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JOHN Q PUBLIC
1881 WATERFOWL SURVEY DRIVE
LAUREL, MD 20708

Dear JOHN PUBLIC,

You have been selected to participate in this year's National Migratory Bird Harvest Survey. We only select a small percentage of the nation's hunters for this annual survey, so your response is important **EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HUNT MIGRATORY BIRDS THIS SEASON.**

We are asking you to tell us about your snipe hunting during the 2017 hunting season. Please use the attached diary to record the details of your hunt each time you go snipe hunting in Maryland. Please read the instructions on the diary form, fill it out **completely**. After the season is over or when you are done hunting in Maryland, send the completed form back to us in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. If you receive this survey too late for you to remember all of the details of your hunts, please fill out the lower portion of the form labeled "**SEASON TOTALS.**"

Your response is very important, whether you bag any birds or not. If you don't hunt snipe at all this season, please mark the "Did not hunt" box at the upper right portion of the form and return it to us. If you do hunt snipe, please **ONLY REPORT YOUR OWN PERSONAL HUNTING** activity and harvest. We also ask that you please keep track throughout the season of birds that you knocked down, but could not retrieve. Record this total number on the lower portion of the form labeled "SEASON TOTALS."

To protect your privacy, we will not associate your name with your hunting records after the survey is completed. If you have any questions or need more information about this survey, please write us at the above address, call us toll-free at 1-800-419-2965 from 7:30am-4:00pm EST, email us at MigratoryBirdHarvestSurveys@fws.gov, or go to <http://www.fws.gov/hip>. You can request additional forms through this website: <http://migbirdapps.fws.gov/hipweb>. Thank you in advance for your time and your participation in this year's National Migratory Bird Harvest Survey.

Sincerely,

James B. Bortner, Chief
Division of Migratory Bird Management

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C.522a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information. This study is authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.) The information that you provide will be used for estimating migratory bird hunter activity and harvest in the United States. It is our policy not to use your name for any other purpose. All names and identifying information will be removed when we compile the results, and only summary information will be reported. The information is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act. Your response is voluntary. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. The information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned the clearance number 1018-002. We estimate that it will take you about 3 minutes to read the instructions and fill out this form. Comments on this form should be mailed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

Snipe, Rail, Gallinule and Coot Hunting Record



1. IF YOU DID NOT HUNT SNIPE, RAILS, GALLINULES OR COOTS THIS SEASON, please check the box to the right and mail this form.
2. Please record your personal hunting activity for each day you hunted snipe, rails, gallinules or coots in the State specified in the included letter. Record the number of birds you personally bagged; DO NOT include birds shot by other people. Please include ALL of your hunts for the birds listed; if you did not bag any birds during a hunt, record zero (0) for the birds you hunted that day.
3. IF YOU HUNTED SNIPE, RAILS, GALLINULES OR COOTS BUT DO NOT HAVE DETAILED RECORDS, check the box to the right and go to question number 6 to record your Season Totals.
4. Please include additional comments on a **SEPARATE SHEET** of paper.

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Please print all characters in **BLACK** ink using **CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY** as shown below.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Number of Birds Killed and Retrieved

Date of Hunt		County of Hunt	State of Hunt	Snipe	Rails	Gallinules	Coots
Month	Day						

5. IF YOU RUN OUT OF SPACE ON THIS FORM, you can request an additional survey form by logging on to

<https://migbirdapps.fws.gov/hipweb> or calling
 1-800-419-2965 from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm EST.
 We will ask you for the serial number located at the bottom of this form.

6. SEASON TOTALS:

	Days Hunted	Birds Killed and Retrieved	Birds Downed but Lost
Snipe			
Rails			
Gallinules			
Coots			

**Please report banded birds by calling
 1-800-327-BAND or www.reportband.gov**

