads (see §27.31 of this chapter).

2. We allow boats on Silver Lake and on refuge waters south of the confluence of the Mauvais Coulee and Little Coulee from May 1 through September 30 of each year.

3. We prohibit water activities not related to fishing (*e.g.*, sailing, skiing, tubing, etc.).

### SLADE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: Hunters must only enter the refuge on foot.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### STEWART LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow ice or shore fishing in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We restrict vehicle use to the refuge road (see §27.31 of this chapter).

### TEWAUKON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow ring-necked pheasant hunting on designated areas of the refuge (see refuge brochure/maps for designated area) in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. The season opens on the first Monday following the close of the State deer gun season and continues through the close of the State pheasant season.

2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow deer bow hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The season closes September 30 and reopens the Friday following the close of the State gun deer season and continues through the end of the State archery deer season.

2. We allow deer gun hunting on designated areas of the refuge (see refuge brochure/maps for designated areas) in accordance with State regulations.

3. We allow youth deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated waters (Tewaukon and Sprague

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Lakes only) in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow boats from May 1 through September 30.

2. We allow ice fishing on designated portions of Tewaukon and Sprague Lakes (see refuge brochure/maps for designated areas) in accordance with State regulations.

### TEWAUKON WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas and Wildlife Development Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

### UPPER SOURIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Hunting of Migratory Birds.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and pheasant on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow the use of dogs for hunting and retrieving of upland game birds. Dogs must be under direct control of the hunter (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

2. We open for hunting on Unit I during the State hunting season. Unit I includes all refuge land north of the township road that runs east of Tolley, across Dam 41 (Carter Dam), and east to State Route 28.

3. We open for hunting on Unit II during the State hunting season, except we close from the first day of the regular State waterfowl season through the last day of State

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deer gun season. Unit II includes refuge land between Lake Darling Dam and Unit I.

4. We close land south of Lake Darling Dam to all upland game bird hunting.

5. We prohibit hunting the area around refuge headquarters, buildings, shops, and residences. We post these areas with “Closed to Hunting” signs.

6. We prohibit remaining on the refuge between the hours of 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

7. We prohibit the use of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-highway vehicles (OHVs), utility-terrain vehicles (UTVs), bicycles, or similar vehicles on the refuge.

8. We prohibit accessing refuge lands from refuge waters, including Lake Darling and the Souris River.

9. We prohibit the use of horses, mules, or similar livestock on the refuge during all hunting seasons.

10. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot for all upland game hunting as identified in §20.21(j) of this chapter.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow the use of portable tree stands and ground blinds. We prohibit leaving stands and blinds overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter) on the refuge.

2. We prohibit the use of flagging, trail markers, paint, reflective tacks, or other types of markers (see §27.93 of this chapter).

3. We prohibit the use of trail cameras and other electronic equipment left overnight.

4. We prohibit remaining on the refuge between the hours of 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

5. Conditions B5 and B7 through B9 apply.

6. We prohibit entry to the refuge before 12 p.m. (noon) on the first day of the respective bow, gun, or muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow the use of fishing boats, canoes, kayaks, and float tubes in designated boat fishing areas from Lake Darling Dam north to State Highway 28 (Greene) crossing for fishing from May 1 through September 30.

2. We allow fishing from nonmotorized vessels only on the Beaver Lodge Canoe Trail from May 1 through September 30.

3. We allow boating and fishing from vessels on the Souris River from Mouse River Park to the north boundary of the refuge from May 1 through September 30.

4. We allow shore fishing in designated areas. Consult with the refuge manager or refuge fishing brochure for specific areas.

5. You may ice fish in all ice-covered waters of the Souris River and Lake Darling.

6. We prohibit remaining on the refuge between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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7. We prohibit the use of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-highway vehicles (OHVs), utility-terrain vehicles (UTVs), amphibious vehicles, personal watercraft (PWCs), bicycles, or similar vehicles on the refuge.

8. We prohibit swimming, sailing, water skiing, pleasure boating, and overnight use or camping.

9. You may drive licensed cars and pickups on the ice from Lake Darling Dam north to Carter Dam (Dam 41) for ice fishing.

10. We allow access to sites for ice fishing. Consult with the refuge manager or refuge fishing brochure for specific areas.

11. We allow walk-in access only at designated sites on the Souris River north of Carter Dam (Dam 41) and south of Lake Darling Dam for ice fishing.

12. We allow you to place fish houses overnight on the ice of Lake Darling subject to State regulations.

13. We prohibit leaving fish houses overnight or unattended on refuge uplands or in parking areas.

14. We allow anglers to place portable fish houses on the Souris River north of Carter Dam (Dam 41) and south of Lake Darling Dam for ice fishing, but anglers must remove the fish houses from the refuge daily (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

### VALLEY CITY WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (ex-

cluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

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The following refuge units have been opened to hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### CEDAR POINT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You may fish only during daylight hours during designated dates.
2. We do not allow boats or flotation devices.

#### OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose and duck on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a State-issued permit. All hunters must check-in and out at the State hunter check station.
2. We require that hunting stop at 12 p.m. (noon) each day.
3. We require that hunters hunt within 75 yards (67.5 m) of the assigned blind.
4. You may only possess approved nontoxic shotshells (see § 32.2(k)) while in the field in quantities of 25 or less.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to possess and carry a State-issued permit.
2. We require that hunters check out at the refuge check station with a State-issued Big Game Harvest Report no later than 1 hour after the conclusion of their controlled hunt.
3. We require that hunters wear a hat and outer jacket/vest that is blaze orange.
4. We require that hunters remain within their assigned unit.
5. We prohibit possession of more than one hunting weapon while in the field.

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6. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds or tree stands.

7. We require that hunters obtain permission from refuge officials before tracking a wounded deer out of their assigned hunting unit.

8. We prohibit shooting from any road.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset during designated dates.

2. We prohibit boats or flotation devices.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 60 FR 61492, Nov. 30, 1995; 65 FR 30789, May 12, 2000; 65 FR 56407, Sept. 18, 2000; 69 FR 54362, 54444, Sept. 8, 2004; 73 FR 33194, June 11, 2008; 76 FR 3988, Jan. 21, 2011; 79 FR 14837, Mar. 17, 2014]

## § 32.55 Oklahoma.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

### DEEP FORK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a free signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure).

2. We prohibit taking of goose during the duck hunt.

3. Species and bag limits are in accordance with State regulations.

4. We allow duck hunting on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 1 p.m. Refer to the refuge hunting brochure for opening and closing dates.

5. You may only use portable blinds. You must remove blinds, decoys, and all personal equipment (see § 27.93 of this chapter) daily.

6. We prohibit off-road vehicle use (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

7. We prohibit horse and mule riding while hunting on the refuge.

8. We provide access for hunters with disabilities. Please contact the refuge office for additional information.

9. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

10. An adult at least age 18 must directly supervise youth age 14 or younger while hunting.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, turkey, and raccoon in

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designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) for squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon. We require no fee.

2. We allow shotguns, .22- and .17-caliber rimfire rifles, and pistols for rabbit and squirrel hunting.

3. Raccoon hunting only: Hunt hours are legal sunset to legal sunrise only. State firearm restrictions apply.

4. We publish opening and closing dates in the Refuge Hunt Brochure.

5. We allow dogs for hunting squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon, but you must remove the dogs from the refuge at the end of the hunt (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

6. We offer refuge-controlled turkey hunts. We require hunters to possess a permit and pay a fee for these hunts. You may call the refuge office or the State for information concerning these hunts.

7. Turkey hunters must check-in and out at a refuge check station. Refuge staff provide a hunter briefing as part of the check-in.

8. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds during turkey hunts.

9. We prohibit off-road vehicle use (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

10. Conditions A7, A8, and A9 apply.

11. An adult at least age 18 must directly supervise youth hunters age 14 or younger while hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383) for the archery deer hunt only. Hunters must turn in a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) by December 31 annually. Failure to submit the report will render the hunter ineligible for the next year's limited season archery deer hunt.

2. We will offer a limited season archery deer hunt following the controlled deer hunt.

3. You may hunt feral hog during any established refuge hunting season. Refuge permits (either a signed refuge brochure, Special Use Permit, or a State-issued controlled hunt permit) and legal weapons apply for the current hunting season.

4. We prohibit scouting when we are conducting controlled deer hunts.

5. We offer refuge-controlled deer hunts (primitive weapon, disabled primitive, youth primitive). We require hunters to possess a permit (a State-issued controlled hunt permit) and pay a fee for these hunts. For information concerning the hunts, contact the refuge office or the State.

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6. We prohibit off-road vehicle use (see §27.31 of this chapter).

7. Conditions A7, A8, and A9 apply.

8. Hunters may place no more than one stand on the refuge. Stands may not be in place until the day the hunt begins. Hunters must remove stands the day the hunt ends.

9. We allow take of feral hog only during daylight hours, and they must be dead prior to removal from the refuge.

10. An adult at least age 18 must directly supervise youth age 14 or younger while hunting.

11. During the refuge archery deer season/hunt, we follow the archery legal means of taking found in the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's annual official Hunting Guide. No person may use any firearm in conjunction with this hunt.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. A fishing brochure with a map is available from the refuge office. We identify parking areas and open and closed areas on the map.

2. No person may use any firearm in conjunction with fishing.

3. We allow year-round fishing on the Deep Fork River and at the Montezuma Creek Fishing Area. We allow fishing on all other sloughs, farm ponds, and impoundments not connected to the River from March 1 through October 31.

4. Game fish species and creel/possession limits are in accordance with State regulations.

5. We allow bowfishing on the refuge from legal sunrise to legal sunset from March 1 to September 30 except during the Youth and Adult Controlled Turkey Hunts. Please contact the refuge for more information.

6. We prohibit snagging and netting.

7. We only allow trotlines, juglines, limblines, and yo-yos in the Deep Fork River and prohibit them in any other areas on the refuge. Anglers must mark lines and attend and remove them (see §27.93 of this chapter) in accordance with State regulations.

8. We allow noodling in accordance with State fishing regulations.

9. We prohibit the taking of turtle and mussel (see §27.21 of this chapter).

10. We provide access for anglers with disabilities. Please contact the refuge office for additional information.

11. Conditions A7 and A9 apply.

### LITTLE RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit off-road vehicle use (see §27.31 of this chapter).

2. We prohibit building and use of permanent blinds. You may only use portable blinds. You must remove blinds, decoys, and all personal equipment from the refuge daily (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. You may hunt from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) each day.

4. You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit while hunting.

5. You may only hunt duck during designated refuge seasons.

6. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, turkey, beaver, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Turkey hunters using firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) must pay fees and obtain a controlled hunt permit through the State.

2. Conditions A1 and A4 apply.

3. You may only hunt upland game during designated refuge seasons.

4. Shotgun hunters may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

5. You may hunt beaver during any established refuge hunting season. Refuge permits and legal weapons apply for the current hunting season.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Deer hunters using firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) must pay fees and obtain a controlled hunt permit through the State.

2. Condition A1 applies.

3. You may hunt feral hog during any established refuge hunting season. Refuge permits and legal weapons apply for the current hunting season.

4. Deer archery hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge permit while hunting.

5. You may only hunt big game during designated refuge seasons.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A1 applies.

### OPTIMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Hunting of mourning doves is permitted on designated areas of the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Hunters may hunt pheasants, bobwhite and scaled quail, cottontail rabbit and jackrabbit on the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Only shotguns are permitted.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunters may hunt white-tailed deer, mule deer and turkey on the refuge in accordance with State hunting

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regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Archery and shotguns are permitted during spring turkey season.
2. Only archery hunting is permitted during fall seasons.

### *D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### SALT PLAINS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).
2. We require hunters to check-in and out of the refuge.
3. Hunting begins ½ hour before legal sunrise and ends at 12 p.m. (noon).
4. We prohibit hunting during the regular State rifle deer season on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail and pheasant on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Permits and payment of a fee are required.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We close designated areas of the Great Salt Plains Reservoir.
2. We allow fishing from April 1 through October 15.
3. We prohibit trotlines within 500 feet (150 m) of the shoreline of the Jet Recreation Area.
4. Posts used to secure or anchor trotlines must reach a minimum of 2 feet (30 cm) above the water surface, and you must mark them to make them clearly visible to boaters.
5. We prohibit the taking of any type of bait from refuge lands or waters.
6. We only allow fishing on Bonham Pond:
  - i. By youths age 14 and under;
  - ii. By any person with a disability;
  - iii. Only from legal sunrise to legal sunset;
  - iv. With a limit of one pole per person; and

#### SEQUOYAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, dove, coot, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge brochure (which serves as your Waterfowl/Migratory Game Bird/Upland Game

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Hunting Permit). The permit/brochure is available free of charge at the refuge headquarters, at various entry points to the refuge, and on our Web site.

2. We open the refuge to hunting only on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays. We prohibit hunters from entering the land portion of the Sandtown Bottom Unit or any portion of Sally Jones Lake before 5 a.m. Hunters must leave the area by 1 hour after legal sunset. We prohibit hunting or shooting within 50 feet (15 m) of designated roads or parking areas. All hunters must park in designated parking areas.

3. We designate the east portion of Sandtown Bottom Unit and the portion of Robert S. Kerr Reservoir, from Tuff boat ramp to the confluence of Vian Creek, as a Wildlife Use Area, and we close it to all entry, except for the designated hiking trail, from September 1 through March 31. We mark the closed area with signs and buoys.

4. Season lengths and bag limits will be in accordance with State regulations with the exception that all hunting, except for the conservation light goose season, will close on January 31 of each year. If a conservation light goose season is in effect, it will follow State regulations with the exception of special regulations and hunting days.

5. Hunters must use only legal shotguns and possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)). Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

6. We prohibit construction of pit blinds or permanent blinds. You must reduce blinds to a natural appearance or remove them (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of the day. You must remove all empty shells, litter, decoys, boats, or other personal property (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) at the end of the day.

7. We allow boats, and you must operate them under applicable State laws and comply with all licensing and marking regulations from their State of origin.

8. We prohibit guiding or outfitting for commercial purposes.

9. We prohibit hunters from using refuge boat ramps to access hunting areas outside the refuge boundary on days when we close the refuge for hunting certain species or for any species not hunted on the refuge.

10. We restrict the use of airboats within the refuge boundary to the navigation channel and the designated hunting areas from September 1 to March 31.

11. We prohibit hunters entering the Sandtown Bottom Unit prior to 5 a.m. during the hunting season. Until 7 a.m., the entrance is through the headquarters gate only, at which time hunters may enter the

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Sandtown Bottom Unit through any other access point on the refuge. Hunters must leave the Sandtown Bottom Unit by 1 hour after legal sunset.

12. We prohibit alcoholic beverages on all refuge lands.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A3, A5, A8, A9, A10, and A12 apply.

2. We only open the refuge to hunting on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays. We generally designate open areas as: Area A—Sandtown Bottom, Area B—Webber Bottom, and Area C—Girty Bottom. We prohibit hunting or shooting within 50 feet (15 meters) of designated roads or parking areas. All hunters must park in designated parking areas.

3. Season lengths and bag limits will be in accordance with State regulations with the exception that all upland game hunting will close on January 31 of each year.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must possess and carry a refuge-controlled hunt permit, and comply with the designated refuge season, hunting methods, and location guidelines for that year.

2. Hunters must apply to the State-controlled deer hunt drawing administered by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation for selection. We require those hunters to attend a prehunt briefing, and they must follow all applicable State regulations.

3. We require payment of State and Federal special deer hunting fees.

4. Condition A9 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Fishing and frogging will follow State seasons, limits, and regulations with the exception that from September 1 to March 31 we prohibit fishing or frogging in the closed zone south of refuge headquarters, as designated by buoys and signs. We close the Horton Slough area south of the refuge headquarters to fishing and entry east to the confluence of Little Vian Creek.

2. We prohibit boating on the closed portion of Sally Jones Lake from September 1 to March 31.

3. You must remove trotlines (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the closed zone before September 1.

4. Conditions A7, A8, and A9 apply.

5. We prohibit the possession of any firearms or bows with arrows while frogging.

### TISHOMINGO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Refuge bonus deer gun hunts are by special permit (issued by the Oklahoma State Department of Wildlife Conservation) only; we prohibit prehunt scouting or use of camera-monitoring devices.

2. We prohibit baiting (see §32.2(h)).

3. We allow camping in compliance with conditions set out by the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Anglers may bank and wade fish with pole and line or rod and reel year-round in areas open for public fishing access.

2. Anglers may use boats from March 1 through September 30 in designated waters (see refuge map).

3. Anglers may “no-wake” boat fish during the boating season with line and pole or rod and reel, except in areas designated as Sanctuary Zones.

4. Anglers may use trotlines and other set tackle only in the Cumberland Pool (designated areas), Rock Creek, and between the natural banks of the Washita River. Anglers may only use set tackle with anchored floats.

5. We prohibit use of limblines, throwlines, juglines, and yo-yos.

6. We prohibit use of any containers (jugs, bottles) as floats.

7. Anglers may night fish from a boat (during boating season) in the Cumberland Pool, except in the Sanctuary Zones. Anglers may night fish at the Headquarters area, Sandy Creek Bridge, Murray 23, and Nida Point.

9. Anglers may take bait only for personal use while fishing on the refuge in accordance with State law. We prohibit bait removal from the refuge for commercial sales. We also prohibit release of bait back into the water.

9. We prohibit bow fishing.

10. We prohibit take of fish by use of hands (noodling).

11. We prohibit take of frog, turtle, or mussel.

12. We prohibit swimming, water sports, personal watercraft, and airboats.

13. Condition C3 applies.

### TISHOMINGO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove and waterfowl on the Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit of Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge in accordance with State regulations.

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*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, turkey, and rabbit on the Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit of Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge in accordance with State regulations.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on the Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit of Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge in accordance with State regulations.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on the Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit of Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge in accordance with State regulations.

### WASHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and sandhill crane on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits (signed brochure) and payment of a fee to hunt goose, duck, and sandhill crane.

2. Goose, duck, and sandhill crane hunters must hunt from designated pit blinds.

3. We allow youth hunters, ages 12 to 16, to hunt duck in a controlled youth hunt in conjunction with a waterfowl seminar.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Hunters may hunt quail and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow shotguns.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and Rio Grande wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow deer and feral hog hunting during the special refuge season in accordance with the refuge hunt information sheet. We will hold turkey hunts during the State spring turkey season.

2. We allow shotguns and lawful archery equipment for turkey hunting.

3. You must obtain a refuge hunt permit from the State and pay a fee (fee waived for youth hunters and mentors during the youth hunt).

4. You must check in and out of hunt areas daily at the refuge office or check station.

5. You must take bagged deer, hog, and/or turkey to the refuge check station.

6. We will determine bag limits on deer and turkey annually.

7. We prohibit the use of bait (see §32.2(h)).

8. A non-hunting mentor age 21 or older must accompany, and be in the immediate presence of, youth hunters participating in the youth hunt. Youth hunters must be age 17 or younger. Both youth hunters and mentors must wear hunter orange clothing meeting or exceeding the minimum State requirements.

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9. We prohibit using handguns for hunting.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may fish in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State fishing regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Anglers may fish from March 15 through October 14 in the Washita River and Foss Reservoir. Anglers may bank fish year round in the Washita River and Foss Reservoir from open areas.

2. Anglers may access fishing areas only from designated parking areas and by boat from Foss Reservoir.

3. We do not allow boats and other flotation devices on refuge waters from October 15 through March 14.

### WICHITA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of elk and white-tailed deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Permits and payment of a fee are required.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Fish may be taken only with pole and line or rod and reel.

2. Taking any type of bait from refuge lands or waters is not permitted.

3. Taking of frogs and turtles is not permitted.

4. Hand-powered boats are permitted only on Jed Johnson, Rush, Quanah Parker, and French Lakes.

5. Anglers may use electric trolling motors on boats 14' or less in length only on Jed Johnson, Rush, Quanah Parker and French Lakes.

6. Anglers may use motorized boats on Elmer Thomas Lake; however, we enforce a no-wake rule on the lake.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 59 FR 6695, Feb. 11, 1994; 59 FR 55187, Nov. 3, 1994; 60 FR 61213, Nov. 29, 1995; 60 FR 62046, Dec. 4, 1995; 61 FR 46398, Sept. 3, 1996; 62 FR 47380, Sept. 9, 1997; 63 FR 46920, Sept. 3, 1998; 65 FR 30789, May 12, 2000; 65 FR 56407, Sept. 18, 2000; 66 FR 46361, Sept. 4, 2001; 67 FR 58949, Sept. 18, 2002; 69 FR 54362, 54445, Sept. 8, 2004; 70 FR 54188, Sept. 13, 2005; 73 FR 33195, June 11, 2008; 74 FR 45695, Sept. 3, 2009; 76 FR 3988, Jan. 21, 2011; 76 FR 56083, Sept. 9, 2011; 77 FR 56054, Sept. 11, 2012; 80 FR 51927, Aug. 26, 2015; 81 FR 68914, Oct. 4, 2016]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

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### BANDON MARSH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and snipe on that portion of the refuge west of U.S. Highway 101 and outside the Bandon city limits 7 days per week, and hunting of goose, duck, and coot on the Ni-les'tun Unit of the refuge 3 days per week, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. The established days for waterfowl hunting on the Ni-les'tun Unit will be Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.

2. Only portable blinds or blinds constructed of on-site dead vegetation or driftwood may be used (see §27.51 of this chapter).

3. All blinds, decoys, shotshell hulls, and other personal equipment and refuse must be removed from the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. Only federally approved nontoxic shot may be used or be in hunters' possession while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).

5. Hunters accessing the Ni-les'tun Unit via boat must secure or anchor boats and use established boat launch areas. Hunters may park boats within the marsh while they hunt, but boats landing on the bank of the Coquille River within the Ni-les'tun Unit will be required to park within a designated location.

6. Access to the refuge will be prohibited from 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise.

7. Hunters may use dogs as an aid to retrieving waterfowl during the hunting season; however, dogs must remain under control of the handler at all times. Dogs must be in a vehicle or on a leash until they are in the marsh as a part of the hunt.

8. You may enter posted retrieval zones while retrieving downed birds and when traveling to and from the hunting areas. We prohibit discharging firearms while in a retrieval zone.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing in accordance with State regulations, on that portion of the refuge west of U.S. Highway 101.

### BASKETT SLOUGH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck and goose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Only hunters 15 years of age and younger are allowed to participate in the Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older.

2. Blinds, decoys, and other personal property must be removed at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

3. Vehicles are restricted to designated public use roads and designated parking areas.

4. We prohibit dogs on the refuge, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shells for hunting during the early September Goose Hunt and the Youth Duck Hunt.

6. Open fires are not allowed.

7. Waterfowl and goose permit (name only) hunters must check back to the refuge check station prior to leaving the refuge and submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361).

8. Goose hunters are required to space themselves no less than 200 yards apart from each other during the early September Goose Hunt.

9. No overnight camping or after-hours parking is allowed on the refuge.

10. No hunting is allowed from refuge structures, observation blinds, boardwalks, or similar structures.

11. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and refuge-specific regulations in this part 32).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### BEAR VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer only on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting opens concurrent with the State season and closes October 31.

2. We prohibit hunting or public entry of any kind from November 1 to the State-regulated opening day of deer season in the hunting unit.

3. Walk-in access only from designated entry points.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### COLD SPRINGS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit discharge of any firearm within 1-4 mile (396 meters (m)) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as,

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but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

4. We allow only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

5. We allow hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and all federally-recognized holidays within the State season.

6. We reserve parking lot F solely for Memorial Marsh Unit waterfowl hunters.

7. On the Memorial Marsh Unit, we allow hunting only from numbered field blind sites, and hunters must park their vehicles only at the numbered post corresponding to the numbered field blind site they are using (see §27.31 of this chapter). Selection of parking sites/numbered posts is on a first-come, first-served basis at parking lot F. We prohibit free-roam hunting or jump shooting, and you must remain within 100 feet (30 m) of the numbered field blind post unless retrieving birds or setting decoys. We allow a maximum of four persons per blind site.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, and A3 apply.

2. We allow hunting from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and all federally recognized holidays within the State season.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A1 applies.

2. We allow use of only nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors.

DEER FLAT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Hunting of doves, geese, ducks, coots and common snipe is permitted on the Snake River sector subject to the following conditions:

1. Only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials are permitted.

2. Waterfowl and snipe hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Hunting of upland game is permitted on the Snake River Sector subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is not permitted from February 1 through May 31.

2. Pheasant, quail, and partridge hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Hunting is permitted only on the Snake River Sector.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Shoreline fishing is not permitted on the islands of the Snake River Sector from February 1 through May 31.

HART MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ANTELOPE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of chukar only on the western slopes of Hart Mountain and Poker Jim Ridge in accordance with State regulations.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, antelope, and bighorn sheep on the refuge in areas designated by permit issued from the State in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow ground blinds, but we prohibit construction of them earlier than 1 week prior to the opening day of the legal season for which you have a valid permit.

2. You must remove blinds (see §27.93 of this chapter) within 24 hours of harvesting an animal or at the end of the permittee's legal season.

3. We limit hunters to one blind each, and you must tag blinds with the owner's name and permit number.

4. We prohibit destruction of natural vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter) or below-ground excavation.

5. We prohibit hunting within 3 miles (4.8 km) of the refuge headquarters.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge only in Rock Creek, Guano Creek, and Warner Pond in accordance with State regulations.

JULIA BUTLER HANSEN REFUGE FOR THE COLUMBIAN WHITE-TAILED DEER

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on the refuge-owned shorelines of Crims and Wallace Islands in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).

2. We prohibit permanent blinds. You must remove all personal property, including decoys and boats, by 1 hour after legal sunset (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

3. We open the refuge for day-use access from 1½ hours before legal sunrise until 1½ hours after legal sunset.

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4. We prohibit dogs on the refuge, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing along the shoreline of the Wallace Island Unit in accordance with State regulations.

### KLAMATH MARSH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations, and subject to the following conditions:

1. The use of air-thrust and inboard water-thrust boats is not permitted.

2. Waterfowl and snipe hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Bank fishing is permitted in the borrow ditches adjacent to the Silver Lake Highway and along the shoreline of Wocus Bay.

2. The use of boats is not permitted.

### LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and snipe on the designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).

2. We prohibit hunting on all exposed lands on Miller Sands Island and its partially enclosed lagoon, as posted. We prohibit hunting inside the diked portion of Karlson Island, as posted.

3. We prohibit permanent blinds. You must remove all personal property, including decoys and boats, by 1 hour after legal sunset (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. We open the refuge for hunting access from 1½ hours before legal sunrise until 1½ hours after legal sunset.

5. We prohibit dogs on the refuge, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing along the shoreline of the refuge islands in accordance with State regulations.

### LOWER KLAMATH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations, and subject to the following conditions:

1. In the controlled waterfowl hunting area, we require a Refuge Recreation Pass (passholder/expiration date) for all hunters age 16 or older. An adult with a valid Recreation Pass (passholder/expiration date) must accompany hunters younger than the age of 16 who are hunting in the controlled area.

2. We require advance reservations for the first 2 days of the hunting season. You may obtain a reservation through the Waterfowl Lottery (Migratory Bird Hunt Application, FWS form 3-2357) each year.

3. Entry hours begin at 5:00 a.m. unless otherwise posted.

4. Only unloaded firearms may be carried on hunter access routes open to motor vehicles or when taken through posted retrieving zones when traveling to and from the hunting areas.

5. You may not set decoys in retrieving zones.

6. We prohibit the use of air-thrust and water-thrust boats.

7. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations, and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must wear an outer garment above the waist that is at least 50 percent blaze orange and visible from both front and back. Outer garments may consist of hat or cap, vest, jacket, shirt, or coat.

2. Only unloaded firearms may be taken through posted retrieving zones when traveling to and from hunting areas.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### MALHEUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of dove, goose, duck, merganser, coot, snipe, and pigeon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow nonmotorized boats or boats equipped with only electric motors on the North and South Malheur Lake Hunt Units. All boats are prohibited on the Buena Vista Hunt Unit.

2. We allow only portable and temporary hunting blinds. We prohibit permanent structures.

3. You must remove boats, decoys, blinds, materials and all personal property at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

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4. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

5. We may close any refuge access easement road, refuge road, or hunting access point for public safety, or when travel may be detrimental to the area.

6. The North Malheur Lake Hunt Unit is open during all established State of Oregon migratory bird hunting seasons.

7. The South Malheur Lake and Buena Vista Hunt Units open for migratory bird hunting on the fourth Saturday of October and close at the end of the State waterfowl season.

8. The South Malheur Lake Hunt Unit may be accessed from the Boat Launch Road, or from the North Malheur Lake Hunt Unit, but no earlier than the fourth Saturday of October.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, partridge, chukar, and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

2. We allow hunting of upland game species on designated areas of the Blitzen Valley east of Highway 205 from the fourth Saturday in October through the end of the State pheasant season.

3. We allow hunting of upland game species on the North Malheur Lake Hunt Unit concurrent with the State pheasant season.

4. We allow hunting of all upland game species on designated areas of the refuge west of Highway 205 and south of Foster Flat Road, and on designated areas of Krumbo Creek east of the Krumbo Reservoir in accordance with State regulations.

5. We may close any refuge access easement road, refuge road, or hunting access point for public safety, or when travel may be detrimental to the area.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and pronghorn on designated areas of the refuge west of Highway 205 and south of Foster Flat Road, and on designated areas of Krumbo Creek east of the Krumbo Reservoir, in accordance with State regulations.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit ice fishing on and all public access to any ice formations.

2. We allow fishing year-round on Krumbo Reservoir and in the Blitzen River, East Canal, and Mud Creek upstream from and including Bridge Creek.

3. Fishing is allowed on the north bank of the Blitzen River from Sodhouse Lane downstream to the bridge on the Boat Landing Road between August 1 and September 15.

4. We prohibit boats on public fishing areas, except that nonmotorized boats and

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boats equipped with only electric motors may be used on Krumbo Reservoir.

5. We may close any refuge access easement road, refuge road, or fishing access point for public safety, or when travel may be detrimental to the area.

### MCKAY CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

2. We prohibit possession of toxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit discharge of any firearm within ¼ mile (396 m) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

4. We only allow portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

5. We prohibit the use of boats.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, and A3 apply.

2. On the opening weekend of the hunting season, we require all hunters to possess and carry a special refuge permit (name/address/phone number).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions: Condition A1 applies.

### McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and special conditions listed for McNary National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Washington.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and special conditions listed for McNary National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Washington.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and special conditions listed for McNary National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Washington.

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*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and special conditions listed for McNary National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Washington.

### NESTUCCA BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of ducks and coot on refuge lands at Brooten Marsh and the mouth of the Little Nestucca River 7 days per week in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Only federally approved nontoxic shot may be used or be in hunters' possession while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).

2. Only portable blinds or blinds constructed of on-site dead vegetation or driftwood may be used (see §27.51 of this chapter).

3. All blinds, decoys, shotshell hulls, and other personal equipment and refuse must be removed from the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. Access to the refuge will be prohibited from 1 hour after sunset to 2 hours before sunrise.

5. Hunters may use dogs as an aid to retrieving waterfowl during the hunting season; however, dogs must remain under control of the handler at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter). Dogs must be in a vehicle or on a leash until they are in the marsh as a part of the hunt.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Hunting of quail, grouse, and partridge is permitted on designated areas of the refuge.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of deer and antelope is permitted on designated areas of the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### SILETZ BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on refuge lands west of U.S. Highway 101 7 days per week and on the Millport Slough South Unit of the refuge 3 days per week, in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. The established days for waterfowl hunting on the Millport Slough South Unit will be Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.

2. Only federally approved nontoxic shot may be used or be in hunters' possession while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).

3. Only portable blinds or blinds constructed of on-site dead vegetation or driftwood may be used (see §27.51 of this chapter).

4. All blinds, decoys, shotshell hulls, and other personal equipment and refuse must be

removed from the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

5. Access to the refuge will be prohibited from 1 hour after sunset to 2 hours before sunrise.

6. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

7. Hunters may use dogs as an aid to retrieving waterfowl during the hunting season; however, dogs must remain under control of the handler at all time (see §26.21(b) of this chapter). Dogs must be in a vehicle or on a leash until they are in the marsh as a part of the hunt.

8. You may enter posted retrieval zones while retrieving downed birds and when traveling to and from the hunting areas. We prohibit discharging firearms while in a retrieval zone.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### TUALATIN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow waterfowl hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Age: Youth age 17 and younger may participate as active hunters. Youth must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older. Supervising adults are not allowed to hunt.

2. A maximum of two hunting youth will be allowed per hunting blind. At least one nonhunting supervising adult must accompany youth hunters. Additional nonhunters may also occupy the blind with a hunting youth and nonhunting adult supervisor for a maximum occupancy of 4 persons per blind.

3. Disabled youth hunters must possess an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit issued by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to qualify for preference in using the designated accessible hunting blind (see <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/disability> for further information).

4. We will assign blinds by a random drawing of applications.

5. Hunting season will begin on the last weekend of October, as conditions permit, and run through the end of the regular State hunting season. The refuge will not be open for the 3rd period northwest permit zone goose hunt.

6. Hunting hours: Official start times are listed in the shooting hours table in the Oregon game bird regulations. Shooting time ends at 1:00 p.m. for the entire season.

7. We open the hunt area for access 1½ hours before legal shooting hours.

8. You must remove decoys, other personal property, and trash.

9. We allow dogs for retrieving waterfowl.

10. We prohibit possession of shot size larger than BB.

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11. All hunters must hunt from designated blinds.

12. We restrict vehicles to designated public use roads and designated parking areas. No overnight camping or parking.

13. All hunters must have visible means of retrieving waterfowl such as float tube, waders, or a dog capable of retrieving. We prohibit motorized boats.

14. Hunters must check-in and check-out at a designated check station. You must report harvest of ducks prior to leaving the refuge. Harvest of geese must be checked at an ODFW-operated goose check station.

15. We prohibit possession of alcohol by any person in the hunt area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

UMATILLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

2. We prohibit possession of toxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit discharge of any firearm within 1–4 mile (396 meters (m)) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

4. We allow only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

5. We allow dove hunting only on the Boardman Unit.

6. On the McCormack Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

i. The McCormack Unit is a fee-hunt area only open to hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Year’s Day during State waterfowl seasons.

ii. We require hunters to stop at the check station to obtain a special refuge permit (name/address/phone number) that you must possess and carry, to pay a recreation user fee, and to obtain a blind assignment before hunting.

iii. We allow hunting only from assigned blind sites and require hunters to remain within 100 feet (30 m) of marked blind sites unless retrieving birds.

iv. Hunters may only possess up to 25 shot shells per hunt day.

7. We close all islands within the Columbia River to all access.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A3, and A7 apply.

2. On the McCormack Fee Hunt Unit, we allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Year’s Day from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset of each hunt day.

3. On the McCormack Unit, we require all hunters to possess and carry a special refuge permit (name/address/phone number).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A3, and A7 apply.

2. We allow hunting by special permit only (issued by the State).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A7 apply.

2. [Reserved]

UPPER KLAMATH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations, and subject to the following conditions:

1. The use of air-thrust and inboard water-thrust boats is not permitted.

2. Waterfowl and snipe hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State laws and regulations, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Fishing is permitted in Pelican Bay, Recreation Creek, Crystal Creek, Odessa Creek, Pelican Cut and that portion of Upper Klamath Lake located on the east side of the refuge.

2. Motorized boats shall not exceed 10 miles per hour in any stream, creek or canal and on that portion of Pelican Bay west of a line beginning at designated points on the north shore of Pelican Bay one-fourth mile east of Crystal Creek and extending due south to the opposite shore of the lake.

WILLIAM L. FINLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow deer and elk hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow deer and elk hunting on designated dates from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset. We post these refuge-specific regulations at self-service hunt kiosks.

2. You may harvest only antlerless elk with appropriate State-issued tags.

3. We prohibit overnight camping or after-hours parking on the refuge.

4. We prohibit hunting from any refuge structure, observation blind, or boardwalk.

5. We require all hunters to register at a self-service hunt kiosk. All hunters must complete a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359), after each hunt day.

6. Hunters may use portable or climbing stands but must remove them from the refuge daily (see §27.93 of this chapter). The Service takes no responsibility for the loss or theft of tree stands left in the field.

7. We restrict vehicles to designated public use roads and designated parking areas.

8. We prohibit the use of dogs during hunting.

9. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

10. We prohibit the use of game and trail cameras.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing on Muddy Creek from the beginning of the State trout season in April through October 31.

2. We prohibit the use of boats.

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### § 32.57 Pennsylvania.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### CHERRY VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory birds, including water-

fowl (*i.e.*, ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese), doves, woodcock, snipe, rails, moorhens, and gallinules, on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of Pennsylvania regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2357) to hunt on the refuge. We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (name and address only) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge. We charge a fee for all hunters except youth age 16 and younger.

2. We issue one companion permit (no personal information) at no charge to each hunter. We allow companions to observe and/or call, but not to shoot a firearm or bow. Companion and hunters must set up in the same location. We provide hunters with hunt maps and parking permits (name only), which they must clearly display in their vehicle. Hunters who park on the refuge must park in identified hunt parking areas.

3. We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the refuge.

4. We require hunters to wear (in a conspicuous manner) solid-color, hunter-orange clothing or material, consistent with Pennsylvania Game Commission regulations.

5. We prohibit hunters using or erecting permanent or pit blinds.

6. We require hunters to remove all hunting blind material, boats, and decoys from the refuge at the end of each hunting season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

7. We allow pre-hunt scouting concurrent with big game scouting continuing through the end of the migratory bird season; however, we prohibit the use of dogs during scouting.

8. Dogs may only be used for waterfowl hunting. We limit the number of dogs per waterfowl hunting party to no more than two dogs.

9. We allow hunters to enter the refuge 2 hours before shooting time (as prescribed by Pennsylvania Game Commission regulations), and they must leave no later than 2 hours after the end of shooting time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrels, grouse, rabbit, pheasant, quail, woodchuck, crow, fox, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, coyote, and bobcat on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of Pennsylvania regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to submit a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application/Permit (FWS Form 3-2356) to hunt on the refuge. We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (name and address only) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge. We charge a fee for all hunters except youth age 16 and younger.

2. Conditions A3, A4, A5, and A9 apply.

3. We prohibit scouting.

4. No dogs allowed.

5. We prohibit baiting on refuge lands (see § 32.2(h)).

6. We only allow hunting from 1 half hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset. We prohibit night hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, bear, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of Pennsylvania regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3, A4, A5, A9, B1, and B5 apply.

2. We allow pre-hunt scouting beginning 2 weeks prior to the bow opener and continuing through the end of the deer season.

3. We require hunters to remove all portable hunting blind materials from the refuge at the end of each hunting season (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### ERIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove, rail, common snipe, goose, duck, coot, and crow on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting and scouting activities on the refuge from September 1 through the end of February.

2. We require all hunters to possess and carry on their person a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure).

3. We only allow nonmotorized boats for waterfowl hunting in permitted areas.

4. We require that hunters remove all boats, blinds, cameras, and decoys from the refuge within 1 hour after legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

5. We allow dogs for hunting; however, they must be under the immediate control of the hunter at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

6. We prohibit field possession of migratory game birds in areas of the refuge closed to migratory game bird hunting.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of grouse, squirrel, rabbit, woodchuck, pheasant, quail, raccoon, fox, coyote, skunk, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting on the refuge from September 1 through the end of February.

2. Conditions A1, A2, A4, and A5 apply.

3. We allow dogs for hunting; however, they must be under the immediate control of the hunter at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, bear, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A1 applies. We also allow spring turkey hunting in accordance with State regulations.

2. Conditions A2 through A5 apply.

3. We prohibit organized deer drives in hunt area B of the Sugar Lake Division. We define a “drive” as three or more persons involved in the act of chasing, pursuing, disturbing, or otherwise directing deer so as to make the animal more susceptible to harvest.

4. We require any person hunting bear off-refuge to obtain a refuge Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383) to track a wounded bear that may have entered the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow bank fishing only on the Seneca Unit of the refuge. We prohibit wading.

2. We allow fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset.

3. We prohibit the use of watercraft for fishing, with the exception of Area 5 where we allow nonmotorized watercraft use from the second Saturday in June through September 15. They must remain in an area from the dike to 3,000 feet (900 m) upstream.

4. We allow ice fishing in Areas 5 and 7 only.

5. We prohibit the taking of minnow, turtle, or frog.

6. We prohibit the possession of live baitfish on the Seneca Unit.

7. We prohibit the taking or possession of shellfish on the refuge.

#### JOHN HEINZ NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AT TINICUM

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing on all refuge waters, except:

i. The East side of the Main Impoundment from the Dike Road south to the Trolley Bed trail; and

ii. The small pond located on the south side of Bartram Ave at the I-95 South on ramp.

2. We allow fishing on the refuge from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. Anglers may only operate boats, canoes, and floats in tidal waters. We prohibit them on the refuge impoundments and ponds.

4. We only allow fishing from the shoreline in refuge impoundments and ponds. We prohibit wading.

5. We prohibit bowfishing or spearfishing on the refuge.

6. We prohibit the take, collection, or capture of reptile or amphibian on the refuge.

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### OHIO RIVER ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.68 West Virginia for regulations.

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### § 32.58 Puerto Rico. [Reserved]

### § 32.59 Rhode Island.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BLOCK ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to submit a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356) to be selected to hunt on the refuge. Hunting brochures containing hunting application procedures, seasons, bag limits, methods of hunting, maps depicting areas open to hunting, and the terms and conditions under which we issue hunting permits are available at the refuge administration office and on the refuge's Web site.

2. We require hunters to possess a valid State hunting license and all required stamps, a valid government-issued photo identification, and a valid hunting permit issued by the refuge at all times while on refuge property.

3. We prohibit hunters from taking any other wildlife.

4. We require hunters to notify a refuge representative if they need to enter a closed area to retrieve game.

5. We allow only shotguns (slugs only), muzzleloaders, and archery equipment to harvest deer.

6. We prohibit the use of any drug on any arrow for bow hunting, including crossbows, on national wildlife refuges (see §32.2(g)). We prohibit archers possessing any arrows employing such drugs on any national wildlife refuge.

7. We prohibit the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait (see §32.2(h)).

8. We prohibit the use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree,

or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter (see §32.2(i)).

9. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

10. We prohibit the use of spotlights, automotive headlights, or other artificial light for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking any animal. This regulation applies even if no weapons are in the vehicle.

11. Anytime State hunting regulations specify the requirement that hunters wear blaze-orange clothing, hunters must adhere to those regulations both in amount of blaze-orange clothing required and in specified seasons. For example, we require both archery and firearms hunters to wear blaze-orange clothing during the firearm seasons in areas open to both types of hunts.

12. We prohibit permanent tree stands. Hunters must remove all portable tree stands from the refuge daily (see §27.93 of this chapter). The Service takes no responsibility for the loss or theft of tree stands left in the field.

13. Hunters must mark tree stands with owner information (name, address, and phone number). We allow only portable stands.

14. We will prohibit the use of motorized or nonmotorized vehicles on the refuge unless the refuge manager grants prior approval (e.g., accessibility for disabled individuals). This includes, but we do not limit it to, vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, motorcycles, and bicycles.

15. We prohibit marking (including, but we do not limit it to, the use of flagging, bright eyes, tacks, and paint), cutting, and/or removal of trees or vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter).

16. We prohibit hunting in areas designated as closed.

17. We prohibit hunting within 100 feet (30 m) of a State, county, city roadway, or refuge trail.

18. We prohibit hunting with the use of firearms within 500 feet (150 m) of an occupied dwelling.

19. We prohibit archery deer hunting within 200 feet (60 m) of an occupied dwelling.

20. We prohibit the use of buckshot.

21. We prohibit hunters field dressing deer within 100 feet (30 m) of a road or trail.

22. We prohibit tracking later than 2½ hours after legal sunset. Hunters must make a reasonable effort to retrieve all wounded deer. This may include next-day tracking except on Federal holidays.

23. We prohibit deer drives or anyone taking part in any deer drive. We define a "deer drive" as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause deer to move in the direction of any person or persons who are part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

24. Refuge hunting information and the Rhode Island Hunting and Trapping Abstract will inform hunters of both State and refuge regulations. Refuge-specific hunting regulations, as listed in the “Block Island National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations” hand-out, will be in effect.

D. Sport Fishing. Anglers may surf fish in the Atlantic Ocean from the refuge shoreline in accordance with state regulations.

JOHN H. CHAFEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting*. [Reserved]

B. *Upland Game Hunting*. [Reserved]

C. *Big Game Hunting*. [Reserved]

D. *Sport Fishing*. Anglers may saltwater fish from the refuge shoreline in accordance with state regulations.

NINIGRET NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

A. *Migratory Game Bird Hunting*. [Reserved]

B. *Upland Game Hunting*. [Reserved]

C. *Big Game Hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to submit a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3–2356) to be selected to hunt on the refuge. Hunting brochures containing hunting application procedures, seasons, bag limits, methods of hunting, maps depicting areas open to hunting, and the terms and conditions under which we issue hunting permits are available at the refuge administration office and on the refuge’s web site.

2. We require hunters to possess a valid State hunting license and all required stamps, a valid government-issued photo identification, and a valid hunting permit issued by the refuge at all times while on refuge property.

3. We prohibit hunters from taking any other wildlife.

4. We require hunters to notify a refuge representative if they need to enter a closed area to retrieve game.

5. We allow only shotguns (slugs only), muzzleloaders, and archery equipment to harvest deer.

6. We prohibit the use of any drug on any arrow for bow hunting, including crossbows, on national wildlife refuges (see §32.2(g)). We prohibit archers possessing any arrows employing such drugs on any national wildlife refuge.

7. We prohibit the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait (see §32.2(h)).

8. We prohibit the use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter (see §32.2(i)).

9. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

10. We prohibit the use of spotlights, automotive headlights, or other artificial light for the purposes of spotting, locating, or taking any animal. This regulation applies even if no weapons are in the vehicle.

11. Anytime State hunting regulations specify the requirement that hunters wear blaze-orange clothing, hunters must adhere to those regulations both in amount of blaze-orange clothing required and in specified seasons. For example, we require both archery and firearms hunters to wear blaze-orange clothing during the firearm seasons in areas open to both types of hunts.

12. We prohibit permanent tree stands. Hunters must remove all portable tree stands from the refuge daily (see §27.93 of this chapter). The Service takes no responsibility for the loss or theft of tree stands left in the field.

13. Hunters must mark tree stands with owner information (name, address, and phone number). We allow only portable stands.

14. We will prohibit the use of motorized or nonmotorized vehicles on the refuge unless the refuge manager grants prior approval (e.g., accessibility for disabled individuals). This includes, but we do not limit it to, vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, motorcycles, and bicycles.

15. We prohibit marking (including, but we do not limit it to, the use of flagging, bright eyes, tacks, and paint), cutting, and/or removal of trees or vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter).

16. We prohibit hunting in areas designated as closed.

17. We prohibit hunting within 100 feet (30 m) of a State, county, city roadway, or refuge trail.

18. We prohibit hunting on the Kettle Pond Unit within 200 feet (60 m) of the visitor center and parking lots.

19. We prohibit hunting with the use of firearms within 500 feet (150 m) of an occupied dwelling.

20. We prohibit archery deer hunting within 200 feet (60 m) of an occupied dwelling.

21. We prohibit the use of buckshot.

22. We prohibit hunters field dressing deer within 100 feet (30 m) of a road or trail.

23. We prohibit tracking later than 2½ hours after legal sunset. Hunters must make a reasonable effort to retrieve all wounded deer. This may include next-day tracking except we prohibit tracking on Federal holidays.

24. We prohibit deer drives or anyone taking part in any deer drive. We define a “deer drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause deer to move in the direction of any person or persons who are part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

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25. Refuge hunting information and the Rhode Island Hunting and Trapping Abstract will inform hunters of both State and refuge regulations. Refuge-specific hunting regulations, as listed in the "Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations" hand-out, will be in effect.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may surf fish in the Atlantic Ocean from the refuge shoreline in accordance with state regulations. Anglers may saltwater fish and shellfish in Ninigret Pond from the refuge shoreline only from sunrise to sunset in accordance with state and refuge regulations.

### SACHUEST POINT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may surf fish in the Atlantic Ocean and Sakonnet River from the refuge shoreline in accordance with state regulations. Additionally, anglers may night-fish after sunset in accordance with state regulations.

### TRUSTOM POND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Hunters may hunt Canada geese and mourning doves on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: State permits required.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may surf fish in the Atlantic Ocean from the refuge shoreline from September 16 to March 31 in accordance with state and refuge regulations.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

### CAPE ROMAIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of marsh hen/rail only on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require each hunter to carry at all times while hunting a signed, current refuge hunt permit and a government-issued picture ID. The hunt permit is invalid until signed by the hunter.

2. We prohibit hunting on Sundays.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)).

4. We prohibit discharge of weapons for any purpose other than to take or attempt to

take legal game during the established hunting season.

5. Each hunter under age 16 must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Youth hunters must have successfully completed a State-approved hunter education course.

6. We allow use of retrieving dogs only while hunting in designated hunting areas for marsh hen/rail. Otherwise we prohibit dogs on the refuge.

7. We prohibit taking or attempting to take any wildlife from an area unless that area is officially opened for hunting/fishing.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4, A5, and A7 apply.

2. We allow hunting only on days designated annually by the refuge within the State season.

3. Hunters must enter and exit through the designated camping area to access any hunting areas on the refuge.

4. We prohibit crossbows, muzzleloaders, shotguns, rifles, pistols, and any other firearms or illegal means designated by the State to take while-tailed deer during the designated refuge archery hunt.

5. The refuge designates daily limits for raccoon.

6. For all raccoons harvested, hunters must check-in the raccoon tail at the refuge check station.

7. We prohibit hunting within 100 feet (30 m) of the Walking Trail (interpretive foot trail) and Beach Road.

8. Each archery hunter must check-in at the camping site on Bulls Island before setting up camp or before starting to hunt. We require each hunter to record his or her name and address in the available register.

9. Hunters may camp in the designated camping areas on Bulls Island during the archery white-tailed deer hunts from 9 a.m. on the day preceding the hunt until 12 p.m. (noon) on the day following the hunt.

10. We restrict hunters to the camping area from 7 p.m. until 4:30 a.m.

11. We prohibit camping on the refuge except for designated archery hunters on Bulls Island and individuals obtaining a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) from the refuge manager.

12. We prohibit fires except designated campfires in designated areas during the archery hunt (see § 27.95(a) of this chapter).

13. Except for boat motors being operated in salt water, we prohibit motorized equipment on the refuge islands or in refuge inholdings.

14. We prohibit private boats in the refuge boat basins at Garris Landing and Bulls Island. We clearly mark these areas with Closed Area signs.

15. We prohibit overnight parking at Garris Landing, except for archery hunters during the designated refuge archery white-tailed deer season and individuals obtaining a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) from the refuge manager. We require individuals parking vehicles at Garris Landing to obey all posted signs.

16. Hunters must hunt from a tree stand or the ground. We prohibit stalking, driving, corralling, or any other cooperative form of hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4, A5, A7, B2 through B4, and B7 through B16 apply.

2. The refuge designates daily limits for white-tailed deer.

3. Hunters must check all white-tailed deer at the refuge check station prior to removal from Bulls Island.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow the possession, taking, and transportation of: fish, crabs, shellfish, shrimp, and other saltwater species on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A7 and B10 through B14 apply.

2. We prohibit fishing inside the refuge boat basins at Garris Landing and Bulls Island.

3. We prohibit cast nets on the pier at Garris Landing.

4. We prohibit fishing, crabbing, shell fishing, and the taking of other saltwater species on Bulls Island ponds and managed wetlands (Jacks Creek, Lower and Upper Summerhouse Ponds).

5. We close Marsh Island, White Banks, and Sandy Point to public entry from February 15 through September 15 to protect nesting birds. This closed area extends from the low mean water mark to the highest elevation on these islands.

6. We prohibit entering into any area “Closed to Public Entry” due to turtle/bird nesting areas.

7. All refuge islands are “Closed to Public Entry” or occupancy from 1 hour after legal sunset to 1 hour before legal sunrise, except during a scheduled refuge big game hunt.

8. We prohibit anglers or visitors taking, possessing, or transporting more than one 3-quart plastic bag of sea shells per person per day from the refuge.

9. We prohibit anglers or visitors taking, possessing, or transporting any sea shells containing living organisms from the refuge, except those shellfish allowed by the State according to a recreational or commercial saltwater fishing license and permit.

10. We prohibit the taking of sea shells from the refuge for commercial purposes or monetary gain.

11. We prohibit the commercial transport of passengers to any refuge island for any purpose without a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-C) from the refuge manager.

12. We prohibit feeding or harassing any marine mammal.

13. We prohibit mooring or anchoring of boats more than 72 hours within the refuge boundary.

14. We prohibit any amphibious vehicle, hovercraft, airboat, or vessel from landing upon refuge islands.

15. We prohibit the use of any amphibious vehicle or vessel upon refuge lands or waters.

16. We prohibit any personal watercraft, as defined at 33 CFR 174.3, from landing upon refuge islands.

CAROLINA SANDHILLS NATIONAL WILDLIFE  
REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. All hunters must carry a signed refuge General Hunt Permit (signed brochure) and government-issued picture identification.

2. We prohibit discharge of weapons (see § 27.42 of this chapter) within, into, or across a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area”. We prohibit entering or crossing a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” to access areas open to hunting. We require consent from refuge personnel to enter a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” for the purpose of tracking and/or retrieving legally taken game animals.

3. Each youth hunter (younger than age 16) must remain within sight and normal voice contact and under supervision of an adult age 21 or older with a valid license and General Hunt Permit (signed brochure). Each adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters. Each youth hunter must carry evidence of successful completion of a State-approved hunter-education course.

4. We prohibit loaded hunting firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of maintained refuge roads or within 500 feet (152.4 meters) of the paved visitor’s drive. We prohibit discharge of any weapon on or across any part of the refuge road system. We define a “loaded firearm” as a firearm with shells in the magazine or chamber, or, for muzzleloaders, a gun with the percussion caps put in place.

5. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(j)).

6. We prohibit discharge of weapons for any purpose other than to take or attempt to take legal game animals during established hunting seasons.

7. We prohibit the use of outdoor recreational vehicles (ORVs) except by mobility-impaired hunters with a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) to use ORV in designated areas during specified hunts. Mobility-impaired hunters must have a State Disabled Hunting license in order to receive the Special Use Permit. Companions assisting disabled hunters must possess required State license(s) and refuge permit(s) and be listed on the Special Use Permit.

8. For hunting, you may possess shotguns with shot no larger than No. 5.

9. Legal shooting hours for September dove hunts are 12 p.m. (noon) to 6 p.m.

10. We prohibit the possession of more than 50 shotgun shells during the September dove hunts.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A7 apply.

2. We require dogs for hunting raccoon and opossum. All dogs must wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and phone number.

3. Upland game hunters may possess shotguns with shot no larger than No. 4 or .22 caliber rimfire rifles or primitive muzzle-loading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller. We prohibit possession of buckshot or slugs.

4. Upland game hunters using archery equipment must use small game tips on the arrows.

5. All persons participating in refuge firearms hunts must wear at least 500 square inches (3,225.8 square centimeters) of unbroken, fluorescent-orange material above the waist as an outer garment that is visible from all sides while hunting and while en route to and from hunting areas. This does not apply to raccoon and opossum hunters.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A7 apply (with the following exception for condition A3: Each adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter).

2. On the day of your successful hunt, and prior to removing any harvested deer, feral hog, or turkey from the refuge, you must complete the Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359).

3. During deer and turkey hunts, we prohibit hunters from entering the refuge earlier than 4 a.m. and staying on the refuge later than 2 hours after legal sunset.

4. All persons participating in refuge firearms deer hunts must wear at least 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of unbroken, fluorescent-orange material above the waist as an outer garment that is visible from all

sides while hunting and while en route to and from hunting areas.

5. During the primitive weapons hunt, you may use bow and arrow, crossbows, muzzle-loading shotguns (20 gauge or larger), or muzzleloading rifles (.40 caliber or larger). We prohibit revolving rifles and black-powder handguns.

6. During modern gun hunts, you may use shotguns, rifles (centerfire and larger than .22 caliber), handguns (.357 caliber or larger and barrel length no less than 6 inches [15 cm]), or any weapon allowed during the primitive weapons hunt. We prohibit military, hard-jacketed bullets, and .22 caliber rimfire rifles during the modern gun hunts.

7. We prohibit man driving for deer. We define a "man drive" as an organized hunting technique involving two or more individuals where hunters attempt to drive game animals from cover or habitat for the purpose of shooting or killing the animals or moving them toward other hunters.

8. We prohibit the use of dogs for any big game hunting.

9. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging to mark trees or other refuge features.

10. Youth hunts are for hunters under age 16. We prohibit adults from possessing or discharging firearms during youth deer or turkey hunts.

11. We prohibit turkey hunting in the area defined as east of Hwy. 145, south of Rt. 9, and north of Hwy. 1.

12. We prohibit the use of game and trail cameras.

13. We prohibit placing stands on the refuge more than 3 days prior to the opening day of each big game hunt period and leaving stands at the end of each hunt period.

14. We prohibit the use of a tree stand or climbing equipment without a safety belt or harness.

15. We prohibit the use of permanent, non-portable tree stands (see §27.93 of this chapter).

16. We prohibit inserting a nail, screw, spike, or other metal object into a tree or hunting from a tree into which the hunter has inserted a metal object (see §32.2(i)).

17. We prohibit baiting or hunting in the vicinity of bait (see §32.2(h)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on all areas of the refuge, except Martins Lake and those areas closed for management purposes, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset.

2. We allow nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors. We allow boats with permanently mounted gas motors as long as you lock the propeller out of the water. You must hand load and unload boats except at designated boat ramps. We prohibit skidding boats up or down dams or on water control

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structures. We provide boat ramps at Pool D, Pool L, Honkers Lake, and Mays Lake.

3. We allow bank fishing on all designated waters.

4. We prohibit bow fishing, fish baskets, nets, set hooks, trotlines, or snagging devices.

5. We prohibit snagging of fish by pulling or jerking any device equipped with one or more hooks through the water for the purpose of impaling fish.

6. We prohibit swimming or wading in any areas of the refuge.

7. At Mays and Honkers Lakes, the creel limit on largemouth bass is five fish per person per day. All bass must be a minimum length of 12 inches (30 cm).

8. We designate Oxpen Lake as adult-youth fishing only. A youth (under age 16) must be actively fishing and accompanied by no more than two adults at least age 18. We prohibit adults fishing unless a youth accompanies them. The creel limit on channel catfish is five fish per person per day.

9. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing on the refuge (see § 32.2(j)).

### ERNEST F. HOLLINGS ACE BASIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require each hunter to carry at all times while hunting a signed, current refuge hunting regulations brochure containing a refuge hunt permit. The hunt permit is invalid until signed by the hunter.

2. Each youth hunter (age 15 and under) must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Youth hunters must have successfully completed a State-approved hunter education course.

3. We only allow hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) each day during the State waterfowl season.

4. We prohibit hunting on Corps of Engineer dredge spoil sites located on refuge property on Jehossee Island.

5. We prohibit permanent blinds. You must remove portable blinds and decoys (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

6. We only allow use of retrieving dogs while hunting.

7. We allow scouting all year from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

8. Access to the hunt areas is by boat only. We prohibit boat launching on the refuge.

9. We do not require hunter check-in and check out. There is no quota on the number of hunters.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State

regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A2 apply.

2. We only allow hunting on days designated annually by the refuge within the State season. We only allow hunting on designated refuge areas within the Edisto Unit and the Combahee Unit.

3. Except for the special quota permit hunts, we allow only archery or muzzleloader hunting, and there is no quota on the number of hunters allowed to participate. During special quota permit hunts, we allow use of centerfire rifles or shotguns.

4. Access into all refuge hunt areas for hunting and scouting is by foot or bicycle. We may open some refuge roads on hunt days.

5. We allow scouting all year from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

6. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 5 a.m. on hunt days and must leave the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

7. We do not require hunter check-in and check out. However, you must check all deer taken during any hunt at the designated refuge check station before removal from the refuge. In addition, you must tag all antlerless deer with an antlerless tag provided by the refuge.

8. The refuge daily bag limit is two antlerless deer and one antlered buck that must have at least three antler points on one side. We define a “point” as an antler projection of at least 1 inch (2.5 cm) or more in length.

9. You may take feral hogs during refuge deer hunts. There is no size or bag limit on hogs. We may offer special hog hunts during and after deer season to further control this invasive species. You must dispatch all feral hogs before removing them from the refuge.

10. You must hunt deer and feral hogs from an elevated deer stand. We prohibit shooting big game from a boat.

11. We prohibit hunting on or within 100 feet (30 m) of all routes marked as roads or trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter) on the hunt brochure map.

12. All permanently fixed ground blinds are for the mobility-impaired hunt only.

13. We prohibit crossbows on the archery hunts. We only allow muzzleloading rifles using a single projectile on the muzzleloader hunts. We prohibit buckshot.

14. You may use flagging to mark the site of hunter entry from roads or trails and again at the stand site. You may use clothes pins with reflective tape between these sites to mark the route to the stand. Hunters must label all such markers with their full name and remove them (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of the hunt.

15. We require hunters to wear an outer garment visible above the waist that contains a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250

cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid, florescent-orange material at all times during the muzzleloader and mobility-impaired hunts.

16. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing in impounded waters contained within dikes and levees in the Beaufort County portion of the refuge annually from April 1 through August 31 during daylight hours. We close fishing during all remaining times within all refuge-impounded waters.

2. We prohibit boat use within refuge-impounded waters. We only allow bank fishing.

3. We only allow hook and line sport fishing utilizing rod and reel or pole.

4. We only open access into refuge areas to fishing by foot or bicycle.

#### PINCKNEY ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting on the refuge by lottery. We require an application fee to enter the hunt lottery.

2. We require a refuge hunt permit (name/address/phone number) for all hunters chosen in the lottery who are age 16 and older. You must sign the refuge hunt permit and carry it at all times when hunting. We charge a fee for all hunt permits.

3. Hunters must check-in at the designated check station between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. and park in the designated area prior to hunting. We require personal identification at check-in.

4. We will allow hunters to operate their personal vehicles on the main gravel trail only. Movement within all other areas of the refuge must be by foot or bicycle. We limit entry and exit points for authorized motor vehicles to designated check stations or other specified areas (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit entry by boat, and we prohibit hunters to leave by boat to reach other parts of the island.

5. We require hunters to wear an outer garment that contains a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter-orange material above the waistline.

6. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game.

7. Each hunter may place one stand on the refuge during the week preceding the hunt. They must remove their stand at the end of the hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit camping on the refuge.

9. We allow only shotguns (20 gauge or larger; slugs only), muzzleloaders, and bows,

in accordance with State regulations, for hunting.

10. Hunters must be on their stands from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 9 a.m. and from 2 hours before legal sunset until ½ hour after legal sunset.

11. We prohibit hunting closer than 100 yards (90 m) to U.S. Highway 278 or the check station area, or closer than 200 yards (180 m) to the residence area.

12. We prohibit flagging, blazing, or using other trail-marking devices to locate stands or for any other purpose.

13. Refuge personnel must check deer harvested during a scheduled hunt before hunters leave the refuge.

14. You may take five deer (no more than two antlered).

15. We close the refuge to the public on hunt days.

16. Youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, possessing a license. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

17. We prohibit the use of trail or game cameras.

18. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (§27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32.)

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow saltwater fishing year-round in the estuarine waters adjacent to the refuge.

2. We prohibit freshwater fishing.

3. We require a South Carolina saltwater fishing license.

#### SANTEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of raccoon and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to use only weapons, firearms, and ammunition specifically authorized for each hunt.

2. All refuge hunters under age 16 must show proof of successfully completing a hunter-education/safety course. A properly licensed adult at least age 21 must directly supervise (within sight and normal voice contact) hunters under age 16. An adult may supervise only one youth.

3. We require hunters to possess a refuge hunt permit (signed refuge hunt brochure), a valid State hunting license, and government-issued picture identification while hunting. The refuge hunt permit is not valid until signed by the hunter.

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4. Before hunting, each individual participant must obtain from a designated check station and display their completed User Information/Harvest Report Card (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359) in plain view in their vehicle so that the required information is readable. After checking a harvested animal at a check station, the hunter must record species harvest information on reporting card. You must return all cards upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.

5. You must check all animals taken on the refuge before removing the animal from the refuge and prior to 8:30 p.m. at the check station.

6. We require hunters to make a reasonable effort to retrieve wounded game. You must obtain permission from refuge personnel to enter a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” for any purpose.

7. We allow vehicles only on established roads marked open for vehicular traffic. You may travel roads marked “Closed to all vehicles” on foot or by bicycle. The speed limit for all roads is 15 mph. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs) or other off-road vehicles. You may park vehicles alongside roads but only in a manner that will not block gates, roads, or fire lanes or interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

8. Hunting firearms being transported in vehicles and boats during refuge hunts must be unloaded and cased or locked in a secure compartment (*e.g.*, toolbox or trunk). We define a loaded firearm as having ammunition in the chamber or magazine. Muzzleloaders will be considered unloaded if the percussion cap is not seated in the chamber.

9. We prohibit hunting with poison tip arrows (pods), exploding arrows, center fire rifles, and handguns (see §32.2(g)).

10. We prohibit possession of bait, baiting, and/or hunting in the vicinity of bait (see §32.2(h)).

11. We prohibit camping, overnight parking, fires, and littering (see §§27.95(a) and 27.94 of this chapter).

12. We prohibit the possession of remote photography, videography, or any other remote device and trail-monitoring/counting devices.

13. We prohibit entry beyond “Closed Area” or “No Hunting Zone” signs. We prohibit discharging weapons within, into, or across a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area.”

14. We prohibit discharging a firearm from, on, or across any refuge road, or designated refuge foot trail.

15. We prohibit hunting from within 100 feet (30 meters (m)) of any roadway, whether open or closed to vehicular traffic, or from or within 300 yards (270 m) of any designated hunter check station or residence.

16. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

17. We prohibit man or dog drives, stalk hunting, and/or hunting from artificially pruned trees for deer and feral hogs.

18. We allow hunting on each refuge unit only within specified hunt periods and only for raccoon or opossum, and white-tailed deer (see paragraph C, Big Game Hunting, of this entry).

19. We allow unlimited harvest of feral hog as an incidental take while hunting during the day.

20. We will open hunting areas from 5 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. during designated hunt periods.

21. We allow use of dogs only for raccoon and opossum hunting. The dogs must wear a collar displaying the owner’s name, address, and telephone number.

22. We allow take of raccoon and opossum only during night hunting from the hours of 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. We prohibit hunting on Saturday nights and Sunday nights. Special State regulations apply for night hunting.

23. We allow take of raccoon and opossum with a shotgun using nontoxic shot size no larger than #4 or a .22-caliber rimfire rifle. We prohibit possession of buckshot or slugs. We prohibit the use of all other weapons for hunting.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 through B20 apply.

2. We prohibit the use of dogs during deer hunts.

3. We prohibit night hunting of deer and feral hogs. On the refuge, nighttime is defined from ½ hour after legal sunset to ½ hour before legal sunrise.

4. We prohibit driving nails, screws, spikes, or other metal objects into a tree, and we prohibit hunting from a tree into which those objects have been driven (see §32.2(i)).

5. We prohibit destroying or cutting vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter). We prohibit the possession of axes, saws, machetes, or other tools used for cutting vegetation on the refuge while scouting or hunting.

6. We prohibit trail flagging. You may use clothes pins with reflective tape/tack or commercially made reflective orange glow or trail clips to mark the path to the tree. You must mark all clips and pins with your full name, and you must remove them at the end of the hunt period. We will consider any clips or pins found without a hunter’s name or any found after the end of a hunt period to be littering (see §27.94 of this chapter), and we will remove them immediately.

7. We require hunters to wear an outer garment visible above the waist that contains a minimum of 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters) of unbroken, solid fluorescent

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orange (hunter orange) material at all times during firearms and muzzleloader hunts. This does not apply to dove, raccoon, and turkey hunts.

8. Deer and feral hog hunting must occur from portable elevated hunting stands. A safety belt or harness must be used while using a hunting stand. We prohibit ground blinds. We allow only one stand per hunter, and each hunter must clearly mark stands with his or her full name, date, and phone number. We will confiscate any stands found without the hunter's name, date, and phone number marked on them.

9. We allow scouting on both the Pine Island and Cuddo Units during periods when these units are open to general public access. We allow vehicles only on roads designated as open for vehicular traffic. All other roads and trails are open to walk-in or bicycle traffic. We prohibit hunting weapons and dogs during scouting activities.

10. We will open access roads, closed to the general public for driving, only during each deer hunt and on the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday prior to each hunt.

11. You may place stands, clothes pins, or clips, only on open hunt areas on the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday immediately prior to each hunt (from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.) and must remove them by 8:30 p.m. on the last day of each hunt period. We will confiscate any stands found outside of allowed periods.

12. We open the Plantation Islands (Cuddo Unit) to deer and feral hog hunting only from 5 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

13. Shooting hours are from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset.

14. The refuge conducts one lottery draw hunt (Quota Deer Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2354) for the Family, Friends, and Kids (Family Friendly) hunts conducted on the Bluff Unit of the refuge. Contact the refuge office for dates, application information, and more information about this special hunt opportunity.

15. We allow the use of non-motorized boats for accessing the unit's interior canals to inland areas open to hunting.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. A valid State fishing license, a signed refuge fishing permit (signed brochure), and government-issued picture identification must be in each angler's possession while fishing on the refuge. A signed refuge permit must be in each fisherman's possession while fishing on the refuge, except all recreational fishing boat operators are only required to have one refuge fishing permit per boat. A refuge fishing permit is not valid until signed.

2. We allow public fishing on all four refuge units. We open waters of Lake Marion within refuge boundaries for fishing 24 hours a day, except in areas posted as "Closed Areas" or

closed for migratory bird management (sanctuaries). We allow fishing only on the inland ponds and canals during times the refuge units are open for general public access or as posted. We prohibit fishing at night, to include bank fishing, except by boat in Lake Marion.

3. Cantey Bay (Bluff Unit), Black Bottom (Cuddo Unit), and Savannah Branch (Pine Island Unit) are only open to public access, including boating and fishing, from March 1 through October 31.

4. We limit access to the interior freshwater canals and ponds to canoes or kayaks, or by foot or bicycle travel only. We prohibit use of internal combustion engines on interior ponds and canals.

5. We prohibit littering, camping and/or overnight parking, open fires, swimming or wading, collecting or searching for or taking of any items of antiquity, and overnight mooring of boats (see §§27.62, 27.94, and 27.95(a) of this chapter). We allow pets only in designated areas, and they must remain on a leash or within vehicles/vessels.

6. We prohibit fishing or boating within 100 feet (30 meters) of any nesting bird or bird rookeries within refuge boundaries.

7. We prohibit nighttime access to boat-launching areas.

8. We prohibit commercial fishing.

9. We prohibit attaching trotlines, bush/limb lines, fishing devices, signs, or any other objects to trees, posts, or markers within refuge boundaries.

10. We prohibit shellfishing of all mollusks, including Asian clams.

11. We prohibit mooring or attaching boats to any refuge boundary marker, post, or navigational post within refuge waters.

12. We prohibit air-thrust boats, hovercraft, airboats, and personal watercraft (jet skis) within the waters of and/or boundary of the refuge.

### SAVANNAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refer to §32.29 Georgia for regulations.

### WACCAMAW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, dove, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry at all times while hunting a signed, current refuge hunting regulations brochure, which serves as the hunt permit. The hunt permit is invalid until signed by the hunter.

2. Each youth hunter age 15 and younger must remain within sight, within normal voice contact, and under the supervision of an adult age 21 or older, except when participating in the Federal Youth Days waterfowl hunt, when the youth hunter must be under the supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

We do not require youth hunters to have a hunter-education card for migratory gamebird hunting, but they must possess a signed refuge hunting regulations brochure. The supervising adult must comply with all State and Federal hunting license requirements and also possess a signed refuge hunting regulations brochure. Each supervising adult may supervise no more than two youths.

3. We allow waterfowl hunting only until 12 p.m. (noon) each Saturday and Wednesday during the State waterfowl season. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 5 a.m. on hunt days and must be off the refuge by 2 p.m.

4. We allow scouting Monday through Friday during the waterfowl season. Hunters must be off the refuge by 2 p.m.

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while hunting all species of migratory birds on the refuge.

6. We prohibit permanent blinds (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters must remove portable blinds and decoys at the end of each day's hunt.

7. We allow use of dogs only while hunting. We require dogs to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and phone number.

8. We do not require hunter check-in and check-out, with the exception of special lottery hunts. There is no quota on the number of hunters for general hunting.

9. We prohibit discharge of weapons for any purpose other than to take or attempt to take legal game animals during established hunting seasons (see §27.42(a) of this chapter).

10. We prohibit hunting on any unit for wildlife species not officially opened to hunting or posted as "No Hunting Zones." We prohibit entering any unit or area posted as "Closed."

11. We require individuals parking vehicles in the refuge to obey all posted signs.

12. Access into all refuge hunt areas for hunting and scouting is by foot, bicycle, or boat. We prohibit ATVs (see §27.31(f) of this chapter) and air boats on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of gray squirrel, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, and A8 through A12 apply.

2. We allow hunting only in designated areas and only on days designated annually by the refuge within the State season.

3. You may possess only nontoxic shot no larger than #2 in shotguns for hunting. We allow .22-caliber rimfire rifles.

4. We prohibit shooting any game from a boat except waterfowl.

5. We require the use of dogs for hunting raccoon and opossum.

6. The refuge prohibits upland game hunting during refuge Big Game Hunts.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge. The State of South Carolina does not classify feral hog as big game; however, for the purpose of these regulations, we include feral hog in the big game category. We allow big game hunting on the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A8 through A12, B2 and B4 apply.

2. We only allow hunting for designated species on days designated annually by the refuge, within the State season and limits, and according to refuge unit-specific regulations annually listed in the refuge hunting regulations brochure.

3. We close areas open to hunting to the general public during big game hunts.

4. We allow archery, muzzleloading (black powder), rifles (centerfire larger than .22 caliber), and shotguns according to refuge unit-specific regulations.

5. We prohibit blow guns and drugged arrows (see §32.2(g)). We allow muzzleloading rifles that use only a single projectile on the muzzleloader hunts. We prohibit buckshot, rimfire ammunition, and full-metal-jacketed military ammunition.

6. Access into all refuge hunt areas for hunting and scouting is by foot or boat. We may open some refuge roads on hunt days. We prohibit ATVs (see §27.31(f) of this chapter) and air boats on the refuge.

7. We allow scouting all year during daylight hours except during the State waterfowl season. During the waterfowl season, the same regulations that apply to scouting for waterfowl (see condition A4) apply to scouting for big game species. We prohibit the use of trail cameras and other scouting devices.

8. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 5 a.m. on hunt days and must leave the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

9. We do not require hunter check-in and check-out, with the exception of special lottery hunts.

10. The refuge limit on antlered deer is one antlered buck per hunt session that must have at least three antler points on one side. We define a "point" as an antler projection of at least 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) or more in length. Hunters can harvest two antlerless deer per year during coinciding State doe days or by using personal doe tags.

11. You may take feral hogs during refuge deer hunts. There is no size or bag limit on hogs. We may offer special hog hunts during and after deer season to further control this invasive species. You must dispatch all feral hogs before removing them from the refuge.

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12. We prohibit hunting on or within 100 feet (30 meters) of all routes marked as roads or trails on the hunt brochure map.

13. You must hunt deer and feral hog from an elevated hunting stand.

14. We allow only one portable tree stand per hunter, and you must clearly mark it with your full name and phone number. We prohibit placing deer stands on the refuge more than 3 days prior to the opening day of a hunting session. Hunters must remove stands from the refuge no later than 3 days after each refuge big game hunt (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

15. We allow hunters to use flagging to mark the site of hunter entry from roads or trails and again at the stand site. We allow hunters to use clothes pins with reflective tape between entry and stand sites to mark the route to the stand. You must label all pins with your full name and remove them at the end of the hunt.

16. We require hunters to wear an outer garment visible above the waist that contains a minimum of 500 square inches (3,226 square centimeters) of solid, fluorescent-orange material at all times during big game hunts except for wild turkey.

17. We prohibit the use of organized drives, including the use of boats, as an aid in the taking or attempting to take big game species.

18. We prohibit possession of bait, distribution of bait, or hunting over a baited area (see § 32.2(h)).

19. We allow crossbows only during the big game hunting sessions, when we allow muzzleloaders and modern weapons. We may also allow crossbows during special hunts if determined to be appropriate.

20. Each youth hunter age 15 and younger must remain within sight, within normal voice contact, and under supervision of an adult age 21 or older, and must possess a signed refuge hunting regulations brochure. We do not require youth hunters who are sitting in the same hunting stand as the supervising adult to possess a hunter-education card. We require youth hunters who are sitting in a hunting stand by themselves to possess a valid hunter-education card. The supervising adult must comply with all State and Federal hunting license requirements and possess a signed refuge hunting regulations brochure. Each supervising adult may supervise a maximum of one youth.

21. We only allow deer and hog hunting on the uplands of Sandy Island during a special archery-only lottery hunt. Hunters must apply for lottery entry (name/address/phone number) and are chosen by a random selection process. There is a quota on the number of hunters selected for this hunt.

22. We have special hunts for youth and mobility-impaired hunters on the Normandy Tract. You may obtain information about

the drawing from the refuge office or Web site.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in accordance with State regulations.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 58 FR 29076, May 18, 1993; 58 FR 29085, May 18, 1993; 59 FR 6698, Feb. 11, 1994; 59 FR 55188, Nov. 3, 1994; 60 FR 62047, Dec. 4, 1995; 63 FR 46921, Sept. 3, 1998; 65 FR 30791, May 12, 2000; 65 FR 56408, Sept. 18, 2000; 66 FR 46361, Sept. 4, 2001; 67 FR 58949, Sept. 18, 2002; 69 FR 54362, 54449, Sept. 8, 2004; 70 FR 54190, Sept. 13, 2005; 73 FR 33196, June 11, 2008; 74 FR 45696, Sept. 3, 2009; 75 FR 18426, Apr. 12, 2010; 76 FR 3989, Jan. 21, 2011; 76 FR 56085, Sept. 9, 2011; 77 FR 56057, Sept. 11, 2012; 80 FR 51929, Aug. 26, 2015; 81 FR 68914, Oct. 4, 2016]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### HURON WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms on Waterfowl Production Areas from the first Saturday after August 25 through February 15.

2. You must label portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms with your name and address or current hunting license number so it is legible from the ground.

3. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

4. You must remove portable ground blinds and other personal property by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the

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District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

### LACREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow the hunting of goose, duck, coot, common snipe, sandhill crane, American crow, and mourning dove only within the Little White River Recreation Area in accordance with State regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of ring-necked pheasant and sharp-tailed grouse on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters may remain on the refuge no longer than ½ hour after legal sunset.

2. You must park vehicles in a designated hunter parking area.

3. Hunters must access and exit the hunting area only from a designated hunter parking area.

4. We prohibit hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a State permit for muzzle-loader deer hunting.

2. All archery deer hunters must possess and carry a refuge permit (signature required).

3. Deer hunters may enter the refuge 1½ hours before legal sunrise and remain no longer than 1½ hours after legal sunset.

4. Hunters may leave portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms on the refuge from the first Saturday after August 25 through February 15. Hunters must remove all other personal property by the end of the day (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

5. Portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms must bear the name and address of the owner or user, or that person's current hunting license number. The labeling must be legible from the ground.

6. We close the refuge to archery hunting during refuge firearm seasons.

7. Conditions B2 through B4 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Areas open for fishing include: Pools 3, 4, 7, and 10, the Little White River Recreation Area, and the Cedar Creek Trout Ponds. We prohibit fishing in all other areas of the refuge.

2. We allow boat use only on Pools 3, 4, 7, and 10, and the Little White River Recreation Area.

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3. We prohibit the use of internal combustion motors in Pools 3, 4, 7, and 10.

4. We prohibit the use or possession of live minnows or bait fish in Pools 3, 4, 7, and 10 and the Cedar Creek Trout Ponds.

5. We will open designated fishing areas from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset, except the Little White River Recreation Area.

### LAKE ANDES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove all boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property, excluding ice houses, by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

2. We allow fishing on the Center and South units of Lake Andes.

### LAKE ANDES WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow the use of archery equipment only for big game hunting on Atkins Waterfowl Production Area in Lincoln County.

2. We allow portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms to be left on Waterfowl Production Areas from the first Saturday after August 25 through February 15.

3. You must label portable tree stands and freestanding elevated platforms with your

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name and address or current hunting license number so it is legible from the ground.

4. You must remove portable ground blinds and other personal property at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

### MADISON WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms on Waterfowl Production Areas from the first Saturday after August 25 through February 15.

2. You must label portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms with your name and address or current hunting license number so it is legible from the ground.

3. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

4. You must remove portable ground blinds and other personal property by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

### SAND LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We restrict vehicle parking to designated parking lots in the vicinity of the waterfowl blind areas (see §27.31 of this chapter).

2. Unarmed waterfowl hunters on the perimeter of the refuge may retrieve downed waterfowl up to 100 yards (90 m) inside the refuge boundary.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and partridge on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The game bird season begins the Monday following closure of the refuge firearms deer season and continues through the first Sunday in January.

2. Refuge access is “walk-in” only. We prohibit motor vehicles, bicycles, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

3. Hunters are not allowed to enter the refuge each day until 10:00 a.m.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Only firearms deer hunters with a Sand Lake refuge permit (you must possess and carry) may hunt deer on the refuge.

2. Hunters with a valid State archery license may hunt on the refuge during the established refuge archery deer season. Consult the refuge manager for current season dates.

3. All individuals afield during the refuge firearms deer season must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid fluorescent orange material on the head, chest, and back that must be visible at all times.

4. We allow portable, elevated hunting platforms not attached to trees and portable ground blinds, but they must bear the name and address of the owner or user or the year and big game tag number of the owner or user. The labeling must be readily visible and legible.

5. Hunters may place their tree stands, elevated platforms, and portable ground blinds on the refuge only during their designated licensed season. These stands must be removed by the end of their designated licensed season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

6. Deer hunters may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal shooting time and remain no longer than 1 hour after shooting time ends.

7. Refuge access is “walk-in” only. We allow vehicles on designated refuge roads ONLY for retrieving harvested deer and ONLY during the following times: 9:30-10 a.m., 1:30-2 p.m., and from the end of legal

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shooting time to 1 hour after the end of shooting time (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

8. We restrict vehicle parking to designated parking lots in the vicinity of the waterfowl blind areas (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

9. We prohibit bicycles, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles at all times (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).

10. Trail monitor cameras are not allowed on the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Fishing hours are ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

2. We prohibit motorized vehicles on the ice during winter (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

3. We allow ice fishing shanties, but anglers must remove them (see § 27.93 of this chapter) daily.

4. We prohibit open fires (see § 27.95 of this chapter).

### SAND LAKE WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

2. We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

3. We allow the use of motorized boats.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms on Waterfowl Production Areas from the first Saturday after August 25 through February 15.

2. You must label portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms with your name and address or current hunting license number so it is legible from the ground.

3. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

4. You must remove portable ground blinds, trail cameras, and other personal property by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

2. We allow the use of motorized boats.

### WAUBAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow deer hunting on designated areas in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit deer hunting on Headquarters Island.

2. We prohibit erecting tree stands prior to hunt start dates. Hunters must remove them (see § 27.93 of this chapter) by the end of the hunt.

3. Hunters may launch nonmotorized watercraft from designated access points to travel to islands.

4. We close archery seasons during refuge firearm seasons.

5. We prohibit deer drives during archery seasons. We define a drive as the act of chasing, pursuing, disturbing, or otherwise directing deer so as make the animals more susceptible to harvest by another hunter.

6. Refuge firearm hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid fluorescent-orange material visible on the head, chest, and back.

7. You must label portable tree stands and freestanding elevated platforms with your name and address or current hunting license number so it is legible from the ground.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow ice fishing after refuge firearm deer seasons close. We prohibit open water fishing at any time.

2. Anglers must not be on the ice until 1 hour prior to legal sunrise and must be off the ice by 1 hour after legal sunset.

3. Anglers must remove ice shacks (see § 27.93 of this chapter) daily prior to closed fishing hours.

4. We restrict angler foot travel to posted access points, public roads, and lake ice.

### WAUBAY WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto

the area for blind construction by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit bringing any type of live or dead vegetation onto the refuge for any purpose at any time.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow big game hunting on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms on Waterfowl Production Areas from the first Saturday after August 25 through February 15.

2. You must label portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms with your name and address or current hunting license number so it is legible from the ground.

3. We prohibit the use of horses for any purpose.

4. You must remove portable ground blinds and other personal property by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on Waterfowl Production Areas throughout the District in accordance with State regulations subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property (excluding ice houses) by the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

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### § 32.62 Tennessee.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### CHICKASAW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, merganser, mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is a day-use area only. We close the refuge from legal sunset to legal

sunrise, with the exception of legal hunting/fishing activities.

2. We allow only legally licensed vehicles on maintained refuge roads and parking areas. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility-type vehicles (UTVs), and off-road motorized vehicles. We prohibit airboats, jet skis, hovercrafts, etc. We prohibit parking as to block travel through refuge access roads, gates, and trails (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

3. We seasonally close the refuge sanctuary area to the public from November 15 through March 15.

4. You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) and comply with all permit provisions and other applicable State and Federal law.

5. We allow hunting for duck, goose, coot, and merganser from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 12 p.m. (noon) CST. We allow hunters to access the refuge no more than 2 hours before legal sunrise.

6. Mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe seasons close during all firearms, youth, and muzzleloader deer seasons.

7. You may use only portable blinds, and you must remove all boats, blinds, and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge by 1 p.m. CST daily.

8. Each youth hunter age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact and under supervision of an adult age 21 or older, who possesses a license. One adult hunter may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

9. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting with a shotgun (see §32.2(k)).

10. We prohibit cutting of holes, lanes, or other manipulation of vegetation (e.g., cutting bushes and trees, mowing, herbicide use, and other actions) or hunting from manipulated areas (see §27.51 of this chapter).

11. We prohibit hunting over or the placement of bait (see §32.2(h)). Baiting means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, or scattering of any salt, grain, powder, liquid, or other feed substance to attract game.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4 and A8 through A12 apply.

2. We allow hunters to access the refuge no more than 2 hours before legal sunrise to no later than 2 hours after legal sunset with the exception of raccoon and opossum hunters who may access the refuge from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

3. We do not open for spring squirrel season on the refuge.

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4. Squirrel, rabbit, and quail seasons close during all firearms, youth, and muzzleloader deer seasons.

5. Raccoon and opossum seasons close Friday and Saturday nights during all firearms, youth, and muzzleloader deer hunts and seasons, including the Friday night prior to any hunt or season that opens on a Saturday morning.

6. We allow horses only on roads open to motorized traffic. We prohibit the use of horses and other animal conveyances from all other areas including fields, woods, and foot trails.

7. You may take coyote and beaver incidental to legal hunting activities.

8. We prohibit trapping.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4, A8, A10 through A12, B6, and B7 apply.

2. You may only participate in the refuge quota hunts with a special quota permit issued through random drawing. Information for permit applications is available at the refuge headquarters.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting turkey (see §32.2(k)).

4. Hunters may possess lead-rifled slugs while deer hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).

5. We allow the use of only portable blinds and tree stands on the refuge. You must remove blinds, tree stands, and all other personal equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

6. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, who possesses a license. One adult hunter may supervise only one youth hunter.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A3 apply.

2. We allow fishing only with pole and line or rod and reel.

3. We prohibit possession of unauthorized fishing gear, including trotlines, limblines, juglines, yo-yos, nets, spears, and snag hooks, while fishing on the refuge.

4. We allow the use of bow and arrow or a gig to take nongame fish on refuge waters.

5. We prohibit taking frog or turtle on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

### CROSS CREEKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of Canada geese (September season only) on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

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1. The refuge is open daily from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset, with the exception of legal hunting and/or fishing activities.

2. We require a refuge hunt permit (name and address) for all hunters age 17 and older. We charge a fee for all hunt permits. You must carry a valid refuge permit while hunting on the refuge.

3. We set and publish season dates and bag limits annually in the Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations available at the refuge office.

4. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of any building, public use road, or boat launching ramp.

5. We allow access for goose hunting on the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset.

6. We prohibit the use of unlicensed motorized vehicles (e.g., ATVs, golf carts, etc.) on the refuge.

7. We prohibit the use of horses or other animal conveyances on refuge hunts.

8. Youth hunters under age 17 must remain in sight and normal voice contact with an adult hunter age 21 or older. One adult hunter may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

9. We allow the use of dogs to retrieve geese.

10. You may use only portable blinds, and you must remove all boats, blinds, and decoys from the refuge at the end of each day.

11. We prohibit the use of lead shot.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is a day-use area only, with the exception of legal hunting/fishing activities.

2. We require a refuge hunt permit (name and address) for all hunters age 17 and older. We charge a fee for all hunt permits. You must carry a valid refuge permit while hunting on the refuge.

3. We set and publish season dates and bag limits annually in the Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations available at the refuge office.

4. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of any building, public use road, or boat launching ramp.

5. We allow hunters to access the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset.

6. We prohibit the use of unlicensed motorized vehicles (e.g., ATVs & golf carts, etc.) on the refuge (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

7. We prohibit the use of horses or other animal conveyances on the refuge hunts.

8. Each youth hunter under age 17 must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. One adult hunter may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 through B7 apply.
2. We only allow the use of portable blinds and tree stands on the refuge. You must remove blinds, tree stands, and all other personal equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.
3. You may only participate in the refuge quota deer hunts with a special quota permit (name and address only) issued through random drawing. Information for permit applications is available at the refuge headquarters.
4. Each youth hunter younger than age 17 must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. One adult hunter may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing on the refuge pools and reservoirs from March 16 through November 14 from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.
2. We prohibit trotlines, limblines, jugs, and slat baskets in refuge pools and impoundments and on Elk Reservoir and South Cross Creeks Reservoir.
3. We prohibit taking frog, turtle, and crawfish on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).
4. We prohibit leaving boats unattended on the refuge after daylight use hours.
5. We prohibit swimming in refuge impoundments and from boat ramps and boat docks.
6. We allow bow fishing in refuge impoundments and on Barkley Lake.

#### HATCHIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, merganser, mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is a day-use area only. We close the refuge from legal sunset to legal sunrise, with the exception of legal hunting/fishing activities.
2. We allow only legally licensed vehicles on maintained refuge roads and parking areas. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility-type vehicles (UTVs), and off-road motorized vehicles. We prohibit airboats, jet skis, hovercrafts, etc. We prohibit parking as to block travel through refuge access roads, gates, and trails (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

3. We seasonally close the sanctuary areas of the refuge to the public from November 15 through March 15.

4. You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) and comply with all permit provisions and other applicable State and Federal laws.

5. We allow waterfowl hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. We allow hunting for duck, goose, coot, and merganser from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) CST. We allow hunters to access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise.

6. Mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe seasons close during all deer archery, quota deer gun, and youth deer gun hunts. In the area west of Interstate 40 we follow the State seasons, except we close during youth deer gun and quota deer gun hunts.

7. You may use only portable blinds, and you must remove all boats, blinds, and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge by 1 p.m. CST daily.

8. Each youth hunter age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact and under supervision of an adult age 21 or older, who possesses a license. One adult hunter may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

9. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting with a shotgun (see §32.2(k)).

10. We prohibit cutting of holes, lanes, or other manipulation of vegetation (*e.g.*, cutting bushes and trees, mowing, herbicide use, and other actions) (see §27.51 of this chapter).

11. We prohibit hunting over or the placement of bait (see §32.2(h)). Baiting means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, or scattering of any salt, grain, powder, liquid, or other feed substance to attract game.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4, A6, and A8 through A12 apply.

2. We allow hunters to access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise to no later than 2 hours after legal sunset, with the exception of raccoon and opossum hunters. We will allow access to those hunters from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

3. We do not open to spring squirrel season on the refuge.

4. We close all small game hunts during the refuge deer archery, quota, and youth gun hunts, except in the area west of Interstate 40, where small game reopens after the second quota deer gun hunt in accordance with State seasons.

5. We allow horses only on roads open to motorized traffic. We prohibit the use of

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horses and other animal conveyances from all other areas including fields, woods, and foot trails.

6. You may take coyote and beaver incidental to legal hunting activities.

7. We prohibit camping and fires on the refuge.

8. We prohibit trapping.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4, A8, A10 through A12, and B5 through B7 apply.

2. You may only participate in the refuge deer quota hunts with a special quota permit (name and address only) issued through random drawing. Information for permit applications is available at the refuge headquarters.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting turkey (see §32.2(k)).

4. Hunters may possess lead-rifled slugs while deer hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).

5. We allow the use of only portable blinds and tree stands on the refuge. You must remove blinds, tree stands, and all other personal equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

6. We allow archery deer and turkey hunting on designated areas of the refuge as defined annually in the refuge Public Use Regulations available at the refuge office and in accordance with State regulations.

7. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, who possesses a license. One adult hunter may supervise only one youth hunter.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A3 apply.

2. We allow fishing only with pole and line or rod and reel.

3. We prohibit possession of unauthorized fishing gear, including trotlines, limblines, juglines, yo-yos, nets, spears, and snag hooks while fishing on the refuge.

4. We allow use of a bow and arrow or gig to take nongame fish on refuge waters.

5. We prohibit taking frog or turtle on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

6. We open Oneal Lake for fishing during a restricted season and for authorized special events. Information on events and season dates is available at the refuge headquarters.

7. We only allow fishing boats of 18 feet (5.5 meters) or less in length on refuge lakes.

8. We allow the use of nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors only; we prohibit the use of gas and diesel motors on ref-

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uge lakes except in the waterfowl hunting area.

9. We prohibit use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing on refuge lands and waters (see §32.2(j)).

### LAKE ISOM NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is a day-use area only. We close the refuge from legal sunset to legal sunrise, with the exception of legal hunting activities.

2. We allow only legally licensed vehicles on maintained refuge roads and parking areas. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility-type vehicles (UTVs), and off-road motorized vehicles. We prohibit airboats, jet skis, hovercrafts, etc. We prohibit parking as to block travel through refuge access roads, gates, and trails (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

3. We set season dates and bag limits annually and publish them in the refuge brochure available at the refuge office.

4. You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) and comply with all permit provisions and other applicable State and Federal laws.

5. We allow hunters to access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise to no later than 2 hours after legal sunset, with the exception of raccoon and opossum hunters. We will allow access to those hunters from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

6. We seasonally close the refuge sanctuary area to the public from November 15 through March 15.

7. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, who possesses a license. One adult hunter may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

8. We allow horses only on roads open to motorized traffic. We prohibit the use of horses and other animal conveyances from all other areas including fields, woods, and foot trails.

9. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting with a shotgun (see §32.2(k)).

10. You may take coyote and beaver incidental to legal hunting activities.

11. We prohibit camping and fires on the refuge.

12. We prohibit cutting of holes, lanes, or other manipulation of vegetation (*e.g.*, cutting bushes and trees, mowing, herbicide use, and other actions) (see §27.51 of this chapter).

13. We prohibit hunting over or the placement of bait (see §32.2(h)). Baiting means the

direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, or scattering of any salt, grain, powder, liquid, or other feed substance to attract game.

14. We do not open for spring squirrel season on the refuge.

15. We prohibit trapping.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow only archery hunting for white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 through B6 and B8 through B14 apply.

2. We allow the use of only portable blinds and tree stands on the refuge. You must remove blinds, tree stands, and all other personal equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.

3. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, who possesses a license. One adult hunter may supervise only one youth hunter.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We open all waters of Lake Isom to fishing only from March 16 through November 14 and from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. We allow boats with only electric or outboard motors of 10 hp or less.

3. We prohibit taking frog or turtle from refuge waters (see §27.21 of this chapter).

4. We allow fishing only with pole and line or rod and reel.

5. We prohibit possession of unauthorized fishing gear, including trotlines, limblines, juglines, yo-yos, nets, spears, and snag hooks while fishing on the refuge.

6. We allow use of a bow and arrow or a gig to take nongame fish on refuge waters.

7. We prohibit use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing on refuge lands and waters (see §32.2(j)).

#### LOWER HATCHIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, merganser, mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is a day-use area only. We close the refuge from legal sunset to legal sunrise, with the exception of legal hunting/fishing activities.

2. We allow only legally licensed vehicles on maintained refuge roads and parking areas. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility-type vehicles (UTVs), and off-road motorized vehicles. We prohibit airboats, jet skis, hovercrafts, etc. We prohibit parking as to block travel through refuge access roads, gates, and trails (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

3. We seasonally close the sanctuary area of the refuge and the southern unit of Sunk Lake Public Use Natural Area to the public from November 15 through March 15.

4. You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) and comply with all permit provisions and other applicable State and Federal law.

5. We allow hunting for duck, goose, coot, and merganser from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 12 p.m. (noon) CST. We allow hunters to access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise.

6. Mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe seasons close during all firearms, youth, and muzzleloader deer seasons.

7. You may use only portable blinds, and you must remove all boats, blinds, and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge by 1 p.m. CST daily.

8. Each youth hunter age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact and under supervision of an adult age 21 or older, who possesses a license. One adult hunter may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

9. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting with a shotgun (see §32.2(k)).

10. We close Sunk Lake Public Use Natural Area to all migratory game bird hunting, and we close the southern unit of Sunk Lake Public Use Natural Area to all hunting.

11. We prohibit cutting of holes, lanes, or other manipulation of vegetation (*e.g.*, cutting bushes and trees, mowing, herbicide use, and other actions) (see §27.51 of this chapter).

12. We prohibit hunting over or the placement of bait (see §32.2(h)). Baiting means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, or scattering of any salt, grain, powder, liquid, or other feed substance to attract game.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4 and A8 through A13 apply.

2. We allow hunters to access the refuge no more than 2 hours before legal sunrise to no more than 2 hours after legal sunset with the exception of raccoon and opossum hunters. We will allow access to those hunters from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

3. We do not open for spring squirrel season on the refuge.

4. Squirrel, rabbit, and quail seasons close during all firearms, youth, and muzzleloader deer seasons.

5. Raccoon and opossum seasons close Friday and Saturday nights during all firearms, youth, and muzzleloader deer hunts and seasons, including the Friday night prior to any

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hunt or season that opens on a Saturday morning.

6. We allow horses only on roads open to motorized traffic. We prohibit the use of horses and other animal conveyances from all other areas including fields, woods, and foot trails.

7. You may take coyote and beaver incidental to legal hunting activities.

8. We prohibit camping and fires on the refuge.

9. We prohibit trapping.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4, A8, A10 through A13, and B6 through B8 apply.

2. You may participate in the refuge quota hunts only with a special quota permit (name and address only) issued through random drawing. Information for permit applications is available at the refuge headquarters.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting turkey (see §32.2(k)).

4. Hunters may possess lead-rifled slugs while deer hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).

5. We allow the use of only portable blinds and tree stands on the refuge. You must remove blinds, tree stands, and all other personal equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

6. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, who possesses a license. One adult hunter may supervise only one youth hunter.

7. We allow archery deer hunting only on the northern unit of Sunk Lake Public Use Natural Area.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge and the Sunk Lake Public Use Natural Area in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. We allow fishing only with pole and line or rod and reel.

3. We prohibit possession of unauthorized fishing gear, including trotlines, limblines, juglines, yo-yos, nets, spears, and snag hooks while fishing on the refuge.

4. We allow use of a bow and arrow or a gig to take nongame fish on refuge waters.

5. We prohibit taking frog or turtle on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

6. We seasonally close the sanctuary area of the refuge and the southern unit of Sunk Lake Public Use Natural Area to the public from November 15 through March 15.

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7. We allow the use of only nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors on Sunk Lake Public Use Natural Area.

### REELFOOT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is a day-use area only. We close the refuge from legal sunset to legal sunrise, with the exception of legal hunting/fishing activities.

2. We allow only legally licensed vehicles on maintained refuge roads and parking areas. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility-type vehicles (UTVs), and off-road motorized vehicles. We prohibit airboats, jet skis, hovercrafts, etc. We prohibit parking as to block travel through refuge access roads, gates, and trails (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

3. We set season dates and bag limits annually and publish them in the refuge brochure available at the refuge office.

4. You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) and comply with all permit provisions and other applicable State and Federal law.

5. We allow hunters to access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise to no later than 2 hours after legal sunset, with the exception of raccoon and opossum hunters. We will allow access to those hunters from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

6. We seasonally close the sanctuary areas of the refuge to the public from November 15 through March 15.

7. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, who possesses a license. One adult hunter may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

8. We allow horses only on roads open to motorized traffic. We prohibit the use of horses and other animal conveyances from all other areas including fields, woods, and foot trails.

9. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting with a shotgun (see §32.2(k)).

10. You may take coyote and beaver incidental to legal hunting activities.

11. We prohibit camping and fires on the refuge.

12. We prohibit cutting of holes, lanes, or other manipulation of vegetation (*e.g.*, cutting bushes and trees, mowing, herbicide use, and other actions) (see §27.51 of this chapter).

13. We prohibit hunting over or the placement of bait (see §32.2(h)). Baiting means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, or scattering of any salt, grain, powder, liquid, or other feed substance to attract game.

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14. We do not open for spring squirrel season on the refuge.

15. We prohibit trapping.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting for white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 through B6 and B8 through B14 apply.

2. You may participate in the refuge firearms deer and turkey quota hunts only with a special quota permit (name and address only) issued through random drawing. Information for permit applications is available at the refuge headquarters.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while turkey hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)).

4. Hunters may possess lead-rifled slugs while deer hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)).

5. We allow the use of only portable blinds and tree stands on the refuge. You must remove blinds, tree stands, and all other personal equipment (see § 27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

6. All youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older, who possesses a license. One adult hunter may supervise only one youth hunter.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow access to the Long Point Unit (north of Upper Blue Basin) for fishing from March 16 through November 14, and the Grassy Island Unit (south of Upper Blue Basin) for fishing from February 1 through November 14.

2. We allow fishing on the refuge from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. We prohibit taking of frog or turtle on the refuge (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit airboats, hovercraft, or personal watercraft (e.g., Jet Skis) on any waters within the refuge boundary.

### TENNESSEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of Canada geese (September season only) on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is open daily from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset, with the exception of legal hunting/fishing activities.

2. We require a refuge hunt permit (name and address) for all hunters age 17 and older. We charge a fee for all hunt permits. You must carry a valid refuge permit while hunting on the refuge.

3. We set and publish season dates and bag limits annually in the refuge Public Use Regulations available at the refuge office.

4. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of any building, public use road, or boat launching ramp.

5. We allow access for goose hunting on the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset.

6. We prohibit the use of unlicensed motorized vehicles (e.g., ATVs and golf carts, etc.) on the refuge (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).

7. We prohibit the use of horses or other animal conveyances on refuge hunts.

8. Youth hunters under age 17 must remain in sight and normal voice contact with an adult hunter age 21 or older. One adult hunter may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

9. We allow the use of dogs to retrieve geese.

10. You may use only portable blinds, and you must remove all boats, blinds, and decoys from the refuge at the end of each day.

11. We prohibit hunters cutting vegetation and bringing exotic/invasive vegetation to the refuge.

12. We prohibit the use of lead shot.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A1 applies.

2. We require a refuge hunt permit (name and address) for all hunters age 17 and older. We charge a fee for all hunt permits. You must possess and carry a valid refuge hunt permit while hunting on the refuge.

3. We set and publish season dates and bag limits annually in the refuge Public Use Regulations available at the refuge office.

4. We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of any building, public use road, or boat launching ramp.

5. We allow hunters to access the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset.

6. We allow hunting for raccoon from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

7. We prohibit the use of unlicensed motorized vehicles (e.g., ATVs and golf carts, etc.) on the refuge (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).

8. We prohibit the use of horses and other animal conveyances on refuge hunts.

9. Each youth hunter (under age 17) must remain within sight and normal voice contact and under supervision of an adult age 21 or older. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

10. You may take coyote and beaver incidental to legal hunting activities.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

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1. Conditions B1 through B5, B7 through B9 (each adult may only supervise one youth hunter), and B11 apply.

2. You may participate in the refuge quota deer hunts only with a special quota permit (name and address only) issued through random drawing. Information for permit applications is available at the refuge headquarters.

3. We allow the use of only portable blinds and tree stands on the refuge. You must remove blinds, tree stands, and all other personal equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing in Swamp Creek, Sulphur Well Bay, and Bennetts Creek from March 16 through November 14. The remainder of the refuge portion of Kentucky Lake will remain open year-round. We allow bank fishing year-round along Refuge Lake from the New Johnsonville Pump Station.

2. We limit boats to no wake speed on all refuge impoundments.

3. We prohibit leaving boats unattended on the refuge after daylight use hours.

4. We allow fishing on interior refuge impoundments from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset from March 16 to November 14.

5. We prohibit taking frog, turtle, and crawfish on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

6. We prohibit trotlines, limblines, jugs, and slat baskets in refuge pools and impoundments.

7. We prohibit swimming in refuge impoundments and from boat ramps and boat docks.

8. We allow bow fishing in refuge impoundments and on Kentucky Lake.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

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### ANAHUAC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, white-winged dove, mourning dove, Eurasian collared-dove, and rock pigeon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You must carry a current signed refuge hunting permit (signed brochure) while waterfowl hunting on all refuge hunt units.

2. Season dates for waterfowl will be concurrent with the State, except as specified in the refuge hunting permit (signed brochure).

3. For waterfowl hunting, you may enter the refuge hunt units no earlier than 4 a.m. Hunting starts at the designated legal shooting time and ends at 12 p.m. (noon). You must leave refuge hunt units by 12:30 p.m. For dove hunting, you may enter the refuge an hour before legal sunrise and must leave the refuge by ½ hour after legal sunset. We close refuge hunt units on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

4. For waterfowl hunting, we allow hunting in portions of the East Unit on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays during the regular waterfowl seasons. We require payment of a \$10 per day or \$40 per year to hunt on the East Unit. All hunters must check in and out through the check station when accessing the East Unit by vehicle. We will allow a limited number of parties to access the East Unit by vehicle. All hunters entering the East Unit through the check station will designate a hunt area on a first-come, first-served basis (special duck hunt areas will be assigned through a random drawing). We will require hunters to remain in an assigned area for that day's hunt. We allow hunters to access designated areas of the East Unit by boat from Jackson Ditch, East Bay Bayou, or Onion Bayou. We require hunters accessing the East Unit by boat from Jackson Ditch, East Bay Bayou, or Onion Bayou to pay the \$40 annual fee. We prohibit access to the East Unit Reservoirs from Onion Bayou via boat. We prohibit the use of motorized boats on the East Unit, except on ponds accessed from Jackson Ditch via Onion Bayou. We prohibit motorized boats launching from the East Unit. For dove hunting, you are allowed to access and hunt the designated areas on the East Unit by vehicles via Farm Market Road 1985 only. Hunters are required to follow rules published annually by TPWD relating to the TPWD AHP.

5. We allow hunting on the East Unit Special Goose Hunt Areas by permit on a first-come, first-served basis the morning of the hunt. Hunters must have goose decoys to hunt the Special Goose Hunt Areas. We allow a minimum of two and a maximum of six persons per permit. All Special Goose Hunt Area hunters must accompany a valid permit holder. Individuals in each group must set up and stay in their permitted area and stay

within 50 feet (15 m) of each other unless retrieving goose.

6. We randomly draw permits the morning of the hunt for the East Unit Special Duck Hunt Areas. Hunters must set up within 50 yards (45 m) of the post marker and must stay within 50 feet (15 m) of each other unless retrieving waterfowl. We allow a minimum of two and a maximum of six persons per permit.

7. We allow hunting in the Pace Tract daily during the September teal season and regular waterfowl season.

8. All hunters using the Oyster Bayou Boat Ramp must register at the main refuge entrance.

9. We allow hunting in portions of the Middleton Tract daily during the September teal season and on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays of the regular waterfowl season. We restrict motorized boats in inland waters of the Middleton Tract to motors of 25 hp or less or electric trolling motors.

10. Hunters age 17 and under must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

11. We only allow shotguns for waterfowl hunting.

12. We prohibit the use of airboats, marsh buggies, ATVs (see §27.31(f) of this chapter) and personal watercraft.

13. On inland waters of refuge hunt areas open to motorized boats, we restrict the operation of motorized boats to lakes, ponds, ditches, and other waterways. We prohibit the operation of motorized boats on or through emergent wetland vegetation.

14. On inland waters of the refuge hunt areas open to motorized boats, we restrict the use of boats powered by air-cooled or radiator-cooled engines to those powered by a single engine of 25 hp or less and utilizing a propeller 9 inches (22.5 cm) in diameter or less.

15. We only allow vehicular travel on designated roads and in parking areas. We prohibit hunting from roads and blocking access to any road or trail entering or on the refuge (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

16. We prohibit pits and permanent blinds. We allow portable blinds or temporary natural vegetation blinds. You must remove all blinds from the refuge daily (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

17. The minimum permitted distance between hunt parties is 200 yards (180 m).

18. Dogs accompanying hunters must be under the immediate control of handlers at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

19. You must remove all decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, and other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge daily. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging, reflectors, or reflective tape.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing and crabbing on shoreline areas on East Galveston Bay, along East Bay Bayou on the East Bay Bayou Tract, along West Line Road to the southern end of Shoveler Pond, along the canal from the Oyster Bayou Boat Ramp to the southwest corner of Shoveler Pond, and along the banks of Shoveler Pond.

2. We allow fishing and crabbing only with pole and line, rod and reel, or handheld line. We prohibit the use any method not expressly allowed, including trotlines, setlines, jug lines, limb lines, bows and arrows, gigs, spears, or crab traps.

3. We allow cast netting for bait for personal use along waterways in areas open to the public and along public roads.

4. We prohibit boats and other floatation devices on inland waters. You may launch motorized boats in East Bay at the East Bay Boat Ramp on Westline Road and at the Oyster Bayou Boat Ramp (boat canal). We prohibit the launching of airboats or personal watercraft on the refuge. You may launch nonmotorized boats only along East Bay Bayou and along the shoreline of East Galveston Bay.

5. We prohibit fishing from or mooring to water control structures.

#### ARANSAS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of ducks, coots, and mergansers on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Each adult hunter 17 years of age or older must possess an Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH) administered by the State.

2. Hunters may enter the refuge hunt units no earlier than 4 a.m. Hunting starts at the designated legal shooting time and ends at 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters must leave refuge hunt units by 12:30 p.m.

3. Youth under 17 years of age are required to be under the immediate supervision of a duly permitted, authorized supervising adult, age 18 or older.

4. Shotguns with nontoxic shot are the legal means that may be used or possessed during these hunts (see §32.2(k)).

5. We prohibit pits and permanent blinds. We allow portable blinds or temporary natural vegetation blinds. You must remove all blinds from the refuge daily (see §27.93 of this chapter).

6. We only allow vehicular travel on designated roads and in parking areas.

7. All hunters are transported to and from their hunting location by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) personnel.

8. Hunter check-in begins at 5:00 a.m. and ends at 5:30 a.m. All hunters are required to

check in and out at the hunter check station located on the north end of the Island.

9. Hunters will select hunt sites on a first-come, first-served basis.

10. Waterfowl hunts are morning only, begin at legal shooting time, and end at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

11. Dogs accompanying hunters must be under the immediate control of handlers at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

12. Hunters must remove all decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, and other equipment from the refuge daily (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit the use of plastic flagging, reflectors, or reflective tape.

13. Hunting of geese is prohibited.

14. The entire refuge or any portion thereof may immediately close to hunting in the event of whooping cranes present within the hunt area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. On the Blackjack Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

i. We may immediately close the entire refuge or any portion thereof to hunting in the event of the appearance of whooping crane in the hunt area or in order to conduct habitat management practices as required during the available windows (*e.g.*, prescribed burns, roller chopping, fire breaks).

ii. We prohibit the use of dogs to trail game.

iii. We prohibit target practice or any non-hunting discharge of firearms.

iv. We prohibit hunting with the aid of bait, salt, or any ingestible attractant (see § 32.2(h)). We allow sprays and other non-ingestible attractants.

v. Firearm hunters must wear a total of 400 square inches (2,600 square centimeters) hunter orange, including 144 square inches (936 square centimeters) visible in front and 144 square inches visible in rear. Some hunter orange must appear on head gear.

vi. All hunters must fill out FWS Form 3-2359 (Big Game Harvest Report) upon leaving the hunt area.

vii. For the archery and rifle season, hunters must obtain a refuge permit (name only required) and pay a fee. The hunter must tape the smaller vehicle tag on the driver's side windshield. The hunter must sign the larger permit and possess it at all times while on the refuge.

viii. We define youth hunters as ages 9 to 16. A Texas-licensed, adult hunter, age 17 or older who has successfully completed a Hunter Education Training Course, must accompany youth hunters. We exempt those persons born prior to September 2, 1971, from the Hunter Education Training course re-

quirement. Each adult hunter may supervise two youth hunters.

ix. We will annually designate bag limits in the refuge hunt brochure.

x. We allow archery hunting within the deer season for the county on specified days listed in the refuge hunt brochure.

xi. We allow firearm hunting within the deer season for the county on specified days listed in the refuge hunt brochure.

xii. Hunters must clean all harvested game in the field.

xiii. We prohibit hunting on or across any part of the refuge road system, or hunting from a vehicle on any refuge road or road right-of-way. Hunters must remain at a minimum of 100 yards (90 meters) off any designated refuge road or structure.

xiv. We prohibit hunters using handguns during archery and rifle hunts. Hunters may use bows and arrows only in accordance with State law. We prohibit use of crossbows for hunting unless we issue a special use permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) due to "upper 2 limb" disability. We allow the use of archery equipment and centerfire rifles for hunting in accordance with State law.

xv. We allow use of portable hunting stands, stalking of game, and still hunting. There is a limit of two portable stands per permitted hunter. A hunter may set up the portable stands during the scouting week, but must remove them when the hunter's permit expires (see § 27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit hunters from driving nails, spikes, or other objects into trees or hunting from stands secured with objects driven into trees (see § 32.2(i)). We prohibit the building of pits and permanent blinds.

xvi. We prohibit blocking of gates and roadways (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter). We prohibit vehicles operating off-road for any reason. Hunters must park vehicles in such a manner as to not obstruct normal vehicle traffic.

xvii. We allow the use of only biodegradable flagging tape to mark trails and hunt stand location during the archery and rifle hunts on the refuge. We color-code the flagging tape used each weekend during the rifle hunts. Hunters must use the designated flagging tape color specified for particular hunt dates. We provide this information on the refuge hunt permit and in refuge regulations sent to permittees. Hunters must remove flagging (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of the hunt. The hunter must write his/her last name in black permanent marker on the first piece of flagging tape nearest the adjacent designated roadway.

xiii. We prohibit camping.

2. On the Matagorda Island Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

i. Big Game Hunting Blackjack Unit conditions: C.1.i through C.1.vi apply.

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ii. Special permits are issued by lottery drawing through the TPWD Public Hunting Program for big game hunts.

iii. TPWD staff will transport all hunters to and from the designated hunting stand.

iv. All hunters are required to stay in their designated stand unless they are retrieving their game. Stalking of game is prohibited.

v. For hunts administered by TPWD, youth hunters are not required to complete a Hunter Education Training Course. However, supervising adults born on or after September 2, 1971, must have passed a Hunter Education Training Course or possess a State-issued deferral.

vi. Each adult hunter may supervise up to two youth hunters.

vii. Hunters can clean all harvested game in the field or at the designated cleaning area at the headquarters.

viii. All deer harvested during the hunt will be tagged with a TPWD-issued Special Drawn Legal Deer Tag.

ix. Hunters are allowed to camp in the designated camping area.

3. On the Tatton Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

1. Big Game Hunting Blackjack Unit conditions: C.1.i through C.1.v apply.

ii. We define youth hunters as ages 9 to 16. All hunters born after September 2, 1971 must have completed a State-certified hunter education course for refuge administered hunts. A Texas-licensed, adult hunter, age 17 or older who has successfully completed a Hunter Education Training Course, must accompany youth hunters. We exempt those persons born prior to September 2, 1971, from the Hunter Education Training course requirement.

iii. Hunters are transported to and from their hunting location via government vehicles.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You may not use crab traps in any refuge marshes, including Matagorda Island.

2. Beginning April 15 through October 15, you may fish on the refuge only in areas designated in the refuge fishing brochure. From October 16 through April 14, the only area open to fishing is adjacent to the picnic area off of the fishing pier, and we also allow wade fishing in that immediate area. You may fish all year in marshes on Matagorda Island.

3. We prohibit consumption of alcohol or possession of open alcohol containers (see §32.5(e)).

### BALCONES CANYONLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning, white-wing, rock, and Eurasian-collared dove on designated areas

of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The hunting season will be consistent with the State season.

2. Hunting allowed in designated area(s) from noon to sunset.

3. Refuge will set the bag limits.

4. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

5. Refuge permits (name only) are required with payment of a hunt fee.

6. Dogs are allowed to retrieve game birds during the hunt, but the dogs must be under control of the handler at all times and not allowed to roam free (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

7. Hunters must be at least 12 years of age. An adult 21 years of age or older must accompany hunters between the ages of 12 and 17 (inclusive) as per State regulations.

8. We prohibit use or possession of alcohol while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

9. The entire refuge or any portion thereof may be closed to hunting for the protection of resources or public safety as determined by the Refuge Manager.

10. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

11. Hunter may bring up to two guests. Guests may not use a hunting firearm. Guests must be with the hunter at all times.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of wild turkey at designated times on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is permitted consistent with the State season.

2. Hunters are required to check in and out daily at designated check station(s).

3. Weapons will be consistent with State and Federal regulations.

4. The entire refuge or any portion thereof may be closed to hunting for the protection of resources or public safety as determined by the Refuge Manager.

5. Hunters must be at least 12 years of age. An adult 21 years of age or older must accompany hunters between the ages of 12 and 17 (inclusive) as per State regulations. This adult may supervise no more than two hunters.

6. The refuge will set the bag limits.

7. Hunters must visibly wear 400 square inches (2,600 square centimeters) of hunter orange on the outermost layer of the head, chest, and back, which must include a hunter-orange hat or cap.

8. Refuge permits and the payment of a hunt fee are required.

9. Dogs are not allowed for hunting.

10. Vehicles may only be operated on designated roads and parking areas.

11. Off road use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) is prohibited, except to retrieve bagged game.

12. Standby hunting permits are issued only if openings are available on the day of each hunt on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Refuge Manager for details.

13. The use or possession of bait is prohibited during scouting or hunting (see §32.2(h)). Bait is considered anything that may be eaten or ingested by wildlife. Scent attractants are allowed.

14. A hunter may bring one guest. Guest may not use a hunting firearm or other hunting weapon (archery). Guest may assist hunter in game retrieval or field dressing activities. Guest must be with the hunter at all times.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog at designated times on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions B1 through B14 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### BIG BOGGY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Season dates will be concurrent with the State for the September teal season, youth-only season, and duck and coot regular season in the Texas South Zone, and goose regular season in the Texas East Zone, with the exception that we will prohibit duck (not including the September teal and youth-only seasons) and coot hunting on the refuge until the last Saturday in October. If the State-specified duck and coot regular season opens later than the last Saturday in October, then hunting on the refuge will open consistent with the State-specified season date.

2. Hunters may enter the refuge hunt units no earlier than 4 a.m. Hunting starts at the designated legal shooting time and ends at 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters must leave refuge hunt units by 1:00 p.m.

3. We only allow the use of airboats in tidal navigable waters unless otherwise posted.

4. We prohibit target practice on the refuge.

5. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

6. We prohibit the building or use of pits and permanent blinds (see §§27.92 and 27.93 of this chapter).

7. We only allow the use of motorized boats, including airboats, in open tidal waters. We prohibit the operation of motorized boats on or through emergent and submergent wetland vegetation, or in shallow water where bottom gouging could occur. Motorized boats may enter shallow water by drifting, polling, or by means of trolling motor where it does not cause damage to the bottom.

8. You must remove all decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, vegetation (blind material), and other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge daily. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging, reflectors, or reflective tape.

9. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages in all public hunting areas and parking lots.

10. We prohibit camping and/or campfires in all public hunting areas and parking lots.

11. We prohibit blocking of gates and roadways (see §27.31(h) of this chapter). We prohibit vehicles operating off-road for any reason. Hunters must park vehicles in designated parking areas, and in such a manner as to not obstruct normal vehicle traffic.

12. The minimum allowed distance between hunt parties is 100 yards (91.44 meters).

13. We prohibit entry (scouting) in the public waterfowl hunting areas prior to the opening of the State-specified waterfowl hunting seasons.

14. We restrict vehicle access to service roads not closed by gates or signs. We prohibit the use of motorized vehicles (see §27.31 of this chapter). You may access hunt units from land only by foot or nonmotorized bicycle. You may access public waterfowl hunting areas by motorized boat from State waters, where applicable.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### BRAZORIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Season dates will be concurrent with the State for the September teal season, youth-only season, and duck and coot regular season in the Texas South Zone, and goose regular season in the Texas East Zone, with the exception that we will prohibit duck (not including the September teal and youth-only seasons) and coot hunting on the refuge until the last Saturday in October. If the State-specified duck and coot regular season opens later than the last Saturday in October, then hunting on the refuge will open consistent with the State-specified season date.

2. Hunters may enter the refuge hunt units no earlier than 4 a.m. Hunting starts at the designated legal shooting time and ends at 12

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p.m. (noon). Hunters must leave refuge hunt units by 1:00 p.m.

3. We allow hunting in the Alligator Marsh public waterfowl hunting area (see map) daily during the September Teal season and on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays of the regular waterfowl season.

4. We prohibit the building of pits and permanent blinds.

5. We only allow the use of motorized boats, including airboats, in open tidal waters. We prohibit the operation of motorized boats on or through emergent and submergent wetland vegetation, or in shallow water where bottom gouging could occur. Motorized boats may enter shallow water by drifting, polling, or by means of trolling motor where it does not cause damage to the bottom.

6. We prohibit target practice on the refuge.

7. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

8. You must remove all decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, vegetation (blind material), and other equipment (see § 27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge daily. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging, reflectors, or reflective tape.

9. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages in all public hunting areas and parking lots.

10. We prohibit camping and/or campfires in all public hunting areas and parking lots.

11. We prohibit blocking of gates and roadways (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter). We prohibit vehicles operating off-road for any reason. Hunters must park vehicles in designated parking areas, and in such a manner as to not obstruct normal vehicle traffic.

12. The minimum allowed distance between hunt parties is 100 yards (91.44 meters (m)).

13. We allow the retrieval of downed waterfowl inside a 100-yard (91.44-m) retrieval zone west of Middle bayou. We also allow the retrieval of downed waterfowl inside a 100-yard (91.44-m) retrieval zone around the portions of Alligator Lake that are open to hunting.

14. We prohibit entry (scouting) in the public waterfowl hunting areas prior to the opening of the State-specified waterfowl hunting seasons.

15. We restrict vehicle access to service roads not closed by gates or signs. We prohibit the use of motorized vehicles (see § 27.31 of this chapter). You may access hunt units from land only by foot or nonmotorized bicycle. You may access public waterfowl hunting areas by motorized boat from State waters, where applicable.

16. We prohibit hunting in Salt Lake, Nicks Lake, and East Lost Lake, which are

refuge waters designated as public fishing areas.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing only on Nick's Lake, Salt Lake, and Lost Lake.

2. We allow access for shore fishing at Bastrop Bayou, Clay Banks, and Salt Lake Public Fishing Areas; we prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages in all Public Fishing Areas.

3. We open Bastrop Bayou to fishing 24 hours a day; we prohibit camping.

4. We open all other fishing areas from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

5. We only allow nonmotorized boat launching at the Salt Lake and Clay Banks public fishing areas. The refuge provides no other boat launching facilities. Anglers must park motor vehicles used for launching nonmotorized boats at the Salt Lake and Clay Banks public fishing areas in the designated parking area.

6. We prohibit the use of trotlines, sail lines, set lines, jugs, gigs, spears, bush hooks, snatch hooks, crossbows, or bows and arrows of any type.

7. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

8. Condition A5 applies.

### BUFFALO LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* Hunting of pheasant is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to pay a fee and obtain a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G).

2. Hunters may hunt only one day each year.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

4. Hunting is limited to five days, opening on Saturday in accordance with the opening of the State of Texas hunting season, and the subsequent Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

5. Hunting hours will be from 9 a.m. to the close of legal shooting time as listed in the State of Texas pheasant hunting regulations.

6. All hunters must check in and out at refuge headquarters.

7. Only shotguns are permitted.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, mule deer, and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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1. We prohibit recreational shooting and target practice or any non-hunting discharge.
2. We prohibit shooting or hunting of all animals except deer and feral hogs during the hunt.
3. We prohibit any use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).
4. We prohibit the use of dogs for big game hunting.
5. We prohibit the use of horses.
6. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on refuge lands (see §32.2(j)).
7. We prohibit the use of tree stands or any devices such as nails, tacks, and scaffolding used to climb trees, tripod types of blinds, or other elevated blinds.
8. You are not allowed on the refuge after dark except in designated camping areas.
9. Youth hunt:
  - i. We define youth hunters as ages 9 to 16 years of age. To participate in the youth hunt, youth hunters must be no younger than age 9 and no older than age 16 at the time they apply for a permit to hunt (see condition A.10.iv) and when the hunt occurs.
  - ii. A Texas-licensed, adult supervisor age 18 or older who has successfully completed a Hunter Education Certification Course (“adult supervisor”) must accompany youth hunters. Adult supervisors born prior to September 2, 1971, are exempt from the hunter-education requirement.
  - iii. When hunting, each adult supervisor may supervise only one youth hunter. A youth hunter may have up to two supervisors.
  - iv. All youth hunters must carry a valid Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) when hunting. Special Use Permits are available at the refuge office.
  - v. You must provide proof of the youth hunter’s or supervisor’s successful completion of a State hunter-safety course to refuge staff at the time of the hunt or the youth hunter will not be allowed to hunt. Adult supervisors born prior to September 2, 1971, are exempt from the hunter-safety course requirement.
  - vi. When hunting, the adult supervisor must be within normal voice control of the youth hunter at all times.
  - vii. Adult supervisors are not allowed to hunt during the youth hunt.
10. We may close hunting areas at any time due to fire dangers, inclement weather, or other unforeseen circumstances.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### CADDO LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

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1. We prohibit the use of motorized off-road vehicles (e.g., ATVs) on the refuge (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).
2. We set season dates and bag limits annually and publish them in the refuge public use regulations available at the refuge office.
3. Deer archery hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) while hunting.
4. You may hunt only big game during designated refuge seasons.
5. You may hunt feral hog during any established refuge hunting season. Refuge permits and legal weapons apply for the current hunting season.
6. We allow hunters to access the refuge no more than 2 hours before legal sunrise and no more than 2 hours after legal sunset.
7. We define youth hunters as ages 9–16. A Texas-licensed, adult hunter, age 17 or older who has successfully completed a Hunter Education Training Course, must accompany youth hunters. We exempt those persons born prior to September 2, 1971, from the Hunter Education Training course requirement. We define accompanied as being within normal voice contact. Each adult hunter may supervise only one youth hunter.
8. You may participate in the refuge firearms deer hunt only with a Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354) issued through random drawing. You may obtain information on permit applications at the refuge headquarters.
9. We allow the use of only portable blinds and tree stands on the refuge. You must remove blinds, tree stands, and all other personal equipment from the refuge at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).
10. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or other feed or nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).
11. We prohibit the use of dogs, feeders, campsites, and all-terrain vehicles (we may allow all-terrain vehicles for medically documented disabled hunters by Special Use Permit (SUP) [FWS Form 3-1383] only). Contact the wildlife refuge manager for guidelines to obtain a SUP.
12. Hunters must conspicuously wear day-light-fluorescent orange as per State deer hunting regulations on public hunting lands.
13. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on a national wildlife refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### HAGERMAN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove in the month of September on designated areas of the refuge

in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge brochure (which serves as your Migratory Game Bird/Upland Game permit). The permit is available free of charge at the refuge headquarters.

2. We require the hunter to self check-in and check out.

3. We allow only shotguns for hunting.

4. You may possess shot for hunting no larger than #4 in the hunting area.

5. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

6. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any Day Use Area or walking trail.

7. We prohibit target practice or any non-hunting discharge of firearms.

8. We prohibit falconry.

9. We allow retriever dogs, but the dogs must be under the control of the handler at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

10. We prohibit airboats, hovercraft, and personal watercraft (Jet Skis, wave runner, jet boats, etc.) year-round on refuge waters.

11. We prohibit building or hunting from permanent blinds.

12. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

13. We prohibit horses.

14. We prohibit glass containers.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit in the months of February and September on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions: Conditions A1 through A14 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a limited hunt permit (name) for archery deer, feral hog, and spring turkey hunts. In partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, we allow a special youth hunt as listed on the refuge hunt information sheet. For additional information on how to apply, contact the refuge headquarters at 903-786-2826.

2. Conditions A2, A5 through A7, and A10 through A14 apply.

3. We restrict hunt participants for limited hunts to those drawn for and in possession of a limited hunt permit (name). The permits are nontransferable. Hunt dates and application procedures will be available annually at the refuge headquarters.

4. We allow limited hunts for feral hog, archery deer, and spring turkey. We allow muzzleloaders, bow and arrow, and shotguns for feral hog and spring turkey hunts. You may possess only lead-free, nontoxic (steel, bismuth, copper, or tungsten) bullets, slugs, and shot (00 buck for hogs, no shell larger than No. 4 shot size for turkey).

5. We require all hunters to check-in, show proof of personal identification, and produce

a valid limited hunt permit (see C1) prior to the hunt.

6. We limit each hunter to one stand, which the hunter may place on the refuge during the day preceding each hunt. You must remove all stands by legal sunset on the last day of each hunt.

7. We prohibit the use of nonbiodegradable flagging, blazing, tacks, nails, or other trail marking devices to locate stands or for any other purpose.

8. Hunters must check all game harvested during limited hunts at the refuge check station the same day of the kill and prior to leaving the refuge for the day.

9. We prohibit crossbows except by special permit (General Special Use Application and Permit FWS Form 3-1383-G) issued on a case-by-case basis by the refuge manager to accommodate hunter accessibility needs.

10. We divide the refuge into six hunting units, and we may rotate areas open to hunting annually. We allow hunting only on designated days and only on areas identified annually by the refuge.

11. We require proof of completion of a bow hunter education course for all archery hunting.

12. We require annual successful completion of an archery proficiency test with a score of 80 percent or higher for all deer and turkey hunt permit holders.

13. Hunting is from stands, blinds, or by stalking only.

14. We prohibit cutting of trees or limbs greater than 1 inch (2.5 cm).

15. We will close the hunt units to public entry the day prior to each hunt segment.

16. We will allow hunters with valid limited permits to place hunt stands on trees the day before their hunt segment begins, but they must first check-in at the hunter check station. They may not enter any hunt unit until 8 a.m., and they must leave the unit by 2 p.m. We will disqualify anyone in violation from hunting.

17. There is no bag or size limit on the harvesting of feral hogs.

18. We prohibit scouting the day prior to and during each hunt segment.

19. We require hunters to wear a safety harness while hunting in elevated stands.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Lake Texoma and connected streams are open to fishing year-round. We require a valid State of Texas or Lake Texoma fishing license in accordance with State regulations.

2. Conditions A10, and A12 through A14 apply.

3. You may bank fish on Lake Texoma with pole and line, rod and reel, or hand line year-round.

4. We allow wade fishing in refuge ponds March 15 through October 1 annually from

all areas except Refuge Road, Wildlife Drive, Plover Road, Tern Road, and Egret Road.

5. We allow fishing in refuge ponds March 15 through September 30 annually. We require a valid State of Texas or Lake Texoma fishing license in accordance with State regulations.

6. Anglers may not use any glass containers, plastic jugs, or plastic bottles as floats.

7. We prohibit discarding any type of fishing line.

8. You may only take bait for personal use while fishing in refuge waters in accordance with Texas State law. We prohibit removal of bait from the refuge for commercial sales or use.

9. We prohibit fishing from bridges.

10. We allow the use of bow and arrow to take nongame fish on refuge waters except from Refuge Road, Wildlife Drive, Plover Road, Tern Road, and Egret Road.

11. We prohibit limb line, throw lines, jug lines, seine nets, noodling, and yo-yos.

12. We prohibit taking frog, turtle, and mussel from refuge lands and waters (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

13. We prohibit taking any fish or bait for any purpose from refuge impoundments year-round.

14. We prohibit entry into refuge impoundments and ponds by any means (*i.e.*, foot, boat, other floating device) for any purpose year-round.

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REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and nilgai antelope on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to pay a fee and obtain a refuge hunt permit (name and address only). We issue replacement permits for an additional nominal fee. All hunt fees are nonrefundable. We require the hunter to possess and carry a signed and dated refuge hunt permit.

2. We allow archery and firearm hunting on designated units of the refuge. Units 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8 are open to archery hunting during designated dates. Units 2, 3, 5, and 8 are open to firearm hunting during designated dates. We close the following areas to hunting: Adolph Thomae, Jr. County Park in Unit 3, posted “No Hunting Zones” within all hunt units, La Selva Verde Tract (Armstrong), Waller Tract, Tocayo (COHYCO, Inc.) Tract, Frieze Tract, Escondido Tract, Sendero del Gato, Resaca de la Gringa, Bahia Grande Unit, South Padre Island Unit, and the Boswell Tract.

3. We offer hunting during specific portions of the State hunting season. We determine

specific deer hunt dates annually, and they usually fall within October, November, December, and January. We may provide special feral hog and nilgai antelope hunts to reduce populations at any time during the year.

3. We offer hunting during specific portions of the State hunting season. We determine specific deer hunt dates annually, and they usually fall within November, December, and January. We may provide special feral hog and nilgai antelope hunts to reduce populations at any time during the year.

4. We annually establish a specific bag limit for deer hunted on the refuge in the refuge hunt brochure and permit. We have an unlimited bag limit on feral hog and nilgai antelope.

5. We require hunters to visibly wear 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter orange, which includes wearing a minimum of 144 square inches (936 cm<sup>2</sup>) visible on the chest, a minimum of 144 square inches visible on the back, and a hunter-orange hat or cap visible on the head when in the field. We allow hunter-orange camouflage patterns. We allow archery hunters during the archery-only hunts to remove their hunter orange in the field only when hunting at a stationary location.

6. We define youth hunters as ages 9 through 16. A Texas-licensed adult hunter, age 21 or older who has successfully completed a Hunter Education Training Course or is exempt, must accompany the youth hunter. We exempt those persons born prior to September 2, 1971, from the Hunter Education Training course requirement. We define accompanied as being within normal voice contact of the adult. Each adult hunter may supervise only one youth hunter.

7. Hunting means and methods, including use of firearms, archery, and crossbows, will be in accordance with State regulations unless otherwise designated. We publish this information in the refuge hunting sheet.

8. We allow a scouting period prior to the commencement of the refuge deer hunting season. A permitted hunter and a limit of two nonpermitted individuals may enter the hunt units during the scouting period. We allow access to the units during the scouting period from 1½ hours before legal sunrise to legal sunset. You must clearly display the refuge-issued Hunter Vehicle Validation Tag/Scouting Permit (available from the refuge office) face up on the vehicle dashboard when hunting and scouting.

9. We allow hunters to enter the refuge only 1 hour before legal shooting hours during the permitted hunt season. We may require hunters to check out daily at the refuge check station at the end of their hunt or no later than 1 hour after legal shooting hours.

10. We allow vehicle parking at Unit 1 and Unit 6 designated parking areas and along

the roadside of General Brandt Road (FM 106), Buena Vista Road, Lakeside Road, and County Road.

11. We restrict vehicle access to service roads not closed by gates or signs. We prohibit the use of motorized vehicles (see §27.31 of this chapter). You may access hunt units only by foot or by bicycle.

12. We allow hunting from portable stands or by stalking and still hunting. There is a limit of one blind or stand per permitted hunter. You must attach hunter identification (name and phone number) to the blind or stand. We prohibit attaching blinds and stands to trees or making blinds and stands from natural vegetation (see §§27.51 of this chapter and 32.2(i)). You must remove all blinds and stands (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of the permitted hunt season.

13. We prohibit the possession or use of dogs while scouting or hunting.

14. Hunters must field-dress all harvested big game in the field and check the game at the refuge check station before removal from the refuge. You may quarter deer, feral hog, and nilgai antelope in the field as defined by State regulations. You may use a non-motorized cart to assist with the transportation of harvested game animals.

15. We prohibit killing or wounding an animal covered in this section and intentionally or knowingly failing to make a reasonable effort to retrieve and include it in the hunter's bag limit.

16. We prohibit use of or hunting from any type of watercraft or floating device.

17. Hunters must receive authorization from a refuge employee to enter closed refuge areas to retrieve harvested game.

18. We reserve the right to revoke or deny any permit for up to 5 years due to unsafe conduct or violation of one or more refuge regulations; this includes a demonstrated lack of public or hunter safety to a degree that may endanger oneself or other persons or property; multiple refuge regulation violations; aggressive, abusive, or intimidating behavior towards any employee of the United States or any local or State government employee engaged in official business, or towards any private person engaged in official business, or towards any private person engaged in the pursuit of a permitted activity on the refuge.

19. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow fishing and crabbing from Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park on San Martin Lake of the Bahia Grande Unit, and on the South Padre Island Unit year-round.

2. We require payment of an entry fee and boat launch at Adolph Thomae, Jr. County Park. We allow access to Adolph Thomae, Jr. County Park in accordance with the Cameron County Parks Department.

3. We only allow pole and line, rod and reel, hand line, dip net, or cast net for fishing. We prohibit the use of crab traps or pots for crabbing. Anglers must attend all fishing lines, crabbing equipment, or other fishing devices at all times.

4. We prohibit the taking and use of frog, salamander, and other amphibian as bait.

5. We allow the use of boats for sport fishing. You may launch boats at Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park. We only allow bank and wade fishing on the shoreline of San Martin Lake within the refuge boundary. We only allow access by foot behind posted refuge boundary signs.

6. We only allow camping at Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park.

#### LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. The hunting season will be concurrent with the State season. We publish this information in the refuge hunting sheet.

2. The bag and possession limits will be consistent with State regulations.

3. You must possess and use only approved nontoxic shot for hunting while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

4. Hunters must contact the refuge office for designated tracts of the refuge and details.

5. We may close refuge tracts to hunting for the protection of resources, as determined by the refuge manager.

6. We require hunters to pay a fee to obtain a refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and to possess and carry that permit at all times during your designated hunt period. Hunters must also display the refuge-issued vehicle placard (part of the hunt permit) while participating in the designated hunt period. Hunters, including youth hunters, must also have a valid hunting license, proof of hunter's education certification, and picture identification in order to obtain a refuge hunt permit and must possess the items listed in this condition (A6) while on the refuge hunt.

7. You should park in designated refuge parking areas if they are available. You may park along County roads; however, you must not block the path of traffic, access to the

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refuge, or private property. We will tow inappropriately parked vehicles at the owner's expense.

8. We define youth hunters as ages 9 to 16. A Texas-licensed, adult hunter, age 17 or older who has successfully completed a Hunter Education Training course, must accompany youth hunters. We exempt those persons born prior to September 2, 1971, from the Hunter Education Training Course requirement. We define accompanied as being within normal voice contact. Each adult hunter may supervise only one youth hunter.

9. You may access the refuge during your permitted hunt period from 1 hour before legal hunt time to 1 hour after legal hunt time; however, you may not hunt outside of the legal hunt hours.

10. Your licenses, permits, hunting equipment, effects, and vehicles or other conveyances are subject to inspection by Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers.

11. We restrict hunt participants to those listed on the refuge hunt permit (hunter, nonhunting chaperone, and nonhunting assistant). We require all participants to wear hunter orange according to Texas State regulations: 400 square inches (2,580.6 square centimeters) that is visible on the chest, back, and head.

12. We allow only the hunter to hunt and carry or discharge the applicable hunting shotgun, muzzleloader, rifle, or bow.

13. We allow hunters to use bicycles on designated routes of travel.

14. You may use properly trained retriever dogs to retrieve doves during the hunt, but the dog must be under the control of the handler at all times (dogs must not be allowed to roam free).

15. We prohibit hunters discharging firearms for any purpose other than to take or attempt to take a game bird listed in the introductory text of this paragraph A.

16. We prohibit use of flagging or any other type of marker.

17. We prohibit hunters cutting or trimming any vegetation or brush.

18. We prohibit overnight camping.

19. We prohibit the use of motorized vehicles.

20. We prohibit the use or possession of alcohol while hunting on the refuge.

21. We prohibit the use or possession of bait during scouting or hunting. We consider bait to be anything that may be eaten or ingested by wildlife.

22. We reserve the right to revoke or deny any permit for up to 5 years for the following conditions: Lack of public safety to a degree that may endanger oneself or other persons or property; multiple regulation violations; or aggressive, abusive, or intimidating demeanor to any employee of the United States or of any local or State government engaged in official business, or with any pri-

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vate person engaged in the pursuit of an allowed activity on the refuge.

23. Persons, possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and nilgai antelope on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A4 through A13, and A16 through A23 apply.

2. We offer hunting during specific portions of the State hunting season. We determine specific hunt dates annually. We publish this information in the refuge hunting sheet.

3. We allow archery and firearm hunting on designated tracts of the refuge. We open Teniente Tract to archery and firearm hunting during designated dates. We open East Lake Tract to firearm hunting during designated dates.

4. Hunters must follow the Hunting Means and Methods of Firearms, Archery and Crossbows outlined in the Texas Wildlife and Parks Department's (TPWD's) regulations unless otherwise designated. We will publish changes from the TPWD regulations that are applicable to hunting on the refuge in the refuge hunting tear sheet, which is available at the refuge office.

5. We allow the use of rattling horns.

6. We allow free-standing blinds or tripods. Hunters may set them up during the scouting days preceding each permitted hunt date and must take them down by the end of such hunt date. Hunters must mark and tag all stands with their name, contact number, and hunt date during the period of use.

7. Hunters must field-dress all harvested big game in the field.

8. Hunters may use nonmotorized dollies or carts off improved roads or trails to haul carcasses to a parking area.

9. We prohibit use of big game decoys.

10. We prohibit use or possession of dogs, horses, or mules on the refuge during big game refuge hunt.

11. We prohibit the killing, wounding, taking, or possession of an animal listed in the introductory text of this paragraph C while intentionally or knowingly failing to make a reasonable effort to retrieve or keep the edible portions of the animal and include it in your bag limit.

12. We prohibit discharge of firearms or bows and arrows for any purpose other than to take or attempt to take an animal listed in the introductory text of this paragraph C during your established hunt.

13. We annually establish specific bag limits for white-tailed deer based on survey data provided by the refuge or State. We establish no bag limits for feral hog or nilgai antelope. We publish this information in the refuge hunting sheet.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

MCFADDIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Season dates will be concurrent with the State for the September teal season, youth-only season, and duck and coot regular season in the Texas South Zone, and goose regular season in the Texas East Zone, with the exception that we will prohibit duck (not including the September teal and youth-only seasons) and coot hunting on the refuge until the last Saturday in October. If the State-specified duck and coot regular season opens later than the last Saturday in October, then hunting on the refuge will open consistent with the State-specified season date.

2. You must possess and carry a current signed refuge hunting permit while hunting on all units of the refuge.

3. Hunters must enter the refuge hunt units between 4 a.m. and ½ hour before the designated legal shooting time. Hunting starts at legal shooting time and ends at 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters must leave refuge hunt units by 12:30 p.m. We close refuge hunt units on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

4. You may access hunt areas by foot, non-motorized watercraft, outboard motorboat, or airboat. Airboats may not exceed 10 hp with direct drive with a propeller length of 48 inches (120 cm) or less. Engines may not exceed 2 cylinders and 484 cc. We prohibit all other motorized vehicles. We prohibit marsh buggies, ATVs, and personal watercraft (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

5. On inland waters of the refuge open to motorized boats, we restrict the use of boats powered by air-cooled or radiator-cooled engines to those powered by a single engine of 25 hp or less and utilizing a propeller 9 inches (22.5 cm) in diameter or less.

6. On inland waters of the refuge open to motorized boats, we restrict the operation of motorized boats to lakes, ponds, ditches, and other waterways. We prohibit the operation of motorized boats on or through emergent wetland vegetation.

7. We allow hunting in the Star Lake/Clam Lake Hunt Unit daily during the special teal season and on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays of the regular waterfowl season. During the regular waterfowl season only, all hunters hunting the Star Lake/Clam Lake Hunt Units must register at the check station, including those accessing the unit from the

beach along the Brine Line or Perkins Levee. Hunters will choose a designated hunt area on a first-come-first-served basis and will be required to remain in assigned areas for that day's hunt. All hunters accessing Star Lake and associated waters via boat must access through the refuge's Star Lake boat ramp.

8. We allow hunting in the Central Hunt Units daily during the September teal season and on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays of the regular waterfowl season.

9. We only allow hunting in the Spaced Hunt Units on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays of the regular waterfowl season. We require payment of a \$10.00 daily fee to hunt the Spaced Hunt Units. We allow a maximum of four hunters per area. Hunters must possess and carry Special Fee Area Permits while hunting.

10. We allow daily hunting in the Mud Bayou Hunt Unit during the September teal season and on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of the regular waterfowl season. We allow access by foot from the beach at designated crossings or by boat from the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway via Mud Bayou.

11. Hunters age 17 or under must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

12. We only allow shotguns for waterfowl hunting.

13. We only allow vehicular travel on designated roads and in parking areas. We prohibit blocking access to any road or trail entering or on the refuge (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

14. We prohibit pits and permanent blinds. We allow portable blinds or temporary natural vegetation blinds. You must remove all blinds from the refuge daily (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

15. The minimum permitted distance between hunt parties and between hunters and driveable roads and buildings is 200 yards (180 m). We prohibit hunting from roads or levees.

16. Dogs accompanying hunters must be under the immediate control of handlers at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

17. You must remove all decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, and other equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge daily. We prohibit use of plastic flagging, reflectors, or reflective tape on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow fishing and crabbing with pole and line, rod and reel, or handheld line. We prohibit the use of any method not expressly allowed in inland waters, including trotlines, set lines, jug lines, limb lines, bows and arrows, gigs, spears, and crab traps.

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2. We allow cast netting for bait for personal use along waterways in areas open to the public and along public roads.

3. We allow fishing and crabbing in 10-Mile Cut and Mud Bayou and in the following inland waters: Star Lake, Clam Lake, and Mud Lake. We also allow fishing and crabbing from the shoreline of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and along roadside ditches.

4. Conditions A5 and A6 apply.

5. We prohibit fishing from or mooring to water control structures.

5. Conditions A5 and A6 apply.

### SAN BERNARD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Season dates will be concurrent with the State for the September teal season, youth-only season, and duck and coot regular season in the Texas South Zone, and goose regular season in the Texas East Zone, with the exception that we will prohibit duck (not including the September teal and youth-only seasons) and coot hunting on the refuge until the last Saturday in October. If the State-specified duck and coot regular season opens later than the last Saturday in October, then hunting on the refuge will open consistent with the State-specified season date.

2. Hunters may enter the refuge hunt units no earlier than 4 a.m. Hunting starts at the designated legal shooting time and ends at 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters must leave refuge hunt units by 1:00 p.m.

3. We require hunters to use the Waterfowl Lottery Application (FWS Form 3-2355) and payment of fees for the Sargent Permit Waterfowl Hunt Area. Hunters must abide by all terms and conditions set by the permits.

4. Hunters may possess no more than 25 shot shells (in the aggregate) in the Sargent Permit Waterfowl Hunt Area.

5. We prohibit target practice on the refuge.

6. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

7. We prohibit the building or use of pits and permanent blinds (see §§27.92 and 27.93 of this chapter).

8. We only allow the use of motorized boats, including airboats, in open tidal waters. We prohibit the operation of motorized boats on or through emergent and submergent wetland vegetation, or in shallow water where bottom gouging could occur. Motorized boats may enter shallow water by drifting, polling, or by means of

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trolling motor where it does not cause damage to the bottom.

9. You must remove all decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, vegetation (blind material), and other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge daily. We prohibit the use of plastic flagging, reflectors, or reflective tape.

10. We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages in all public hunting areas and parking lots.

11. We prohibit camping and/or campfires in all public hunting areas and parking lots.

12. We prohibit blocking of gates and roadways (see §27.31(h) of this chapter). We prohibit vehicles operating off-road for any reason. Hunters must park vehicles in designated parking areas, and in such a manner as to not obstruct normal vehicle traffic.

13. The minimum allowed distance between hunt parties is 100 yards (91.44 meters).

14. We prohibit entry (scouting) in the public waterfowl hunting areas prior to the opening of the State-specified waterfowl hunting seasons.

15. We restrict vehicle access to service roads not closed by gates or signs. We prohibit the use of motorized vehicles (see §27.31 of this chapter). You may access hunt units from only by foot or nonmotorized bicycle. You may access public waterfowl hunting areas by motorized boat from State waters, where applicable.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing only on the refuge portions of Cow Trap Lakes, Cedar Lakes, and along Cedar Lake Creek.

2. We allow access for shore fishing at Cedar Lake Creek Public Fishing Area; we prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages in all Public Fishing Areas.

3. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

4. Condition A8 applies.

### TEXAS POINT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Season dates will be concurrent with the State for the September teal season, youth-only season, and duck and coot regular season in the Texas South Zone, and goose regular season in the Texas East Zone, with the

exception that we will prohibit duck (not including the September teal and youth-only seasons) and coot hunting on the refuge until the last Saturday in October. If the State-specified duck and coot regular season opens later than the last Saturday in October, then hunting on the refuge will open consistent with the State-specified season date.

2. You must possess and carry a current signed refuge hunting permit while hunting on all hunt units of the refuge.

3. Hunters must enter the refuge hunt unit between 4 a.m. and ½ hour before the designated legal shooting time. Hunting starts at legal shooting time and ends at 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters must be off refuge hunt units by 12:30 p.m. We close refuge hunt units on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

4. We allow hunting in portions of the refuge daily during the September teal season and on Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays during the regular waterfowl season.

5. You may access hunt areas by foot, non-motorized watercraft, outboard motorboat, or airboat. Airboats may not exceed 10 hp with direct drive with a propeller length of 48 inches (120 cm) or less. Engines may not exceed 2 cylinders and 484 cc. We prohibit all other motorized vehicles. We prohibit marsh buggies, ATVs, and personal watercraft (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

6. On inland waters of the refuge open to motorized boats, we restrict the use of boats powered by air-cooled or radiator-cooled engines to those powered by a single engine of 25 hp or less and utilizing a propeller 9 inches (22.5 cm) in diameter or less.

7. On inland waters of the refuge open to motorized boats, we restrict the operation of motorized boats to lakes, ponds, ditches, and other waterways. We prohibit the operation of motorized boats on or through emergent wetland vegetation.

8. Hunters age 17 or under must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

9. We only allow shotguns for waterfowl hunting.

10. We only allow vehicle travel on designated roads and in designated parking areas (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit blocking access to any road or trail entering or on the refuge (see §27.31(h) of this chapter).

11. We prohibit pits and permanent blinds. We allow portable blinds or temporary natural vegetation blinds. You must remove all blinds from the refuge daily (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

12. The minimum distance between hunt parties is 200 yards (180 m). We prohibit hunting from roads or levees.

13. Dogs accompanying hunters must be under the immediate control of handlers at all times (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

14. You must remove all decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, and other equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge daily. We prohibit use of plastic flagging, reflectors, or reflective tape on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing and crabbing only with pole and line, rod and reel, or handheld line. We prohibit the use of any method not expressly allowed in inland waters, including trotlines, set lines, jug lines, limb lines, bows and arrows, gigs, spears, and crab traps.

2. We allow cast netting for bait only by individuals along waterways in areas open to the public and along public roads.

3. Conditions A6 and A7 apply.

4. We prohibit fishing from or mooring to water control structures.

#### TRINITY RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting on Champion Lake by drawing.

2. We require an application fee for participants to enter the drawing. After the State announces hunting dates, we will issue a refuge permit to those drawn. The hunter must possess and carry the permit at all times when hunting.

3. We only allow hunting on Champion Lake Saturdays and Sundays during the State duck season. Hunters may not enter the refuge until 5 a.m. and must be off the hunt area by 12 p.m. (noon).

4. We only allow portable blinds. Hunters must remove all blinds, decoys, shell casings, and other personal equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge each day.

5. We limit motors to 10 hp or less.

6. We allow retrievers, but they must be under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

7. Each youth hunter (age 17 and under) must remain within sight and normal voice contact and under supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

8. Hunt parties must keep a minimum distance of 150 yards (135 m) between them.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting for squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to possess a refuge permit (signed brochure) and pay a fee for the hunt application. For information concerning the hunts, contact the refuge office.

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The hunter must carry the nontransferable permit at all times while hunting.

2. We will offer a limited season upland game squirrel and rabbit hunt. We require refuge permits and hunters must turn in the Upland/Small Game/Furbearer Report (FWS Form 3-2362) by the date specified on the permit. Failure to submit the report will render the hunter ineligible for the next year's limited upland game hunt. Drawings will be either by lottery or on a first-come-first-served basis. We will describe hunt units in maps and written directions.

3. We prohibit hunting along refuge roads.

4. All units are walk-in only. We prohibit hunters using dogs, feeders, baiting, campsites, fires, horses, bicycles, and all-terrain vehicles (except on designated units which allow ATV use for hunters with disabilities). We provide access for hunters with disabilities. Please contact the refuge office for additional information.

5. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32). Units will have a hunting type of weapon restriction (long gun, shotgun, or archery) due to safety concerns.

6. Youth hunters age 12 through 17 must hunt with a permitted adult age 18 or older and be within sight and normal voice contact of the adult.

7. For safety we require a minimum distance between hunt parties of 200 yards (180 m). Hunters must visibly wear 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of hunter orange above the waist and a hunter-orange hat or cap.

8. We require hunters to park only in the assigned parking area at each hunt unit. They may enter the refuge no earlier than 4:30 a.m. We will allow hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset only during the days specified on the permit.

9. Hunters may place no more than one temporary stand on the refuge. Hunters may place the stand during the scouting week before the hunt begins and must remove it the day the hunt ends. Hunters must remove all flagging or markers the day the hunt ends. We prohibit the use of paint for marking. Hunters must label blinds with the name of the permit holder. We prohibit hunting or erection of blinds along refuge roads or main trails.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We will offer limited (shortened) seasons for big game hunting of deer and feral hog. The limited hunts are during the archery, general, and muzzleloader State seasons. We

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require refuge permits (signed refuge brochure) and Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359). Hunters must turn in both forms by the date specified on the permit. Failure to submit the Harvest Report will render the hunter ineligible for the next year's limited big game hunt. Drawings are by lottery. We will describe hunt units in maps and provide written directions.

2. Conditions B3 through B9 apply.

3. We allow hunting during a designated 23-day archery season. We require participants to pay an application fee to obtain a designated number of permits. We issue a refuge permit to those individuals.

4. We allow muzzleloader hunting during the designated State season.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on most refuge tracts in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow fishing with pole and line, rod and reel, or hand-held line.

2. We prohibit the use of trotlines, setlines, bows and arrows, gigs, spears, fish traps, crab/crawfish traps or nets.

3. We prohibit the harvesting of frog or turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

4. We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

5. We limit motors to a maximum of 10 hp. We prohibit fishing or enter within 200 yards (180 m) of an established bird rookery from March through the end of June. Check at refuge headquarters for rookery locations.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BEAR RIVER MIGRATORY BIRD REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and tundra swan on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting or shooting within 100 yards (90 m) of refuge roads, parking areas, and observation platforms.

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2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

3. We allow only portable blinds and blinds made from natural vegetation. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds and/or pits for blinds (see §27.92 of this chapter).

4. You must remove boats, decoys, portable blinds, and other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

5. We allow airboats only in Refuge Unit 9 and Block C.

6. You may possess only 10 shells while hunting on or within 50 feet (15 m) from the center of Unit 1A or 2C dike.

7. We prohibit hunters or dogs to enter closed areas to retrieve downed birds.

8. We prohibit the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

9. We are closed for spring and extended season goose hunts.

10. You must possess a valid State permit to hunt swans on the refuge.

11. We prohibit all commercial guiding and outfitter activities on the refuge.

12. We prohibit entering the refuge hunting units prior to the opening day of waterfowl season.

13. We prohibit archery hunting on the refuge.

14. You may enter the refuge 2 hours before legal sunrise and must exit the refuge by 2 hours after legal sunset.

15. You may park only in designated areas.

16. We allow only legally licensed vehicles on the refuge. We prohibit use of unlicensed off-highway vehicles and all-terrain vehicles on the refuge.

17. We prohibit fires, camping, and overnight RV parking on the refuge.

18. You may discharge firearms only during legal hunting activities. We prohibit target shooting.

19. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) hunting firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and part 32).

20. You must abide by all terms and conditions in the refuge hunting brochure.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasants on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting or taking of pheasants with a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells.

2. Condition A2 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Fishermen may fish on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Fishermen may fish year-round in designated areas of the Refuge.

2. You may fish only in designated areas west of the Auto Tour Road access gate from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

3. We prohibit fishing from refuge bridges and water control structures.

4. You must remove all fishing equipment, personal property, and trash from the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

### FISH SPRINGS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, and goose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. All hunters must register individually at the visitor information station before entering the open hunting area and prior to exiting the refuge.

2. We do not allow hunters or dogs to enter closed areas to retrieve birds.

3. You may only possess firearms legally used to hunt waterfowl unless you case or break them down.

4. You may construct nonpermanent blinds. You must remove all blinds constructed out of materials other than vegetation at the end of a hunt day.

5. We allow use of small boats (15' or less). We do not allow gasoline motors and air boats.

6. You may enter the refuge 2 hours prior to sunrise and must exit the refuge by 1½ hours after sunset. You may not leave decoys, boats, vehicles, and other personal property on the refuge overnight.

7. We have a Special Blind Area for use by the disabled. We prohibit trespass for any reason by any individual not registered to utilize that area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### OURAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, and goose within Leota Bottom in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting within 100 yards (90 m) of the Green River in Leota Bottom.

2. We close the Green River within the refuge boundaries to hunting.

3. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

4. We prohibit pits and permanent blinds.

5. You may use portable blinds or blinds constructed of natural dead vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter).

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6. You must remove all decoys, shell casings, portable and temporary blinds, and other personal equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.

7. We prohibit operation of a gas-powered boat or vehicle within Leota Bottom.

8. We prohibit possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

9. During hunting season the refuge is open from 1½ hours before legal sunrise to 1½ hours after legal sunset. We gate and lock the main entrance on the west side of the Green River during closed hours.

10. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and part 32).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant and turkey in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow pheasant and turkey hunting within designated areas.

2. We prohibit hunting on the islands and sandbars within the Green River.

3. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

4. We allow turkey hunting for youth hunters only.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and elk in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow deer and elk hunting within designated areas.

2. We prohibit hunting on the islands and sandbars within the Green River.

3. You may use portable tree stands and hunting blinds that do not require drilling or nailing into a tree (see §32.2(i)). You must remove all tree stands and blinds no later than the last day of the hunting season for which you have a permit (see §27.93 of this chapter).

4. We allow any-legal-weapon elk hunting for youth, disabled, and depredation pool hunters during State seasons subject to refuge regulations.

5. We allow archery elk hunting during the general and the Uintah Basin extended archery elk hunts during State seasons subject to refuge regulations.

6. We are closed for the general any-legal-weapon (rifle) and muzzleloader bull elk hunts.

7. We allow any-legal-weapon elk hunting during limited late season antlerless elk hunts starting on December 1 during State seasons subject to refuge regulations.

8. We prohibit the use of bait or hunting over bait (see §32.2(i)).

9. We prohibit the use of trail or game cameras.

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*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing within and on the banks of the Green River (the southernmost portion of the Green River within the Refuge Boundary requires a Ute Tribe fishing permit) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit fishing on or from the diked interior impoundments or canals.

2. You may only fish with the aid of a pole, hook, and line. We prohibit trot lines, bow and arrows, spears, spear guns, cross bows, and firearms.

3. You must release unharmed any of the four endangered fish if caught (razorback sucker, Colorado pike minnow, humpbacked chub, or bonytailed chub).

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

### MISSISQUOI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, brant, merganser, coot, woodcock, and snipe in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Waterfowl—For the hunting of goose, brant, duck, merganser, and coot we divide the refuge into six discrete waterfowl hunting units: the Delta Lakeshore Area, the Saxes Pothole/Creek and Shad Island Area, the Junior Waterfowl Hunting Area (including Long Marsh Bay, Patrick Marsh, and Charcoal Creek), the Long Marsh Channel and Metcalfe Island Area, and the Maquam Swamp Area. Conditions for each area are as follows:

i. Delta Lakeshore Area includes lakeshore areas from Shad Island to the south side of Martindale Point but does not include Saxes Pothole/Creek and Shad Island Pothole.

a. We prohibit blind staking, permanent blinds, or unattended decoys.

b. We prohibit jump shooting within 200 yards (180 m) of a party hunting from a boat or blind.

c. We do not require a refuge permit to hunt in this area.

d. This area is available to youth waterfowl hunters on Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend.

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e. We prohibit entering closed areas of the refuge for any reason, except for the recovery of legally harvested animals, and in that case you may not carry a weapon (see §27.42(a) of this chapter).

f. Unarmed hunters may scout open hunting areas before a particular season opens but in no case before September 1. We do not require a hunting permit for scouting.

ii. Maquam Shore Area encompasses a 30-acre area along the lakeshore of Maquam Bay and is bounded by private land on the west and a Vermont wildlife management area on the east. a. Conditions Ali(a-f) apply.

iii. Saaxes Pothole/Creek and Shad Island Pothole encompasses Saxes Creek, Saxes Pothole, and Shad Island Pothole. This is a controlled hunting area. We stake and make available five zones (numbered 1-5) to five hunting parties in Saxe's Pothole, zone 6 is staked and available to one hunting party in Shad Island Pothole.

a. A hunting party consists of the hunter named on the permit and one guest hunter per zone per day. Nonhunters may accompany a hunting party.

b. Each hunting party must possess and carry a permit for the specific zone on the specific day they are hunting in this area. Permits are not transferable.

c. You may obtain permits for the period from the opening day of duck hunting season through the first Sunday of the duck hunting season, and for the second weekend of the duck hunting season through application to a preseason lottery. During the years when the State elects to have a split season, you may also obtain your permits for the second opening day through the following Sunday through application to the preseason lottery. On all other hunt days, you must acquire permits through self-registration at the Mac's Bend Landing no earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time on the day of the hunt.

d. Hunters selected during the preseason lottery must pay a \$10 fee. The refuge must receive the fee no earlier than 2 days before the opening of the season or forfeit the permit, which we will then make available to other hunters on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is paid for any permit assigned before the day of the hunt. There is no fee for any permit obtained on the day of the hunt.

e. On those days that we draw permits by preseason lottery, hunters must sign in at the Mac's Bend Landing by 7 a.m. before going to the assigned zone. After 7 a.m. other hunters may sign in, self-register, and use unoccupied zones.

f. At the end of each daily hunt, you must sign out and deposit a report of hunt success at the Mac's Bend Landing. When you sign out, another party may sign in and use the vacated zone. You must sign out of a zone at

Mac's Bend Landing prior to occupying a different hunting site in any of the controlled hunting areas.

g. You must hunt within 100 feet (30 m) of a numbered stake corresponding to your assigned zone. We prohibit jump shooting.

h. You must use a retrieving dog.

i. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less per day.

j. This area is open on a first-come, first-served basis to youth waterfowl hunters during the annual 2-day special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend conducted in late September. We will hold no preseason drawing and assess no fee, however, youth hunters must self-register and submit a report of their hunt.

k. We prohibit entering closed areas of the refuge for any reason, except for the recovery of legally harvested animals, and in that case we prohibit carrying a weapon (see §27.42(a) of this chapter).

l. Unarmed hunters may scout open hunting areas before a particular season opens but in no case before September 1. We do not require a hunting permit for scouting.

iv. Junior Waterfowl Hunting Area encompasses Long Marsh Bay, Patrick Marsh and that portion of Charcoal Creek south of Vermont Route 78. This is a controlled hunting area. We establish 11 blind sites for use by junior waterfowl hunters, blind sites 4-8 in Long Marsh Bay, blind sites C-F in Charcoal Creek, and blind sites A-B in Patrick Marsh.

a. Junior waterfowl hunters (ages 12-15, inclusive, at the time of the hunt) following successful completion of the annual training program (usually held the third or fourth Saturday in August) vie for blind site assignments during a lottery drawing at the conclusion of the training. The 11 blind sites are available exclusively to these junior waterfowl hunters and their mentors the first 4 Saturdays and Sundays of the duck season.

b. As an incentive to the adult volunteers who serve as mentors to junior waterfowl hunters, they will vie for blind site assignments during a lottery drawing at the conclusion of the annual junior waterfowl hunter training for the use of blind sites in the junior hunt area on the first Wednesday following the second weekend of the season. This day is known as Mentor Day. We will collect no fee from mentors for this hunt day. We will make available blinds not assigned because of this lottery to other adult hunters via a preseason lottery.

c. Following the use of the blind sites in this area by junior hunters and junior hunter mentors, all blind sites are then available to all adult hunters by permit awarded via a preseason lottery for the second Wednesday following the second weekend of the duck season; and on weekends following the junior

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hunt by a first-come, first-served, self-registration, and permitting basis at the refuge headquarters.

d. Hunters, including junior hunters, with preregistered permits must sign in at refuge headquarters no later than 7 a.m. on the date of their scheduled hunt. After 7 a.m. other hunters may sign in, self-register, and use unoccupied blind sites. Only junior hunters may hunt on the first 4 Saturdays and Sundays of the season.

e. Each junior hunter must possess and carry a free permit for the assigned blind site and day. On Mentor Day, mentors must also possess and carry this free permit for the assigned blind site. Each adult hunting party must possess and carry a permit for the blind site and day they are hunting. Permits are not transferable.

f. The mentor must accompany the junior hunter who completed the training program with him or her. We include the mentor on the permit assigned to the junior hunter. A mentor may simultaneously oversee up to two junior hunters at one blind site.

g. Each adult hunter, except mentors on Mentor Day, must pay \$10 for each permit issued because of the preseason lottery. Permits acquired by self-registration are free.

h. Only junior hunters may discharge a firearm in this area during the junior hunt periods.

i. We allow and recommend hunting from portable blinds and boat blinds constructed and placed by the refuge for the junior waterfowl hunting program at some of the blind sites. Junior hunters, with the approval of the refuge manager, may construct stationary blinds and leave them in place for the duration of the season. Otherwise, we prohibit permanent blinds.

j. All hunting must take place within 100 feet (30 m) of the stake marking the blind area. We prohibit jump shooting.

k. This area is available to refuge-trained junior waterfowl hunters during the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend in late September.

l. Shooting hours are from legal opening time until 11 a.m.

m. Hunters must deposit the Hunt Success Report portion of their permit at refuge headquarters at the end of the hunt.

n. A small flat-bottom boat, car-top boat, or canoe is necessary for access to Charcoal Creek and Patrick Marsh blind sites. Access is available at the Charcoal Creek crossing on Vermont Route 78 or from a pulloff on Route 78 about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile (1.2 km) east of the Charcoal Creek access.

o. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot shells (see § 32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less per day.

p. A hunting party consists of the hunter named on the permit and one guest hunter per blind site per day. Junior hunters may not invite a guest hunter unless it another

refuge-trained junior hunter. Nonhunters may accompany a hunting party.

q. You must use at least six decoys.

r. We prohibit entry to closed areas of the refuge for any reason, except for the recovery of legally harvested animals, and in that case you may not carry a weapon (see § 27.42(a) of this chapter).

s. Unarmed hunters may scout open hunting areas before a particular season opens but in no case before September 1. We do not require a hunting permit for scouting.

v. Long Marsh Channel and Metcalfe Island encompasses the Metcalfe Island Pothole and Long Marsh Channel. This is a controlled hunting area. We established three blind sites, designated 1–3, in Long Marsh Channel. We established three blind sites, designated 8–10, on Metcalfe Island.

a. We will limit hunting to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays throughout the waterfowl hunting season for duck.

b. You may obtain permits for the first 5 days of the duck season through application to a preseason lottery. The procedure described in the Saxes Pothole/Creek and Shad Island controlled hunt area apply. Following the first 5 days, hunters may acquire permits on a first-come, first-served basis with self-service permitting and sign in at the Mac's Bend Landing, no more than 2 hours before legal shooting time.

c. Hunters selected during the preseason lottery must pay a \$10 fee. The refuge must receive the fee no less than 2 days before the opening of the season or the permit will be forfeited and made available first to standby hunters identified at the time of the drawing, and second to other hunters on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is paid for any permit assigned before the day of the hunt. There is no fee for any permit obtained on the day of the hunt.

d. On those days that we draw permits by preseason lottery, hunters must sign in at the Mac's Bend Landing by 7 a.m. before going to the assigned zone. After 7 a.m., other hunters may sign in, self-register, and use unoccupied zones.

e. Shooting hours will be from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise until 11 a.m.

f. At the end of each daily hunt, you must sign out and deposit a report of hunt success at the Mac's Bend Landing. When a party signs out, another party may sign in and use the vacated zone. Hunters must sign out of a zone at Mac's Bend Landing prior to occupying a different hunting site in any of the controlled hunting areas.

g. You must hunt within 100 feet (30 m) of a numbered stake corresponding to your assigned zone.

h. You must use a retrieving dog.

i. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot shells (see § 32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or less per day.

j. We prohibit permanent blinds.

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- k. We prohibit jump shooting.
- l. You must use at least six decoys.
- m. You must use a boat to hunt at each of these blind sites.
- n. This area is open on a first-come, first-served basis to youth waterfowl hunters during the annual 2-day special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend conducted in late September. We will hold no preseason drawing and assess no fee, however, youth hunters must self-register and submit a report of their hunt.
- o. We will close this area to waterfowl hunting during split seasons when goose are the only waterfowl that hunters may legally take.
- p. We prohibit entry to closed areas of the refuge for any reason, except for the recovery of legally harvested animals, and in that case you may not carry a weapon (see §27.42 of this chapter).
- q. Unarmed hunters may scout open hunting areas before a particular season opens but in no case before September 1. We do not require a hunting permit for scouting.
- vi. Marquam Swamp Area encompasses about 200 acres (80 ha) west of the Central Vermont Railroad and south of Coleman's inholding and is open to migratory bird hunting with the following special requirements:
  - a. Conditions Alia and Alic through Al1 if apply.
  - b. You must use a retrieving dog.
  - c. We prohibit hunting within the area encompassing the headquarters nature trail. We identify this area with "No Hunting Zone" signs.
  - 2. Other migratory birds (including woodcock and common snipe):
    - i. The open area consists of the Delta Lakeshore Waterfowl Hunting Area excluding the Saxe's Creek/Pothole and Shad Island Pothole controlled areas.
    - ii. You may hunt woodcock and snipe in the Maquam Swamp Area, but you must have a retriever.
    - iii. We do not require a permit to hunt woodcock and snipe in these areas.
    - iv. Conditions Alie and Alif apply.
  - 3. On the Eagle Point Unit, we allow hunting of goose, duck, brant, merganser, coot, woodcock, and snipe in accordance with State regulations and these refuge-specific regulations:
    - i. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or fewer per day.
    - ii. We prohibit permanent blinds.
    - iii. You must use at least six decoys.
    - iv. Unarmed hunters may scout open hunting areas before a particular season opens but in no case before September 1. We do not require a hunting permit for scouting.
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hare, ruffed grouse, and gray squirrels on open areas of

the refuge (designated in B2 below) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

- 1. You must obtain a permit at refuge headquarters prior to hunting, and you must hold a valid State hunting license. We will collect a \$10 fee for each permit issued. The permit applies for the calendar year of issue.
- 2. You may pursue upland game: east of the Missisquoi River and north of Goose Bay Pool (as indicated by public hunting area signs), on Shad Island, on all refuge lands west of Tabor Road, and on all refuge lands between Tabor Road and the Central Vermont Railroad bed to the east, except the marked area encompassing the headquarters nature trail and the land east of Charcoal Creek and north of the marked boundary near Coleman's inholding. We mark the headquarters trail area with "No Hunting Zone" signs.
- 3. We only allow shotguns or muzzleloaders on open areas east of the Missisquoi River and on Shad Island.
- 4. You must use approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) for the shotgun hunting of all upland game species except deer.
- 5. We prohibit hunting from the end of snowshoe hare and rabbit season through September 1.
- 6. We require you to submit an annual report of the results of your hunt by December 31. Failure to do so will result in denial of a permit the following year.
- 7. We prohibit entry into closed areas of the refuge for any reason, except for the recovery of legally harvested animals, and in that case you may not carry a weapon (see §27.42(a) of this chapter).
- 8. Unarmed hunters may scout open hunting areas before a particular season opens but in no case before September 1. We do not require a hunting permit for scouting.
- 9. On the Eagle Point Unit, we allow hunting of cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hare, ruffed grouse, and gray squirrels in accordance with State regulations.
- C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer. We prohibit hunting of bear, moose, and turkey except under condition C9.
  - 2. You must obtain a permit at refuge headquarters prior to hunting, and you must hold a valid State hunting license. We will collect a \$10 fee for each permit issued. The permit applies for the calendar year of issue. Permits issued to youth hunters (licensed hunters age 16 and under) for the Youth Deer Hunting Weekend are free.
  - 3. You may pursue deer during State-designated archery and regular firearms seasons: east of the Missisquoi River and north of Goose Bay Pool (as indicated by public hunting area signs), on Shad Island, on all refuge lands west of Tabor Road, and on all

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refuge lands between Tabor Road and the Central Vermont Railroad bed to the east, except the marked safety zone encompassing the headquarters nature trail and the land east of Charcoal Creek and north of the marked boundary near Coleman's inholding.

4. We only allow shotguns, muzzleloaders, or archery equipment on open areas east and north of Vermont Route 78. We prohibit rifles in these areas at any time.

5. During the State-designated muzzleloader season and Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, you may hunt the entire area north of the line of public hunting area signs west of Mudgett Island, and all of Metcalfe Island, in addition to the open areas described in C3 above.

6. During the State regular firearms season, Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, and muzzleloader big game season, you must wear in a visible manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material.

7. You may use portable tree stands in accordance with State regulations guiding their use on State Wildlife Management Areas. We require written approval from the refuge manager on your big game hunting permit prior to leaving a stand or blind unattended. We prohibit permanent stands and blinds (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

8. Conditions B6, B7, and B8 apply.

9. On the Eagle Point Unit, we allow hunting of white-tailed deer, bear, moose, and turkey in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

i. You may use portable tree stands in accordance with State regulations guiding their use on State Wildlife Management Areas. We prohibit permanent stands and blinds.

ii. We allow training of hunting dogs during the regular hunting seasons as regulated by the State. Dog training outside the regular hunting seasons (June 1 to July 31) will be permitted by Special Use Permit (Permit Application Form: National Wildlife Refuge System General Special Use, FWS Form 1383-G) only.

iii. We require Special Use Permits to train hunting dogs from June 1 to July 31. Permits must be requested in writing from the refuge manager, Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on areas described below in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow sport fishing by boat in the west branch, east branch and main channel of the Missisquoi River, Dead Creek, and shallow water areas of the Missisquoi River delta from Goose Bay to Charcoal Creek (north of Vermont Route 78) with the following exceptions:

i. We close the following areas from ice out to July 15—Goose Bay, Saxes Creek and Pothole, Metcalfe Island Pothole, Long Marsh Channel, and Clark Marsh.

ii. We close the following areas from Labor Day to December 31—Long Marsh Bay and Long Marsh Channel.

2. We allow bank fishing along Charcoal Creek where it passes under Route 78, and along the shoreline of the Missisquoi River from refuge headquarters to Mac's Bend boat launch. Bank fishing is accessible only by foot along the Missisquoi River from Louie's Landing to Mac's Bend.

3. We prohibit fishing from any dike or from within any water management unit or any other area not specifically designated as being open under D1 and D2 above.

4. We allow ice fishing in open areas described in D1 above.

5. We allow bow fishing from a boat on refuge waters that are open to fishing as described in D1 above.

6. We prohibit taking fish with firearms within refuge boundaries.

7. We allow boat launching from Louie's Landing year-round. We allow boat launching from Mac's Bend boat launch area from September through November inclusive.

8. Anglers may collect minnows in accordance with State regulations from refuge open fishing areas for personal use. We prohibit collection of more than 2 quarts (1.9 l) per day from the refuge.

9. We authorize commercial bait dealers to take and transport minnows in excess of 2 quarts (1.9 l) per day only after acquiring a refuge Special Use Permit that will contain the following special conditions:

i. We require a \$35 fee for the Special Use Permit.

ii. The permittee must possess and carry a Commercial Bait Dealer's Permit from the Vermont Commissioner of Fish.

iii. Excessive fish mortality and waste, as determined by the refuge manager, will result in revocation of the Special Use Permit and denial of future permit applications.

iv. The permittee must remove all traps and holding cages (see § 27.93 of this chapter) within 1 week of permanent freeze up.

v. The Special Use Permit must be in the possession of the permittee or an employee of the permittee on site while on the refuge and is not transferable to another individual or party.

vi. The Special Use Permit does not grant or imply permission to obstruct any refuge road, parking area, boat launch, or waterway at any time.

vii. The permittee must keep all equipment used clean so as not to introduce aquatic nuisance species. The permittee must not clean or empty tanks and other equipment used into refuge waters.

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viii. Failure to comply with conditions of the Special Use Permit will result in its revocation and the denial of future permit applications.

### SILVIO O. CONTE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of ducks, geese, crows, and American woodcock at the Nulhegan Basin Division and Putney Mountain Unit in accordance with State of Vermont regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. Shooting across, over, or within 10 feet of the traveled portion of any gravel road is prohibited in the interest of public safety (see §§25.71 of this chapter).

2. You may only use portable blinds.

3. We allow the use of retrieving, flushing, pointing, and pursuit dogs; however, dogs must be under control as is reasonable and customary for that activity, such as voice command or remote telemetry (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

4. We prohibit the use of all-terrain and off-highway vehicles (ATVs and OHVs).

5. You must remove all blinds, decoys, shell casings, and other personal equipment and refuse from the refuge at the end of each hunt day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote, fox, raccoon, bobcat, woodchuck, red squirrel, eastern gray squirrel, porcupine, skunk, snowshoe hare, eastern cottontail, and ruffed grouse at the Nulhegan Basin Division and Putney Mountain Unit in accordance with State of Vermont regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4 apply.

2. To monitor and mitigate potential disturbances to wildlife and neighboring landowners, raccoon hunters hunting at night with dogs will require a special use permit (FWS Form 1383-G) issued by the refuge manager.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, moose, black bear, and wild turkey at the Nulhegan Basin Division and Putney Mountain Unit in accordance with State of Vermont regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A4 apply.

2. We allow only temporary tree stands and you must remove them (see §27.93 of this chapter) by the end of the final deer season. Your name and address must be clearly visible on the tree stand. We prohibit nails, screws, or screw-in climbing pegs to build or access a stand (see §32.2(i)).

3. Moose may be retrieved at the Nulhegan Basin Division by a commercial moose hauler, subject to a special use permit (FWS Form 1383-C) issued by the refuge manager.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### BACK BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunt regulations, hunting application procedures, seasons, methods of hunting, maps depicting areas open to hunting, and the terms and conditions under which we issue hunting permits are available on the refuge's Web site.

2. Hunters must present their Hunter Safety Education Certification and required licenses at check-in.

3. Hunters must register on each hunt day. We will issue a Special Use Hunting Permit, which hunters must sign and carry on their person while hunting.

4. The hunt lottery system (run through a contractor) may be accessed through Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation, and The Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries website. Selected hunters will receive a "Successful Hunter Selection Packet" from the contractor by mail.

5. All selected and standby applicants must enter the refuge between 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. on each hunt day. We may issue standby hunters permits (name only) to fill vacant slots by lottery. Hunting hours will comply with State laws.

6. Hunters must sign in and out on each hunt day.

7. We prohibit use of dogs.

8. We prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages (see §32.2(j)).

9. You must be at least age 16 to hunt without an accompanying, qualified adult. Youths between ages 12 and 15 may hunt only when accompanied by a licensed hunter who is age 18 or older. We prohibit persons under age 12 from hunting on the refuge.

10. Each hunter must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, blaze-orange material on his or her head, chest, and back. This is the equivalent of a hat and vest for each hunter.

11. Hunting Zone 5 is for use by non-ambulatory hunters. A nonambulatory hunter is someone who can provide medical documentation from a doctor that he or she is unable to walk.

12. We allow scouting on designated days prior to the start of each refuge hunt period. Hunters may enter the hunt zones on foot, on bicycle, or through transportation provided by the refuge only. Scouts must wear 400 square inches (2,600 square centimeters) of visible blaze orange.

13. Hunters may go to Hunt Zone 1 (Long Island) only by hand-launched watercraft (canoe, punt, rowboat, and similar watercraft) from the canoe launch at refuge headquarters. Your boat must meet Coast Guard safety requirements. We prohibit use of trailers.

14. We prohibit hunting or discharging of firearms within designated Safety Zones. We prohibit retrieval of wounded game from a “No Hunting Area” or “Safety Zone” without the consent of the refuge employee on duty at the check station.

15. We prohibit use of tree stands except on Long Island (Zone 1).

16. We prohibit use of the “Hacking Tower” in Hunt Zone 4.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing, non-commercial crabbing, and clamming on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We close all areas within the hunting zones, as well as the oceanfront, to fishing, crabbing, and clamming during the annual refuge white-tailed deer and feral hog hunt.

2. You must attend all fishing lines and crab pots at all times.

3. We prohibit on-site cleaning of fish.

4. We prohibit the taking of amphibian, reptile, marine mammal, aquatic invertebrate, or any other marine organism from refuge lands or waters.

5. Anglers may access the refuge for sport fishing, crabbing, and clamming from the refuge headquarters parking lot only by foot, bicycle, and nontrailered boats.

6. You may surf fish, crab, and clam south of the refuge’s beach access ramp. We allow night surf fishing by Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383) in this area in accordance with dates and times designated on the permit.

7. For sportfishing in D Pool and at Horn Point:

i. We only allow fishing from the docks or banks. We prohibit boats, canoes, or kayaks on refuge pools and impoundments.

ii. We prohibit live minnows or other live bait fish for fishing in refuge pools and impoundments.

iii. We require barbless or flattened hooks for all fishing.

iv. You must catch and release all freshwater game fish. The daily creel limit for D

Pool for other species is a maximum combination of any 10 nongame fish.

v. Parking for nonambulatory visitors is available adjacent to the dock at D Pool. All other visitors must hike in or bicycle in.

#### CHINCOTEAGUE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory duck, goose, swan, coot, and rail on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during the State seasons on designated areas of the refuge within Wildcat Marsh, Morris Island, Assawoman Island, and Metompkin Island Divisions in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must obtain a Migratory Bird Hunting Application (FWS Form 3-2357). Hunting brochures containing hunting application procedures, seasons, bag limits, methods of hunting, maps depicting areas open to hunting, and the terms and conditions under which we issue hunting permits are available at the refuge administration office and on the refuge’s Web site.

2. Each youth hunter (under age 18) must remain within sight and normal voice contact and under direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older. The supervising adult must also possess and carry a State hunting license and a refuge permit.

3. You may only access hunting areas by boat.

4. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (*see* §32.2(k)) while hunting duck, goose, swan, coot, and rail.

5. You may erect portable blinds and deploy decoys; however, during the regular duck season, you must remove the blinds and decoys daily (*see* §27.93 of this chapter).

6. You may use trained dogs to assist in the retrieval of harvested birds.

7. You must complete and return a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361), available at the refuge administration office or on the refuge’s Web site, within 15 days of the close of the season.

#### *B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and sika in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

##### 1. General hunt information:

i. You must apply for this hunt by filling out a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356). Hunting brochures containing hunting application procedures, seasons, bag limits, methods of hunting, maps depicting areas open to hunting, and the terms and conditions under which we issue hunting permits are available at the refuge administration office and on the refuge’s Web site.

ii. You must be age 12 or older to hunt on the refuge. An adult age 18 or older must accompany hunters under age 18. The supervising adult must also possess and carry a State hunting license and refuge permit.

iii. You must attend a hunt orientation. We conduct orientations beginning at 10 a.m. Sundays and Wednesdays throughout the hunt season. We allow scouting from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. following each orientation.

iv. You must sign in at the hunter registration station prior to entering your hunt zone and sign out upon exiting your hunt zone. All hunters must sign out no later than 2 hours after the end of the hunt day.

v. You must check all harvested animals at the refuge's official check station.

vi. You must make a reasonable effort to recover wounded animals from the field and must notify the check station personnel immediately if you are not able to recover a wounded animal.

vii. We prohibit crossing water management areas unless you are retrieving a harvested animal.

viii. We prohibit the use of a boat, all-terrain vehicle (see §27.31(f) of this chapter), bicycle, or saddled animal within your hunt zone.

ix. We allow the use of a portable tree stand.

2. Archery hunt information:

i. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and sika with bow and arrow in designated areas of the refuge.

ii. You may not nock an arrow within 50 feet (15 m) of the centerline of any road.

iii. During the sika archery season, you may take up to five sika daily, of which two may be antlered. In addition, you may take white-tailed deer in accordance with State regulations.

iv. We prohibit deer drives.

v. We reserve Zone 2 for hunters confined to wheelchairs. Hunters confined to wheelchairs must remain on the paved trail or overlook platform on Woodland Trail. Hunters confined to wheelchairs who require assistance retrieving or dressing harvested animals must have a nonhunting assistant available.

3. Firearm hunt information:

i. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and sika with firearms in designated areas of the refuge.

ii. You must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of visible blaze-orange material consisting of a vest and hat or a jacket and hat.

iii. When hunting, you may use any firearm allowed by State law in designated areas of the refuge.

iv. We prohibit the discharge of a firearm within 50 feet (15m) of the centerline of any road.

v. During the sika firearm season, you may take up to five sika daily, two of which may

be antlered. In addition, during designated white-tailed deer hunt periods, you may take white-tailed deer in accordance with State regulations.

vi. You must have a 4-wheel drive vehicle to hunt on Tom's Cove Hook. All over-sand vehicles must carry a shovel, jack, tow rope or chain, board or similar support for the jack, and a low-pressure tire gauge.

vii. We reserve zone 2 for hunters confined to wheelchairs. Those hunters must remain on the paved trail or overlook platform on Woodland Trail. They may use any firearm allowed by State law while hunting from the overlook platform. We restrict other areas of the zone to shotgun and muzzleloading firearms only. Hunters confined to wheelchairs who require assistance retrieving and/or dressing harvested animals must have a non-hunting assistant available.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing, crabbing, and clamming from the shoreline of the refuge in designated areas of Tom's Cove, Swan's Cove, and the Atlantic Ocean in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You may not enter any water management areas.

2. You must attend minnow traps, crab traps, crab pots, and handlines at all times.

3. You must possess and carry a refuge permit to surf fish after hours while fishing.

4. You must possess and carry a refuge permit (name, address, phone number supplied to refuge manager) to surf fish on Assawoman Island between March 15 and September 1.

EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow archery and shotgun hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting brochures containing permit application procedures, fees, seasons, bag limits, methods of hunting, maps depicting areas open to hunting, and the terms and conditions under which we issue hunting permits are available from the refuge administration office.

2. You must possess and carry a refuge hunt permit while hunting.

3. You must be age 12 or older to hunt on the refuge. Hunters, ages 12 through 17, must be accompanied by and directly supervised (within sight and normal voice contact) by an adult age 18 or older. The supervising adult must also be engaged in hunting and possess and carry a State hunting license and refuge permit.

4. You must sign in before entering the hunt zones and sign out upon leaving the zone.

5. We allow portable tree stands in accordance with §§27.93, 27.94, and 32.2(i) of this chapter. You must use safety straps while in tree stands and remove the stand at the end of the day.

6. You must check all harvested animals at the refuge's official check station.

7. We prohibit deer drives. We define a "drive" as three or more persons involved in the act of chasing, pursuing, disturbing, or otherwise directing deer so as to make the animal more susceptible to harvest.

8. We prohibit nocked arrows or loaded firearms outside of the designated hunting areas.

9. We only allow shotguns, 20 gauge or larger, loaded with buckshot during the firearm season.

10. During the firearm hunt, you must wear in a visible manner on the head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored-blaze-orange clothing or material.

11. You must make a reasonable effort to recover wounded animals from the field and must notify the check station personnel immediately if you are not able to recover a wounded animal.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

GREAT DISMAL SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and bear on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit and compass.

2. We allow shotguns, 20 gauge or larger, loaded with buckshot or rifled slugs, and bows and arrows, and crossbows. For the bear hunt in Virginia, we allow only shotguns, 20 gauge or larger, with slugs.

3. We prohibit dogs.

4. You must wear 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material in a visible manner during firearms big game season.

5. You must sign in and out each time you enter and leave the refuge.

6. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

7. We prohibit shooting from, onto, or across refuge roads, including roads closed to vehicles.

8. We prohibit baiting or hunting over bait (see §32.2(h)).

9. We prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages (see §32.2(j)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. During daylight hours, we allow fishing in Lake Drummond and in the Feeder Ditch from boat, and from the piers at Washington Ditch and Interior Ditch.

2. We prohibit bank fishing.

3. You must attend all fishing lines.

4. We require permits for vehicular access to the boat ramp on Interior Ditch Road on the west side of Lake Drummond.

JAMES RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to possess and carry a refuge hunting permit (contains date selected to hunt and permit number), along with their State hunting license while on refuge property. We require hunters to display a vehicle permit (contains date selected to hunt and permit number) provided by the refuge on the dashboard of their vehicle while on the refuge so that the permit is visible through the windshield.

2. We require firearm hunters to complete and sign a Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354) and provide the application and hunt fee to the hunt administrator at the Refuge Hunter Check Station on the morning of each hunt on a first-come-first-served basis. The hunt administrator will then provide the applicant a one-day refuge hunting permit.

3. We require persons who wish to hunt during the refuge's archery season to obtain a refuge hunting permit through a lottery administered by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. We notify successful applicants by mail or email, and if we receive the hunting fee by the date identified in the mailing, we mail refuge hunting permits to successful applicants.

4. We allow archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun hunting on designated days as indicated on refuge hunting permits.

5. We allow the take of two deer per day.

6. We prohibit dogs.

7. We allow only portable tree stands that hunters must remove at the end of each hunt day (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit damage to trees (see §32.2(i)).

8. We require hunters during archery-only seasons to wear, in a visible manner, a minimum of 100 square inches (645 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored-hunter-orange clothing or material while moving to and from their stand and/or hunting location.

9. We require hunters during firearms and muzzleloader seasons to wear in a conspicuous manner on head, chest, and back a

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minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored- hunter-orange clothing or material.

10. We require that hunters during firearms and muzzleloader seasons remain within 100 feet (30 m) of their assigned stand while hunting.

11. We require that hunters using a muzzleloader must hunt from a stand elevated 10 feet (3 m) or more above the ground.

12. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulation (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).

13. We prohibit the discharge of firearms or archery equipment across or within State-maintained or refuge roads, including roads closed to vehicles, as shown on refuge hunt maps.

14. We prohibit the use of flagging to mark trails or for any other purpose.

15. An adult age 21 or older, possessing and carrying a valid hunting license and refuge hunting permit, must accompany and directly control youth hunters ages 12 to 17. We prohibit persons under age 12 to hunt on the refuge.

16. We prohibit the use or possession of alcohol while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(j)).

17. We require hunters to report accidents or injuries to the refuge office or sheriff's office within 24 hours after the incident. Hunters must report accidents resulting in serious injury to the sheriff's office immediately.

18. We require hunters to unload hunting bows, crossbows, muzzleloaders, and shotguns while in or around vehicles or on refuge roads (see §27.42 of this chapter). We define unloaded as: arrows or bolts removed from bow or crossbow, primer removed from muzzleloader or shotgun shell removed from chamber of shotgun.

19. We require hunters during archery-only seasons to sign in and out at the Hunter Sign-In/Sign-Out stations, and record deer harvest information on the Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359).

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### MACKAY ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must sign and carry a Refuge Deer Hunting Permit while hunting on the refuge.

2. We allow the use of shotguns, muzzle-loading rifles/shotguns, and bows. We prohibit the use of all other rifles and pistols.

3. We allow access to hunting areas from 5 a.m. until 8 p.m.

4. We prohibit marking of trees or vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter) with blazes, flagging, or other marking devices.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing only from sunrise to sunset from March 15 through October 15.

2. You must attend all fishing lines.

3. We do not allow airboats.

### MASON NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and County regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit.

2. We select hunters by lottery using the Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354). Contact the refuge office for information on application dates.

3. We send applicants an information packet detailing specific dates, details, and requirements for the hunt, including, but not limited to: hunt dates, hunt areas, bag restrictions, weapon certification requirements and locations, orientation dates/times, scouting date(s), check station location, and maps.

4. Hunters must certify/qualify weapons and ammunition and attend an orientation session or take the orientation session online prior to issuance of a permit (see application form referenced above). Please contact the refuge for the online orientation Web address.

5. Hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of visible solid hunter-orange clothing and a hunter-orange hat.

6. We may close areas of the refuge to hunting. We will identify these areas on the maps in the information packet and review them during orientation.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### OCCOQUAN BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State and County regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit.

2. We select hunters by lottery using the Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354). Contact the refuge office for information on application dates.

3. We send applicants an information packet detailing specific dates, details, and requirements for the hunt, including, but not

limited to: hunt dates, hunt areas, bag restrictions, weapon certification requirements and locations, orientation dates/times, scouting date(s), check station location, and maps.

4. Hunters must certify/qualify weapons and ammunition and attend an orientation session or take the orientation session online prior to issuance of a permit (see application form referenced above). Please contact the refuge for the online orientation web address.

5. Hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of visible solid hunter-orange clothing and a hunter-orange hat.

6. We may close areas of the refuge to hunting. We will identify these areas on the maps in the information packet and review them during orientation.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

PLUM TREE ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory waterfowl, gallinule, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters to possess and carry a refuge hunting permit (see condition A2 below) along with their State hunting license and stamps, while hunting migratory game birds on the refuge. We open the Cow Island unit of the refuge only to migratory game bird hunting. We close all other areas of the refuge to all public entry.

2. We require migratory game bird hunters to obtain a permit through a lottery administered by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. We mail permits to successful applicants.

3. We prohibit jump-shooting by foot or boat. All hunting must take place from a blind as determined by the hunting permit.

4. We allow only one boat or hunting party at each of the hunting locations.

5. An adult age 21 or older, possessing and carrying a valid hunting license and refuge hunting permit, must accompany and directly control youth hunters ages 12 to 17. We prohibit persons younger than age 12 to hunt on the refuge.

6. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

PRESQUILE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require big game hunters to obtain a permit through a lottery administered by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. We require a fee to obtain a refuge hunting permit. We will notify successful applicants by mail or email, and if we receive the hunting fee by the date identified in the mailing, we will mail refuge hunting permits to successful applicants.

2. We require hunters to possess a refuge hunting permit (contains date selected to hunt and permit number), along with their State hunting license, while on refuge property.

3. We require stand hunting only. Stand hunting means the use of portable hunting blinds, portable tree stands, or stationary ground hunting. We prohibit the use of nails, screws, bolts, or screw-in steps. We prohibit damage to trees (see §32.2(i)). Hunters must remove stands and blinds daily (see §27.93 of this chapter).

4. We prohibit the use of “man drives,” defined as individual or group efforts intended to “push” or “jump” deer for the purposes of hunting.

5. We allow shotgun hunting on designated days as indicated on refuge hunting permits, in the State hunting guide, and on the refuge Web site, <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/presquile/>.

6. We allow the take of two deer per day.

7. We prohibit dogs.

8. We prohibit the discharge of a weapon within 300 feet (90 m) of any building.

9. We require hunters to wear in a conspicuous manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material.

10. We prohibit the use of flagging to mark trails or for any other purpose (see §27.93 of this chapter).

11. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter).

12. An adult age 21 or older, possessing and carrying a valid hunting license and refuge hunting permit, must accompany and directly control youth hunters ages 12 to 17. We prohibit persons younger than age 12 to hunt on the refuge.

13. We prohibit the use or possession of alcohol while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(j)).

14. We require hunters to dock their boats at designated locations on the refuge.

15. We require hunters to report accidents or injuries to the refuge office or sheriff's office within 24 hours after the incident. Hunters must report hunting accidents resulting in serious injury to the sheriff's office immediately.

16. We require hunters to unload hunting bows, crossbows, muzzleloaders, and shotguns while in or around vehicles or on refuge roads (see §27.42 of this chapter). We define unloaded as: arrows or bolts removed from bow or crossbow, primer removed from muzzleloader, or shotgun shell removed from chamber of shotgun.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require big game hunters to obtain a permit through a lottery administered by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. We require a fee to obtain a refuge hunting permit (signed and dated sheet). We will notify successful applicants by mail or email, and if we receive the hunting fee by the date identified in the mailing, we will mail refuge hunting permits to successful applicants. We offer walk-in registration to fill hunting slots not filled during the lottery process.

2. We require hunters to possess a refuge hunting permit (contains date selected to hunt and permit number), along with their State hunting license, while on refuge property. We require hunters to display a vehicle permit (contains date selected to hunt and permit number) provided by the refuge on the dashboard of their vehicle while on the refuge so that the permit is visible through the windshield.

3. We require stand hunting only. Stand hunting means the use of portable hunting blinds, portable tree stands, or stationary ground hunting. We prohibit the use of nails, screws, bolts, or screw-in steps. We prohibit damage to trees (see §32.2(i)). Hunters must remove stands and blinds daily (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit deer drives, still hunting, and roaming.

4. We allow archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun hunting on designated refuge tracts and days.

5. We allow the take of two deer per day.

6. We prohibit dogs.

7. We require hunters during archery-only season to wear in a conspicuous manner a minimum of 100 square inches (650 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, hunter-orange material or clothing while moving to and from their stand or hunting location.

8. We require hunters during muzzleloader and firearms seasons to wear in a conspicuous manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-colored, hunter-orange material or clothing.

9. We prohibit the use of flagging to mark trails or for any other purpose (see §27.93 of this chapter).

10. We prohibit the use of vehicles except on designated refuge roads.

11. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter).

12. An adult age 21 or older, possessing and carrying a valid hunting license and refuge hunting permit, must accompany and directly control youth hunters ages 12 to 17. We prohibit persons younger than age 12 to hunt on the refuge.

13. We require hunters to report accidents or injuries to the refuge office or sheriff's office within 24 hours after the incident. Hunters must report accidents resulting in serious injury to the sheriff's office immediately.

14. We prohibit the use or possession of alcohol while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(j)).

15. We prohibit the discharge of hunting firearms or archery equipment within 300 feet (90 m) of any building. We prohibit the discharge of hunting firearms or archery equipment in or across a refuge road as marked on the refuge hunt maps.

16. We require hunters to unload hunting bows, crossbows, muzzleloaders, and shotguns while in or around vehicles or on refuge roads (see §27.42 of this chapter). We define unloaded as: arrows or bolts removed from bow or crossbow, primer removed from muzzleloader, or shotgun shell removed from chamber of shotgun.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing access daily from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. During the period when the refuge is open for hunting, we will close hunting areas to all other uses, including sport fishing.

3. We prohibit fishing by any means other than by use of one or more attended poles with hook and line attached.

4. We prohibit the use of lead sinkers in freshwater ponds, including Wilna Pond and Laurel Grove Pond.

5. We require catch-and-release fishing for largemouth bass in freshwater ponds, including Wilna Pond and Laurel Grove Pond. Anglers may take other finfish species in accordance with State regulations.

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6. We prohibit the take of any reptile, amphibian, or invertebrate species for use as bait or for any other purpose.

7. We prohibit the use of minnows as bait.

8. We prohibit use of boats propelled by gasoline motors, sail, or mechanically operated paddle wheel.

9. Prescheduled environmental education field trips will have priority over other uses, including sport fishing, on the Wilna Pond and Hutchinson piers at all times.

### WALLOPS ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a refuge permit. We issue permits based on a computer lottery system. You may obtain permit applications from the refuge administration office during normal business hours. Hunting brochures containing application procedures, seasons, and maps depicting areas open to hunting are available from the refuge administration office. You must provide an unobstructed view of the refuge permit on the vehicle's dashboard while hunting on the refuge.

2. You must be age 12 or older to hunt on the refuge. An adult age 18 or older must accompany and directly supervise hunters under age 18. The supervising adult must also possess and carry a State hunting license and refuge permit.

3. You must sign in at the hunter registration station prior to entering your hunt zone and sign out upon exiting your hunt zone. You must sign out no later than two hours after the end of the hunt day.

4. You must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of blaze-orange material consisting of a vest and hat or a jacket and hat.

5. You may use of portable tree stands.

6. We prohibit dogs.

7. You must park your vehicle in designated areas (see §27.31 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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#### BILLY FRANK JR. NISQUALLY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunters to possess and carry no more than 25 approved nontoxic shells while hunting in the field (see §32.2(k)).

2. Hunters may access the hunt areas by boat only. The maximum speed limit is 5 miles per hour for boats in all refuge waters.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and shellfishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. In concurrence with the State, we allow fishing from boats outside the Sanctuary Area and outside the Research Natural Area.

2. We prohibit bank fishing within the refuge along the Nisqually River and McAllister Creek.

3. We prohibit shellfishing (clams, oysters, mussels) on the tideflats.

4. We prohibit boat launching on the refuge.

5. We prohibit tidal flat and marsh access from refuge trails.

#### COLUMBIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit overnight parking and/or camping.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit discharge of any firearm within ¼ mile (396 m) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals.

4. We only allow portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

5. We allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays on Marsh Unit 1 and Farm Units 226–227.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

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1. Conditions A1, A2, and A3 apply.  
2. We allow hunting from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays in Marsh Unit 1.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, and A3 apply.  
2. We allow hunting with shotgun, muzzle-loader, and archery only.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A1 applies.  
2. On waters open to fishing, we allow fishing only from April 1 to September 30, with the exception of Falcon, Heron, Goldeneye, Corral, Blythe, Chukar, and Scaup Lakes that are open year-round.  
3. We allow frogging during periods when we allow fishing on designated waters.

### CONBOY LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.  
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).  
3. We prohibit discharge of any firearm within ¼ mile (396 m) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals.  
4. We allow only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions: Conditions A1, A2, and A3 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### DUNGENESS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]  
*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may salt water fish in designated areas of the refuge.

### HANFORD REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT/SADDLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the Monument/Refuge

in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit discharge of any firearm within ¼ mile (396 m) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals.

4. We allow only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

5. We allow only nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors on the WB-10 Pond (Wahluk Lake) and with walk-in access only.

6. We close all islands within the Columbia River to all access.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, grey partridge, and chukar partridge on designated areas of the Monument/Refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions: Conditions A1, A2, A3, and A6 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and elk on designated areas of the Monument/Refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow sport hunting of deer and elk on designated areas of the Monument/Refuge.

i. Conditions A1, A2, A3, and A6 apply.  
ii. We allow hunting with shotgun, muzzle-loader, and archery only.

2. We allow population control hunting of elk on the Rattlesnake Unit of the Monument/Refuge.

i. Condition A1 applies, and we also prohibit smoking.

ii. We require elk population control hunters to participate in a Service-directed, hunt-specific training session each year prior to hunting and receive a Service-provided permit (signed brochure) that hunters must carry at all times.

iii. We allow hunting with modern firearms only.

iv. We allow authorized vehicles only on designated roads and only in designated parking areas.

v. We prohibit the use of bicycles and carts.

vi. We allow hunting Monday through Friday only.

vii. All hunt assistants must be under the supervision of the permitted hunter at all times.

viii. We allow foot access only beyond designated roads and parking areas.

ix. We prohibit retrieval of animals outside the hunt area without prior Service approval.

x. All hunt assistants must check-in and out and be under the supervision of the permitted hunter at all times.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the Wahluke and Ringold Units in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A5, and A6 apply.
2. We allow access from legal sunrise to legal sunset, except that we allow access to the Wahluke Unit's White Bluffs boat launch from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset for launch and recovery activities only.

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COLUMBIAN WHITE-TAILED DEER

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on the refuge-owned shorelines of Hunting and Price Islands in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).
2. You may not shoot or discharge any hunting firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.
3. We prohibit permanent blinds. You must remove all personal property, including decoys and boats, by 1 hour after legal sunset (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).
4. We prohibit hunting along refuge-owned shorelines of Hunting and Price Islands where it parallels Steamboat Slough.
5. We open the refuge for hunting access from 1½ hour before legal sunrise until 1½ hour after legal sunset.
6. We prohibit dogs on the refuge, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We conduct the refuge hunt by State permit only. We require hunters to possess and carry current Washington State elk licenses, valid for the refuge's hunt unit.
2. We allow a maximum of ten hunters to use the refuge in any one day, with one hunt period consisting of 5 consecutive days (Monday through Friday only).
3. We allow a maximum of four hunt periods per hunt season; two regular permit hunts, and if required, two "as needed" permit hunts.
4. We will use the State Second Elk Tag As-Needed hunt program as necessary to control elk numbers during months outside the normal hunting season, except we pro-

hibit hunting during the period April through August.

5. The State will publish the hunting dates, number of permits to be issued, and other regulations for the refuge hunt in the State's Big Game hunting pamphlet. You may also obtain this information by contacting the refuge headquarters.

6. We allow hunting of elk using muzzle-loading firearms only.

7. We require hunters to attend a refuge-specific orientation session each year prior to hunting on the refuge.

8. We allow hunting on Mondays through Fridays only. We close the refuge to hunting on weekends and Federal holidays.

9. We require hunters to sign in and out each day at the refuge headquarters. When signing out for the day, you must report hunting success, failure, and any hit-but-not-retrieved animals on the Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359).

10. No more than one unlicensed person may assist each licensed hunter during the hunt.

11. Additional persons may assist hunters during elk retrieval only.

12. We prohibit hunters from operating motorized vehicles on the refuge.

13. Condition A2 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Bank fishing is allowed from the Mainland Unit shoreline adjoining the Elochoman and Columbia Rivers as well as Steamboat and Brooks Sloughs, in accordance with State fishing regulations. Bank fishing is allowed in the pond adjacent to the diking district pumping station by Brooks Slough. All other areas of the mainland unit are closed to fishing. Bank fishing is allowed along the shorelines of refuge islands in accordance with State regulations.

LITTLE PEND OREILLE NATIONAL WILDLIFE  
REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit waterfowl hunting on any creek or stream.

2. We allow hunting during approved State hunting seasons occurring from September through December. We prohibit hunting and discharging firearms during all other periods.

3. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game and other small game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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1. We allow hunting during approved State hunting seasons occurring September through December, and during the State spring wild turkey season. We prohibit hunting and discharge of firearms during all other periods.

2. During the State spring turkey season, we prohibit hunting of all species except wild turkey.

3. We prohibit raccoon hunting with dogs.

4. Condition A3 applies.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit all use of dogs for hunting of big game.

2. Conditions A2 and A3 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

### MCNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see §32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit discharge of any firearm within 1/4 mile (396 m) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

4. We allow only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

5. On the McNary Fee Hunt Area (McNary Headquarters Unit), we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

i. The McNary Fee Hunt Area (McNary Headquarters Unit) is only open on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Year's Day.

ii. We require hunters to possess and carry a special refuge permit (name/address/phone number), pay a recreation user fee, and obtain a blind assignment before hunting.

iii. We allow hunting only from assigned blind sites and require hunters to remain within 100 feet (30 m) of marked posts unless retrieving birds or setting decoys.

iv. We prohibit the hunting of dove.

v. Hunters may only possess up to 25 shot shells per hunt day.

6. On the Peninsula Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions: On the

east shoreline of the Peninsula Unit, we allow hunting only from established numbered blind sites, assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and we require hunters to remain within 100 feet (30 meters) of marked posts unless retrieving birds or setting decoys.

7. We close Strawberry Island in the Snake River to all access.

8. We close Badger and Foundation Islands in the Columbia River to all access.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A3, A7, and A8 apply.

2. On the McNary Fee Hunt Area (McNary Headquarters Unit), we allow hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Year's Day. We prohibit hunting before 12 p.m. (noon) on each hunt day.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer only on the Stateline, Juniper Canyon, Peninsula, Two-Rivers, and Wallula Units in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A3, A7, and A8 apply.

2. On the Stateline and Juniper Canyon Units, we allow hunting with modern firearms, shotgun, muzzleloader, and archery.

3. On the Peninsula, Two-Rivers, and Wallula Units, we allow hunting with archery and shotgun only.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions: Conditions A1, A7, and A8 apply.

### RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting by special refuge permit only. You must possess and carry the special refuge permit at all times while hunting.

2. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

3. We limit or prohibit hunting of dusky Canada goose in accordance with State regulations. The State defines dusky Canada goose as a dark-breasted Canada goose, as determined by a Munsell color chart 10 YR, 5 or less, with a culmen (bill) length of 40 to 50 millimeters (1.6 to 2 inches). In addition, we will close the refuge goose season early if the dusky Canada goose harvest reaches a quota adopted by the refuge.

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4. We allow hunting on designated portions of the River "S" Unit on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, excluding Federal holidays, during the regular State waterfowl hunting season.

5. Prior to entering the hunt area, you must pay a recreation user fee, obtain a blind assignment, and obtain a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361). You must carry the Migratory Bird Hunt Report while hunting as proof of blind assignment and user fee payment.

6. We allow access to the refuge check station 2 hours before legal shooting time. We require hunters to depart the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal shooting time.

7. We allow entry to the hunt area during hunt days for the purpose of hunting only. We prohibit entry to the hunt area for scouting, sight-seeing, or other purposes.

8. We allow hunting only from designated permanent blinds. We prohibit all hunting outside the designated blinds, including hunting from temporary blinds or jump shooting.

9. We allow a maximum of three persons per hunting blind.

10. We prohibit additional hunters to join a hunt party after the party has checked in.

11. You may possess only approved nontoxic shotshells for hunting (see § 32.2(k)) in quantities of 25 or fewer per day.

12. Hunters must leash all dogs except when hunting at the designated blind (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

13. Prior to switching blinds, you must first report to the refuge check station to obtain a new blind assignment. You must submit an accurate Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361) for the blind being vacated, and obtain a new Migratory Bird Hunt Report for the new blind.

14. Prior to leaving the hunt area, you must check out at the refuge check station, submit an accurate Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361), and present all harvested birds for inspection by check station personnel.

15. We reserve Blind 1A for exclusive use by hunters with permanent disabilities who possess a valid State Disabled Hunter Permit and who qualify under WAC 232-12-282. Blind 1A may also be occupied by nonhunters who are assisting the disabled hunters.

16. We allow vehicles only on designated routes of travel and require hunters to park in designated parking areas (see § 27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit off-road vehicle travel, and all use of ATVs (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).

17. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see § 27.42 of this chapter

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and specific refuge regulations in this part 32).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing and frogging from March 1 through September 30 only.

2. We allow fishing and frogging from legal sunrise to legal sunset only.

### TOPPENISH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.

2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit discharge of any firearm within ¼ mile (396 m) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals.

4. We allow only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.

5. We allow dove hunting only on the Chloe, Webb, Petty, Halvorson, Chambers, and Isiri Units.

6. On the Pumphouse and Robbins Road Units, hunters may only possess up to 25 shot shells per hunt day.

7. On the Pumphouse, Petty, Isiri, Chamber, and Chloe Units, we allow hunting 7 days a week subject to the following condition: We require hunting parties to space themselves a minimum of 200 yards (180 m) apart.

8. On the Halvorson and Webb Units, we allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

9. On the Robbins Road Unit, we allow hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

10. On the Robbins Road and Pumphouse Units, we allow hunting only from numbered field blind sites, and hunters must park their vehicles only at the numbered post corresponding to the numbered field blind site they are using (see § 27.31 of this chapter). Selection of parking sites/numbered posts is on a first-come, first-served basis at the designated parking lot. We prohibit free-roam hunting or jump shooting, and you must remain within 100 feet (30 m) of the numbered field blind post unless retrieving birds or setting decoys. We allow a maximum of four persons per blind site.

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*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A3 apply.
2. We allow hunting of upland game from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset of each hunt day.
3. On the Halvorson and Webb Units, we allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.
4. On the Robbins Road Unit, we allow hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### TURNBULL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot within 50 yards (45 m) of hunting sites designated by the refuge manager on the north side of Upper Turnbull Slough in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow waterfowl (duck, goose, coot) hunting during the State's Youth Migratory Bird Hunt.
2. We prohibit the use of motorized boats.
3. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, pit blinds, stands, or scaffolds (see § 27.93 of this chapter).
4. We only allow authorized vehicles on designated routes of travel and require hunters to park in designated parking area (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter). We prohibit ATVs and ORVs.
5. Hunters may possess and carry no more than 25 nontoxic shotshells per hunter per day while in the field (see § 32.2(k)).
6. We prohibit shooting or discharging any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.
7. We allow hunter access from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.
8. Hunters must possess a nontransferable refuge special access permit that names hunters, their hunt partners, and accompanying adult.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We conduct the refuge hunt by State permit only. We require hunters to possess and carry current Washington State elk licenses, valid for the refuge hunt unit, and a refuge special access permit.
2. We allow only authorized vehicles on designated routes of travel and require hunters to park in designated parking areas (see

§ 27.31(h) of this chapter). We prohibit ATVs and ORVs.

3. We allow hunter access from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 5 hours after legal sunset. Hunters needing additional time for retrieval must notify refuge staff or a State fish and wildlife officer.

4. We prohibit possession of a bow with the arrow nocked within any safety zone or Closed Area.

5. Safety zones of 500 feet (150 m) are in effect around existing structures. We prohibit shooting from or into any safety zone or Closed Area.

6. One person may assist hunters only during elk retrieval. We require this person to remain with the hunter at all times during retrieval. We require all hunters/helpers to possess a nontransferable refuge special access permit.

7. Refuge staff or a State Fish and Wildlife Officer must accompany hunters during retrieval of a wounded elk that moves outside the hunt unit in Closed Areas.

8. Hunters must use nontoxic ammunition or remove or bury the visceral remains of harvested animals.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### UMATILLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit overnight camping and/or parking.
2. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)).
3. We prohibit discharge of any firearm within 1/4 mile (396 m) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals. You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.
4. We only allow portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. You must remove all decoys and other equipment (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day.
5. On the Paterson and Whitcomb Units, we allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and all federally recognized holidays within the State season.
6. On the Ridge Unit, we allow only shoreline hunting and prohibit hunting from boats.
7. We close all islands within the Columbia River to all access.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of

the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A3, A5, and A7 apply.
2. On the Whitcomb Island Unit, we only allow hunting of upland game from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset of each hunt day.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A3, and A7 apply.
2. We allow hunting by special permit only (issued by the State).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions: Conditions A1 and A7 apply.

#### WILLAPA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and snipe is allowed on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to entering the hunt area at the Riekkola and Tarlatt Units, all hunters are required to obtain and carry a Migratory Bird Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2357), pay a recreation user fee, obtain a blind assignment, and report waterfowl taken per instructions on the Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361).

2. At the Riekkola and Tarlatt Units, hunters may take ducks and coots only coincidental to hunting geese.

3. Goose hunting is allowed on Wednesday and Saturday in the Riekkola and Tarlatt Units only from established blinds.

4. At the Riekkola and Tarlatt Units, you may possess no more than 25 approved nontoxic shells per day while hunting.

5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for hunting (see § 32.2(k)).

6. You may not shoot or discharge any hunting firearm from, across, or along a public highway, designated route of travel, road, road shoulder, road embankment, or designated parking area.

7. We prohibit camping on the refuge except in designated campgrounds on Long Island for up to 14 days.

8. We open the refuge for hunting access from 1½ hour before legal sunrise until 1½ hour after legal sunset.

9. We require dogs to be kept on a leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter). We prohibit dogs on Long Island and on beaches within the Leadbetter Point Unit.

10. Access to the hunt area is by foot or boat access only. We allow bicycles on designated roads and trails only. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

11. We prohibit permanent blinds. You must remove all personal property, including decoys and boats, by 1 hour after legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of forest grouse (sooty and ruffed) on Long Island, subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters are required to obtain and carry a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356) and report game taken, hours hunted, and name/address/date on the Upland/Small Game/Furbearer Report (FWS Form 3-2362).

2. Archery hunting only.

3. You may not shoot or discharge a firearm on Long Island.

4. Dogs are not allowed on Long Island.

5. Conditions A7 through A10 apply.

6. We prohibit fires on the refuge, except in designated campgrounds on Long Island (see § 27.95(a) of this chapter).

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, elk, and bear on designated areas of the refuge, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. At Long Island hunters must obtain and carry a Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2356) and report game taken, hours hunted and name/address/date on the Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359).

2. At Long Island, only archery hunting is allowed, and hunting firearms are prohibited.

3. Bear hunting is prohibited on any portion of the refuge except Long Island.

4. The use of centerfire or rimfire rifles is prohibited within the Lewis, Porter Point, and Riekkola Units.

5. Dogs are prohibited.

6. Conditions A7 through A10 and B6 apply.

7. We prohibit construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, ladders, or screw-in foot pegs.

8. You must remove all personal property, including stands, from the refuge by 1½ hours after legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

9. Tree stands may stay in place for 3 days and must be labeled with the hunter's name and phone number, and the date the stand was set-up. The stand may be set-up 1½ hours before legal sunrise. The stand must be removed before 1½ hours after legal sunset on the third day.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing along the shoreline of Willapa Bay and Bear

River on refuge-owned lands in accordance with State regulations.

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### § 32.68 West Virginia.

The following refuge units have been opened to hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### CANAAN VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, rail, coot, gallinule, mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require each hunter to possess and carry a signed refuge hunting permit (name, address, phone number), State hunting license, and driver's license (or other photo identification card) at all times while hunting on the refuge. The refuge hunting permit is free, and you may obtain it at the refuge headquarters. We require each hunter to submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361) at the end of the hunting season. Hunters must submit this form to the refuge headquarters if they wish to receive a hunting permit the following year.

2. We allow hunting on refuge lands with the following exceptions: the area surrounding the refuge headquarters, safety zones, areas marked as no hunting zones, areas marked as closed to all public entry, and areas within 500 feet (150 m) of any dwelling in accordance with State regulations.

3. We prohibit the building or use of permanent blinds.

4. The refuge opens 1 hour before legal sunrise and closes 1 hour after legal sunset, including parking areas. We prohibit camping. We prohibit overnight parking except by Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383) on Forest Road 80.

5. We allow the use of dogs for hunting migratory game birds. We require all dogs to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

6. We prohibit scouting and dog training except during legal hunting seasons.

7. We require hunters accessing the refuge through private property to possess and carry written permission of the landowner while hunting on the refuge.

8. We prohibit hunters from leaving decoys and other personal property on the refuge (see § 27.93 of this chapter).

9. We close the Research Natural Area except for deer hunting, which we allow for management purposes.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of ruffed grouse, squirrel, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, red fox, gray fox, bobcat, woodchuck, coyote, opossum, striped skunk, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 (Upland/Small Game/Furbearer Report, FWS Form 3-2362), A2, A4, A6, A7, and A9 apply.

2. You may hunt raccoon at night, but you must obtain a Special Use Permit for raccoon hunting.

3. We only allow hunting in the No Rifle Zones with the following equipment: archery, shotgun, or muzzleloader.

4. You may use dogs for hunting upland game species. We prohibit more than six dogs per hunting party for raccoon hunting. You must account for all dogs at the conclusion of the hunt. You must search for lost dogs for at least 3 days, and we prohibit hunting during the search period. All dogs must wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

5. We prohibit the hunting of upland game species between March 1 and the youth squirrel season in September.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer, black bear, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359), A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, and B3 apply.

2. You may only enter the refuge on foot. You may use hand-powered, wheeled carts for transporting big game.

3. You may only use handguns for hunting deer and black bear in the rifle zone.

4. When using shotguns for big game hunting, we only allow ammunition containing a single lead projectile. We prohibit the use of buckshot.

5. We prohibit the marking of any tree or other refuge feature with flagging, paint, or other substance.

6. We prohibit the cutting and trimming of coniferous trees (balsam fir, red spruce, and hemlock). We prohibit construction of blinds from these materials.

7. We prohibit permanent tree stands, but we allow use of temporary tree stands. You must clearly print your name and address in an easily read area on the stand while the stand is affixed to the tree. You must remove

tree stands (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of the deer season.

8. We require all hunters to wear at least 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of blaze orange on the head, chest, and back at all times during the deer bucks only season, the antlerless deer season, the youth deer season, and the deer muzzleloader season.

9. We prohibit hunting for turkey with a rifle. You must use a shotgun or muzzleloader with a shot size of #4 or smaller.

10. We allow dogs for hunting black bear during the gun season. We prohibit more than six dogs per hunting party. You must account for all dogs at the conclusion of the hunt. You must search for lost dogs for at least 3 days, and we prohibit hunting during the search period. All dogs must wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

11. We prohibit black bear hunting during the Tucker County antlerless deer season. The gun bear season begins the Monday following the antlerless deer season.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds (waterfowl, coots, rails, gallinules, snipe, woodcock, and dove) on designated areas of the refuge (Pennsylvania: Phillis Island, Georgetown Island; West Virginia: Captina Island, Captina Mainland, Fish Creek Island, Williamson Island, Witten Towhead, Wells Island, Grandview Island, Grape/Bat Island, Broadback Island, Buckley Island, Muskingum Island, Buffington Island, Letart Island; and Kentucky: Manchester 1 Island, Manchester 2 Island) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require each hunter to possess and carry a refuge hunting permit, State hunting license, and valid driver's license (or other photo identification card) at all times when hunting on the refuge. The refuge hunting permit is free, and you may obtain it at the refuge headquarters.

2. We prohibit the building or use of permanent blinds.

3. The refuge opens 1 hour before legal sunrise and closes 1 hour after legal sunset, including parking areas. We prohibit hunters leaving decoys and personal property, as well as camping and overnight parking.

4. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds. We require all dogs to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

5. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit and squirrel on designated areas of the refuge (Pennsylvania: Phillis Island, Georgetown Island; West Virginia: Captina

Island, Captina Mainland, Fish Creek Island, Williamson Island, Witten Towhead, Wells Island, Grandview Island, Grape/Bat Island, Broadback Island, Buckley Island, Muskingum Island, Buffington Island, Letart Island; and Kentucky: Manchester 1 Island, Manchester 2 Island) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A3 apply.

2. We prohibit the use of pursuit dogs for hunting rabbit or squirrel.

3. We prohibit the use of bows, rifles, or pistols for hunting rabbit or squirrel.

4. We only allow the use of shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) for the hunting of rabbit or squirrel.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge (Pennsylvania: Phillis Island, Georgetown Island; West Virginia: Paden Island, Captina Island, Captina Mainland, Fish Creek Island, Williamson Island, Witten Towhead, Wells Island, Mill Creek Island, Grandview Island, Grape/Bat Island, zoned area of Middle Island, Broadback Island, Buckley Island, Buckley Mainland, Muskingum Island, Neal Island, Buffington Island, Letart Island; and Kentucky: Manchester 1 Island, Manchester 2 Island) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 and A3 apply.

2. We prohibit the use or possession of rifles, pistols, or shotguns for the hunting of white-tailed deer.

3. We prohibit organized deer drives by two or more individuals. We define a deer drive as the act of chasing, pursuing, disturbing, or otherwise directing deer so as to make the animals more susceptible to harvest.

4. We allow trail marking with nonpermanent methods such as flagging and reflectors. We prohibit the use of paint, and hunters must remove all trail-marking materials (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of the deer season.

5. We prohibit the use of permanent tree stands or blinds. We allow the use of temporary tree stands. All tree stands must have the name and address of the owner clearly printed in an easily read area on the stand while the stand is affixed to the tree. Hunters must remove tree stands and blinds (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.

6. We prohibit baiting for deer on refuge lands (see §32.2(h)).

7. We require all hunters to wear at least 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of blaze orange visible on the head, chest, and back while walking to and from tree stands or blinds.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A3 applies.

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2. We require each angler to possess and carry a State fishing license and a valid driver's license (or other photo identification card) at all times while fishing on the refuge.

3. We restrict bank fishing to refuge open hours, from 1 hour before legal sunrise through 1 hour after legal sunset.

4. We prohibit trotlines (setlines) and turtle lines.

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### § 32.69 Wisconsin.

The following refuge units have been opened to hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### FOX RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and seasons, and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders.

2. We allow hunting during the State archery, crossbow, muzzleloader, and firearms seasons.

3. You must remove all stands from the refuge following each day's hunt. We prohibit hunting from any stand left up overnight.

4. Refuge access is from 1 hour before to 1 hour after legal shooting hours.

5. Any ground blind used during any gun deer season must display at least 144 square inches (929 square centimeters) of solid, blaze-orange material visible from all directions.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### HORICON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.

2. We allow only participants in the Young Wildfowlers and Special Programs to hunt.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, gray partridge, squirrel, and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations during the State seasons subject to the following conditions:

1. Shotgun hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting upland game species.

2. Hunting in the youth/novice pheasant hunt area (Area F) is for youth who are 12-15 years of age, and by permit.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting during the State archery, muzzleloader, and State firearms seasons.

2. We do not allow the construction and use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders.

3. You must remove all stands from the refuge following each day's hunt. We prohibit hunting from any stand left up overnight.

4. Hunting in the area surrounding the office/visitor center (Area E) is by permit only.

5. Hunting in the auto tour/hiking trail complex (Area D) is open only during the State firearms deer season.

6. Any ground blind used during any gun deer season must display at least 144 square inches (936 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-blaze-orange material visible from all directions.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only bank fishing or fishing through the ice.

2. We prohibit the use of fishing weights or lures containing lead.

#### LEOPOLD WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district (except that we prohibit hunting on the Blue-wing Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in Ozaukee County or the Wilcox WPA in Waushara County) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

2. You must remove boats, decoys, and blinds (see § 27.93 of this chapter) at the conclusion of each day.

3. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see § 32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game throughout the district (except that we prohibit hunting on the Blue-wing Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in Ozaukee County or the Wilcox WPA in Waushara County) in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions: Conditions A1 and A3 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game throughout the district (except

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that we prohibit hunting on the Blue-wing Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in Ozaukee County or the Wilcox WPA in Waushara County) in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting from any stand left up overnight.

2. Any ground blind used during any gun deer season must display at least 144 square inches (929 square centimeters) of solid, blaze-orange material visible from all directions.

### *D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### NECEDAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds only on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following condition: For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of wild turkey, ruffed grouse, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, and raccoon only on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition A applies.

2. During the spring turkey season, we allow unarmed hunters who have an unexpired spring turkey permit in their possession to scout the hunt area. We allow this scouting beginning on the Saturday immediately prior to the opening date listed on their State turkey hunting permit.

3. Refuge Area 3 is open to hunting after the State deer gun season through the end of the respective State seasons or until February 28, whichever occurs first.

4. You may use dogs only when hunting migratory game birds and upland game (except raccoon).

5. You may only hunt snowshoe hare during the season for cottontail rabbit.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit possession of a loaded firearm or a nocked arrow on a bow within 50 feet (15 m) of the centerline of all public roads. Also, during the gun deer season, we prohibit possession of a loaded firearm within 50 feet (15 m) of the center of refuge trails, and we prohibit discharge of guns from, across, down, or alongside these trails.

2. We prohibit construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or ladders.

3. You may use portable elevated devices but must lower them to ground level at the close of shooting hours each day. You must remove all blinds, stands, platforms, and ladders from the refuge at the end of the hunt-

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ing season (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

4. Hunters must clearly mark all non-natural blinds, stands, platforms, and ladders on the exterior with the owner's name and address in letters that are 1 inch (2.5 cm) high. You may also use an attached metal tag with stamped or engraved lettering that is clearly visible.

5. We permanently close Refuge Area 1 to all hunting.

6. Refuge Area 2 is open to deer hunting during State archery, gun, and muzzleloader seasons, except for any early antlerless-only hunts.

7. Refuge Area 3 is open to deer hunting during the State regular gun, muzzleloader, and late archery seasons. Unarmed deer hunters may enter Area 3 to scout beginning the Saturday prior to the gun deer season.

8. We prohibit target or practice shooting.

9. You may utilize clothes pins marked with flagging or reflective material. We allow no other types of marking. You must clearly identify the owner's name and address on the clothes pin or the flagging itself. Hunters must remove all clothes pins by the last day of archery season.

10. Beginning the Saturday prior to the opening of the State regular gun deer season, you may use nonmotorized boats on Sprague-Goose Pools until freeze-up in order to access areas for deer hunting.

11. Any ground blind used during any gun deer season must display at least 144 square inches (936 cm<sup>2</sup>) of solid-blaze-orange material visible from all directions.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated waters of the refuge at designated times subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow use of nonmotorized boats in Sprague-Goose pools only when these pools are open to fishing.

2. We allow motorized boats in Suk Cerney Pool.

3. We allow fishing by hook and line only.

#### ST. CROIX WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting on designated portions posted as closed of the St. Croix Prairie Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) in St. Croix County.

2. We close the Oak Ridge Waterfowl Production Area in St. Croix County to hunting from the opening day of waterfowl season until the first Saturday in December except deer hunting during regular archery, gun, and muzzleloader seasons.

3. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey (see §32.2(k)).

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*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game throughout the district in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions: Conditions A1 through A3 apply.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game throughout the district except that you may not hunt on designated portions of the St. Croix Prairie Waterfowl Production Area in St. Croix County.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### TREMPEALEAU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We require a refuge permit.

2. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see § 32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require a refuge permit.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge from legal sunrise to legal sunset in accordance with State laws for inland waters subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow boats propelled by hand or electric motors only on refuge pools. We do not prohibit the possession of other watercraft motors, only their use. We do not restrict gasoline-powered motors on the navigable channel of the Trempealeau River.

2. We prohibit harvest of turtle, snake, frog, or any other reptile or amphibian (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

3. We prohibit the release of live bait.

4. We prohibit night-lighting, archery, spearing, or netting of fish.

5. We prohibit fishing within 200 feet (60 m) of a water control structure as per State regulation.

6. Anglers must remove ice fishing shelters from the refuge at the end of each day.

### UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE AND FISH REFUGE

Refer to § 32.42 Minnesota for regulations.

### WHITTLESEY CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only the use of portable or temporary blinds.

2. You must remove portable or temporary blinds and any material brought on to the

refuge for blind construction at the end of each day's hunt.

3. For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see § 32.2(k)).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We will allow archery deer hunting to take place on refuge lands owned by the Service that constitute tracts greater than 20 acres (8 ha).

2. We prohibit hunting within a designated, signed area around the Coaster Classroom and Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center boardwalk.

3. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds or platforms.

4. Hunters may use ground blinds or any elevated stands only if they do not damage live vegetation, including trees (see § 27.61 of this chapter).

5. Hunters may construct ground blinds entirely of dead vegetation from the refuge lands.

6. Hunters must remove all stands and blinds from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

7. We allow motorized vehicles only on public roads and parking areas (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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## § 32.70 Wyoming.

The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

### COKEVILLE MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of ducks, dark geese, coots, mergansers, snipe, Virginia rail, Sora rail, sandhill crane, and mourning dove in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting of migratory game birds in areas of the refuge indicated on the Cokeville Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

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Hunting Brochure and marked by signs as closed to all hunting or closed to migratory bird hunting.

2. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

3. We prohibit pits and permanent blinds.

4. You may use portable blinds or blinds constructed of natural dead vegetation (see §27.51 of this chapter).

5. You must remove all decoys, shell casings, portable and temporary blinds, and other personal equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) from the refuge at the end of each day.

6. We prohibit possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage while hunting (see §32.2(j)).

7. Hunters may not enter closed areas to retrieve animals legally shot in an open area unless authorization has been given by a refuge employee or State Conservation Officer. Permission must be obtained from private landowners before attempting to retrieve game on private land.

8. Dogs must be leashed and/or under the direct control of a handler (see §26.21(b) of this chapter). The use of dogs to find and retrieve legally harvested migratory game birds is allowed.

9. Hunters must park in a Designated Hunter Parking Area, as identified by signs.

10. Hunters are required to access and exit the hunting areas from a Designated Hunter Parking Area only. Drop off or pick up of hunters is prohibited except at Hunter Designated Parking Areas.

11. Hunters may only access the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of blue grouse, ruffed grouse, chuckar partridge, gray partridge, cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hares, squirrels (red, gray, and fox), red fox, raccoon, and striped skunk in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2 through A7 and A9 through A11 apply.

2. We prohibit hunting of upland game species in areas of the refuge indicated on the Cokeville Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Brochure and marked by signs as closed to all hunting.

3. Dogs must be leashed and/or under the direct control of a handler. The use of dogs to find and retrieve legally harvested upland game birds, cottontail rabbits, and squirrels is allowed and encouraged. Dogs may not be used to chase red fox, raccoon, striped skunk, or any other species not specifically allowed in A8 or this paragraph.

4. Red fox, raccoon, and striped skunk may be taken on the refuge by licensed migratory bird, big game, or upland/small game hunters from September 1 until the end of the last open big game, upland bird, or small game season. Red fox, raccoon, or striped skunk

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that is harvested must be taken into possession and removed from the refuge.

5. We prohibit hunting of sage grouse.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, pronghorn, and moose in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3 through A7 and A9 through A11 apply.

2. We prohibit hunting of big game in areas of the refuge indicated on the Cokeville Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Brochure and marked by signs as closed to all hunting.

3. You may hunt with the aid of a temporary tree stand that does not require drilling or nailing into the tree. All personal property, including temporary tree stands, must be removed at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### NATIONAL ELK REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunters may hunt elk and bison on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge permits (issued by State of Wyoming).

2. Hunters may not be let out of vehicles on refuge roads.

3. Shooting from or across refuge roads and parking areas is not permitted.

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may sport fish on the refuge in accordance with state law, as specifically designated in refuge publications.

### PATHFINDER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* Hunting of geese, ducks and coots is permitted on designated areas of the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of sage grouse and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* Hunting of pronghorn antelope and deer is permitted on designated areas of the refuge.

*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

### SEEDSKADEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of dark goose, duck, coot, merganser, dove, snipe, and rail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit hunting of migratory birds on the west side of the Green River between the south end of the Dunkle Unit and Highway 28. We post the boundary for this area with refuge signs stating "Area Closed to Migratory Bird Hunting".

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2. We prohibit all hunting between Highway 28 and 0.8 miles (1.28 km) north of the refuge headquarters on the west side of the Green River. We post the boundary for this area with refuge signs stating "No Hunting Zone".

3. We open the refuge to the general public from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset. Waterfowl hunters may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal shooting hours to set up decoys and blinds.

4. Hunters must confine or leash dogs except when participating in a legal hunt (see §26.21(b) of this chapter).

5. You must only use portable blinds or blinds constructed from dead and downed wood. We prohibit digging pit blinds.

6. You must remove portable blinds, tree stands, decoys, and other personal equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge each day.

7. You must completely dismantle blinds constructed of dead and downed wood at the end of the waterfowl hunting season.

8. We only allow hunters to retrieve downed game from closed areas with consent from a refuge employee or State game warden.

9. You must unload and either case or dismantle all firearms (see §27.42(b) of this chapter) when transporting them in a vehicle or boat under power.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of sage grouse, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit, raccoon, fox, and skunk on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2, A8, and A9 apply.

2. We open the refuge to the general public from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

3. Hunters must confine or leash dogs (see §26.21(b) of this chapter) except when participating in a legal hunt for sage grouse, cottontail rabbit, or jackrabbit.

4. When using shotguns or muzzleloaders, you may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while in the field.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of antelope, mule deer, and moose on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A2, A8, A9, and B2 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Condition B2 applies.

2. You must only launch or pick up trailered boats at the following boat ramps: Dodge Bottom, Hayfarm, Lombard, and Six-Mile.

3. We prohibit taking of mollusk, crustacean, reptile, and amphibian from the refuge.

[58 FR 5064, Jan. 19, 1993, as amended at 59 FR 55188, Nov. 3, 1994; 60 FR 62049, Dec. 4, 1995; 62 FR 47383, Sept. 9, 1997; 63 FR 2182, Jan. 14, 1998; 65 FR 30795, May 12, 2000; 67 FR 58952, Sept. 18, 2002; 69 FR 54362, 54473, Sept. 8, 2004; 76 FR 4000, Jan. 21, 2011; 79 FR 14844, Mar. 17, 2014]

### § 32.71 United States Unincorporated Pacific Insular Possessions.

The following refuge units have been opened to hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### JOHNSTON ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

#### MIDWAY ATOLL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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### § 32.72 Guam.

We have opened the following refuge unit to hunting and/or fishing with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### GUAM NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may fish and collect marine life on designated areas of the refuge only in accordance with refuge and Government of Guam laws and regulations.

The leaflet is available at the refuge headquarters and anglers are subject to the following additional conditions:

1. Anglers may be on the refuge from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

2. We prohibit overnight camping on the refuge.

3. You may not possess surround or gill nets on the refuge.

4. We prohibit the collection of corals, giant clams (*Tridacna* and *Hippopus* spp.), and coconut crabs (*Birgus latro*) on the refuge.

5. We prohibit use of Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) to take fish or invertebrates.

6. We prohibit anchoring boats on the refuge.

7. We prohibit sailboards or motorized personal watercraft on the refuge.

[65 FR 30795, May 12, 2000, as amended at 66 FR 46363, Sept. 4, 2001; 67 FR 58953, Sept. 18, 2002; 69 FR 54362, Sept. 8, 2004]

## PART 34—REFUGE REVENUE SHARING WITH COUNTIES

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AUTHORITY: 16 U.S.C. 715s, as amended.

SOURCE: 44 FR 33073, June 8, 1979, unless otherwise noted.

### § 34.1 Purpose.

The purpose of the regulations contained in this part is to prescribe the procedures for making payments in lieu of taxes to counties for areas administered by the Secretary through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in accordance with the Revenue Sharing Act.

### § 34.2 Authority.

(a) The Act of October 17, 1978, Pub. L. 95-469, amended the Act of June 15, 1935, as amended by the Act of August 30, 1964 (78 Stat. 701; 16 U.S.C. 715s), by revising the formula and extending the revenue sharing provisions to all fee and reserve areas that are administered solely or primarily by the Secretary through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Payments under this Act may be used for any governmental purpose.

(b) Pursuant to title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 2000d), and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, which are contained in 43 CFR part 17, counties must file an assurance with the Department, comply with the terms of the assurances, and comply with regulations contained in 43 CFR part 17 in order to

continue to receive this Federal financial assistance.

### § 34.3 Definitions.

(a) The term *fee area* means any area which was acquired in fee by the United States and is administered, either solely or primarily, by the Secretary through the Service.

(b) The term *reserve area* means any area of land withdrawn from the public domain and administered, either solely or primarily, by the Secretary through the Service. For the purpose of these regulations, reserve areas also include lands in Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, which were initially administered by the United States through Act of Congress, Executive Order, Public Land Order or Proclamation of the President and administered, either solely or primarily, by the Secretary through the Service.

(c) The term *county* means any county, parish, organized or unorganized borough, township or municipality, or other unit of local government that is the primary collector for general purpose real property taxes where fee areas and/or reserve areas are located. For the purpose of sharing revenues, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands shall each be treated as a county.

(d) The term *fund* means the revenues received by the Service from (1) the sale or disposition of animals, salmonoid carcasses and eggs, products of the soil (including, but not limited to, timber, hay, and grass), minerals, shells, sand, and gravel; (2) leases for public accommodations or facilities incidental to, but not in conflict with, the basic purpose of such areas; and (3) other privileges, including industrial leases at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Illinois, as authorized by Section 8 of Pub. L. 95-616, approved October 27, 1978. The Service may pay from such fund any necessary expenses incurred in connection with the revenue producing and revenue sharing activity. The fund shall also include any appropriations authorized by the Act to make up any difference between the total amount of receipts after payments of expenses and the total amount of payments due the counties.