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Title 50: Wildlife and Fisheries

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## **PART 32—HUNTING AND FISHING**

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## **Subpart A—General Provisions**

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### **§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.

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## **§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. (Baiting is 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.

(l) 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.

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### **§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.

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#### **§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 occasions of unusual or critical conditions of, or affecting, land, water, vegetation or fish and wildlife populations.

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#### **§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.

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### **§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.

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### **§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 this subpart and §§32.20 through 32.70, inclusive, are as follows:

- (a) *Alabama*. (1) Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge.
- (b) *Alaska*. (1) Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Becharof National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Innoko National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Koyukuk National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge.
- (12) Salawik National Wildlife Refuge.
- (13) Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge.
- (14) Togiak National Wildlife Refuge.
- (15) Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge.
- (16) Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge.
- (c) *Arizona*. (1) Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge.

- (2) Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (3) Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (4) Cibola National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (5) Havasu National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (6) Imperial National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (7) Kofa National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (8) Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (9) San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge.
- (d) *Arkansas*. (1) Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (3) Cache River National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (4) Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (5) Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (6) Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (7) Overflow National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (8) Pond Creek National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (9) Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge.
- (e) *California*. (1) Cibola National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (3) Colusa National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (4) Delevan National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (5) Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (6) Havasu National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (7) Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (8) Imperial National Wildlife Refuge.
  - (9) Kern National Wildlife Refuge.

- (10) Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) Marin Islands National Wildlife Refuge.
- (12) Merced National Wildlife Refuge.
- (13) Modoc National Wildlife Refuge.
- (14) Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge.
- (15) Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (16) Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (17) San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (18) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge.
- (19) San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (20) Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge.
- (21) Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.
- (22) Sutter National Wildlife Refuge.
- (23) Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (f) *Colorado*. (1) Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Baca National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Rocky Mountain Arsenal.
- (g) *Connecticut*. (1) Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge.
- (h) *Delaware*. (1) Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge.
- (i) *Florida*. (1) Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge.

- (3) Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Egmont Key National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (12) Pinellas National Wildlife Refuge.
- (13) St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.
- (14) St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge.
- (15) Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge.
- (j) *Georgia*. (1) Banks Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Wolf Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (k) *Hawaii*. (1) Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Kakahaia National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge.

- (l) *Idaho*. (1) Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Camas National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge.
- (m) *Illinois*. (1) Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Great River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Meredosia National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge.
- (12) Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.
- (n) *Indiana*. (1) Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area
- (o) *Iowa*. (1) De Soto National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Iowa Wetland Management District.
- (4) Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.

- (6) Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.
- (p) *Kansas*. (1) Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Quivira National Wildlife Refuge.
- (q) *Kentucky*. (1) Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge.
- (r) *Louisiana*. (1) Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Breton National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge.
- (12) D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge.
- (13) Delta National Wildlife Refuge.
- (14) Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge.
- (15) Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge.
- (16) Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge.

- (17) Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (18) Red River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (19) Sabine National Wildlife Refuge.
- (20) Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (21) Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge.
- (s) *Maine*. (1) Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Sunhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge.
- (t) *Maryland*. (1) Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Patuxent Research Refuge.
- (u) *Massachusetts*. (1) Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Nantucket National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Parker River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.
- (v) *Michigan*. (1) Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Harbor Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Management Area.
- (4) Michigan Wetland Management District.
- (5) Seney National Wildlife Refuge.

- (6) Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (w) *Minnesota*. (1) Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Big Stone Wetland Management District.
- (4) Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District.
- (6) Fergus Falls Wetland Management District.
- (7) Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Litchfield Wetland Management District.
- (10) Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District.
- (12) Morris Wetland Management District.
- (13) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
- (14) Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (15) Rydell National Wildlife Refuge.
- (16) Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge.
- (17) Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge.
- (18) Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.
- (19) Windom Wetland Management District.
- (x) *Mississippi*. (1) Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Coldwater River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Hillside National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Holt Collier National Wildlife Refuge.

- (7) Mathews Brake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Morgan Brake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Panther Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) St. Catherine Creek National Wildlife Refuge.
- (12) Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge.
- (13) Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge.
- (y) *Missouri*. (1) Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Great River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Mingo National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge.
- (z) *Montana*. (1) Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Benton Lake Wetland Management District.
- (3) Black Coulee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Bowdoin Wetland Management District.
- (6) Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Charles M. Russell Wetland Management District.
- (8) Creedman Coulee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Hailstone National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Hewitt Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) Lake Mason National Wildlife Refuge.

- (12) Lake Thibadeau National Wildlife Refuge.
- (13) Lamesteer National Wildlife Refuge.
- (14) Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge.
- (15) Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge.
- (16) Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (17) National Bison Range.
- (18) Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge.
- (19) Northeast Montana Wetland Management District.
- (20) Northwest Montana Wetland Management District.
- (21) Pablo National Wildlife Refuge.
- (22) Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.
- (23) Swan River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (24) UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge.
- (25) War Horse National Wildlife Refuge.
- (aa) *Nebraska*. (1) Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) John W. and Louise Seier National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) North Platte National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Rainwater Basin Wetland Management District.
- (7) Valentine National Wildlife Refuge.
- (bb) *Nevada*. (1) Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Desert National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Fallon National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

- (6) Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge.
- (cc) *New Hampshire*. (1) Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge.
- (dd) *New Jersey*. (1) Cape May National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (ee) *New Mexico*. (1) Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) San Andres National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge.
- (ff) *New York*. (1) Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Elizabeth A. Morton National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Seatuck National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Wallkill National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge.

(gg) *North Carolina*. (1) Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge.

(2) Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge.

(3) Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.

(4) Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

(5) Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

(6) Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge.

(7) Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge.

(8) Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge.

(9) Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

(10) Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge.

(11) Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge.

(hh) *North Dakota*. (1) Appert Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

(2) Ardoch National Wildlife Refuge.

(3) Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge.

(4) Arrowwood Wetland Management District.

(5) Audubon National Wildlife Refuge.

(6) Audubon Wetland Management District.

(7) Bone Hill National Wildlife Refuge.

(8) Brumba National Wildlife Refuge.

(9) Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

(10) Camp Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

(11) Canefield Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

(12) Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

(13) Chase Lake Wetland Management District.

(14) Cottonwood Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

(15) Crosby Wetland Management District.

- (16) Dakota Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (17) Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge.
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- (2) Little River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Optima National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Ozark Plateau National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit.
- (9) Washita National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge.
- (kk) *Oregon*. (1) Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Bear Valley National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Cold Springs National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge.
- (7) Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer.
- (8) Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.
- (12) McKay Creek National Wildlife Refuge.
- (13) McNary National Wildlife Refuge.
- (14) Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

- (15) Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.
- (16) Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (17) Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (18) Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge.
- (19) Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuge.
- (20) Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (21) William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge.
- (ll) *Pennsylvania*. (1) Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Erie National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum.
- (4) Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge.
- (mm) *Rhode Island*. (1) Block Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) John H. Chafee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge.
- (nn) *South Carolina*. (1) Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Santee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge.
- (oo) *South Dakota*. (1) Huron Wetland Management District.
- (2) Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge.

- (4) Lake Andes Wetland Management District.
- (5) Madison Wetland Management District.
- (6) Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Sand Lake Wetland Management District.
- (8) Waubay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Waubay Wetland Management District.
- (pp) *Tennessee*. (1) Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (qq) *Texas*. (1) Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge.
- (12) San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge.
- (13) Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge.

- (14) Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (rr) *Utah*. (1) Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.
- (2) Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Ouray National Wildlife Refuge.
- (ss) *Vermont*. (1) Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.
- (tt) *Virginia*. (1) Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) James River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Plum Tree Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) Presquile National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge.
- (12) Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (uu) *Washington*. (1) Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Columbia National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-tailed Deer.
- (7) Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge.
- (8) McNary National Wildlife Refuge.

- (9) Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.
- (10) San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuge.
- (11) Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge.
- (12) Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge.
- (13) Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge.
- (14) Willapa National Wildlife Refuge.
- (vv) *West Virginia*. (1) Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge.
- (ww) *Wisconsin*. (1) Fox River National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) Horicon National Wildlife Refuge.
- (5) Leopold Wetland Management District.
- (6) Necedah National Wildlife Refuge.
- (7) St. Croix Wetland Management District.
- (8) Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge.
- (9) Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.
- (10) Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge.
- (xx) *Wyoming*. (1) Bamforth National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) Cokeville Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Hutton Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- (4) National Elk Refuge.
- (5) Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge.
- (6) Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge.
- (yy) *Guam*. (1) Guam National Wildlife Refuge.
- (2) [Reserved]

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**§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.
	Oct. 22, 1953	Florida	St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge	18 FR 7837.
	Oct. 20, 1960	.....do	.....do	25 FR 10030.
2758	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.
	Nov. 3, 1970	.....do	Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge	35 FR 16936.
2748	Oct. 1, 1947	Illinois	Honshoe Lake, Alexander County	3 CFR, 1947 Supp. 12 FR 6521.
	Sept. 9, 1953	.....do	.....do	18 FR 5495.
2322	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.
	Dec. 2, 1969	.....do	Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge	34 FR 19077.
	Aug. 13, 1960	Maryland	Martin National Wildlife Refuge	25 FR 7741.
2617	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.
2129	July 18, 1935	.....do	Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge	49 Stat. 3450.
	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.
	Sept. 27, 1964	.....do	.....do	49 FR 38141.
2000	June 6, 1932	South Carolina	Cape Romanain 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.
	Oct. 8, 1963	Tennessee	Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge	28 FR 10782.
	Aug. 23, 1956	Texas	Aransas National Wildlife Regudge	21 FR 6513.
2370	Oct. 16, 1939	Virginia	Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge	3 CFR, Cum. Supp. 4 FR 4285.
	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.
2439	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]

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### §32.9 Information collection requirements.

The information collection requirements contained in this part have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and assigned clearance number 1018-0140. The information is being collected to provide the refuge managers the information needed to decide whether or not to allow the requested use. A response is required in order to obtain a benefit. The Service 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. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other

aspect of these information collection requirements to the Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address provided at 50 CFR 2.1(b).

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## Subpart B—Refuge-Specific Regulations for Hunting and Fishing

SOURCE: 84 FR 47675, Sept. 10, 2019, unless otherwise noted.

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### §32.20 Alabama.

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(b) *Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, coyote, and bobcat on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to hunt as governed by Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' William R. Ireland, Sr.—Cahaba River Wildlife Management Area hunting permit conditions.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Hunters may hunt with shotguns using only #4 shot or smaller, rifles and handguns using rim-fire ammunition only, or archery equipment that complies with State and Federal regulations.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting upland game.

(v) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times.

(vi) Hunters must remove tree stands, blinds, or other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(2)(i), (ii), (v), and (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer. We also prohibit drives for feral hogs.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(c) *Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, coyote, beaver, and nutria on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) You may only take incidental species (coyote, beaver, nutria, and feral hog) during any other refuge hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts as governed by the State of Alabama.

(iii) You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) when hunting.

(iv) 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 age 21 or older. 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.

(v) 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.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs when hunting squirrel and rabbit.

(vii) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times.

(viii) For hunting, you may use only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)), .22 caliber rimfire or smaller rifles, or legal archery equipment as governed by State regulations.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer and incidental take of feral hog subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(2)(ii), (iii), (iv), and (viii) of this section apply.

(ii) 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 State hunting license number. You may leave the stand or blind on the refuge overnight during the deer season in a non-hunting position at ground level.

(iii) 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) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(2)(iii) of this section applies.

(iii) We allow a rod and reel and pole and line. We prohibit all other methods of fishing, including bow fishing.

(iv) We prohibit the taking of frogs, turtles, and crawfish (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(v) We prohibit fishing tournaments on all refuge waters.

(d) *Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove and Eurasian-collared dove, duck, and goose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) when hunting.

(ii) 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 may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

(iii) 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 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(iv) Hunters must remove all stands/blinds and other personal property at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) We allow access to the refuge for hunting from 1½ hours before legal sunrise to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

(vi) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(vii) We prohibit hunting or observing from an elevated stand without use of a full body harness.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) and (ii) and (v) through (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow only shotguns as the means of take for upland game hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) and (v) through (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow youth gun hunting opportunities that 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 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(iii) 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.

(iv) All big game hunting opportunities, except for youth gun, are archery-only.

(v) We close those portions of the refuge between Bustahatchee and Rood Creeks to archery hunting until November 1.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing, including bowfishing, in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow shoreline access for fishing from 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit taking frog or turtle on all refuge lands and waters (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iii) 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.

(e) *Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge.* Refer to §32.43(d) for regulations.

(f) *Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove, crow, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We allow hunting on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting migratory game birds and upland game.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, Eurasian-collared dove, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, starling, coyote, bobcat, and fox on designated portions of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting on designated areas from legal sunrise to legal sunset on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday, except that you may hunt opossum and raccoon after legal sunset.

(iii) Hunters may hunt with shotguns using only #4 shot or smaller, rifles and handguns using rim-fire ammunition only, or archery equipment that complies with State regulations.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated portions of the refuge as governed by State regulations subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting on designated areas from legal sunrise to legal sunset on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday.

(iii) We prohibit the use of firearms for hunting deer on the refuge.

(iv) We allow hunters to hunt from portable tree stands. 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.

(v) We prohibit organized drives. We define a "drive" as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(vi) Hunters may hunt big game species other than deer with shotguns using only approved 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.

(4) [Reserved]

(g) *Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to hunt as governed by Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area hunting permit conditions.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times.

(iv) Hunters must remove tree stands, blinds, or other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, groundhog, raccoon, opossum, beaver, and fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit hunting after legal sunset.

(iii) Hunters must use a body safety harness at all times while hunting from a tree.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting quail, squirrel, and rabbit only.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, bobcat, coyote, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) through (iv) and (g)(2)(iii) of this section apply.

(4) [Reserved]

(h) *Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to hunt as governed by Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' North Sauty refuge hunting permit.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times.

(iv) Hunters may hunt with shotguns using only #4 shot or smaller, rifles and handguns using rim-fire ammunition only, or archery equipment that complies with State regulations.

(v) We allow the use of dogs when hunting upland game.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(i) *Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) Hunters may hunt with shotguns using only #4 shot or smaller, rifles and handguns using rim-fire ammunition only, or archery equipment that complies with State regulations.

(iii) We allow hunting on designated areas Monday through Saturday. We prohibit hunting on Sunday.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting upland game.

(v) Hunters must use a body safety harness at all times while hunting from a tree.

(vi) Hunters must remove tree stands, blinds, or other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vii) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(2)(i) and (iii) and (v) through (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a "drive" as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(iii) Hunters may only hunt with archery equipment that complies with State regulations and flintlocks .40 caliber or larger.

(iv) You may only hunt feral hog during the refuge archery and flintlock deer season.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We open all refuge waters to fishing year-round unless otherwise posted.

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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, 16 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*). The regulations set forth at 50 CFR part 36 concern National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska. Information regarding specific refuge rules can be obtained from the Regional Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage, AK (see 50 CFR 2.2), or by contacting the manager of the respective individual refuge.

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### **§32.22 Arizona.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow shotguns, muzzleloaders, pistols, pneumatic guns, and archery equipment for hunting.

(ii) We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 meters) of any building, road, or levee open to public use.

(iii) You must remove boats, equipment, cameras, temporary blinds, stands, etc., at the end of each day's activities (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of Gambel's quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit from September 1 to the close of the State season.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of desert bighorn sheep on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow the possession of rifles for desert bighorn sheep hunting.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(b) *Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, merganser, moorhen (gallinule), common snipe, and mourning, white-winged, and Eurasian collared-dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow portable or temporary blinds and stands, but you must remove them at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) We prohibit falconry.

(iii) We allow dogs only for the retrieval of birds.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of black-tailed and antelope jackrabbit; cottontail rabbit; badger; bobcat; coati; kit and gray fox; raccoon; ringtail; coyote; and hog-nosed, hooded, spotted, and striped skunk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit night hunting from ½ hour after legal sunset until ½ hour before legal sunrise the following day.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of mule and white-tailed deer, javelina, mountain lion, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) and (b)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit the use of dogs when hunting big game.

(4) [Reserved]

(c) *Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to obtain a Barry M. Goldwater Range Entry Permit (Department of Defense form/requirement) from the refuge.

(ii) We prohibit falconry.

(iii) We allow dogs only for the pointing and retrieval of birds.

(iv) We allow hunting only during the late season dove hunt.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of Gambel's quail, Eurasian collared-dove, desert cottontail rabbit, antelope and black-tailed jackrabbit, coyote, bobcat, and fox in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We do not allow wheeled carts in designated Wilderness.

(iii) We prohibit night hunting from 1/2 hour after legal sunset until 1/2 hour before legal sunrise the following day.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of desert bighorn sheep, mule deer, and mountain lion on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (c)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We require Special Use Permits for all hunters (FWS Form 3-1383-G), guides (FWS Form 3-1383-C), and stock animals (FWS Form 3-1383-G).

(iii) We prohibit the use of dogs when hunting big game.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Cibola National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen (gallinule), common snipe, mourning and white-winged dove, and Eurasian collared-dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only shotgun and archery.

(ii) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times.

(iii) You must remove all temporary blinds, boats, and decoys from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) The Hart Mine Marsh area is open to entry from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. from October 1 through March 14.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of Gambel's quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) For cottontail rabbit, we allow only shotgun, archery, handgun, rifle, and muzzleloader.

(ii) For quail, we allow only shotgun, archery, and handgun shooting shot.

(iii) You may hunt cottontail rabbit from September 1 through the last day of the respective State's quail season.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of mule deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow rifle, shotgun, handgun, muzzleloader, and archery, except for archery-only hunts.

(4) *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 September 30.

(e) *Havasu National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove, duck, coot, moorhen (gallinule), goose, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow shotguns, muzzleloaders, pistols, pneumatic guns, and archery equipment for hunting.

(ii) You must remove all boats, equipment, cameras, temporary blinds, stands, etc., at the end of each day's activities (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(iv) The following conditions apply to Pintail Slough (all refuge lands north of North Dike):

(A) We prohibit falconry.

(B) We limit the number of persons at each waterfowl hunt blind or field to four. Observers cannot hold shells or guns for hunting unless in possession of a valid State hunting license and stamps.

(C) Waterfowl hunters must possess at least four decoys per designated blind or field.

(D) You may use dead vegetation or materials for making or fixing hunt blinds.

(E) We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Waterfowl hunting ends at 2 p.m. MST (Mountain Standard Time). Hunters must be out of the Pintail Slough area by 3 p.m. MST.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of Gambel's quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting of Gambel's quail and cottontail rabbit in Pintail Slough prior to and following the State waterfowl season.

(iii) We allow the incidental take of quail and cottontail rabbit in Pintail Slough during the State waterfowl season by hunters possessing a valid permit at their designated waterfowl hunt blind or field.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of desert bighorn sheep on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow the possession of rifles for desert bighorn sheep hunting.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (e)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(ii) We prohibit overnight boat mooring and shore anchoring unless actively fishing as governed by State regulations (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(f) *Imperial National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove, duck, coot, moorhen (gallinule), goose, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow shotgun, archery, and crossbow.

(ii) You must remove temporary blinds, boats, and decoys from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of Gambel's quail, cottontail rabbit, coyote, and gray fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) For hunting quail, we allow shotgun, handgun shooting shot, archery, and crossbow.

(ii) For hunting cottontail rabbit, coyote, and fox, we allow shotgun, rifle, handgun, muzzleloader, archery, and crossbow.

(iii) We allow cottontail rabbit hunting from September 1 to the close of the State quail season.

(iv) We allow coyote and fox hunting only during the State quail season.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of mule deer and desert bighorn sheep on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) *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.

(g) *Kofa National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of Gambel's quail, cottontail rabbit, coyote, and gray fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting of coyote, fox, and cottontail rabbit during the State quail season only.

(ii) For hunting quail, we allow shotgun, archery, crossbow, and handgun shooting shot.

(iii) For hunting cottontail rabbit, coyote, and fox, we allow shotgun, rifle, muzzleloader, handgun, archery, and crossbow.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of mule deer and desert bighorn sheep on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(h) *Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of mourning, white-winged, and Eurasian collared-dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit falconry.

(ii) We prohibit the use of dogs.

(iii) We prohibit pneumatic weapons.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of Gambel's and scaled quail; cottontail; black-tailed jackrabbit; gray fox; coati; badger; striped, hooded, spotted, and hog-nosed skunk; bobcat; raccoon; ring-tailed cat; and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit night hunting.

(iii) We will allow hunting of these upland game species only when the State season dates overlap with a general or archery State deer and/or javelina hunt season.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of mule deer, white-tailed deer, javelina, and black bear on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(2)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We will allow hunting of black bear only when the State season dates overlap with a general or archery State deer and/or javelina hunt season.

(4) [Reserved]

(i) *San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs while hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of Gambel's, scaled, and Mearns' quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only shotgun.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs while quail hunting.

(iii) Cottontail rabbit season opens on September 1 and closes on the last day of the State quail season.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

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The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, snipe, woodcock, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require refuge hunting permits (signed brochure). The permits are nontransferable, and anyone on refuge land in possession of hunting equipment must possess a signed permit at all times.

(ii) We prohibit migratory game bird hunting on the refuge during the quota gun deer hunt.

(iii) 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.

(iv) You may not possess more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field. The field possession limit for shells does not apply to goose hunting during the State Conservation Order.

(v) We prohibit hunting closer than 100 yards (90 meters) to another hunter or hunting party.

(vi) You must remove decoys, blinds, boats, and all other equipment by 1 p.m. (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vii) Hunters may enter the refuge beginning at 4 a.m. and must exit by 1 hour after legal shooting time ends.

(viii) Boats 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.

(ix) We allow the use of dogs when migratory game bird hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, opossum, beaver, muskrat, nutria, armadillo, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (vii), and (viii) of this section apply.

(ii) Hunters may use shotguns and rifles chambered for rimfire cartridges.

(iii) We allow squirrel hunting September 1 through February 28, except for season closure of the refuge during the quota gun deer hunt.

(iv) We allow rabbit and quail hunting as governed by the State season, except for season closure of the refuge during the quota gun deer hunt.

(v) We allow the use of dogs when hunting upland game. We require the use of dogs when hunting raccoon and opossum at night, 30 minutes after legal sunset to 30 minutes before legal sunrise.

(vi) Hunters may take beaver, muskrat, nutria, armadillo, and coyote during any refuge hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts, subject to applicable State seasons and regulations.

(vii) We limit hunting after legal sunset to raccoon/opossum hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (vii), and (viii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow archery/crossbow deer hunting as governed by the State season, except for season closure of the refuge during the quota gun deer hunt.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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.

(v) We prohibit spring and fall gun hunting for turkey.

(vi) You may use only shotguns with rifled slugs, muzzleloaders, and legal pistols for modern gun deer hunting on the Farm Unit.

(vii) We allow only portable deer stands. 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 (fee/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). We prohibit leaving any tree stand, ground blind, or game camera on the refuge without the owner's Arkansas Game and Fish customer identification number clearly written on it in a conspicuous location.

(viii) We prohibit the possession or use of buckshot for hunting on all refuge lands.

(ix) We prohibit hunting from mowed and/or graveled road rights-of-way.

(x) 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.

(xi) 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.

(xii) Hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. and remain until 1 hour after legal shooting time.

(xiii) You may take feral hog only during the refuge quota gun and muzzleloader deer hunts and as governed by State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) regulations.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (a)(1)(viii) of this section applies.

(ii) Anglers may enter the refuge beginning  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise and must exit by 1 hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit the take or possession of turtles and/or mollusks (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(b) *Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, nutria, coyote, beaver, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times.

(iii) We allow take of nutria, beaver, and coyote during any refuge hunt with the device allowed for that hunt subject to applicable State seasons and regulations.

(iv) You may take opossum when hunting raccoon.

(v) We require dogs for hunting of raccoon and opossum after legal sunset.

(vi) When hunting, you may only use shotguns and rifles chambered for rimfire cartridges.

(vii) We prohibit hunting from mowed and/or gravel road rights-of-way.

(viii) We limit nighttime use, 30 minutes after legal sunset to 30 minutes before legal sunrise, to fishing, frogging, and/or raccoon/opossum hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(2)(i), (iii), and (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times.

(iii) Hunters may use only bows or crossbows.

(iv) Hunters may use only biodegradable materials to mark trails.

(v) We allow only portable deer stands. You may erect stands 7 days prior to the refuge deer season and must remove them 7 days after the closure of archery season (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit leaving any tree stand, ground blind, or game camera on the refuge without the owner's Arkansas Game and Fish customer identification number clearly written on it in a conspicuous location.

(vi) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must leave 1 hour after legal sunset.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(2)(viii) of this section applies.

(ii) Anglers may launch boats only in designated areas.

(iii) We allow frogging from the beginning of the State frogging season through October 31.

(iv) We prohibit the take or possession of turtles and/or mollusks (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(c) *Cache River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, snipe, woodcock, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) You must remove decoys, blinds, boats, and all other equipment by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) Waterfowl hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. and hunt until 12 p.m. (noon).

(v) Boats 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.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs when migratory game bird hunting.

(vii) We allow waterfowl hunting on flooded refuge roads.

(viii) We close all other hunts during the quota gun deer hunt.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, opossum, beaver, muskrat, nutria, armadillo, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (v), and (viii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow squirrel hunting September 1 through February 28, except for refuge-wide season closure during the quota gun deer hunt.

(iii) We allow rabbit and quail hunting as governed by the State season, except for season closure of the refuge during the quota gun deer hunt.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting upland game. We require the use of dogs when hunting raccoon and opossum at night, 30 minutes after legal sunset to 30 minutes before legal sunrise.

(v) You may take beaver, muskrat, nutria, armadillo, and coyote during any refuge hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts subject to applicable State seasons and regulations.

(vi) We prohibit hunting from mowed and/or graveled refuge roads except by waterfowl hunters during flooded conditions.

(vii) You may use only shotguns and rifles chambered for rimfire cartridges when hunting.

(viii) We limit nighttime use, 30 minutes after legal sunset to 30 minutes before legal sunrise, to fishing, frogging, and/or raccoon/opossum hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (viii) and (c)(2)(v) and (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow archery/crossbow deer hunting as governed by the State season, except for season closure of the refuge during the quota gun deer hunt.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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.

(v) Hunters may take feral hog only during the quota gun and muzzleloader deer hunts and as governed by State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) regulations

(vi) 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 Plunkett Farm Unit Waterfowl Sanctuary.

(vii) We allow only portable stands. 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). We prohibit leaving any tree stand, ground blind, or game camera on the refuge without the owner's Arkansas Game and Fish customer identification number clearly written on it in a conspicuous location.

(viii) We prohibit the possession or use of buckshot for hunting on all refuge lands.

(ix) We prohibit hunting from mowed and/or graveled road rights-of-way.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(v) and (c)(2)(viii) of this section apply.

(ii) We close waterfowl sanctuaries to all entry and fishing/frogging from November 15 to February 28. We prohibit refuge-wide entry and fishing during the quota gun deer hunt.

(iii) We prohibit the take or possession of turtles and/or mollusks (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(d) *Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl (ducks, mergansers, and coots) on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require an annual public use permit (signed brochure) to hunt and fish.

(ii) We allow waterfowl hunting from legal shooting hours until 12 p.m. (noon).

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when migratory game bird hunting.

(iv) You must remove blinds, blind material, and decoys from the refuge by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) Waterfowl hunters may enter the North Unit, Jack's Bay Hunt Area, and Levee Hunt Area no earlier than 4 a.m.

(vi) We prohibit boating from November 1 through January 31 in the South Unit Waterfowl Hunt Areas, except from 4 a.m. to 1 p.m. on designated waterfowl hunt days.

(vii) We allow waterfowl hunting on outlying tracts; paragraph (d)(1)(v) of this section applies.

(viii) We only allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) for wildlife-dependent hunting and fishing activities. We prohibit the use of ATVs after December 15 each year in designated South Unit areas as shown in refuge user brochure.

(ix) We prohibit the use of decoys that contain moving parts or electrical components, except that you may use manually operated jerk strings to simulate decoy movement.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, and all furbearers (as governed by State law) on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow hunting of rabbit and squirrel on the North Unit from September 1 through January 31.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting rabbit and squirrel from December 1 through January 31 on the North Unit only.

(iv) We allow rabbit and squirrel hunting on the South Unit from September 1 through November 30.

(v) We allow furbearer (as governed by State law) hunting. The annual public use permit (signed brochure) provides season dates and methods.

(vi) 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.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) Archery deer seasons on the North Unit are from October 1 through January 31 except during quota muzzleloader and quota gun deer hunts, when the archery season is closed.

(iii) Archery deer seasons on the South Unit are from October 1 through December 31 except during quota muzzleloader and quota gun deer hunts, when the archery season is closed.

(iv) Muzzleloader season for deer will begin in October and will continue for a period of up to 3 days of quota hunting in the North and South Units, and no more than 4 days of non-quota hunting in the North Unit.

(v) The gun deer hunt will begin in November and will continue for a period of no more than 3 days of quota hunting in the North and South Units, and no more than 2 days of non-quota hunting in the North Unit.

(vi) We restrict hunt participants for quota hunts to those drawn for a quota permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System). The permits are nontransferable and nonrefundable.

(vii) We close the refuge to all non-quota hunting during refuge-wide quota muzzleloader and quota gun deer hunts.

(viii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(ix) We prohibit firearm deer hunting from or across roads, ATV trails, levees, and maintained utility rights-of-way.

(x) You may only use portable deer stands. You may erect stands up to 7 days before each hunt, but you must remove them within 7 days after each hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). All unattended deer stands on the refuge must have the owner's hunting license number clearly displayed.

(xi) We close the Kansas Lake Area to all entry on December 1 and reopen it on March 1.

(xii) We prohibit the possession of buckshot on the refuge.

(xiii) We prohibit the possession and/or use of toxic shot by hunters using shotguns (see §32.2(k)) when hunting deer or turkey.

(xiv) Hunters who are hunting deer during a firearm season may kill feral hogs with weapons legal for those seasons. Feral hogs may be taken incidentally with archery equipment from November 1 through December 31.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing, frogging, and crawfishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow fishing year-round in LaGrue, Essex, Prairie, Scrubgrass and Brooks Bayous, Big Island Chute, Moon, and Belknap Lakes next to Arkansas Highway 1, Indian Bay, the Arkansas Post Canal and adjacent drainage ditches; 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 waters in the refuge-owned North Unit and scattered tracts. We open all other South Unit refuge waters to sport fishing from March 1 through November 30 unless posted otherwise.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We prohibit all commercial and recreational harvest of turtle on all property administered by Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge.

(v) We prohibit take or possession of any freshwater mussel, and we do not open to mussel shelling.

(e) *Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot during the State waterfowl season except during scheduled refuge quota gun deer hunts.

(ii) Hunting of duck, goose, and coot ends at 12 p.m. (noon) each day.

(iii) We allow only portable blinds. You must remove all duck hunting equipment (portable blinds, boats, guns, and decoys) from the hunt area by 1:30 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We close areas of the refuge posted with “Area Closed” signs and identify them on the refuge hunt brochure map as a waterfowl sanctuary. We close waterfowl sanctuaries to all public entry and public use during the waterfowl hunting season.

(v) Hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge public use regulations brochure/access permit (signed brochure) while hunting.

(vi) 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 valid state hunting license. One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

(vii) We allow only all-terrain vehicles/utility-type vehicles (ATVs/UTVs) for hunting and fishing activities.

(viii) You may use horses and mules on roads and ATV/UTV trails (when open to motor vehicle and ATV/UTV traffic, respectively) as a mode of transportation for hunting and fishing activities on the refuge except during the quota deer hunts.

(ix) We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) of roads and trails open to motor vehicle use (including ATV/UTV trails).

(x) 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.

(xi) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(xii) We prohibit leaving any boat on the refuge. You must remove boat(s) at the end of each day's hunt.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, and furbearers (as governed by State law) on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(iv) through (ix) and (xi) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting for quail, squirrel, rabbit, and furbearers (as governed by State law) on the refuge during State seasons through January 31. We close upland game hunting during refuge quota gun deer hunts.

(iii) We do not open for spring squirrel hunting season, or summer/early fall raccoon hunting season.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs for squirrel and rabbit hunting from December 1 through January 31 and for quail and raccoon/opossum hunting during the open season on the refuge for these species.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(v) through (ix) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow archery deer hunting on the refuge from the opening of the State season through January 31.

(iii) We close archery deer hunting during the quota gun deer hunts.

(iv) 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.

(v) Total deer harvested refuge-wide is two deer (two does, or one buck and one doe, as governed by State law) regardless of method.

(vi) During the deer and turkey hunts, hunters may possess lead ammunition legal for taking deer and turkey. We prohibit buckshot for gun deer hunting.

(vii) You may only use portable deer stands erected no earlier than the opening day of archery season, and you must remove them no later than January 31 each year (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(viii) We prohibit the use of deer decoy(s).

(ix) We open spring archery turkey hunting during the State spring turkey season. We do not open for fall archery turkey season.

(x) We close spring archery turkey hunting during scheduled turkey quota gun hunts.

(xi) We restrict quota hunt participants to those selected for a quota permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System), except that one nonhunting adult age 21 or older possessing a valid hunting license must accompany the youth hunter age 15 and younger.

(xii) 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.

(xiii) We authorize the use of tree stands, ground blinds, and game cameras on the refuge if the owner's State hunting license number is clearly written on them in a conspicuous location. You must remove game cameras from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

(xiv) We restrict hunt participants for quota hunts to those drawn for a quota permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System). These permits are nontransferable, and the permit fees are nonrefundable.

(xv) The incidental taking of feral hogs will be governed by Arkansas Game and Fish Commission regulations concerning the taking of feral hogs on State Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). Subject to State regulations, we allow incidental take of feral hogs on State WMAs during daytime refuge hunts (without the use of dogs) with legal hunting equipment and ammunition allowed for that hunt. There is no bag limit. We prohibit transport or possession of live hogs.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing, frogging, and crawfishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(v), (vi), and (xii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit fishing in the waterfowl sanctuary area when the sanctuary is closed, 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.

(iii) We allow fishing only in areas accessible from the Ouachita and Saline Rivers and from Eagle, Jones, and Pereogeethe Lakes during the refuge quota gun deer hunts.

(iv) You must reset trotlines when receding water levels expose them.

(f) *Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, beaver, armadillo, coyote, and bobcat on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require refuge hunting permits (found on the front cover of the annual hunt brochure/permit—signature required). The permits are nontransferable, and anyone on refuge land in possession of hunting equipment must sign and carry a permit at all times. Your hunt permit will also act as your entrance pass to the refuge.

(ii) During the refuge archery season, you may take only squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, beaver, armadillo, coyote, or bobcat.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when gun hunting raccoon and opossum every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until legal sunrise during the month of February.

(iv) 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.

(v) We allow the use of nonmotorized boats during the refuge fishing/boating season (March 1 through October 31), but hunters must remove boats at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(2)(i), (iv), and (v) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow archery/crossbow hunting for white-tailed deer and turkey.

(iii) 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. We restrict hunt participants to those selected for a quota permit (electronic form), except that one nonhunting adult must accompany the youth hunter during the youth hunt.

(iv) We open spring archery turkey hunting during the State turkey season.

(v) 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.

(vi) 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. 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.

(vii) We allow only portable deer stands. 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).

(viii) You must permanently affix the owner's Arkansas Game and Fish customer identification number to all tree stands, ground blinds, and game cameras on the refuge.

(ix) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(x) You must check all game at the refuge check station.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(2)(iv) and (f)(3)(v) of this section apply.

(ii) We open the waters of the refuge to fishing only from March 1 through October 31 from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) Anglers must remove boats from the refuge at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We prohibit the take and possession of turtles and/or mollusks (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(g) *Overflow National Wildlife Refuge—(1) (1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of American woodcock, duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a refuge public use regulations brochure/access permit (signed brochure) while hunting.

(ii) Hunting of duck, goose, and coot ends at 12 p.m. (noon) each day.

(iii) 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).

(iv) We allow only all-terrain vehicles (ATVs)/utility-type vehicles (UTVs) for hunting activities.

(v) 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 hunting activities on the refuge.

(vi) We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) of roads and trails open to motor vehicle use (including ATV/UTV trails).

(vii) 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.

(viii) We allow boats on the refuge between the hours of 4 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. during waterfowl season.

(ix) Hunters may not enter the refuge until 4 a.m., with the exception of designated parking areas.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, and furbearers (as governed by State law) on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(iv) through (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting during State seasons for quail, squirrel, rabbit, and furbearers (as governed by State law) through January 31. State regulations governing appropriate zones apply.

(iii) We do not open for the spring squirrel hunting season or the summer/fall raccoon hunting season.

(iv) When upland game hunting, we prohibit possession of lead ammunition except that you may possess rimfire rifle lead ammunition no larger than .22 caliber.

(v) We allow the use of dogs for squirrel and rabbit hunting from December 1 through January 31, and for quail and raccoon/ opossum hunting during the open season on the refuge for these species.

(vi) We allow nighttime raccoon and opossum hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(iv) through (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow muzzleloader deer hunting during the first State muzzleloader season for this zone. State regulations governing appropriate zones apply.

(iii) We prohibit buckshot for gun deer hunting.

(iv) The bag limit for the muzzleloader deer hunt is two deer, with no more than one buck.

(v) You may only use portable deer stands erected no earlier than the opening day of archery season, and you must remove them no later than January 31 each year (see §27.93 of this chapter). The limit is one deer stand, blind, etc., per person.

(vi) We prohibit the use of deer decoy(s).

(vii) We restrict quota hunt participants on these hunts to those selected for a quota permit (electronic form), except that one nonhunting adult age 21 or older and possessing a valid hunting license must accompany a youth hunter age 15 or younger.

(viii) The incidental taking of feral hogs will be governed by Arkansas Game and Fish Commission regulations concerning the taking of feral hogs on State Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). Subject to State regulations, we allow incidental take of feral hogs on State

WMAs during daytime refuge hunts (without the use of dogs) with legal hunting equipment and ammunition allowed for that hunt. There is no bag limit. We prohibit transport or possession of live hogs.

(4) [Reserved]

(h) *Pond Creek National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, and goose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We close migratory game bird hunting during scheduled quota refuge gun deer hunts.

(ii) Hunting ends at 12 p.m. (noon) each day.

(iii) 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).

(iv) You must possess and carry a refuge public use regulations brochure/access permit (signed brochure) while hunting.

(v) We allow only all-terrain vehicles (ATVs)/utility-type vehicles (UTVs) for hunting and fishing activities.

(vi) You may use horses and mules only 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, except during refuge muzzleloader and quota deer hunts.

(vii) We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) of roads and trails open to motor vehicle use (including ATV/UTV trails).

(viii) 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.

(ix) We allow the use of dogs when waterfowl hunting.

(x) We authorize the use of tree stands, game cameras, and boats while hunting and fishing on the refuge. The owner's Arkansas Game and Fish customer identification number must be affixed to, or clearly written on, them in a conspicuous manner.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, and furbearers (as governed by State law) on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting on the refuge during State seasons for this zone for squirrel, rabbit, and furbearers 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.

(ii) We do not open to spring squirrel hunting season, or summer/early fall raccoon hunting season.

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(iv) through (viii) of this section apply.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum hunting from the opening of hunting season through January 31.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow archery deer hunting on the refuge from the opening of the State season through January 31. State regulations governing appropriate zones apply.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(iv) through (viii) of this section apply.

(iii) We close archery deer hunting during the quota gun deer hunts.

(iv) 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.

(v) We prohibit buckshot for gun deer hunting.

(vi) We restrict hunt participants for quota hunts to those drawn for a quota permit. These permits are nontransferable, and permit fees are nonrefundable.

(vii) 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.

(viii) We do not open for fall archery turkey season.

(ix) We close spring archery turkey hunting during scheduled turkey quota permit gun hunts.

(x) 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).

(xi) We prohibit the use of deer decoy(s).

(xii) We restrict hunt participants during quota 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.

(xiii) We allow tree stands, ground blinds, boats, or game cameras on the refuge only if the owner's Arkansas Game and Fish customer identification number is affixed to, or clearly written on, them in a conspicuous location.

(xiv) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(xv) We prohibit all public use, except fishing and access for fishing, during quota hunts.

(xvi) 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing, frogging, and the taking of crawfish on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must reset trotlines when exposed by receding water levels.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(iv) through (viii) and (x) of this section apply.

(iii) We prohibit taking or possessing turtles or mollusks (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(i) *Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of snow goose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times.

(iii) Hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. and must leave the refuge by 1 hour after legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, nutria, beaver, coyote, feral hog, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may use only shotguns and rifles chambered for rimfire cartridges when hunting.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(iv) You may take nutria, beaver, and coyote during any refuge hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts, subject to applicable State seasons and regulations.

(v) You may take feral hog only during the refuge quota gun deer hunt and as governed by State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) regulations.

(vi) We limit nighttime hunting to raccoon/possum hunting.

(vii) We close all other hunts during the quota gun deer hunt. We allow only quota gun deer hunt permit (fee/signature required) holders to enter the refuge during this hunt and only for deer hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (iii) and (i)(2)(iv) through (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit hunting from mowed and/or graveled road rights-of-way.

(iii) We allow only portable deer stands. 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).

(iv) We prohibit the possession or use of buckshot for hunting on all refuge lands.

(v) We allow tree stands, ground blinds, and game cameras on the refuge only if the owner's Arkansas Game and Fish customer identification number is clearly written on them in a conspicuous location.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from March 1 through October 31 from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit the possession or use of yo-yos, jugs, or other floating containers; drops or limb lines; trotlines; and commercial fishing tackle.

(iii) We allow bank fishing.

(iv) We prohibit the take or possession of frogs, mollusks, and/or turtles (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(v) Anglers may launch boats only in designated areas.

(vi) Anglers must remove all boats from the refuge at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit airboats, personal watercraft, and hovercraft.

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**§32.24 California.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Cibola National Wildlife Refuge*. Refer to §32.22(d) for regulations.

(b) *Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of pronghorn antelope only on the controlled “U” Unit of the refuge subject to the following condition: You may hunt only in the unit for 9 consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday following the third Wednesday in August.

(4) [Reserved]

(c) *Colusa National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must return the State-issued entry permit and vacate the refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset unless participating in an authorized overnight stay.

(ii) All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(iii) 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.

(iv) You may enter or exit only at designated locations.

(v) The firearms used for hunting must remain unloaded until you are in designated free-roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.

(vi) Hunters may use shotguns only. We prohibit shotguns larger than 12 gauge.

(vii) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(viii) You may not possess shot size larger than BB, except steel “T” (0.20-inch (0.5-centimeter) diameter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant and wild turkey only in the free-roam areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow pheasant hunting in the assigned pond area during a special 1-day-only pheasant hunt on the first Monday after the opening of the State pheasant hunting season.

(ii) We allow turkey hunting during the fall season only.

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (viii) of this section apply.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Delevan National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must return the State-issued entry permit and vacate the refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset unless participating in an authorized overnight stay.

(ii) All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(iii) 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.

(iv) You may enter or exit only at designated locations.

(v) The firearms used for hunting must remain unloaded until you are in designated free-roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.

(vi) Hunters may use shotguns only. We prohibit shotguns larger than 12 gauge.

(vii) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(viii) You may not possess shot size larger than BB, except steel “T” (0.20-inch (0.5-centimeter) diameter).

(ix) We restrict hunters assigned to the spaced blind area to within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of their assigned hunt site except for when retrieving downed birds, placing decoys, or traveling to and from the area.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant and wild turkey on designated areas on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow pheasant hunting in the assigned pond/spaced blind area during a special 1-day-only pheasant hunt on the first Monday after the opening of the State pheasant hunting season.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(iii) through (viii) of this section apply.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(e) *Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times.

(ii) 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. You may use your boat to access the hunting ponds, and you may leave your boat 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.

(iii) You may maintain an existing blind in the ponds open to hunting if you have a refuge permit (name and signature required), but the blind will be open for general use on a first-come, first-served basis.

(iv) You must remove all decoys and other personal property, except personal boats, from the refuge by legal sunset (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) You may enter closed areas of the refuge to retrieve downed birds, provided you leave all weapons in a legal hunting area.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(vii) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(viii) At the Ravenswood Unit only, we only allow portable blinds or construction of temporary blinds made from natural materials.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We close Mallard Slough to boats from March 1 through August 31, and we close Mowry Slough from March 15 to June 15.

(ii) We open designated fishing areas from legal sunrise to legal sunset each day.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We prohibit the use of balloons to float hooks and bait farther than hand casting.

(f) *Havasu National Wildlife Refuge*. Refer to §32.22(e) for regulations.

(g) *Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, common moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(ii) You may only use portable blinds in the free-roam hunting areas (*i.e.*, all hunt areas except Salmon Creek Unit).

(iii) You must remove all blinds, decoys, shell casings, and other personal equipment and refuse from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(v) 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 of names 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 (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) document while on the refuge and turn in a complete Record of Harvest at the check station before leaving the hunt area.

(vi) On the Salmon Creek Unit, you may possess shot shells in quantities of 25 or fewer per hunter, per day.

(vii) On the Salmon Creek Unit, we restrict hunters to within 100 feet (30 meters) of the assigned hunt site except for when placing and retrieving decoys, retrieving downed birds, or traveling to and from the parking area.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge 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.

(h) *Imperial National Wildlife Refuge.* Refer to §32.22(f) for regulations.

(i) *Kern National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and moorhen on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters assigned to the spaced blind unit must remain within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of the numbered steel post (blind site) except when pursuing crippled birds, placing decoys, or traveling to and from the parking area.

(ii) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(iii) We allow only nonmotorized boats.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(j) *Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) In the controlled waterfowl hunting area, we require a valid Refuge Recreation Pass (available electronically or in person at the refuge office) for all hunters age 16 or older. All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(ii) We require advance reservations for the first 2 days of the hunting season. Reservations are obtained through the waterfowl lottery each year.

(iii) Hunters may enter the refuge at 4:30 a.m. unless otherwise posted.

(iv) Shooting hours end at 1 p.m. on all California portions of the refuge with the following exceptions:

(A) The refuge manager may designate up to 6 afternoon special youth, ladies, veteran, or disabled hunter waterfowl hunts per season.

(B) The refuge manager may designate up to 3 days per week of afternoon waterfowl hunting for the general public after December 1.

(v) We prohibit the setting of decoys in retrieving zones.

(vi) Pit-style hunting blinds located in the Stearns units and unit 9D are first-come, first-served. We require you to hunt within a 200-foot (61-meter) radius of the blind.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: In the controlled pheasant hunting area, we require a valid permit (available electronically or in person at the refuge office) for all hunters age 16 or older. All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(k) *Marin Islands National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing from boats on designated areas of the refuge.

(l) *Merced National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, snipe, and moorhen on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(ii) Each hunter must remain inside his or her assigned blind, except for when placing decoys, retrieving downed birds, and traveling to and from the parking area. We prohibit shooting from outside the blind.

(iii) We restrict hunters in the spaced zone area of the Lonetree Unit to their assigned zone except when they are traveling to and from the parking area, retrieving downed birds, or shooting to retrieve crippled birds.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2)-(4) [Reserved]

(m) *Modoc National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) On the opening weekend of the hunting season, hunters must possess and carry a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) issued through random drawing to hunters with advance reservations only.

(ii) 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 (FWS Form 3-2405, Self-Clearing Check-in/out Permit). Hunters must completely fill out the “Refuge Hunt Permit” portion of the permit and deposit it in the drop box prior to hunting. The hunter must possess and carry the “Record of Kill” portion of the permit while on the refuge and turn it in prior to exiting the hunting area.

(iii) In the designated spaced blind area, you must remain within the blind assigned to you.

(iv) All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(v) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(vi) You may only use portable blinds in the free-roam hunting areas.

(vii) 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).

(viii) Hunters must enter and exit the hunting area from the three designated hunt parking lots, which we open 1½ hours before legal sunrise and close 1 hour after legal sunset each hunt day.

(ix) 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.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We limit hunting to junior hunters possessing a valid State Junior Hunting License and refuge Junior Pheasant Hunt Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing only on Dorris Reservoir subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit fishing from February 1 through September 30.

(ii) We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) We allow only walk-in access to Dorris Reservoir from February 1 through March 31.

(iv) We allow use of boats for fishing on Dorris Reservoir only from April 1 through September 30.

(n) *Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must return the State-issued entry permit and vacate the refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset unless participating in an authorized overnight stay.

(ii) All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(iii) 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.

(iv) You may enter or exit only at designated locations.

(v) The firearms used for hunting must remain unloaded until you are in designated free-roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.

(vi) Hunters may use shotguns only. We prohibit shotguns larger than 12 gauge.

(vii) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(viii) You may not possess shot size larger than BB, except steel "T" (0.20-inch (0.5-centimeter) diameter).

(ix) We restrict hunters assigned to the spaced blind area to within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of their assigned hunt site except for when retrieving downed birds, placing decoys, or traveling to and from the area.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant and wild turkey in designated areas on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow pheasant hunting in the assigned pond/spaced blind area during a special 1-day-only pheasant hunt on the first Monday after the opening of the State pheasant hunting season.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (n)(1)(iii) through (ix) of this section apply.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(o) *Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) On the Codora Unit, we prohibit hunting except for junior hunters on weekends only. Junior hunters must possess a valid junior hunting license and be accompanied by a nonhunting adult.

(iii) We allow only shotgun hunting.

(iv) We prohibit hunting within 50 feet (15 meters) of any landward boundary adjacent to private property.

(v) We allow the use of dogs only when hunting migratory birds and upland game birds.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, turkey, and quail on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only shotgun and archery hunting.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (o)(1)(i), (ii), (iv), and (v) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of black-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (o)(1)(i), (ii), and (iv) and (o)(2)(i) of this section apply.

(ii) You may hunt feral hogs from September 1 through March 15.

(iii) We prohibit the use of dogs while hunting black-tailed deer and feral hogs.

(iv) We allow the use of only shotguns firing single non-lead shotgun slugs, and archery equipment. We prohibit the use or possession of rifles and pistols on the refuge for hunting.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(p) *Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and moorhen on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting waterfowl.

(iv) You must remove all decoys and other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2)-(4) [Reserved]

(q) *San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing from boats and other flotation devices on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit shoreline fishing.

(r) *San Luis National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(ii) You must return your permits (state-issued) to the check stations immediately upon completion of your hunt and prior to using any tour routes or leaving the refuge vicinity.

(iii) 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 pursuing crippled birds.

(iv) 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 pursuing crippled birds.

(v) Access to the Freitas Unit free-roam hunting area is by boat only with a maximum of 5 miles per hour (mph). We prohibit air-thrust and inboard water-thrust boats.

(vi) We require State-issued Type A area permits for access on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

(vii) We prohibit the use of motorized boats and other flotation devices in the free-roam units with the exception of the Freitas Unit.

(viii) We prohibit 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.

(ix) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow fishing during normal refuge visitation hours in designated areas as posted.

(ii) We only allow the use of pole and line or rod and reel to take fish, and anglers must attend their equipment at all times.

(s) *San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may only hunt from a boat. We prohibit walk-in hunting on the refuge.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant only in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may only hunt on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (s)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section apply.

(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow fishing only with a pole and line or rod and reel. We prohibit bow fishing and gigging.

(t) *Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and moorhen on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters using the Union Tract must use goose decoys.

(ii) You must hunt from assigned blinds on the Union Tract and within 100 feet (30 meters) of blind sites on the Hazard Tract, except when shooting to retrieve crippled birds.

(iii) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We only allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from April 1 through September 30.

(ii) We only allow boat fishing.

(u) *Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and moorhen on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting on Sun River Unit only on Wednesdays and Saturdays from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

(ii) We will select hunters through a random drawing process (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) 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.

(iii) All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(iv) We prohibit bicycles or other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should contact the refuge manager regarding allowed conveyances.

(v) 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 shooting

to retrieve crippled birds

(vi) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(vii) We allow only nonmotorized boats to access water blinds.

(viii) 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).

(ix) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit fishing from the bank.

(ii) We prohibit the take of native reptiles and amphibians (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(v) *Sutter National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must return the State-issued entry permit and vacate the refuge no later than 1½ hours after legal sunset unless participating in an authorized overnight stay.

(ii) All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(iii) 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.

(iv) You may enter or exit only at designated locations.

(v) The firearms used for hunting must remain unloaded until you are in designated free-roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.

(vi) Hunters may use shotguns only. We prohibit shotguns larger than 12 gauge.

(vii) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(viii) You may not possess shot size larger than BB, except steel "T" (0.20-inch (0.5-centimeter) diameter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We only allow hunting of pheasant and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

- (i) We allow turkey hunting during the fall season only.
- (ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (v)(1)(i) through (viii) of this section apply.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(w) *Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) In the controlled waterfowl hunting area, we require a valid Refuge Recreation Pass (available electronically or in person at the refuge office) for all hunters age 16 or older.

(ii) All hunters age 15 or younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(iii) We require advance reservations for the first 2 days of the hunting season. You may obtain a reservation through the waterfowl lottery each year.

(iv) Hunters may enter the refuge at 4:30 a.m. unless otherwise posted.

(v) Shooting hours end at 1 p.m. on all portions of the refuge with the following exceptions:

(A) The refuge manager may designate up to 6 afternoon special youth, ladies, veteran, or disabled hunter waterfowl hunts per season.

(B) The refuge manager may designate up to 3 days per week of afternoon waterfowl hunting for the general public after December 1.

(vi) You select blind sites by lottery at the beginning of each hunt day. You may shoot only from within your assigned blind site.

(vii) We prohibit the setting of decoys in retrieving zones.

(viii) We prohibit air-thrust and inboard water-thrust boats while hunting. We prohibit the use of all-terrain amphibious or utility-type vehicles (UTVs) in wetland units.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) In the controlled pheasant hunting area, we require a valid permit (available electronically or in person at the refuge office) for all hunters age 16 or older.

(ii) All hunters age 15 or younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

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### **§32.25 Colorado.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, snipe, Eurasian collared-dove, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow Eurasian collared-dove hunting only during the mourning dove season.

(ii) The only acceptable methods of take are shotguns, hand-held bows, and hawking/falconry.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, and black-tailed and white-tailed jackrabbit, on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The only acceptable methods of take are shotgun, rifle firing rimfire cartridges less than .23 caliber, hand-held bow, pellet gun, slingshot, and hawking/falconry.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit launching or removing any type of watercraft from the refuge on the Rio Grande or Chicago Ditch.

(b) *Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *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 subject to the following conditions:

(i) All migratory bird hunting closes annually on December 31.

(ii) We allow access to the refuge 1 hour prior to legal shooting time.

(iii) 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).

(iv) We prohibit hunting 200 feet (60 meters) from any public use road, designated parking area, or designated public use facility located within the hunt area.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of jackrabbit, cottontail rabbit, and sage grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) All upland game hunting closes annually on December 31.

(ii) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of antelope and elk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) Elk hunters:

(A) Must possess a refuge-specific permit (state-issued) to hunt elk; and

(B) Must attend a scheduled pre-hunt information meeting prior to hunting.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit fishing between June 1 and July 31 each year.

(ii) We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit ice fishing on the refuge.

(iv) We close Unit C to fishing when the refuge is open to big game rifle hunting.

(v) We prohibit lead sinkers and live bait for fishing.

(c) *Baca National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of Eurasian collared-dove and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow Eurasian collared-dove hunting only during the mourning dove season.

(ii) The only acceptable methods of take are shotguns, hand-held bows, and hawking/falconry.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, and black-tailed and white-tailed jackrabbit, on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Shotguns, rifles firing rimfire cartridges less than .23 caliber, hand-held bows, pellet guns, slingshots, and hawking/falconry are the only acceptable methods of take.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of pronghorn antelope, moose, mule deer, and elk on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(e) *Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, snipe, Eurasian collared-dove, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow Eurasian collared-dove hunting only during the mourning dove season.

(ii) The only acceptable methods of take are shotguns, hand-held bows, and hawking/falconry.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, and black-tailed and white-tailed jackrabbit, on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The only acceptable methods of take are shotgun, rifle firing rimfire cartridges less than .23 caliber, hand-held bow, pellet gun, slingshot, and hawking/falconry.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(f) *Rocky Mountain Arsenal.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We allow fishing from the first Saturday in April through November 30.

(iii) All anglers age 16 and older must possess a signed refuge fishing permit (signed refuge fishing brochure) when fishing.

(iv) You must stop and pay the daily fishing recreation fee for each Colorado State licensed angler age 16 or older. Payments are made at self-service fishing fee stations, and you must display a receipt of payment or an annual pass while fishing. High school and college students can fish for free with a current student identification card.

(v) We allow bank fishing only at Lake Mary and Lake Ladora.

(vi) We allow wade fishing only in Lake Ladora after Memorial Day.

(vii) Each angler may use only one rod and reel or pole and line with one hook per line, except that we allow a second rod and reel or pole and line with one hook per line with a Colorado State-issued second rod stamp.

(viii) We only allow barbless hooks.

(ix) We only allow artificial lures and flies on Lake Ladora. We allow artificial lures and flies and artificial bait, cut bait, and food products only on Lake Mary.

(x) We prohibit the use of live bait on all refuge waters.

(xi) We only allow catch-and-release fishing.

(xii) We prohibit the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages while fishing.

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### **§32.26 Connecticut.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow refuge access 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise until 1½ hours after legal sunset.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We prohibit launching of motorboats from the refuge.

(iii) We prohibit the use of reptiles and amphibians as bait.

(b) *Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, coot, merganser, brant, sea duck, and goose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) For the Great Meadows unit, we will limit hunt days to Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays during the regular duck, sea duck, and brant seasons.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(iii) We allow the use of temporary tree stands and blinds, which must be removed at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(4) [Reserved]

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## **§32.27 Delaware.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) for waterfowl hunting.

(ii) 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 website, within 15 days of the close of the season.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of grey squirrel, cottontail rabbit, ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail, raccoon, opossum, coyote, and red fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of turkey and deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) Hunting on the headquarters deer hunt area will be by lottery. You must obtain and possess a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) from the refuge office or website and have the permit in your possession while hunting.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of lead fishing tackle on the refuge.

(b) *Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow the hunting of waterfowl, coot, mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must obtain and possess a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) from the refuge office or website and have the permit in your possession while hunting.

(ii) 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 website, within 15 days of the close of the season.

(iii) We allow State certified hunters with disabilities hunting privileges in the Disabled Waterfowl Draw Area subject to the following condition: We do not allow assistants to enter a designated disabled hunting area unless they are accompanied by a certified disabled hunter.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit, quail, pheasant, and red fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) and (iv) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(ii) Hunting on the headquarters deer hunt area will be by lottery.

(iii) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) On Turkle and Fleetwood ponds, we allow boats only with electric trolling motors.

(ii) You must attend all crabbing and fishing gear at all times.

(iii) You must remove all personal property at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

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## §32.28 Florida.

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed current refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting. You must have on your person all applicable licenses and permits.

(ii) We prohibit hunting from all refuge structures, canals, and levees; within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of canoe trails, campsites, and boat ramps; and in areas posted as closed. We allow motorized vessels in the Motorized Zone, south of latitude line 26°27.130. We allow nonmotorized vessels in the Refuge Interior. We allow only one motorized vessel per party.

(iii) Hunters may only enter and leave the refuge at designated entrances.

(iv) We allow only temporary blinds of native vegetation.

(v) Hunters must remove decoys and other personal property from the hunting area at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vi) Hunters may only use boats equipped with factory-manufactured, water-cooled outboard motors; boats with electric motors; and nonmotorized boats. We prohibit boats with air-cooled engines, fan boats, hovercraft, and personal watercraft (jet skis, jet boats, wave runners, etc.). We allow airboats by permit only (Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G)). We will issue airboat permits through a separate lottery. There is a 35 miles per hour (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.

(vii) Hunters operating boats in the Refuge Interior, outside of the perimeter canal, are required to display a 10-inches by 12-inches (25-centimeters by 30-centimeters) orange flag

10 feet (3 meters) above the vessel's waterline.

(viii) We will allow the use of airboats for a limited number of duck and coot hunters by permit (Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G)) during Phase 2 of the State duck and coot season only. We will issue airboat permits through a separate lottery. Contact the Refuge headquarters for airboat permitting information.

(ix) Motorized vessels used while hunting must be stopped and shut off for 15 minutes prior to shooting. Permitted motorized vessels must be in place 1 hour before legal sunrise and not move until 1 hour after legal sunrise.

(x) All hunters must leave the hunt area once their bag/tag limit has been reached.

(xi) We prohibit unrestricted airboat travel not associated with hunting.

(xii) All hunters younger than age 18 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult age 21 or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. Hunters younger than age 18 must have completed a hunter education course.

(xiii) No entry and/or limited activity buffer zones or closures may be created to protect endangered or threatened species and other species.

(xiv) Licenses, permits, equipment, and effects and vehicles, vessels, and other conveyances are subject to inspection by law enforcement officers.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of alligator, white-tailed deer, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (iii), (v) through (vii), and (x) and (xi) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit hunting from all refuge structures and levees; within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of canoe trails, campsites, and boat ramps; and in areas posted as closed. We allow motorized vessels in the Motorized Zone, south of latitude line 26°27.130. We allow alligator hunting in the Motorized Zone and perimeter canal south of latitude line 26°27.130. We allow nonmotorized vessels in the Refuge Interior. We allow only one motorized vessel per party.

(iii) We allow alligator hunting on the refuge 1 hour before legal sunset on Friday night through 1 hour after legal sunrise Saturday morning, and 1 hour before legal sunset on Saturday night through 1 hour after legal sunrise Sunday morning. We allow alligator hunting the first two weekends during Harvest Period 1 (August) and the first two 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 (OMB Control No. 1018-0093). Specific dates for the alligator hunt are on the harvest permit issued by the State.

(iv) Alligator hunters age 18 and older must be in possession of all necessary State and Federal licenses, permits, and CITES tags, as well as a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting on the refuge. They must possess an Alligator Trapping License with CITES tag or an Alligator Trapping Agent License (State-issued), if applicable.

(v) Persons younger than age 18 may not hunt but may only accompany an adult age 21 or older who possesses an Alligator Trapping Agent License (State-issued).

(vi) You may take alligators using hand-held snare, harpoon, gig, snatch hook, artificial lure, manually operated spear, spear gun, or crossbow. We prohibit the taking of alligators using baited hook, baited wooden peg, or firearm. 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 approved nontoxic ammunition (see §32.2(k)) only for taking alligators attached to a restraining line. 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.

(vii) We allow the use of airboats for a limited number of alligator hunters by permit (Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G)). Airboat permits will be issued through a separate lottery. Contact the refuge headquarters for airboat permitting information.

(viii) Alligators must remain in whole condition while on refuge lands.

(ix) We allow a limited quota permit for the taking of white-tailed deer and incidental take of feral hog in the Refuge Interior, by airboat (requires Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G)) and nonmotorized vessels only. Airboat access will be for deer hunt permit holders only.

(x) White-tailed deer and feral hog hunters age 18 and older must be in possession of all necessary State and Federal licenses, permits, as well as a current refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting on the refuge.

(xi) We have limited quota and specialty hunts for the taking of white-tailed deer, and incidental take of feral hogs during the deer hunts on the Strazzulla Marsh and the Cypress Swamp.

(xii) Motorized vessels used while deer hunting must be stopped and shut off for 15 minutes prior to shooting. Permitted motorized vessels must be in place 1 hour before legal sunrise and not move until 1 hour after legal sunrise.

(xiii) We close the Refuge Interior to all other uses during the limited quota white-tailed deer hunt in the Refuge Interior.

(xiv) White-tailed deer hunters younger than age 18 must be supervised by a licensed and permitted adult age 21 or older, and must remain with the adult while hunting. Hunters younger than age 18 must have completed a hunter education course.

(xv) We prohibit the use of dogs for the take or attempt to take of white-tailed deer and feral hogs. We allow the use of dogs for blood trailing only.

(xvi) We require nontoxic ammunition (see §32.2(k)) when deer hunting on the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing on all areas of the refuge, except those areas posted as closed to fishing or closed to the public.

(ii) Anglers may only use boats equipped with factory-manufactured-water-cooled outboard motors, boats with electric motors, and nonmotorized boats. We prohibit boats with air-cooled engines, fan boats, hovercraft, and personal watercraft (jet skis, jet boats, wave runners, etc.). We allow the use of airboats by permit only (Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G)). Airboat permits will be issued through a separate lottery. Contact the refuge headquarters for airboat permitting information.

(iii) We allow motorized vessels in the Motorized Zone, south of latitude line 26°27.130, and perimeter canal. We allow only nonmotorized vessels in the Non Motorized Watercraft Zone, northern portion of Refuge Interior.

(iv) Anglers operating boats in the Refuge Interior, outside of the perimeter canal, are required to display a 10-inches by 12-inches (25 cm x 30 cm) orange flag 10-feet (3 meters) above the vessel's waterline.

(v) We only allow the use of rods and reels and poles and lines, and anglers must attend them at all times. We prohibit the possession or use of cast nets, seines, trot lines, jugs, and other fishing devices.

(vi) We allow frog gigging, bow fishing, and fish gigging in all areas open to sport fishing, except in the A, B, and C Impoundments and Strazzulla Marsh.

(vii) We prohibit frog gigging, bow fishing, and fish gigging from structures and from within ½ mile of refuge boat ramps, campsites, and canoe trails, and in areas posted as closed.

(viii) We allow the taking of frogs from July 16 through March 15 of each year.

(ix) The daily bag limit for frogs is 50 frogs per vessel or party.

(x) Fish and frogs must remain in whole condition while on refuge lands.

(xi) Frogs may only be taken by gig, blowgun, or hook and line, or by hand.

(xii) We limit frogging or fishing by airboat to nonhunting airboat permittees only.

(xiii) We prohibit commercial fishing, including unpermitted commercial guiding, and the taking of turtles and other wildlife (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(xiv) We allow 17 fishing tournaments a year by Special Use Permit only (General Activities—Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3-1383-G).

(b) *Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow saltwater sport fishing year-round on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We close a 300-foot (90-meter (m)) buffer zone beginning at mean high tide line and extending into the waters around Snake Key to all public entry from March 1 through June 30 to protect nesting birds.

(ii) We conditionally open to public entry a 300-foot (90-m) buffer zone beginning at mean high tide line and extending into the waters around Seahorse Key from March 1 through June 30. Should birds nest in that area during that timeframe, we will close that area of Seahorse Key to public entry.

(c) *Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) In Citrus County:

(A) You may take only ducks and coots.

(B) We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays during those seasons established by the State of Florida.

(C) We allow the use of dogs when hunting migratory birds.

(D) We require hunters to possess and carry a signed, refuge hunting permit (signed brochure).

(E) 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.

(F) We allow temporary blinds and decoys, but you must remove all blinds and decoys from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) In Hernando County:

(A) All hunters in Hernando County must comply with the State of Florida Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area regulations.

(B) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i)(C), (D), and (F) of this section apply.

(C) We allow hunting of geese, duck, and coot only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

(D) We prohibit hunting within 100 yards (91.4 meters) of any residence.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* In Hernando County, we allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, feral hog, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, and nutria as governed by State of Florida Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area regulations and subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i)(C) through (F) and (c)(1)(ii)(D) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit the use of traps or snares to take game.

(iii) You may take feral hog, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, and nutria as incidental species with the equipment legal for use during the season.

(3) *Big game hunting.* In Hernando County, we allow hunting of whitetail deer and turkey, as governed by State of Florida Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area regulations and subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(2)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing 24 hours per day, year-round, except in areas posted closed.

(ii) We prohibit harvesting and possession of frogs, horseshoe crabs, turtles, and snakes (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iii) 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.

(d) *Egmont Key National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing year-round on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Anglers may only use two poles per angler and must attend both poles at all times.

(e) *Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and applicable State Wildlife Management Area regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and applicable State Wildlife Management Area regulations.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and applicable State Wildlife Management Area regulations.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and applicable State Wildlife Management Area regulations.

(f) *Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We allow salt-water fishing along the Atlantic Ocean and Indian River Lagoon year-round as governed by State recreational fishing regulations.

(iii) We allow the use of only rods and reels and poles and lines, and anglers must attend them at all times.

(iv) 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.

(g) *J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing and crabbing in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the take of crabs with the use of dip nets only.

(ii) All anglers must exit refuge lands and waters no later than ½ hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit the possession and use of seines or trot lines.

(iv) We prohibit the use of cast nets from the left (south) side of Wildlife Drive or any water control structure, bridge, boardwalk, or rip rap affixed to Wildlife Drive.

(v) All fish must remain in whole condition until removed from refuge lands and waters, except for fish caught and landed by individuals using the services of the refuge concessionaire at the Tarpon Bay recreation area. Those fish may be cleaned at the designated fish cleaning station in the concession area.

(vi) We prohibit the use of bows and spears from Wildlife Drive or any trail or structure affixed to Wildlife Drive.

(h) *Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a valid Lake Woodruff Quota Hunt Permit, which can be purchased through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and a valid Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge hunt permit (signed annual hunt brochure), which is free and nontransferable.

(ii) All hunters must be on stands or in blinds during deer hunts.

(iii) We prohibit scouting in the hunt area during the quota hunt.

(iv) Hunters possessing a valid permit may access the refuge 2 hours prior to legal sunrise each hunting day. All hunters must leave the refuge within 2 hours of legal sunset.

(v) We allow stands or blinds to be set up 2 days prior to the permitted hunt, and you must remove them on or before the last day of your permitted hunt. You must clearly mark stands with the hunter's Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) permit 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. You must place the stand and/or blind for a youth hunter within sight and normal voice contact of the permitted hunter's stand and mark it with the adult permitted hunter's FWC permit number and the word "YOUTH."

(vi) If you use flagging or other trail marking material, you must print your FWC permit 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.

(vii) You must check out any game taken during the hunts at a self-check station.

(viii) You may access the Western Unit only by boat.

(ix) Hunters age 15 and younger do not need a quota permit, but they 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 of the youth hunter; the pair must share a single bag limit unless hunting during a designated family or youth hunt.

(x) We prohibit shotgun loads larger than #2 shot and slugs during turkey hunts.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow use of hook and line. We prohibit cast nets.

(ii) We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit the use of snatch hooks in the refuge impoundments.

(i) *Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require all hunters, age 16 or older, to purchase and possess a general refuge hunting permit through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to hunt during all refuge hunts, unless otherwise exempt. We do not require youth hunters age 15 and younger to possess a general refuge hunting permit.

(ii) Every hunter must possess a signed refuge hunt brochure (signed brochure) while hunting on the refuge.

(iii) We prohibit hunting from or within 150 feet (45 meters) of all refuge roads open to public vehicle travel.

(iv) An adult (parent or guardian) age 18 or older must supervise and must remain within sight of and in normal voice contact of a youth hunter, age 15 or younger. An adult may not supervise more than two youths. Youth hunters must meet State hunter-education requirements.

(v) 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 the hunting license number of the hunter.

(vi) You may leave a temporary tree stand on refuge property starting 1 week before archery season, but you must remove it by the last day of hog season. All tree stands left on the refuge within the hunt season must display the hunter's hunting license number legibly written on or attached to the stand. You may also use a temporary tree stand during small game season, but you must remove it by the last day of the small game season.

(vii) Hunters must be at their vehicles by 1 hour after legal shooting time.

(viii) We prohibit cleaning of game within 1,000 feet (300 meters) of any developed public recreation area, game check station, or gate.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of feral hog, gray squirrel, armadillo, opossum, rabbit, raccoon, coyote, and beaver on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (viii) of this section apply.

(ii) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times. The refuge prints dates for all the refuge hunting seasons in the annual refuge hunt brochure (signed brochure).

(iii) We allow night hunting for raccoon and opossum from legal sunset until legal sunrise as governed by State regulations.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (viii) of this section apply.

(ii) During the refuge archery season, hunters may only use archery equipment, including crossbows, as governed by State archery regulations.

(iii) During the refuge muzzleloader season, hunters may only use muzzleloading firearms and archery equipment (see §27.42 of this chapter) as governed by State muzzleloader

regulations.

(iv) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(v) We allow hunting of deer (except spotted fawns), feral hog, gray squirrel, rabbit, armadillo, opossum, raccoon, beaver, and coyote during the archery season.

(vi) Hunters may take feral hog (no size or bag limit), and a maximum of two deer per day, during the family hunt, except only one deer may be antlerless for each day of the family and senior hunts.

(vii) Hunters must fill out a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359) and check all game harvested during all deer and hog hunts.

(viii) Hunters may take only bearded turkeys and only during the State Zone C youth turkey hunts and spring turkey season.

(ix) Shooting hours for spring turkey begin  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise and end at 1 p.m.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit taking of frogs and turtles (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(ii) We prohibit the use or possession of alcohol while fishing on the refuge.

(j) *Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, merganser, and coot in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) You must carry (or hunt within 30 yards of a hunter who possesses) a valid State-issued Merritt Island Waterfowl Quota Permit, while hunting in areas 1 or 4 during the State's regular waterfowl season. The Waterfowl Quota Permit can be used for a single party consisting of the permit holder and up to three guests. The permit holder must be present. The Waterfowl Quota Permit is a limited entry quota permit, is zone-specific, and is nontransferable.

(iii) During the State's waterfowl season, we allow hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and the following Federal holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

(iv) We prohibit hunters entering the normal or expanded restricted areas of the Kennedy Space Center (KSC).

(v) We allow hunting of waterfowl on refuge-established hunt days from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters must remove all equipment and check out at the refuge check station prior to 1 p.m. each day.

(vi) You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. for the purpose of waterfowl hunting.

(vii) 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.

(viii) We prohibit hunting or shooting within 25 feet (7.6 meters), or shooting from any portion, of a dike, dirt road, or railroad grade.

(ix) We prohibit hunting or shooting within 150 yards (135 meters) of SR 402, SR 406, or any paved road right-of-way. We prohibit shooting over any dike or roadway.

(x) You must stop at a posted refuge waterfowl check station and report statistical hunt information on the Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361) to refuge personnel.

(xi) When inside the impoundment perimeter ditch, you may use gasoline or diesel motors. Outside the perimeter ditch, you must propel vessels by paddling, push pole, or electric trolling motor.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a State-issued Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Big Game Quota Hunt Permit. The Quota Hunt Permit is a limited entry quota permit, is zone-specific, and is nontransferable.

(ii) You must have a valid signed Big Game Hunt Permit (signed annual hunt brochure).

(iii) We prohibit hunters entering the normal or expanded restricted areas of the Kennedy Space Center (KSC).

(iv) We allow hunting within the State's deer season on specific days as defined by the refuge hunt brochure. Each hunt will be a 3-day weekend. Legal shooting hours are ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(v) Hunters possessing a valid permit (State-issued permit) may access the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must leave the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal sunset. If you wish to track wounded game beyond 2 hours after legal sunset, you must gain consent from a Federal Wildlife Officer to do so.

(vi) We prohibit hunting from refuge roads or within 150 yards of roads open to public vehicle traffic or within 200 yards of a building or Kennedy Space Center facility.

(vii) Each permitted hunter may have one adult guest and one youth hunter per adult. All guests must remain within 30 yards of the permitted hunter. The party must share a single bag limit. Each adult may supervise one youth hunter and must remain within sight and normal voice contact.

(viii) You may set up stands or blinds up to 7 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 Florida State customer identification (ID) number found on your hunting license. You may have no more than one stand or blind per person on the refuge at any time. You must place a stand or blind for a youth hunter within sight and normal voice contact of the supervisory hunter's stand and mark it with the supervisory hunter's Florida State customer ID number and the word "YOUTH."

(ix) We prohibit all scouting in the hunt area during the quota hunt.

(x) If you use flagging or other trail-marking material, you must print your Florida State customer ID number on each piece or marker. You may set out flagging and trail markers up to 7 days prior to the permitted hunt, and you must remove them on the last day of the permitted hunt.

(xi) We allow hunters possessing a valid permit 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.

(xii) You must be on your stand or in your blind while hunting.

(xiii) We prohibit stalking or moving through the hunt area while hunting.

(xiv) 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.

(xv) You may field dress game; however, we prohibit cleaning game within 150 yards of any public area, road, game-check station, or gate. We prohibit dumping game carcasses on the refuge.

(xvi) 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, while moving to their stands or hunting spots, and while tracking or dragging out game.

(xvii) There is no bag limit or size limit for the take of feral hogs.

(xviii) You must stop at one of two check stations and report statistical hunt information on the Self-Clearing Check-In/Out Permit (FWS Form 3-2405).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow recreational fishing, crabbing, clamming, and shrimping on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess a current, signed refuge fishing permit (signed brochure) at all times while fishing on the refuge.

(ii) We prohibit anglers entering the normal or expanded restricted areas of the Kennedy Space Center (KSC).

(iii) 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.

(iv) You may launch boats for night fishing and boating activities only from Bair's Cove, Beacon 42, and Biolab boat ramps.

(v) 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.

(vi) 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.

(vii) Anglers and crabbers must attend their lines at all times.

(viii) We prohibit harvesting and possession of horseshoe crab, frog, turtle, snake, and/or other wildlife (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(ix) We prohibit use of personal watercraft, kite surfing, kite boarding, wind surfing, sail boarding, use of air-thrust boats, and use of hovercraft on the refuge or in refuge waters.

(x) 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).

(xi) We allow vessels drafting 12 inches (30 centimeters) 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.

(xii) We prohibit fish cleaning on refuge property.

(xiii) We prohibit fishing from, or in the immediate vicinity of, the Manatee Viewing Deck on the northeast side of Haulover Canal.

(xiv) When inside the impoundment perimeter ditch, you may use gasoline or diesel motors. Outside the perimeter ditch, you must propel vessels by paddling, push pole, or electric trolling motor.

(k) *Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge. (1)-(3) [Reserved]*

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing year-round.

(ii) We allow bank fishing from spoil islands during daylight hours only.

(l) *Pinellas National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing year-round on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow fishing only from vessels in the waters surrounding Tarpon Key.

(m) *St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must remove blinds at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) We allow the use of dogs to recover game.

(iii) Hunters may access the hunt area by boat.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of grey squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require refuge permits (signed brochure) for hunting upland game. Each hunter must possess and carry a signed refuge permit while participating in a hunt.

(ii) All hunters must wear 500 square inches (3,250 square centimeters) of fluorescent orange above the waistline while in a designated hunting unit during a refuge hunt.

(iii) You may only use .22 caliber or smaller rim-fire rifles, shotguns (#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 including crossbows, center fire weapons, or pistols to take feral hogs.

(iv) We allow the use of leashed dogs for trailing injured or harvested game.

(v) We prohibit hunting from any named or numbered road (with the exception of persons hunting during the mobility-impaired hunt).

(vi) We prohibit cleaning of game within 1,000 feet (300 meters) of any residence, developed public recreation area, or game check station.

(vii) You must check out all game taken at a game check station. You must use the State harvest recording system to check out all white-tail deer harvested on the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey in areas and during seasons designated in the hunting brochure subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require State-issued refuge permits. Permits are nontransferable. Each hunter must possess and carry a signed permit when participating in a hunt.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (m)(2)(ii) and (iv) through (vii) of this section apply.

(iii) We allow feral hog to be taken during any refuge hunt. There is no limit on the size or number of feral hogs that hunters may take.

(iv) There is a two deer limit per hunt, as specified at paragraph (m)(3)(vi) of this section, except during the youth hunt, when the limit is as specified at paragraph (m)(3)(vii) of this section. The limit for turkey is one per hunt.

(v) We prohibit the use of deer decoys.

(vi) The bag limit for white-tailed deer is two deer per hunt, either two antlerless deer or one antlerless deer and one antlered deer. State regulations define antlerless deer 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.

(vii) There is one youth white-tailed deer hunt and one youth turkey hunt for youth ages 12 to 17. During these 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 of each youth hunter. There is no limit on the number of hogs a youth hunter may harvest during these hunts.

(A) *Youth white-tailed deer hunt harvest limits.* (1) Youth hunters age 12 to 15 may harvest two deer, either two antlerless deer or one antlerless and one antlered. State regulations define antlerless deer as deer with no antler or antlers less than 5 inches (12.75 centimeters). There are no restrictions on antler size for youth hunters age 12 to 15.

(2) Youth hunters age 16 or 17 may harvest two deer, either two antlerless or one antlerless and one antlered. State regulations define antlerless deer as deer with no antler or antlers less than 5 inches (12.75 centimeters). Antlered deer must have at least two points, 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) or greater on one antler, to be harvested by youth hunters age 16 or 17.

(B) *Youth turkey hunt harvest limit.* The limit is one bearded turkey per youth hunter.

(viii) Mobility-impaired hunters may have an assistant accompany them. You may transfer permits (State-issued permit) issued to assistants. We limit those hunt teams to harvesting white-tailed deer and feral hog within the limits provided at paragraph (m)(3)(vi) of this section.

(ix) You may harvest one bearded turkey per hunt. You may only use shotguns or archery equipment, including crossbows, to harvest turkey. We prohibit hunting after 1 p.m.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit taking blue crabs from impounded water on the St. Marks Unit.

(ii) We only allow fishing in refuge lakes, ponds, and impoundments from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We allow fishing in tidal and coastal waters 24 hours per day year-round.

(iv) We prohibit taking of frogs or turtles (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(v) We prohibit use of cast nets or traps to take fish from any lake, pond, or impoundment on the refuge.

(vi) You must attend all fishing equipment.

(vii) We prohibit bow fishing on refuge lakes, ponds, and impoundments.

(viii) 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.

(n) *St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge. (1)-(2) [Reserved]*

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, sambar deer, raccoon, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require refuge permits (hunters apply through State for license, and the State charges a fee). The permits are nontransferable, 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.

(ii) We authorize three refuge hunts: Sambar deer, white-tailed deer archery, and white-tailed deer muzzleloader. During the sambar deer hunt, only sambar deer, feral hog, and raccoon can be harvested. During the white-tailed deer hunts, only white-tailed deer, feral hog, and raccoon can be harvested.

(iii) We restrict access to St. Vincent Island to the Indian Pass and West Pass campsites. The hunt brochure lists check-in and check-out procedures. We restrict access to the hunt areas to foot or bicycle travel.

(iv) Hunt hours are ½ hour before legal sunrise until 3 p.m. for the sambar deer hunt.

(v) 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).

(vi) You may retrieve game from the closed areas only if accompanied by a refuge staff member or a Federal Wildlife Officer.

(vii) We limit weapons to primitive weapons (bow and arrow, muzzleloader, and crossbow) on the primitive weapons sambar deer hunt and the primitive weapons white-tailed deer hunt.

We limit the archery hunt to bow and arrow, and crossbow. You may take feral hog and raccoon only with the weapons allowed for that period.

(viii) We allow only stand, still, and stalk hunting. We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(ix) You may only discharge muzzleloaders at the designated discharge area between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m.

(x) 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.

(xi) Bag limits are:

(A) *Muzzleloader weapons sambar deer hunt.* One sambar deer of either sex; no limit on feral hog or raccoon.

(B) *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. State regulations define antlerless deer 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.

(C) *Muzzleloader 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. State regulations define antlerless deer 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.

(xii) We prohibit bringing live game into the check station.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may fish from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset year-round.

(ii) We prohibit the use of live minnows as bait.

(iii) We allow the use of only rods and reels or poles and lines in refuge lakes. Anglers must attend their fishing equipment at all times.

(iv) We prohibit the taking of frog and/or turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(o) *Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting each day during the early wood duck/teal season.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Hunters must possess and carry a valid, signed refuge permit (signed brochure) at all times while hunting on the refuge.

(iv) We allow hunting from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must remove all decoys, guns, blinds, and other related equipment by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) We prohibit hunting within 100 yards (90 meters) of the south edge of U.S. 41 and the area posted around Marsh Trail extending south from U.S. 41.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs for waterfowl retrieval and prehunt scouting.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing and crabbing on the refuge on designated areas subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing in the freshwater and brackish marsh area of the refuge year-round from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit the taking of snake, turtle, frog, and other wildlife in the freshwater and brackish marsh area of the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iii) We prohibit the use of trotlines, gigs, spears, bush hooks, and snatch hooks in the freshwater and brackish marsh area of the refuge.

(iv) Anglers and crabbers must attend their lines at all times.

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## **§32.29 Georgia.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Banks Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow alligator hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We only allow alligator hunting during the first two weekends (from legal sunset Friday through legal sunrise Monday) of the State alligator season.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of only pole and line or rod and reel, which the angler must attend at all times.

(ii) We allow sport fishing after legal sunset.

(iii) We permit fishing tournaments by Special Use Permit (General Activities Special Use Permit Application, FWS Form 3-1383-G) issued by the refuge manager.

(b) *Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a refuge hunt permit (electronic form) for all hunters age 16 and older. Hunters must sign the permit and carry it with them at all times when hunting.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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 by the end of each hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) Hunters must check-in at the refuge dock prior to setting up camp. We require personal identification at check-in.

(v) Only hunters may camp at the designated camping area during refuge hunts.

(vi) For hunting, we allow only bows as governed by State regulations.

(vii) 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.

(viii) Refuge personnel must check deer harvested during the scheduled hunt before hunters may remove them from the refuge.

(ix) Hunters must be off the island by 12 p.m. (noon) on Sunday.

(x) We allow mooring of boats to the government dock only for loading and unloading purposes.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow saltwater fishing year-round in the estuarine waters adjacent to the refuge.

(ii) We allow bank/beach saltwater fishing into estuarine waters only from legal sunrise to legal sunset except during managed hunts.

(c) *Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and an additional refuge quota hunt permit for the quota hunts while hunting.

(ii) We allow the incidental take of feral hog with legal weapons during open season.

(iii) We require hunters to report all harvested game at the check station before leaving the refuge (see hunting brochure).

(iv) We allow access to the hunt area from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(v) We allow the use of dogs for retrieving downed waterfowl during waterfowl hunts.

(vi) We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 meters (m)) of a road open to vehicle travel or within 200 yards (180 m) of a building.

(vii) We prohibit entry into the designated hunt area by nonhunters during all quota deer-gun and waterfowl hunts.

(viii) We prohibit removal of live hogs from the refuge.

(ix) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(x) 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.

(xi) 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).

(xii) We prohibit leaving vehicles, boats, trailers, or decoys on the refuge overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(xiii) We prohibit the possession or use of any suppressors or silencers on any firearm.

(xiv) We prohibit the possession or use of any trail or game camera or leaving any other hunting-related electronic device on the refuge.

(xv) We prohibit the possession or use of any night vision or thermal imaging equipment.

(xvi) We prohibit the possession or use of any electronic calls.

(xvii) We prohibit falconry.

(xviii) You may only place temporary blinds, blind material, and/or decoys on the day of the hunt, and you must remove them by 1:00 p.m. on that same day.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, and quail on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(ii) through (iv), (vi), and (viii) through (xvii) of this section apply.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We require each small game hunter to wear at least 500 square inches (3,250 square centimeters) of hunter orange as an outer garment above the waist during small game hunts.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting for squirrel, rabbit, and quail.

(v) 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 a.m. on the day after the hunt.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting for white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (iv), (vi) through (ix), and (xi) through (xvii) and (c)(2)(v) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit the use of buckshot.

(iii) We prohibit the use of dogs during deer and feral hog hunts.

(iv) We require each deer and feral hog hunter to wear at least 500 square inches (3,250 square centimeters) of hunter orange as an outer garment above the waist during hunts.

(v) 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from March 1 to October 31, except on the Ocmulgee River, which is open to fishing year-round.

(ii) We allow access to the refuge and fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) We only allow fishing with pole and line or rod and reel.

(iv) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(xi) and (xii) of this section apply.

(v) We prohibit use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing on the refuge.

(vi) We require you to possess and carry a signed refuge fishing permit (signed brochure) while fishing.

(vii) Youth anglers age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older who possesses a valid fishing license.

(d) *Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge*. Refer to §32.20(d) for regulations.

(e) *Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a refuge hunt permit (electronic form) for all hunters age 16 and older. Hunters must sign the permit and carry it with them at all times when hunting.

(ii) 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).

(iii) 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.

(iv) We require hunters to check-in and check-out each hunt day. We require personal identification to check-in and check-out.

(v) We require hunters to check all harvested game at the check station before leaving the refuge each day.

(vi) 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.

(vii) During the gun hunt, we allow only shotguns (20 gauge or larger; slugs only), muzzleloaders, and bows as governed by State regulations.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow saltwater fishing year-round in the estuarine waters adjacent to the refuge.

(ii) We allow bank fishing into estuarine waters only from legal sunrise to legal sunset except during managed hunts.

(iii) We prohibit freshwater fishing.

(f) *Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow the hunting of rabbit, squirrel, and bobwhite quail on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs only to locate, point, and retrieve during quail hunts.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of turkey and white-tailed deer, and feral hog as incidental take, on designated areas subject to the following conditions:

(i) In the Pocket Unit:

(A) We only allow archery hunting and foot traffic.

(B) Hunters must sign in and out each hunt day and record harvest each day.

(ii) In the Suwannee Canal Recreation Area:

(A) We allow only shotguns or muzzleloaders.

(B) We require a refuge permit (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) obtained through refuge lottery.

(C) Hunters must sign in and out each day and record harvest each day.

(D) You must tag your deer with special refuge tags.

(E) Harvest limit is two deer of either sex per day.

(F) We zone Chesser Island Hunt area to accommodate mobility-impaired and youth hunters. Only mobility-impaired hunters may use all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and vehicles on firebreaks and unpaved roads.

(iii) In the Cowhouse Unit, State of Georgia's Dixon Memorial Wildlife Management Area rules, regulations, dates, and times apply.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit possession of live bait fish.

(ii) We allow the use of only pole and line or rod and reel as methods of take.

(g) *Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit upland game hunting during refuge deer or turkey hunts.

(ii) You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting.

(iii) We require a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) to hunt on the Hitchiti Experimental Forest.

(iv) We allow access to the hunt area from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(v) 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.

(vi) We only allow .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms for raccoon and opossum hunting.

(vii) We allow the use of dogs on designated areas of the refuge for hunting quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum.

(viii) We prohibit possession or use of any suppressors or silencer on any firearms.

(ix) We prohibit possession or use of trail or game cameras or leaving any other hunting-related electronic device on the refuge.

(x) We prohibit possession or use of any night vision or thermal imaging equipment.

(xi) We prohibit possession or use of any electronic calls.

(xii) We prohibit falconry.

(xiii) Youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older who possesses a valid hunting license.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting for white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(2)(iii), (iv), and (viii) through (xi) of this section apply.

(ii) You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure), and possess and carry an additional refuge quota hunt permit (requires contact information only) for the quota hunts, while hunting.

(iii) We prohibit buckshot.

(iv) We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 meters (m)) of a road open to vehicle travel or within 200 yards (180 m) of a building.

(v) 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.

(vi) 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).

(vii) We prohibit dogs for hunting big game.

(viii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(ix) Youth hunters age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older who possesses a valid hunting license. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from March 15 to September 30.

(ii) We allow access to the refuge and fishing from only legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) You may keep the following numbers of fish each day: Bass—5, channel catfish—5, sunfish or bream—15, and crappie—15.

(iv) We allow nonmotorized boats or boats with electric motors on all ponds designated as open to fishing.

(v) We prohibit use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing on the refuge.

(vi) We allow fishing only with pole and line or rod and reel.

(vii) We prohibit leaving boats or other personal equipment on the refuge overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(viii) We prohibit the use of fish for bait and the possession of minnows.

(ix) We prohibit possession or take of grass carp. You must immediately release any grass carp caught.

(x) We require you to possess and carry a signed refuge fishing permit (signed brochure) while fishing.

(xi) Youth anglers age 15 and younger must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older who possesses a valid fishing license.

(h) *Savannah National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of waterfowl and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) All hunters age 16 and older must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit (requires contact information only).

(ii) To participate in the quota youth waterfowl hunt, youth hunters must submit the Waterfowl Lottery Application (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(iii) You may take feral hog and coyote during all refuge hunts (migratory bird, upland, and big game) with weapons authorized and legal for those hunts.

(iv) We allow the incidental take of armadillo, beaver, opossum, and raccoon during all refuge hunts (migratory bird, upland, and big game) with firearms and other equipment authorized for use on refuge lands in Georgia only.

(v) We allow the use of dogs for retrieving migratory birds.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i), (iii), and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) You may not hunt on or within 100 yards (90 meters) of public roads, refuge facilities, roads and trails, and railroad rights-of-way, or in closed areas.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, alligator, feral hog, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i), (iii), and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) To participate in the quota gun hunt for wheelchair-dependent hunters, hunters must submit the Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System). To participate in the quota youth turkey hunt and learn weekend, youth hunters must submit the Big/Upland Game Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(iii) You may only use bows, as governed by State regulations, for deer, feral hog, and coyote hunting during the archery hunt for these species.

(iv) You may only use shotguns (20 gauge or larger, slugs only), centerfire rifles, centerfire pistols, muzzleloaders, and bows, as governed by State regulations, for deer, feral hog, and coyote hunting during the firearm hunts for these species.

(v) Hunters may take as many as five deer (no more than two antlered). There is no bag limit on feral hog or coyote.

(vi) We allow only shotguns with approved nontoxic #2 shot or smaller, and bows, as governed by State regulations, for turkey hunting. We prohibit the use of slugs or buckshot for turkey hunting.

(vii) We prohibit catch-and-release of alligators.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Anglers may fish in refuge impoundments and canals from March 1 through November 30 annually.

(ii) Anglers may fish in Kingfisher Pond and all tidal creeks year-round.

(iii) We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iv) Anglers may bank fish year-round throughout the refuge, unless otherwise posted.

(v) Anglers may only use nonmotorized boats and boats with electric motors within impounded waters.

(i) *Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a refuge hunt permit for all hunters age 16 and older. Hunters must sign the permit and carry it with them at all times when hunting.

(ii) Refuge personnel must check deer harvested during scheduled hunts before hunters leave the refuge.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We prohibit the use of buckshot.

(v) We allow mooring of boats to the government dock only for loading or unloading purposes.

(vi) Hunters must check-in at the refuge dock prior to setting up camp. We require personal identification at check-in.

(vii) We allow only hunters to camp at the designated camping area while participating in refuge hunts.

(viii) 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).

(ix) Hunters must be off the island by 12 p.m. (noon) the day following the last day of the hunt.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow saltwater fishing year-round in the estuarine waters adjacent to the refuge.

(ii) We allow bank/beach fishing into estuarine waters only from legal sunrise to legal sunset except during managed hunts.

(iii) We prohibit freshwater fishing.

(j) *Wolf Island National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: We allow saltwater fishing year-round in the estuarine waters adjacent to the refuge.

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### **§32.30 Hawaii.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(b) *Kakahaia National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow saltwater fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(c) *Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow saltwater fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

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### **§32.31 Idaho.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow boats, except air thrust boats, after September 20 within the designated refuge hunting areas, for the purposes of hunting.

(ii) 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, decoys, boats, and other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant, grouse, partridge, and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit use and possession of lead weights or sinkers.

(b) *Camas National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to access the refuge 1 hour before legal shooting time.

(ii) 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, decoys, and other personal property at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant, grouse, and partridge on designated areas of the refuge.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(c) *Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, common snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) 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).

(iii) Hunters may enter the refuge 1 hour before official shooting hours ( $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise), and remain on the refuge until 1 hour after official shooting hours (legal sunset).

(iv) We allow the use of dogs for hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, and partridge on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(iv) of this section applies.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) Hunters may place up to two portable deer stands in the Lake Lowell Unit. Hunters must place stands/platforms by hand. 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 display the hunter's hunting license number so that it is legible from the ground.

(iii) 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.

(iv) Hunters may enter the Lake Lowell Unit no earlier than 2 hours before official shooting hours ( $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise) and must leave the area within 2 hours after official shooting hours ( $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset). Successful hunters may extend their departure time only as long as is necessary to retrieve dead deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) From October 1 through April 14, we allow ice fishing on the Lake Lowell Unit, unless otherwise posted by the Bureau of Reclamation.

(ii) We allow fishing from nonmotorized boats in designated areas of the Lake Lowell Unit from October 1 through April 14, from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(iii) From February 1 through June 30, we prohibit fishing from all islands in the Snake River Islands Unit.

(d) *Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Blinds will be available for general use on a first-come, first-served basis. You must remove portable blinds, decoys, boats, and other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) We allow only hunters and dogs to retrieve game in designated hunting areas.

(2)-(4) [Reserved]

(e) *Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge— (1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(iii) We prohibit the discharge of firearms in posted retrieval zones and areas closed to hunting.

(iv) Hunters may access the waterfowl hunt area no earlier than 3 a.m. and must leave no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of forest grouse and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting forest grouse and for turkey during the fall hunt.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, elk, black bear, moose, and mountain lion on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting of deer at the designated accessible blind for hunters with disabilities subject to the following conditions:

(A) You must obtain a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) from the refuge manager to use the accessible blind.

(B) 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.

(ii) You may possess only approved nontoxic ammunition for hunting (see §32.2(k)).

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow bank fishing only.

(f) *Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) (1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, snipe, dove, and crow on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only hunters and dogs to retrieve game in designated hunting areas.

(ii) 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 at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit use of rock piles above the high-water mark for blind construction.

(iii) On West Hunting Area (Lake Walcott), we allow hunting on the uplands and over water within 100 yards (90 meters) of the shoreline. We allow use of boats only for retrieval of game.

(iv) On East Hunting Area (Tule Island), we allow boats during the waterfowl hunting season.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant, grouse, partridge (chukar and gray partridge), cottontail rabbit, and bobcat on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (f)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of deer and elk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Deer and elk hunters may enter the hunt area from 1½ hours before legal hunting time to 1½ hours after legal hunting time.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

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## **§32.32 Illinois.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: 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).

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge from legal sunrise to legal sunset subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) 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.

(b) *Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, woodcock, dove, snipe, rail, and crow on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a signed hunt brochure. You must carry this signed permit when hunting on the refuge.

(ii) We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 meters (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.

(iii) Hunters must remove all boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal equipment brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iv) 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.

(v) We allow the use of dogs when hunting, provided the dogs are under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of wild turkey, squirrel, rabbit, bobwhite quail, raccoon, opossum, red fox, grey fox, bobcat, woodchuck, striped skunk, pheasant, partridge, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iii) and (v) of this section apply.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow the use of .22 and .17 caliber rimfire lead ammunition for the taking of small game and furbearers during open season.

(iv) 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)).

(v) We require all deer and turkey hunters using the restricted use area to check-in at the refuge visitor center prior to hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iii) and (b)(2)(ii) and (v) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit the use of handguns for the taking of deer in the restricted use area.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iv) We only allow archery equipment when hunting deer in the following areas:

(A) In the area west of Division Street and east of Blue Heron Marina;

(B) On all refuge lands north of Illinois State Route 13; and

(C) In the area north of the Crab Orchard Lake emergency spillway and west of Crab Orchard Lake.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) On Crab Orchard Lake west of Wolf Creek Road:

(A) Anglers may fish from boats all year.

(B) Anglers must remove all trotlines/jugs from legal sunrise until legal sunset from the Friday immediately prior to Memorial Day through Labor Day.

(ii) On Crab Orchard Lake east of Wolf Creek Road:

(A) Anglers may fish from boats March 15 through September 30.

(B) Anglers may fish all year at the Wolf Creek and Route 148 causeways.

(iii) On A-41, Bluegill, Managers, Honkers, and Visitors Ponds:

(A) Anglers may fish only from legal sunrise to legal sunset from March 15 through September 30.

(B) We prohibit anglers from using boats or flotation devices.

(iv) Trotlines/jugs:

(A) We prohibit the use of trotlines/jugs on all refuge waters outside of Crab Orchard Lake.

(B) We prohibit the use of trotlines/jugs with any flotation device that has previously contained any petroleum-based material or toxic substances.

(C) Anglers must attach a buoyed device that is visible on the water's surface to all trotlines.

(v) Anglers may use all legal noncommercial fishing methods, except they may not use any underwater breathing apparatus.

(vi) Anglers may not submerge any poles or similar objects to take or locate any fish.

(vii) Organizers of all fishing events must possess a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G or FWS Form 3-1383-C).

(viii) We prohibit anglers from fishing within 250 yards (225 m) of an occupied waterfowl hunting blind.

(ix) Specific creel and size limits apply on various refuge waters as listed in the Crab Orchard fishing brochure and the annual Illinois fishing digest.

(c) *Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, woodcock, rail, dove, crow, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We prohibit outboard motors larger than 10 horsepower (hp).

(iii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, bobwhite quail, raccoon, opossum, red fox, gray fox, bobcat, striped skunk, woodchuck, turkey, pheasant, Hungarian partridge, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) 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) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We prohibit the use of trotlines, jugs, yo-yos, nets, or any commercial fishing equipment except in areas where State regulations authorize commercial tackle.

(iv) We prohibit the use of more than two poles per angler and more than two hooks or lures per pole.

(v) We prohibit possession of bass smaller than 15 inches (37.5 centimeters) in length from refuge ponds.

(vi) We prohibit possession of more than six channel catfish from refuge ponds.

(d) *Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters 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).

(ii) We allow access for hunting from 1 hour before legal shooting time (as governed by State regulations for the species in question) until 1 hour after legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(ii) 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)).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the year on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit fishing in the waterfowl hunting area during the waterfowl hunting season.

(e) *Great River National Wildlife Refuge*— (1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: On the Long Island Division, we allow hunting only from blinds constructed on sites posted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of small game, furbearers, and game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open the refuge divisions for upland game hunting from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(ii) On the Cherry Box and Hickory Creek Units, we allow hunting with shotgun only during the Statewide upland game season.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) For wild turkey hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

(ii) We allow only portable tree stands from September 1 through January 31 of each year. You must permanently attach your State-generated hunter identification number in a visible location on the stand. We allow only one tree stand per hunter.

(iii) On the Fox Island Division, Slim Island Division, Cherry Box Division, and Hickory Creek Division, we only allow archery deer hunting during the Statewide archery season. We prohibit archery hunting during the State firearm season.

(iv) On the Delair Division, we only allow deer hunting during special managed hunts. You must possess and carry a refuge permit (hunt letter) when hunting during special managed hunts.

(v) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) On the Fox Island Division, we only allow bank fishing along any portion of the Fox River from January 1 through October 15.

(f) *Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following

condition: 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) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game and turkey hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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)).

(ii) 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.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit the taking of turtle and frog (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(g) *Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) For hunting, you may possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

(ii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other hunting equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (g)(2)(ii) of this section applies.

(4) [Reserved]

(h) *Meredosia National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow sport fishing on all areas open to public access from legal sunrise to legal sunset from February 1 to October 15.

(ii) 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.

(i) *Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, blinds, blind materials, stands, decoys, and other hunting equipment from the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of small game, furbearers, and game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We open the refuge divisions for upland game hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) For wild turkey hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iii) We allow only portable tree stands from September 1 through January 31 of each year. You must permanently attach your State-generated hunter identification number in a visible location on the stand. We allow only one tree stand per hunter.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) You must remove all fishing devices at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(j) *Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge.* Refer to §32.34(f) for regulations.

(k) *Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must remove boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, and platforms brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(ii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting for wild turkey, small game, furbearers, and nonmigratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (k)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) 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)).

(iii) 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 .50 caliber.

(iv) We allow the use of .22 and .17 caliber rimfire lead ammunition for the taking of small game and furbearers during open season.

(v) We allow hunting from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (k)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the taking of turtle or frog (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(ii) We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) Anglers must remove boats and all other fishing devices at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(l) *Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.* Refer to §32.42(r) for regulations.

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### **§32.33 Indiana.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a signed acknowledgment of danger agreement and a refuge hunt permit.

(ii) Hunters must possess a valid daily gate pass at all times.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs for hunting only during the squirrel hunting season in the day use area, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times. You must ensure that all hunting dogs wear a collar displaying the owner's contact information.

(iv) You must hunt only in assigned areas. We prohibit trespass into an unassigned hunt area.

(v) We require that all hunters check all harvested game taken on the refuge at the refuge check station.

(vi) 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 and younger.

(vii) Hunters must possess and carry a compass while hunting on the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(2)(i), (ii), and (iv) through (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

(iii) We allow the use of portable hunting stands and blinds.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing on the Old Timbers Lake subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a signed acknowledgment of danger agreement and a refuge access permit.

(ii) Anglers must possess a valid daily gate pass at all times.

(iii) We allow fishing only with a rod and reel or pole and line.

(iv) We prohibit the use of trotlines.

(v) We prohibit retaining black bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and spotted bass between 12 and 15 inches (30 and 37.5 centimeters).

(b) *Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, merganser, woodcock, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must remove all boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, and platforms brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting, provided the dogs are under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iii) We prohibit hunting and the discharge of a firearm within 100 yards (30 meters) of any dwelling or any other building that people, pets, or livestock may occupy.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of turkey, quail, squirrel, raccoon, opossum, coyote, fox, skunk, and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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)).

(ii) We allow the use of rimfire weapons for upland/small game hunting.

(iii) We prohibit the use of centerfire rifles for any hunts on refuge property.

(iv) During spring turkey hunting, hunters must possess a State-issued hunting permit during the first 6 days of the season.

(v) We prohibit turkey hunting after 1 p.m. each day.

(vi) We allow the incidental take of coyote only during other refuge hunting seasons.

(vii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iii) and (b)(2)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iii) We prohibit the use or possession of tree spikes, plastic flagging, and reflective tacks.

(iv) We prohibit firearms deer hunting during the State deer firearm season (archery and muzzleloader only).

(v) We close archery deer hunting during the State muzzleloader season.

(vi) We prohibit the possession of game trail cameras on the refuge.

(vii) We require you to remove arrows from crossbows during transport in a vehicle.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the use of any type of motor.

(ii) We allow the use of kayaks, canoes, belly boats, or float tubes in all designated fishing areas.

(iii) We allow fishing only with rod and reel, or pole and line.

(iv) We prohibit harvest of frog and turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(v) We prohibit the use of lead fishing tackle.

(vi) We allow only youth age 15 and younger to fish in the Discovery Pond.

(c) *Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, coot, woodcock, dove, snipe, rail, and crow on designated areas of the refuge and the White River Wildlife Management Area subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must remove all boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials after each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(ii) We prohibit hunting and the discharge of a weapon within 150 yards (137 meters) of any dwelling or any building that may be occupied by people, pets, or livestock.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of bobwhite quail, pheasant, cottontail rabbit, squirrel (gray and fox), red and gray fox, coyote, opossum, striped skunk, and raccoon subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs for hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(iii) You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(2)(iii) applies while turkey hunting.

(ii) On the Columbia Mine Unit, you may only hunt white-tailed deer during the first week (7 days) of the following seasons, as governed by the State: archery, firearms, and muzzleloader.

(iii) 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.

(iv) On the Columbia Mine Unit, if you use a rifle to hunt, you may use only rifles allowed by State regulations for hunting on public land.

(v) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We allow fishing only with rod and reel, pole and line, bow and arrow, or crossbow.

(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) 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).

(v) You must remove boats at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §27.93 of this chapter).

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## **§32.34 Iowa.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *De Soto National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow youth hunting of ring-necked pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The refuge will annually determine hunting seasons, dates, and designated areas, and publish them in the refuge brochure.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The refuge manager will annually determine and publish hunting seasons and dates, and will include them in the refuge access permit (signed brochure).

(ii) 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 (signed brochure).

(iii) Hunters with a valid Iowa or Nebraska resident hunting permit may access all areas open to hunting. Reciprocity exists, with both States allowing hunters with either resident permit to access refuge hunting land in either State.

(iv) Hunters holding nonresident Nebraska or nonresident Iowa permits may hunt only on the ground that lies within the State that issued the nonresident permit.

(v) We allow hunters in the designated area from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(vi) We prohibit the use of a crossbow as archery equipment unless the hunter has obtained a State-issued disability crossbow permit.

(vii) All hunters must be in possession of a valid entrance fee permit.

(viii) 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).

(ix) We prohibit shooting on or over any refuge road open to vehicle traffic within 30 feet (9 meters (m)) of the centerline.

(x) We prohibit field dressing of any big game within 100 feet (30 m) of the centerline of any refuge road.

(xi) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(xii) We allow two portable tree stands/blinds per hunter within the hunt area. Of those, only one stand/blind can be left on the refuge from 1 week prior to the start of the designated hunt season to 1 week after the end of the designated hunt season.

(xiii) Unattended stands and blinds must be plainly labeled with the full name and/or hunting license number of the owner. Labels must be visible from ground level.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow ice fishing in DeSoto Lake from January 2 through the end of February.

(ii) We allow the use of pole and line or rod and reel fishing in DeSoto Lake from April 15 through October 14.

(iii) We allow the use of archery and spear fishing for nongame fish only from April 15 through October 14.

(iv) When the lake is open to ice fishing, we prohibit motor- or wind-driven conveyances on the lake.

(v) We allow the use of portable ice fishing shelters on a daily basis from January 2 through the end of February.

(vi) Anglers may use no more than two lines and two hooks per line, including ice fishing.

(vii) We prohibit the use of trotlines, float lines, bank lines, or setlines.

(viii) Anglers must adhere to minimum length and creel limits as posted.

(ix) We prohibit anglers leaving any personal property, litter, fish, or fish parts on the banks, in the water, or on the ice (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(x) We prohibit digging or seining for bait.

(xi) We prohibit take or possession of turtle or frog at any time (see §§27.21 of this chapter).

(xii) We allow anglers on the refuge from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(b) *Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: 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) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) In areas open to hunting, we allow hunting beginning November 1 until the close of State hunting seasons or January 15, whichever occurs first.

(ii) We allow only archery and muzzleloader hunting.

(iii) We allow deer drives only during lawful party hunting conducted within the refuge, as governed by State regulations. We prohibit driving deer from or through the refuge to any persons hunting outside the refuge boundary.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(c) *Iowa Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting throughout the district subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting throughout the district and subject to the following conditions:

(i) For wild turkey hunting, you may possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

(ii) 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 Iowa hunting license number.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) 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).

(d) *Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge— (1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow the hunting of dove, duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow entry into the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise and require hunters to leave the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit shooting on or over any refuge road within 50 feet (15 meters) from the centerline.

(iii) You must possess and carry a refuge permit (free brochure available at the refuge visitor center).

(iv) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail, pigeon, crow, cottontail rabbit, gray and fox squirrel, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) when turkey hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge and subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) 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).

(4) [Reserved]

(e) *Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, coot, rail (Virginia and sora only), woodcock, snipe, and dove (mourning and Eurasian collared) on designated areas subject to the following conditions:

(i) For units adjacent to and managed by Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, you must follow the refuge-specific regulations provided in this paragraph (e).

(ii) 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). Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting, except when hunting furbearers, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of wild turkey, 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 subject to the following conditions:

(i) Shotgun hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot when hunting turkey (see §32.2(k)).

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of temporary stands, blinds, platforms, or ladders.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(iii) We prohibit shooting on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet (9 meters) of a roadway open to public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal.

(iii) For all counties with the exception of Jasper, 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 Iowa hunting license number.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (e)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(ii) 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).

(f) *Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You must remove boats, decoys, and portable blinds at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) For wild turkey hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)). We allow shotgun slug or muzzleloading rifle for hunting coyotes.

(ii) We allow only squirrel hunting on the Keithsburg Division from the beginning of the State season through September 15.

(iii) We allow hunting on the Horseshoe Bend Division from September 1 through September 15, and from December 1 through February 28. We allow spring turkey hunting.

(iv) We allow hunting on the Big Timber Division from September 1 through February 28. We allow spring turkey hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of only portable stands, and you must remove them at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the taking of turtle or frog (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(ii) We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) Anglers must remove boats and all other fishing devices at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(g) *Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge— (1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, rail (Virginia and sora only), woodcock, dove, crow, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters on the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We allow boats or other floating devices when hunting. You may not leave boats unattended.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iv) We prohibit entry into any closed area to retrieve downed game, unless the hunter has received written permission from the refuge manager.

(v) 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.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, gray partridge, cottontail rabbit, squirrel (fox and gray), groundhog, raccoon, opossum, fox, coyote, and skunk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit possession of shotgun slugs.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i), (ii), (iv), and (v) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i), (ii), (iv), and (v) of this section apply.

(ii) 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; you must remove them prior to 7 days following the last deer hunting season (see §27.93 of this chapter). Turkey hunters must remove blinds and stands each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) You must label portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms that are left unattended with your hunting license number. The label must be legible from the ground.

(iv) You must remove any other personal property brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(v) We allow deer hunters on the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(vi) Deer hunters may possess only shot shells that shoot a single projectile (*i.e.*, slugs).

(vii) For wild turkey hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field (see §32.2(k)).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We allow fishing from boats on the Buffalo Creek Bottoms; however, we prohibit the use of gasoline motors.

(iii) We prohibit the use or possession of lead terminal tackle.

(h) *Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.* Refer to §32.42(r) for regulations.

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### **§32.35 Kansas.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of coot, crow, mourning dove, duck, goose, rail, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must remove portable hunting blinds and decoys at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) We only allow rimfire firearms, shotguns, and archery equipment.

(iii) We prohibit shooting from or over roads and parking areas.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting migratory birds.

(v) We close hunting areas on the north side of the Neosho River to all hunting from November 1 through March 1.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote, pheasant, prairie chicken, quail, rabbit, State-defined furbearers, and squirrel on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs when hunting upland game, except that we prohibit the use of dogs when hunting coyotes and furbearers.

(ii) Shooting hours for upland game species are ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit the harvest of beaver and otter.

(iv) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for turkey hunting (see §32.2(k)).

(ii) We allow one portable blind or stand per hunter. You may place a stand on the refuge no more than 14 days prior to the season, and you must remove it within 14 days of the close of the season. You must remove a portable blind at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). You must label any portable blind or stand with the owner's name and Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) number. Labels must be clearly visible from the ground.

(iii) We prohibit the use of dogs when hunting turkey.

(iv) The condition set forth at paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(v) We only allow muzzleloaders, shotguns, and archery equipment.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit the take of reptiles and amphibians.

(b) *Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of coot, crow, duck, goose, merganser, mourning dove, rail, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must remove portable hunting blinds and decoys at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) We prohibit shooting from or over roads and parking areas.

(iii) In Bow Creek, we allow hunting access by boat or on foot year round.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting migratory birds.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, pheasant, prairie chicken, quail, State-defined furbearers, and squirrel (fox and grey) on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow shotguns and archery equipment when hunting upland game.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting upland game, except that we prohibit the use of dogs when hunting coyotes and furbearers.

(iii) Shooting hours for upland game species are ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset.

(iv) We prohibit the harvest of beaver and otter.

(v) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow archery hunting of deer.

(ii) We allow one portable blind or stand per hunter. You may place a stand on the refuge no more than 14 days prior to the season, and you must remove it within 14 days of the close of the season. You must remove a portable blind at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). You must label any portable blind or stand with the owner's name and KDWPT number. Labels must be clearly visible from the ground.

(iii) You must obtain a refuge-issued permit (FWS Form 3-2405, Self-Clearing Check-In/Out Permit) to hunt deer on the refuge.

(iv) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(v) We prohibit the use of dogs when hunting turkey.

(vi) You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for turkey hunting (see §32.2(k)).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow boats for activities related to fishing.

(ii) We prohibit boating for fishing between October 1 and April 1 when the reservoir water elevation falls below 1,722 feet (measured on October 1), except in the Bow Creek Hunting Unit. Boats may be launched only at Scout Cove during this period.

(iii) We allow boating for fishing year-round, on the entire reservoir, only when the reservoir water elevation is above 1,722 feet (measured on October 1).

(iv) We allow noncommercial collection of baitfish as governed by State regulations.

(v) We prohibit all activities associated with fishing tournaments, outside of sport fishing itself, to include organized gatherings, registrations, weigh-ins, and award presentations to be held or organized on the refuge.

(vi) We prohibit the take of reptiles and amphibians.

(c) *Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of coot, crow, duck, goose, mourning dove, rail, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must remove portable hunting blinds and decoys at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) We prohibit shooting from or over roads and parking areas.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting migratory birds.

(iv) We only allow shotguns and archery equipment.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote, cottontail rabbit, State-defined furbearers, squirrel, and upland birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs when hunting upland game, except that we prohibit the use of dogs when hunting coyotes and furbearers.

(ii) Shooting hours for upland game species are ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit the harvest of beaver and otter.

(iv) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (ii), and (iv) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a State-issued refuge access permit to hunt deer and spring turkey.

(ii) We allow one portable blind or stand per hunter. You may place a stand on the refuge no more than 14 days prior to the season, and you must remove it within 14 days of the close of the season. You must remove a portable blind at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). You must label any portable blind or stand with the owner's name and KDWPT number. Labels must be clearly visible from the ground.

(iii) We prohibit the use of dogs when hunting turkey.

(iv) You may possess only approved nontoxic shot for turkey hunting (see §32.2(k)).

(v) The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(vi) We only allow archery deer hunting, except during the January antlerless deer season when we allow the use of archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit the take of reptiles and amphibians.

(d) *Quivira National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of coot, crow, duck, goose, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to

the following conditions:

- (i) We open refuge hunting areas from September 1 through February 28.
- (ii) The refuge is open from 1½ hours before legal sunrise to 1½ hours after legal sunset.
- (iii) We prohibit the retrieval of game from areas closed to hunting.
- (iv) You must remove portable hunting blinds and decoys at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).
- (v) We prohibit shooting from or over roads and parking areas.
- (vi) We allow the use of dogs when hunting migratory birds.
- (vii) We only allow shotguns and archery equipment.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote, pheasant, quail, State-defined furbearers, squirrel, and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (iii), (v), and (vii) of this section apply.
- (ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting upland game, except that we prohibit the use of dogs when hunting coyotes and furbearers.
- (iii) We prohibit the harvest of beaver and otter.
- (iv) You must possess a State-issued refuge access permit for coyote and State-defined furbearer hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

- (i) You may possess only approved nontoxic ammunition for turkey and deer hunting (see §32.2(k)).
- (ii) You must possess a State-issued refuge access permit for deer and turkey hunting.
- (iii) We allow one portable blind or stand per hunter. You may place a stand on the refuge no more than 14 days prior to the season, and you must remove it within 14 days of the close of the season. You must remove a portable blind at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). You must label any portable blind or stand with the owner's name and KDWPT number. Labels must be clearly visible from the ground.
- (iv) We prohibit the use of dogs when hunting turkey.

(v) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (iii) and (v) of this section apply.

(vi) We only allow muzzleloaders, shotguns, and archery equipment.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on all waters on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit taking of reptiles and amphibians.

(ii) We prohibit the use of trotlines and setlines.

(iii) We prohibit the use of seines for taking bait.

(iv) We prohibit fishing from water control structures and bridges.

(v) We restrict fishing in the designated “Kid's Pond,” approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile (.4 kilometers) west-southwest of headquarters, to youth age 14 and younger, and to a parent and/or guardian age 18 or older accompanying a youth.

(vi) The creel limit for the Kid's Pond is one fish per day.

(vii) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(viii) The only live bait we allow is worms; we prohibit all other live bait.

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### **§32.36 Kentucky.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove, woodcock, common snipe, Canada and snow goose, coot, crow, and waterfowl listed at 50 CFR 10.13(c)(1) under DUCK on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Except for raccoon, opossum, and bullfrog hunting, access to the refuge is from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset.

(ii) You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunting/fishing permit (signed brochure) while hunting and/or fishing on the refuge.

(iii) We prohibit hunting within 100 feet (30 meters) of a residence and discharge of firearms within 200 feet (60 meters) of any home, the abandoned railroad tracks, graveled

roads, and hiking trails.

(iv) We allow trail cameras. Trail cameras must have the owner's State hunting license number clearly displayed or we may confiscate them.

(v) We allow the use of dogs for waterfowl, quail, snipe, dove, woodcock, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, and fall turkey hunting. Dog owners/handlers must have a collar on each dog with the owner's contact information.

(vi) We allow waterfowl hunting from legal shooting time until 12 p.m. (noon).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, opossum, coyote, bobcat, fox, skunk, otter, muskrat, mink, weasel, and beaver on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow coyote hunting under Statewide regulations during daylight hours only.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) We close squirrel, rabbit, crow, woodcock, snipe, dove, and quail seasons during muzzleloader and modern gun deer hunts.

(iii) We allow the use of only 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 State hunting license number must appear on all stands left in the field.

(iv) You must use safety belts at all times when occupying the tree stands.

(v) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(vi) Ground blinds used for the purpose of hunting any species during the deer modern gun, muzzleloader, and youth firearms seasons must display 1 square foot (144 square inches) of solid, unbroken, hunter orange visible from all sides. You must remove ground blinds when not in use.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) The following conditions apply to the Environmental Education and Recreation Area (EERA):

(A) The EERA is a day-use area only.

(B) We only allow one rod and reel or pole and line for fishing per person.

(C) We prohibit the use of live fish for bait.

(D) We allow the taking of largemouth bass, channel catfish, and bluegill in accordance with posted limits.

(E) We prohibit the hunting or harvesting of frog.

(b) *Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge*. Refer to §32.67(b) for regulations.

(c) *Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge*. Refer to §32.61(f) for regulations.

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### **§32.37 Louisiana.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge*— (1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of mourning dove, duck, goose, coot, snipe, rail, gallinule, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may hunt only as governed by State-issued Sherburne Wildlife Management Area regulations.

(ii) 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.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of feral hog, white-tailed deer, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow recreational finfishing and shellfishing year-round as governed by Sherburne Wildlife Management Area regulations.

(b) *Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require that all hunters and anglers age 16 and older purchase an annual public use permit (electronic form). 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

(iv) You must remove harvested waterfowl, temporary blinds, and decoys used for duck hunting by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) We allow the use of dogs to locate, point, and retrieve.

(vi) 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.

(vii) We prohibit use or possession of any type of trail-marking material.

(viii) We allow the incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote when hunting migratory birds, upland game, or big game species with firearms and archery equipment authorized for use.

(ix) We allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility vehicles as governed by State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) regulations and size specifications on designated trails (see §27.31 of this chapter) from scouting season until February 28.

(x) 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.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may only hunt upland game during designated refuge seasons.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (iii), and (vi) through (x) of this section apply.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs to hunt squirrel and rabbit during that portion of the season designated as small game with dogs.

(iv) 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.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (iii), and (vi) through (x) of this section apply.

(ii) The bag limit is one deer per day. The State tagging regulations apply.

(iii) You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting deer on the refuge (see §32.2(k)). The requirement in this paragraph (b)(3)(iii) only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

(iv) 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.

(v) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter). You must mark your State license number on your stand. You are allowed one portable stand or blind on the refuge.

(vi) You must check all deer 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(x) of this section applies.

(ii) We prohibit the taking of alligator snapping turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow fishing only during daylight hours.

(iv) 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.

(v) We prohibit wire traps, slat traps, wire nets, hoop nets, trotlines, yo-yos, and jug lines on the refuge.

(c) *Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only youth to hunt waterfowl and coot. An adult age 21 or older must supervise youth hunters during hunts. Youth hunter age and hunter education requirements

are governed by State regulations. 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon). We will close the refuge to waterfowl and coot hunting during any segment of goose season that extends beyond the regular duck season.

(iv) 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.

(v) Hunters must possess and carry a valid refuge hunt permit (signed brochure).

(vi) Each person age 18 and older must possess a valid Annual Public Use Permit (signed brochure).

(vii) We prohibit hunting within 500 feet (150 meters (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, or other designated public use facility.

(viii) Hunters may use air-cooled propulsion engines to traverse the refuge through the Intracoastal Waterway and the Irish Bayou Straight Canal.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow finfishing and shellfishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow sport fishing and shellfishing 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 the remainder of the refuge from November 1 through January 31.

(ii) 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 kilograms) per person) with wire nets up to 20 inches (50 centimeters) 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.

(iii) We prohibit the use of trotlines, limblines, slat traps, gar sets, nets, and alligator lines on the refuge.

(iv) The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(viii) of this section applies.

(d) *Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory game birds and waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) All hunters must possess and carry a signed hunt permit (signed brochure) while hunting on the refuge.

(ii) We prohibit hunting or discharge of firearm (see §27.42 of this chapter) within 150 feet (45 meters (m)) of any residence or structure adjacent to the refuge, from the centerline of any road, railroad, designated public use maintained trail, designated parking area, or other designated public use facility.

(iii) An adult age 18 or older must supervise youth hunters during all hunts. Youth hunter age and hunter education requirements are governed by State regulations. 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(s) must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that youth hunters do not violate refuge rules.

(iv) We require waterfowl hunters to remove all portable blinds, boats, decoys, and other personal equipment from the refuge by 1 p.m. each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(v) 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.

(vi) We allow hunting until 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters may only enter the refuge after 4 a.m.

(vii) When hunting migratory game birds, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve game.

(viii) We allow the use of reflective tacks.

(ix) Each person age 18 and older, must possess a valid Annual Public Use Permit (signed brochure).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow hunting from the start of the State squirrel and rabbit seasons until the last day of State waterfowl season in the Coastal Zone, except that the Centerville Unit will be open until the last day of the State waterfowl season in the East Zone.

(ii) We prohibit upland game hunting on days corresponding with refuge deer gun hunts.

(iii) Hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. Hunters must leave the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(iv) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (iii), (v), and (viii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We allow archery deer hunting according to the State of Louisiana archery season. Hunters may take deer of either sex as governed by State-approved archery equipment and regulations. We close refuge archery hunting during refuge deer gun hunts.

(iii) We do not allow hunting within 500 feet (152.4 meters) of the Garden City parking area and boardwalk.

(iv) We allow each hunter to possess only one deer per day; the deer may be a buck or a doe. State season limits apply.

(v) You may take feral hogs only as incidental take with archery equipment while participating in the refuge deer archery hunt.

(vi) Hunters may use only portable deer stands. 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters may place only one deer stand on the refuge. Deer stands must have the owner's State hunting license number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position when not in use.

(vii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (iii), (v), and (viii) and (d)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(viii) We prohibit the use of deer decoys.

(ix) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing in all refuge waters subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of unattended nets, traps, or lines (trot, jug, bush, etc.).

(e) *Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, goose, snipe, rail, gallinule, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon), including waterfowl hunting during the State special teal season and State youth waterfowl hunt. We allow snipe, rail, and gallinule hunting on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 2 p.m.

(ii) We prohibit goose hunting for that part of the season that extends beyond the regular duck season.

(iii) We allow only temporary blinds, and hunters must remove blinds and decoys by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) Hunters must possess and carry a valid refuge hunt permit (signed brochure).

(v) An adult age 18 or older must supervise youth hunters age 17 and younger during all hunts. Youth hunter age and hunter education requirements are governed by State regulations. One adult may supervise two youths during small game hunts and migratory bird hunts, but is only allowed to supervise one youth during big game hunts. Youths must remain within normal voice contact and direct sight of the adult who is supervising them. Adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that youth hunters do not violate refuge rules.

(vi) We prohibit hunting or discharge of firearm (see §27.42 of this chapter) within 150 feet (45 meters (m)) of any residence or structure adjacent to the refuge, and from the centerline of any road, railroad, designated public use maintained trail, designated parking area, or other designated public use facility.

(vii) Hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal sunset.

(viii) You may use only reflective tacks as trail markers on the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and quail on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) When hunting, you must possess only shot size 4 or smaller, or 0.22 caliber rim-fire rifles or smaller.

(ii) When hunting squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon, we allow the use of dogs only after the close of the State archery deer season. When hunting quail, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve.

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(iv) through (vii) of this section apply.

(iv) During the dog season for squirrel and rabbit, all hunters, including archers (while on the ground), except waterfowl hunters, must wear a minimum of a cap or hat that is hunter orange, blaze pink, or other such color as governed by State regulations.

(v) We only allow raccoon to be taken during the State rabbit season.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We are open only during the State season for archery hunting of deer.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iii) We allow placement of temporary deer stands 48 hours prior to the start of deer archery season. Hunters must remove all deer stands within 48 hours after the archery deer season closes (see §27.93 of this chapter). We allow only one deer stand per hunter on the refuge. Deer stands must have the owner's State license/sportsmen's identification number clearly printed on the stand. We prohibit hunting stands on trees painted with white bands.

(iv) We allow take of feral hogs only as incidental take with archery equipment while participating in the refuge deer archery hunt.

(v) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(iv) through (vii) of this section apply.

(vi) We prohibit the use of deer decoys.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow recreational fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) You must only use rod and reel or pole and line while fishing.

(iii) You must attend to any fishing, crabbing, and crawfishing equipment at all times.

(f) *Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) We allow waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

(iii) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must leave the refuge by 1:30 p.m.

(iv) We prohibit hunting within 100 feet (30 meters (m)) of the maintained right-of-way of roads and from or across all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails. We prohibit hunting within 50 feet (15 m) of, or trespassing on, aboveground oil, gas, or electrical transmission facilities.

(v) Hunters must remove boats, blinds, and decoys from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vi) When hunting migratory game birds, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve game.

(vii) We only allow ATVs on trails designated for their use and marked by signs (see §27.31 of this chapter). ATV trails are closed March 1 through August 31.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i), (iv), and (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) Hunters may only hunt upland game during designated refuge seasons.

(iii) We prohibit taking small game with firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot.

(iv) You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 1 hour after legal shooting hours end.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i), (iv), and (vii) and (f)(2)(iv) of this section apply.

(ii) Hunters may only hunt big game during designated refuge seasons.

(iii) An adult age 21 or older must supervise a youth hunter age 15 or younger during hunts. One adult may supervise only one youth during big game hunts. The youth hunter must remain within normal voice contact of the supervising adult.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit trotlines, limb lines, yo-yos, traps, and nets.

(ii) We prohibit take of frog, turtle, and mollusk (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(g) *Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon), including during the State special teal season, State youth waterfowl hunt, and special light goose conservation season.

(ii) You must remove blinds and decoys by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) We prohibit goose hunting for that part of the season that extends beyond the regular duck season.

(iv) When hunting migratory game birds, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve game.

(v) Each person age 18 and older while hunting or fishing must possess a valid Annual Public Use Permit (signed brochure).

(vi) An adult age 18 or older must supervise youth hunters age 17 and younger during all hunts. Youth hunter age and hunter education requirements are governed by State regulations. One adult may supervise two youths during small game hunts and migratory bird hunts, but is only allowed to supervise one youth during big game hunts. Youths must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that youth hunters do not violate refuge rules.

(vii) We prohibit hunting or discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) within 150 feet (45.7 meters (m)) from the centerline of any public road, refuge road, designated or maintained trail, building, residence, designated camping area, or designated public facility, or from or across aboveground oil, gas, or electric facilities.

(viii) For the purpose of hunting, we prohibit possession of slugs, buckshot, and rifle and pistol ammunition, except during the deer gun and primitive firearm seasons (see §32.2(k)).

(ix) You may use only reflective tacks as trail markers on the refuge.

(x) We allow the incidental take of feral hog during any open refuge hunting season with weapons approved for that season.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs for rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, and opossum hunting on specific dates listed in the refuge hunt brochure.

(ii) During any open deer firearm or primitive firearm season on the refuge, all hunters, except waterfowl hunters and nighttime raccoon and opossum hunters, must wear hunter orange, blaze pink, or other such color as governed by State regulations.

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(v) through (x) of this section 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)).

(iv) We will close the refuge to hunting (except waterfowl) and camping when the Pearl River reaches 15.5 feet (4.65 meters) on the Pearl River Gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana.

(v) During the dog season for squirrels and rabbits, all hunters, including archery hunters (while on the ground), except waterfowl hunters, must wear a cap or hat that is hunter-orange, blaze pink, or other such color as governed by State regulations.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(v) through (x) and (g)(2)(ii) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) Hunters may erect deer stands 48 hours before the deer archery season and must remove them from the refuge within 48 hours after this season closes (see §27.93 of this chapter). We allow only one deer stand per hunter on the refuge. Deer stands must have the owner's State license/sportsmen's identification number clearly printed on the stand.

(iii) Deer hunters hunting from concealed blinds must display State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) hunter-orange or blaze-pink (as governed by State WMA regulations) above or around their blinds that is visible from 360 degrees.

(iv) We hold a special dog hog hunt in February. During this hunt, the following conditions apply, in addition to other applicable conditions in paragraph (g)(3) of this section:

(A) You must use trained hog-hunting dogs to aid in the take of hog.

(B) We allow take of hog from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset.

(C) You must possess only approved nontoxic shot, or pistol or rifle ammunition not larger than .22 caliber rim-fire to take the hog after it has been caught by dogs.

(v) You must kill all hogs prior to removal from the refuge.

(vi) We prohibit the use of deer and turkey gobbler decoys.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow only recreational fishing year-round on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow cotton limb lines.

(ii) We close the fishing ponds at the Pearl River Turnaround to fishing from April through the first full week of June and to boating during the months of April, May, June, and July.

(iii) When the Pearl River Turnaround area is open, we allow boats that do not have gasoline-powered engines attached in the fishing ponds at the Pearl River Turnaround. Anglers must hand-launch these boats into the ponds. When the fishing ponds at the Pearl River Turnaround are open, hook and line is the only legal method of take in those ponds.

(iv) The Pearl River Turnaround area, when open to fishing, is open  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(v) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(x) and (g)(2)(iv) of this section apply.

(h) *Breton National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport finfishing and shellfishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Crabbers must tend crabbing equipment at all times.

(ii) We prohibit trotlines, slat traps, and nets.

(i) *Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, gallinule, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may only hunt during designated days and times.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We require every hunter to possess and carry a valid, signed refuge hunt permit and regulations brochure.

(iv) 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.

(v) We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 meters) of any public road, refuge road, trail, building, resident, or designated public facility.

(vi) When migratory bird hunting, you may only use dogs for the purpose of locating, pointing, and retrieving.

(vii) Hunters must remove all hunting-related equipment from the refuge immediately following each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters may place only one deer stand on the refuge, and deer stands must have the owner's State hunting license number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position at ground level when not in use.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(iii), (v), and (vii) of this section apply.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We prohibit entrance to the hunting area earlier than 4 a.m. Hunters must leave no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing, crabbing, and cast netting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow sport fishing, crabbing, and cast netting in the Gibbstown Unit's Outfall Canal from March 15 through October 15.

(iv) We allow only recreational crabbing with cotton hand lines or drop nets up to 24 inches (60 centimeters) outside diameter. We prohibit using floats on crab lines.

(v) Anglers must attend all lines, nets, and bait, and must remove same from the refuge at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vi) The daily limit of crabs is 5 dozen (60) per boat or vehicle, regardless of the number of people thereon.

(vii) The daily shrimp limit during the Louisiana inshore shrimp season is 5 gallons (19 liters (L)) of heads-on shrimp per day, per vehicle or boat.

(viii) We allow cast netting for bait on both the East Cove Unit and the Gibbstown Unit 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.

(ix) Shrimp must remain in your actual custody while on the refuge.

(x) We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(j) *Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require that all hunters and anglers age 16 and older purchase an annual public use permit (electronic form). 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.

(ii) You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge by 2 hours after legal sunset.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicle (UTVs) as governed by State Wildlife Management Area regulations and size specifications on designated trails (see §27.31 of this chapter) from scouting season until February 28.

(v) We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) of any public road, refuge road, trail or ATV trail, building, residence, or designated public facility.

(vi) We prohibit all other hunting during refuge lottery deer hunts.

(vii) We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until 12 p.m. (noon) during the designated State duck season.

(viii) You must remove harvested waterfowl, temporary blinds, and decoys used for duck hunting by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ix) When hunting migratory game birds, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve.

(x) We prohibit accessing refuge property by boat from the Mississippi River.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, beaver, nutria, raccoon, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(i) through (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) 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).

(iii) We allow the use of dogs during designated small game with dog seasons. We require the owner's contact information on the collars of all dogs. We allow up to two dogs per hunting party for squirrel hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(i) through (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow archery-only deer hunting on the refuge during the State archery deer season.

(iii) You must check all deer (name only) taken prior to leaving the refuge at one of the self-clearing check stations indicated on the map in the refuge public use brochure.

(iv) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter). You must mark your State license identification number on your stand. You are allowed one portable stand or blind on the refuge.

(v) You may only take one deer of either sex per day during the deer season. State season limits apply.

(vi) 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.

(vii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(i), (ii), (iv) (on the open portions of Wood Duck ATV trail for wildlife-dependent activities throughout the year), and (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit slat traps or hoop nets on the refuge.

(iii) We prohibit possession of cleaned or processed fish on the refuge.

(iv) Anglers may only crawfish during designated days and times. The harvest limit is 50 pounds (22.5 kilograms) per permit per day.

(v) You must attend all crawfish traps and nets at all times. We allow up to, and no more than, 20 traps per angler on the refuge.

(vi) We prohibit harvest of frog or turtle on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(k) *Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge— (1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow migratory hunting of duck, goose, and coot on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) during the

State season.

(ii) We prohibit migratory game bird hunting during deer modern and primitive firearms hunts.

(iii) When hunting migratory game birds, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve game.

(iv) We allow the use of only shotguns for hunting migratory birds.

(v) Hunters must check-in and check out as governed by refuge-specific terms.

(vi) We require hunters age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed special refuge recreational activity permit (name/address/phone only).

(vii) 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. Hunters must remove all decoys, blinds, and boats from the hunting area by 1 p.m. (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(viii) We prohibit hunting or discharge of firearms within 150 feet (45 meters (m)) from the edge of areas maintained for roads, trails, and utility rights-of-way.

(ix) We prohibit parking, walking, or hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any active oil and gas facility or equipment.

(x) We only allow the use of bright eyes or reflective tape for flagging or trail markers.

(xi) We restrict the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to designated trails. ATVs are allowed from September 1 through the last day of February. We allow ATVs only for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-related activities.

(xii) We allow the incidental take of feral hog, raccoon, beaver, nutria, and coyote while hunting with firearms or archery equipment authorized for that hunt.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, raccoon, beaver, nutria, coyote, and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (k)(1)(v) through (xii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit squirrel and rabbit hunting during deer modern and primitive firearms hunts.

(iii) 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 contact information on the collars of all their dogs.

(iv) We require hunters participating in the dog season for rabbits to wear a hunter-orange cap.

(v) We only allow the use of shotguns and rifles that are .22 magnum caliber rim fire or less for upland game hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (k)(1)(v) through (xii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow deer modern firearm hunting on the area south of the French Fork of the Little River for 2 days in December with these dates being set annually.

(iii) 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 2 days in December with these dates set annually. We allow either-sex, deer gun hunting for the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving Day and for 2 days in December with these dates to be set annually.

(iv) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters may place only one stand on the refuge. Deer stands must have the owner's State hunting license number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position when not in use.

(v) We allow the use and possession of lead shotgun slugs during deer modern and primitive firearm hunts. We prohibit the use and possession of toxic and nontoxic shot shells during these hunts.

(vi) All hunters must wear and display 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) of hunter orange and a hunter orange cap during deer modern and primitive firearm hunts.

(vii) You may take only one deer per day during modern and primitive firearm deer hunts.

(viii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a "drive" as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(ix) We prohibit the use of dogs to hunt and trail wounded deer.

(x) We prohibit use of deer decoys.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (k)(1)(ix) through (xi) of this section apply.

(ii) We require anglers age 16 and older to possess and carry a signed special refuge recreational activity permit (name/address/phone only).

(iii) We allow fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iv) At the Headquarters Unit, we allow year-round fishing on Cowpen Bayou and the Highway 28 borrow pits. We allow fishing on Duck Lake and its tail-waters, Muddy Bayou, Willow Lake, and the Highway 84 borrow pits from March 1 through October 31. We only allow use of a rod and reel or pole with a hook and line attached for fishing in these waters. We prohibit snagging.

(v) 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 yo-yos, but you must attend and only use them from 1 hour before legal sunrise until  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset. We prohibit the use of nets and traps.

(vi) At the Headquarters Unit, we allow the launching of only trailered boats at designated 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.

(vii) We prohibit bank fishing on Bushley Creek and fishing in Black Lake, Dempsey Lake, Long Lake, Rhinehart Lake, and Round Lake during deer modern and primitive firearms hunts.

(viii) We prohibit fishing in Black Lake, Dempsey Lake, Long Lake, Round Lake, and Rhinehart Lake during waterfowl hunts.

(ix) We prohibit taking or possessing frogs and turtles (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(x) We prohibit the possession of cleaned or processed fish on the refuge.

(l) *D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) We allow waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

(iii) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 1:30 p.m.

(iv) 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 aboveground oil, gas, or electrical transmission facilities.

(v) Hunters must remove boats, blinds, and decoys from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vi) When hunting migratory game birds, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve game.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (I)(1)(i) and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.

(iii) When hunting upland game, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve game.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge as indicated subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (I)(1)(i) and (iv) and (I)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) You must check all deer taken during general gun deer hunts at a refuge check station on the same day taken.

(iii) We prohibit hunters from placing or hunting from stands on pine trees with white-painted bands or rings.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(m) *Delta National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon), including during the State special teal season, State youth waterfowl season, and State light goose special conservation season.

(ii) We only allow temporary blinds. You must remove both blinds and decoys by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) When hunting migratory game birds, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve game.

(iv) Hunters must possess and carry a valid refuge hunt permit (signed brochure).

(v) We prohibit discharge of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) within 250 yards (225 meters) of buildings or worksites, such as oil or gas production facilities.

(vi) An adult age 18 or older must supervise youth hunters age 17 and younger during all hunts. Youth hunter age and hunter education requirements are governed by State

regulations. One adult may supervise two youths during small game and migratory game bird hunts but must supervise only one youth during big game hunts. Youth(s) must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them.

(vii) Hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The refuge rabbit season opens the day after the State duck season closes and continues through the remainder of the State rabbit season.

(ii) We restrict hunting to shotgun only.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when rabbit hunting.

(iv) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (m)(1)(iv) through (vii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We only allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (m)(1)(iv) through (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow archery deer hunting, bucks only, from October 1 through 15. We allow either-sex archery deer hunting from 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.

(iii) We allow placement of temporary deer stands 48 hours prior to the start of deer archery season. Hunters must remove all deer stands within 48 hours after the archery deer season closes (see §27.93 of this chapter). We allow only one deer stand per hunter on the refuge. Deer stands must have the owner's State license/sportsmen's identification number clearly printed on the stand.

(iv) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(v) We allow the take of hog(s) only with archery equipment during the archery deer season.

(vi) We prohibit the use of deer decoys.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow recreational fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We prohibit the use of trotlines, limblines, slat traps, jug lines, nets, or alligator lines.

(iii) We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(n) *Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We prohibit teal hunting during the State September season.

(iii) Hunters selected for lottery waterfowl hunts must be present and in possession of written documentation confirming their selection on the day of the hunt.

(iv) We allow no more than three persons to hunt in each of the lottery waterfowl blinds, and hunters must confine all hunting activity to the direct vicinity of the blinds.

(v) When hunting migratory game birds, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve.

(vi) 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.

(vii) We allow the incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote only when hunting for migratory bird, upland game, and big game species with firearms or archery equipment authorized for use.

(viii) We require hunters age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed refuge special recreational activity permit (electronic form).

(ix) We prohibit hunting or the discharge of firearms within 150 feet (45 meters) from the edge of areas maintained for roads, trails, and utility rights-of-way.

(x) Hunters must check-in and check out as governed by refuge-specific terms (see refuge hunting brochure for details).

(xi) 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.

(xii) We restrict the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to designated ATV trails. ATVs are allowed from September 1 through the last day of February. We allow ATVs only for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-related activities.

(xiii) Hunters must remove all decoys, blinds, and boats from the hunt area by 1 p.m. (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(xiv) We only allow the use of bright eyes or reflective tape for flagging or trail markers.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit, raccoon, beaver, nutria, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (n)(1)(vi) through (xiv) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow the use of only shotguns and rifles that are .22 magnum caliber rimfire or less for upland game hunting

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting rabbit only after the close of the State deer rifle season. Dog owners must place their contact information on the collars of all their dogs.

(iv) We require hunters participating in the special dog season for rabbits to wear a hunter-orange cap.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (n)(1)(vi) through (xiv) of this section apply.

(ii) We only allow the use of archery equipment for big game hunting.

(iii) You may use only portable deer stands. 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters may place only one deer stand on the refuge, and deer stands must have the owner's State hunting license/sportsmen's identification number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place the stand in a nonhunting position and at ground level when not in use.

(iv) We prohibit the use of deer decoys.

(v) We prohibit the use of dogs to trail wounded deer.

(vi) We prohibit organized drives. We define a "drive" as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (n)(1)(xi) through (xiv) of this section apply.

(ii) We only allow fishing within the Coulee Des Grues Bayou from the bank adjacent to Little California Road.

(iii) Except as provided under paragraph (n)(4)(ii) of this section, we allow fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset. 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.

(iv) We require anglers age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed refuge special recreational activity permit.

(v) We prohibit the use of nets, traps, set lines, and trot lines. Anglers may only use a rod and reel or pole with a hook and line attached to fish.

(vi) We prohibit the possession of cleaned or processed fish on the refuge.

(vii) We prohibit the harvest of frog, turtle, snake, or mollusk (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(viii) We prohibit crawfishing.

(o) *Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, gallinule, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may only hunt migratory game birds during designated refuge seasons.

(ii) We require every hunter to possess and carry a valid signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and regulations brochure.

(iii) Hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. Shooting hours end at 2 p.m. each day.

(iv) 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.

(v) We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 meters (m)) of refuge canals; waterways; public roads; buildings; aboveground oil, gas, or electrical transmission facilities; or designated public facilities. Hunting parties must remain a distance of no fewer than 150 yards (135 m) away from another hunter.

(vi) You must remove all hunting-related equipment from the refuge immediately following each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vii) When migratory bird hunting, you may only use dogs for the purpose of locating, pointing, and retrieving.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting for white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may only hunt big game during designated refuge seasons with archery equipment.

(ii) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters may place only one deer stand on the refuge, and deer stands must have the owner's State hunting license number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position at ground level when not in use.

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (o)(1)(ii), (v), and (vi) of this section apply.

(iv) Hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. Hunters must leave no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(v) 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from March 15 through October 15.

(ii) We prohibit fishing activities before legal sunrise and after legal sunset.

(iii) Anglers may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise, and you must leave 1 hour after legal sunset.

(iv) 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.

(v) We prohibit bank fishing from the Lacassine Pool Wildlife Drive.

(vi) We prohibit boat and bank fishing in Lacassine Pool Unit D and refuge waters from October 16 through March 14.

(vii) 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, yo-yos, or trotlines.

(viii) We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(p) *Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow waterfowl (duck, goose, coot) hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) during the Statewide duck season.

(ii) When hunting migratory game birds, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve.

(iii) 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. Hunters must remove all decoys, blinds, and boats from the hunt area by 1 p.m. (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We prohibit migratory game bird hunting during refuge deer primitive firearm hunts.

(v) Except as restricted under paragraph (p)(3)(ix) of this section, we allow the incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote when hunting for migratory bird, upland game, and big game species with firearms and archery equipment authorized for use.

(vi) We restrict the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to designated ATV trails. ATVs are allowed from September 1 to the last day of the spring turkey season. We allow ATVs only for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-related activities.

(vii) We restrict the use of the ATV trails that are designated for physically challenged persons to individuals who possess a State-issued physically challenged program hunter permit or are age 60 or older.

(viii) We require hunters age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed refuge special recreational activity permit (electronic form).

(ix) We prohibit hunting or the discharge of firearms within 150 feet (45 meters) from the edge of areas maintained for roads, trails, and utility rights-of-way.

(x) Hunters must check-in and check out as governed by refuge-specific terms (see refuge hunting brochure for details).

(xi) Hunters and anglers 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.

(xii) We only allow the use of bright eyes or reflective tape for flagging or trail markers.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, beaver, nutria, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (p)(1)(v) through (xii) of this section apply.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We only allow the use of shotguns and rifles that are .22 magnum caliber rimfire or less for upland game hunting.

(iv) We prohibit upland game hunting during refuge deer primitive firearm hunts.

(v) We allow the use of dogs when squirrel and rabbit hunting only after the close of the State deer rifle season. Dog owners must place their contact information on the collars of all their dogs.

(vi) We require hunters participating in the special dog season for rabbits to wear a hunter-orange cap.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (p)(1)(v) through (xii) and (p)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may harvest only one antlered and one antlerless deer during each of the lottery primitive firearm hunts.

(iii) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters may place only one deer stand on the refuge, and deer stands must have the owner's State hunting license number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position and at ground level when not in use.

(iv) All deer gun hunters must wear and display 400 square inches (2,600 square centimeters) of hunter orange and a hunter-orange cap during the deer gun seasons and lottery deer hunts.

(v) Only hunters that have been selected for lottery primitive firearm deer hunts may be present during these hunts.

(vi) We allow the use and possession of lead shotgun slugs during lottery primitive firearm deer hunts. We prohibit the use and possession of toxic and nontoxic shot shells during these hunts.

(vii) We prohibit all other hunting during refuge deer primitive firearm hunts as described in the refuge hunting brochure.

(viii) We prohibit the use of deer or turkey gobbler decoys.

(ix) We allow turkey hunting only during the first 16 days of the State season until 12 p.m. (noon). We prohibit incidental hunting of feral hog while turkey hunting.

(x) We prohibit the use of dogs to trail wounded deer.

(xi) We prohibit organized drives. We define a "drive" as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (p)(1)(xi) and (xii) of this section apply.

(ii) We require anglers age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed refuge special recreational activity permit (name/address/phone number only).

(iii) We allow fishing from March 1 through October 15 from ½ hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iv) We allow anglers to operate ATVs on the designated trails to the Duck Lake, Westcut Lake, and Possum Bayou boat ramps.

(v) We prohibit the use of nets, traps, set lines, and trot lines. Anglers may only use a rod and reel or pole with a hook and line attached to fish.

(vi) We prohibit the possession of cleaned or processed fish on the refuge.

(vii) We prohibit the harvest of frog, turtle, snake, or mollusk (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(viii) We prohibit crawfishing.

(q) *Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, moorhen, gallinule, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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. and must exit the refuge no later than 1 p.m.

(ii) Prior to hunting, we must assign a refuge hunt unit and issue a refuge lottery waterfowl permit (signed brochure) to any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting migratory game birds. You may only hunt in your assigned unit.

(iii) Each person age 18 and older must possess a valid Annual Public Use Permit (signed brochure).

(iv) An adult age 18 or older must supervise youth hunters during all hunts. Youth hunter age and hunter education requirements are governed by State regulations. 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 age 16 and younger do not violate refuge rules.

(v) All hunters must possess and carry a signed hunt brochure (signed brochure) while hunting on refuge.

(vi) Only one adult may occupy a unit with up to two youths during a designated lottery youth waterfowl hunt. We allow no more than three hunters to hunt from a single blind within a unit at one time during any waterfowl hunt.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open the refuge to hunting of deer and hog only during the State archery season, except that prior to 12 p.m. (noon) on Wednesdays and Saturdays during State waterfowl seasons, we close areas north of the Intracoastal Waterway to big game hunting.

(ii) Hunters may only enter the refuge after 4 a.m. and must exit by 1 hour after legal sunset.

(iii) You may take big game with archery equipment and as governed by State law. From October 1 through 15, State bucks-only regulations apply. 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.

(iv) We prohibit the use of deer decoys.

(v) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters may place only one deer stand on the refuge. Deer stands must have the owner's State hunting license number clearly printed on the stand. Hunters must place stands in a nonhunting position when not in use.

(vi) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(vii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (q)(1)(iv) and (v) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing in all refuge waters subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the use of unattended nets, traps, or lines (trot, jog, bush, etc.).

(ii) We allow fishing in the refuge year-round.

(iii) The refuge is open from legal sunrise until legal sunset.

(iv) We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(r) *Red River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, woodcock, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure).

(ii) We allow waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

(iii) We allow dove hunting only during the first 3 days of the State season on all refuge lands as indicated in the refuge brochure.

(iv) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge no later than 1:30 p.m.

(v) Hunters may only hunt during designated times and seasons as listed in refuge brochure (signed brochure).

(vi) We prohibit hunting within 100 feet (30 meters) of any public road, refuge road, trail or ATV trail, residence, building, aboveground oil or gas or electrical transmission facility, or designated public facility.

(vii) When hunting migratory game birds, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (r)(1)(i), (v), and (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs to hunt squirrel and rabbit after December 31.

(iv) 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.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (r)(1)(i), (v), and (vi) and (r)(2)(iv) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport Fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow use of only electric trolling motors on all refuge waters while fishing.

(ii) Recreational fishing using commercial gear (slat traps, etc.) requires a special refuge permit (Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G)), which is available at the refuge office. You must possess and carry the special refuge permit while fishing using commercial gear.

(iii) We prohibit the taking of alligator snapping turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(s) *Sabine National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, gallinule, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may only hunt migratory game birds during designated refuge seasons.

(ii) We require all hunters to possess and carry a valid signed refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and regulations brochure.

(iii) We prohibit entrance to the waterfowl hunting area earlier than 4 a.m. Shooting hours end at 2 p.m. each day.

(iv) 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.

(v) We allow only portable blinds and those made of native vegetation. Hunters must remove portable blinds, decoys, spent shells, and all other personal equipment after each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(vi) We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 meters (m)) of refuge canals; waterways; public roads; buildings; aboveground 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.

(vii) When migratory bird hunting, you may only use dogs for the purpose of locating, pointing, and retrieving.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing, crabbing, and cast netting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) 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 from the refuge at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) We prohibit fishing from October 16 through March 14 in Units 1A and 1B.

(iv) 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; however, we prohibit fishing activities before legal sunrise and after legal sunset.

(v) We allow recreational crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(A) We allow only recreational crabbing with cotton hand lines or drop nets up to 24 inches (60 centimeters) outside diameter. We prohibit using floats on crab lines.

(B) Anglers must remove all hand lines, drop nets, and bait from the refuge upon leaving (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(C) We allow a daily limit of 5 dozen (60) crabs per vehicle or boat.

(vi) We allow recreational cast netting in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(A) We allow recreational cast netting from boats only from legal sunrise to legal sunset during the Louisiana inshore shrimp season.

(B) Anglers must immediately return all incidental take (bycatch) to the water before continuing to cast.

(C) The daily shrimp limit during the Louisiana inshore shrimp season is 5 gallons (19 liters (L)) of heads-on shrimp per day, per vehicle or boat.

(D) The daily bait shrimp limit is 1 gallon (3.8 L) per day, per boat, outside the Louisiana inshore shrimp season.

(E) Shrimp must remain in your actual custody while on the refuge.

(vii) We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(t) *Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, coot, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting of duck and coot on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until 2 p.m. during the State season. We prohibit migratory bird hunting during refuge gun hunts for deer.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow all-terrain vehicle (ATV) travel on designated trails for access typically from October 1 to the last day of the refuge squirrel season.

(iv) We prohibit field dressing of game within 150 feet (45 meters) of parking areas, maintained roads, and trails.

(v) An adult age 18 or older must supervise youth hunters age 17 and 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.

(vi) We allow the incidental take of coyote, beaver, raccoon, and opossum when hunting for migratory bird species with firearms and archery equipment authorized for use.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of raccoon, squirrel, and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow nighttime raccoon hunting in alignment with Big Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when squirrel and rabbit hunting subject to the following conditions:

(A) We allow hunting without dogs from the beginning of the State season to December 31; during this time period, we do not require hunters to wear hunter orange.

(B) We allow squirrel and rabbit hunting with or without dogs from January 1 to the last day of February.

(C) We allow no more than three dogs per hunting party.

(iii) We close squirrel and rabbit hunting during the following gun hunts for deer: Refuge-wide youth hunt, primitive firearms hunt, and modern firearms hunt.

(iv) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (t)(1)(ii) through (v) of this section apply.

(v) We allow the incidental take of coyote, beaver, raccoon, and opossum when hunting for upland game species with firearms and archery equipment authorized for use.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) The deer primitive firearms season will occur between November 1 and January 31. We allow all legal primitive firearms as governed by State regulations.

(iii) During the deer primitive firearms season, hunters may fit any legal primitive firearms with magnified scopes. We allow hunters using primitive weapons to hunt reforested areas. We prohibit youth hunters from using modern firearms during the primitive weapon hunt.

(iv) During modern firearm hunts, all firearm hunting, even hunting with primitive weapons or muzzleloaders, is governed by applicable Federal and State regulations. We require a quota hunt permit for these hunts. We prohibit hunting in reforested areas. We prohibit hunting and/or shooting into or across any reforested area during the quota hunt for deer.

(v) For the guided quota youth hunts, we consider youth to be ages 8 through 15.

(vi) We will conduct a refuge-wide youth deer hunt. Hunt dates will be available at refuge headquarters typically in July. An adult age 18 or older must supervise a youth hunter age 15

or younger during the hunt. One adult may supervise only one youth during the deer hunt. A youth hunter must remain within normal voice contact of the supervising adult.

(vii) 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 when the limit will be one antlerless and one antlered deer per day.

(viii) We designate refuge turkey hunt dates in the refuge hunting brochure (signed brochure).

(ix) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (t)(1)(ii) through (iv) of this section apply.

(x) We allow muzzleloader hunters to discharge their primitive firearms at the end of each hunt safely into the ground at least 150 feet (135 meters (m)) from any designated public road, maintained road, trail, fire break, dwelling, or aboveground 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.

(xi) 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 stand owner's State hunting license number. Hunters must remove portable stands from trees each day and place freestanding stands in a nonhunting position when unattended.

(xii) 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.

(xiii) We allow the incidental take of coyote, beaver, raccoon, and opossum when hunting for big game species with firearms and archery equipment authorized for use.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iii) We prohibit fish cleaning within 150 feet (45 m) of parking areas, maintained roads, and trails.

(u) *Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, dove, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) Hunters may only hunt during designated refuge seasons as listed in the signed refuge hunt permit.

(iii) We allow waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

(iv) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge no later than 1:30 p.m.

(v) 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) of, or trespassing on, aboveground oil, gas, or electrical transmission facilities.

(vi) When hunting migratory game birds, you may only use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve.

(vii) We allow ATVs only on trails designated for their use and marked by signs (see §27.31 of this chapter). ATV trails are closed March 1 through August 31.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (u)(1)(i), (ii), (v), and (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (u)(1)(i), (ii), (v), and (vii) and (u)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) Deer hunters must wear hunter orange as governed by State deer hunting regulations in wildlife management areas.

(iii) We prohibit hunters from placing stands or hunting from stands on pine trees with white-painted bands and/or rings.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit leaving boats and other personal property on the refuge overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) You must tend trotlines daily. You must attach ends of trotlines by a length of cotton line that extends into the water.

(iii) Recreational fishing using commercial gear (slat traps, etc.) requires a special refuge permit (Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G)), which is available at the refuge office. You

must possess and carry the special refuge permit while fishing using commercial gear.

(iv) We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

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### **§32.38 Maine.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, American woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require every hunter to possess and carry a personally signed refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) 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.

(iii) We only allow portable or temporary blinds and decoys that must be removed from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *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 refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii) (except for hunters pursuing raccoon at night), and (iv) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of black bear, bobcat, eastern coyote, moose, and white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii) (except for hunters pursuing eastern coyote at night), and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) The hunter must retrieve all species harvested on the refuge.

(iii) We allow eastern coyote hunting from October 1 to March 31.

(iv) We allow tree stands, blinds, and ladders. You must clearly label any tree stand, blind, or ladder left on the refuge overnight with your hunting license number. You must remove your tree stand(s), blind(s), and/or ladder(s) from the refuge on the last day of the muzzleloader deer season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) You may hunt black bear, eastern coyote, and white-tailed deer during the State archery and firearms deer seasons on the Baring Division east of State Route 191.

(vi) We prohibit use of firearms to hunt bear and coyote during the archery deer season on the Baring Division east of Route 191. We prohibit the use of firearms, other than a muzzleloader, to hunt coyote during the deer muzzleloader season on the Baring Division east of Route 191.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit trapping fish for use as bait.

(b) *Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, woodcock, rail, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(ii) You may hunt coyotes from November 1 to March 31.

(iii) Hunters must retrieve all species harvested on the refuge.

(iv) We prohibit night hunting from ½ hour after legal sunset until ½ hour before legal sunrise the following day.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and black bear on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Petit Manan Point is open only during the State-prescribed muzzleloader deer season.

(ii) We allow black bear hunting during the firearm season for white-tailed deer.

(iii) We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1 hour prior to legal sunrise and remain on the refuge 1 hour after legal sunset.

(iv) We prohibit the use of dogs when hunting black bear.

(4) [Reserved]

(c) *Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Prior to entering designated refuge hunting areas, you must obtain a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) and sign and carry the permit at all times.

(ii) We open designated youth hunting areas to hunters age 15 and younger who possess and carry a refuge hunting permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System). Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. The accompanying adult must possess and carry a refuge hunting permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) and may also hunt.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(iv) We only allow temporary blinds and stands, which you must remove at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, grouse, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow take of pheasant, quail, and grouse by falconry on the refuge during State seasons.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions as set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting with shotgun and archery only. We prohibit rifles and muzzleloading firearms for hunting.

(iii) We allow turkey hunting during the fall season only, as designated by the State.

(iv) We allow only archery on those areas of the Little River division open to hunting.

(v) During the State firearm deer season, we only allow hunting of fox and coyote with archery or shotgun as incidental take with a refuge big game permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(vi) We allow hunting from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit lead tackle.

(iii) We prohibit trapping fish for use as bait.

(d) *Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1 hour before legal shooting hours, and they must exit the refuge by 1 hour past legal shooting hours, except for hunters pursuing raccoons at night.

(ii) The hunter must retrieve all species harvested on the refuge.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of black bear, bobcat, moose, coyote, and white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1 hour before legal shooting hours, and they must exit the refuge by 1 hour after legal shooting hours, except for hunters pursuing coyotes at night.

(ii) We allow tree stands, blinds, and ladders. You must clearly label tree stands, blinds, or ladders left on the refuge overnight with your State hunting license number. You must remove your tree stand(s), blind(s), and/or ladder(s) from the refuge on the last day of the muzzleloader deer season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(iv) We allow coyote hunting from October 1 to March 31.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit trapping fish for use as bait.

(e) *Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, snipe, coot, crow, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of fox, raccoon, woodchuck, squirrel, porcupine, skunk, snowshoe hare, ring-necked pheasant, and ruffed grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit night hunting from ½ hour after legal sunset until ½ hour before legal sunrise the following day.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of bear, white-tailed deer, coyote, turkey, and moose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(ii) Hunters must retrieve all species harvested on the refuge.

(iii) We allow temporary blinds and tree stands that are clearly marked with the owner's State hunting license number. You may erect temporary blinds and tree stands no earlier than 14 days prior to the hunting season, and you must remove them within 14 days after the hunting season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

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### **§32.39 Maryland.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose and duck on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must obtain, and possess while hunting, a refuge waterfowl hunting permit (signed brochure or printed and signed copy of permit from *Recreation.gov*).

(ii) Up to three additional hunters may accompany you on your reserved unit.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer, sika deer, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The general hunt regulations for this paragraph (a)(3) are:

(A) You must obtain, and possess while hunting, a turkey or deer hunting permit (printed and signed copy of permit from *Recreation.gov*).

(B) We prohibit organized deer drives unless authorized by the refuge manager. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(C) We prohibit shooting a projectile from a firearm, muzzleloader, bow, or crossbow from, down, or across any road that is traveled by vehicular traffic.

(D) We prohibit the use of rimfire or centerfire rifles and all handguns, including muzzleloading pistols, for hunting.

(ii) We do not allow archery deer hunters to hunt within areas designated for the youth hunt on designated days.

(iii) We allow turkey hunt permit holders (printed and signed copy of permit from *Recreation.gov*) to have an assistant, who must remain within sight and normal voice contact and abide by the rules set forth in the refuge's turkey brochure.

(iv) We allow youth deer and turkey hunters to hunt on designated areas on designated days (youth hunt) if they meet the criteria of a "youth hunter" as governed by State law and possess a turkey or deer hunting permit (printed and signed copy of permit from *Recreation.gov*).

(v) For the designated disabled hunt: (A) We require disabled hunters to have their America the Beautiful Access pass (OMB Control 1024-0252) in their possession while hunting in disabled areas.

(B) Disabled hunters may have an assistant, age 18 or older, who must remain within sight and normal voice contact while hunting. Assistants must possess a printed and signed copy of a permit from *Recreation.gov* and a valid government-issued photo identification.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing and crabbing only from April 1 through September 30 from legal sunrise to legal sunset in refuge waters, unless otherwise authorized by the refuge manager.

(ii) We allow fishing and crabbing by boat in the Big Blackwater and the Little Blackwater River.

(b) *Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) *General hunt regulations for this paragraph (b)(3).* (A) You must obtain, and possess while hunting, a deer or turkey hunting permit (printed and signed copy of permit from *Recreation.gov*).

(B) We prohibit shooting a projectile from a firearm, muzzleloader, bow, or crossbow from, down, or across any road that is traveled by vehicular traffic.

(C) We prohibit the use of rimfire or centerfire rifles and all handguns, including muzzleloading pistols, for hunting.

(ii) We allow youth deer hunters to hunt on designated areas on designated days (youth hunt) if they meet the criteria of a "youth hunter" as governed by State law and possess a

printed and signed copy of a permit from *Recreation.gov*.

(iii) For the designated disabled hunt: (A) We require disabled hunters to have their America the Beautiful Access pass (OMB Control 1024-0252) in their possession while hunting in disabled areas.

(B) Disabled hunters may have an assistant who must be age 18 or older and remain within sight and normal voice contact. Assistants must possess a printed and signed copy of a permit from *Recreation.gov* and a valid government-issued photo identification.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing and crabbing in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing and crabbing from designated shoreline areas located at the Ingleside Recreation Area from legal sunrise to legal sunset, April 1 through September 30.

(ii) We allow fishing from designated shoreline areas located at the Chester River end of Boxes Point and Duck Inn Trails from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(c) *Patuxent Research Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a National Wildlife Refuge System Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System), and a signed Statement of Hunter Ethics (FWS Form 3-2516).

(ii) We prohibit hunting and scouting on Sundays and Federal holidays. No hunt-related activities may take place unless the Hunting Control Station is open.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(iv) We prohibit wading in all impounded waters except for the placement and retrieval of decoys.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of gray squirrel, eastern cottontail rabbit, and woodchuck on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of turkey and white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (ii) apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a National Wildlife Refuge System Fishing/Shrimping/Crabbing/Frogging Application (FWS Form 3-2358).

(ii) We prohibit the use and/or possession of lead sinkers.

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### **§32.40 Massachusetts.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of waterfowl and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1½ hours before legal shooting hours, and they must exit the refuge by 1½ hours after legal shooting hours.

(ii) Hunters must obtain and possess a refuge-specific hunting permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) to hunt on the refuge.

(iii) You may begin scouting hunting areas 4 weeks prior to the opening day of your permitted season. We require possession of a valid refuge hunting permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) while scouting.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(v) 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 with the hunter.

(vi) Hunters may use temporary tree stands and ground blinds while engaged in hunting during the applicable seasons. Hunters must mark stands and blinds with their permit number. Hunters must remove all stands and blinds within 30 days after the end of the permitted season.

(vii) Migratory waterfowl hunting hours are ½ hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, fox, coyote, gray squirrel, and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) Upland and big game hunting hours are 1/2 hour before legal sunrise to 1/2 hour after legal sunset.

(iii) North Unit B, Unit C, and South Unit are archery only.

(iv) We prohibit the use of handguns or rifles for hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and bear on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iii), (v), and (vi), and (2)(ii) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow catch-and-release fishing only.

(ii) We allow the use of live bait with the exception of any amphibians or reptiles (frogs, salamanders, etc.).

(b) *Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1 1/2 hours before legal shooting hours, and they must exit the refuge by 1 1/2 hours after legal shooting hours.

(ii) Hunters must obtain and possess a refuge-specific hunting permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) to hunt on the refuge.

(iii) Hunters may begin scouting hunting areas 4 weeks prior to the opening day of your permitted season. We require possession of a valid hunting permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) while scouting.

(iv) 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 with the hunter.

(v) Hunters may use temporary tree stands and ground blinds while engaged in hunting during the applicable seasons. Hunters must mark stands and blinds with their permit number. Hunters must remove all stands and blinds within 30 days after the end of the permitted season.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(vii) Migratory waterfowl hunting hours are  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iii), (iv), and (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) Upland and big game hunting hours are  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We allow archery hunting only for upland game.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow archery hunting of whitetail deer, turkey, and bear on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (v) and (b)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(c) *Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to access the refuge  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours before legal shooting hours until  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours after legal shooting hours.

(ii) Hunters may begin scouting hunting areas 4 weeks prior to the opening day of your permitted season. We require possession of a valid refuge hunting permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) while scouting.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(iv) 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 with the hunter.

(v) Hunters must clearly label tree stands and ground blinds with their State hunting license number.

(vi) Migratory waterfowl hunting hours are  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote, fox, raccoon, opossum, gray squirrel, quail, pheasant, crow, and ruffed grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) Upland and big game hunting hours are  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (ii), (iv), and (v), and (c)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge by boat subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset on designated portions of the Monomoy Islands unless otherwise posted.

(ii) We allow surf fishing from the Morris Island shore 24 hours a day.

(e) *Nantucket National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(f) *Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl, woodcock, and Wilson's snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to enter the refuge  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours before legal shooting hours, and they must exit the refuge by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours after legal shooting hours.

(ii) Hunters must obtain and possess a refuge-specific hunting permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) to hunt on the refuge.

(iii) Hunters may begin scouting hunting areas 4 weeks prior to the opening day of your permitted season. We require possession of a valid refuge hunting permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) while scouting.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(v) Hunters may use temporary tree stands and ground blinds while engaged in hunting during the applicable seasons. Hunters must mark stands and blinds with their permit number. Hunters must remove all stands and blinds within 30 days after the end of the permitted season.

(vi) 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 with the hunter.

(vii) Migratory waterfowl hunting hours are  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, gray squirrel, coyote, fox, and eastern cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i) through (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) Upland and big game hunting hours are  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(iii) Hospital Road North Unit and Still River Depot Area are archery only.

(iv) We prohibit the use of handguns or rifles for hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and bear on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i) through (iii), (v), and (vi) and (2)(ii) and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing in designated areas of the refuge.

(g) *Parker River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, brant, coot, crow, merganser, rail, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may enter the refuge  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal shooting hours and must exit the refuge by  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal shooting hours.

(ii) We prohibit the use of centerfire rifles and handguns to hunt any species.

(iii) We prohibit shooting across refuge roads and within or into administratively closed zones.

(iv) We prohibit launching motorized boats for scouting purposes prior to hunting.

(v) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(vi) We allow crow hunting only from September 1 through February 28.

(vii) Migratory waterfowl hunting hours are  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, pheasant, cottontail rabbit, hare, gray squirrel, coyote, fox, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) through (iii), and (v) (with the exception that we prohibit dogs while hunting furbearers) of this section apply.

(ii) Upland and big game hunting hours are  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) through (iii) and (g)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on Plum Island subject to the following conditions:

(A) We allow archery, primitive firearms, shotgun, and crossbow (by MassWildlife permit only, for certain disabled persons) hunting during a designated 2-day hunt on the first Wednesday and Thursday of the State shotgun deer season.

(B) You must have a lottery-issued hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) to hunt during this 2-day time period.

(iii) We allow hunting of deer and wild turkey in Areas A, B, C, and D subject to the following condition: You may take deer using archery equipment only.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow saltwater fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow saltwater fishing on the ocean beach from legal sunrise to legal sunset without a refuge permit.

(ii) Stage Island is open to fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) Nelson Island is open to fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iv) We allow walk-on night fishing after legal sunset with a valid refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2358, National Wildlife Refuge System Fishing/Shrimping/Crabbing/Frogging Application; vehicle sticker issued by the refuge office).

(v) We allow anglers to use over-the-sand, surf-fishing vehicles, or off-road vehicles (ORVs) with a valid refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) and permit fee, as determined in an annual lottery.

(h) *Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may access the refuge 1½ hours before legal sunrise until 1½ hours after legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit access to Third Island between January 1 and June 30.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(iv) Migratory waterfowl hunting hours are ½ hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) Upland and big game hunting hours are ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i) and (h)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit launching of motorboats from the refuge.

(iii) We prohibit the use of reptiles and amphibians as bait.

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### **§32.41 Michigan.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, rail, gallinule, coot, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must remove all of your blinds, boats, and decoys from the refuge each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) We allow refuge access from 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iv) We allow hunting of waterfowl only on the Plum Creek Bay Unit of the refuge and only through boat access.

(v) We allow hunting of waterfowl only on the Brancheau Unit of the refuge as governed by Pointe Mouillee State Game Area special hunt regulations and subject to the following conditions:

(A) You must obtain and possess a State-issued permit for this unit by entering the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' daily drawing at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area.

(B) You must remain with 75 feet (22.5 meters) of your assigned blind or numbered post. We allow an exception for unarmed (hunting weapons) retrieval of waterfowl.

(C) We allow only nonmotorized boats.

(D) We prohibit shot size larger than BBB.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant, squirrel, rabbit, fox, raccoon, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge and subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) 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.

(iii) On the Humbug Island Unit, you may only hunt with shotgun shells or archery equipment.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) For wild turkey hunting, you may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while in the field.

(iii) For deer hunting, you may possess only single projectile shot. We prohibit the use of buckshot for any hunting on the refuge.

(iv) We allow portable tree stands for deer hunting. We allow only one tree stand per hunter per refuge unit.

(v) For Humbug Marsh Mainland only:

(A) You must obtain and possess a State-issued permit for this unit by entering the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' annual drawing.

(B) You must obtain and possess a state access permit (issued by the refuge) for the date on which you are hunting in the Humbug Marsh Unit.

(C) You must hunt from a provided fixed hunting platform and/or blind.

(vi) The Humbug Island Unit is closed to firearm deer hunting. We allow only archery deer hunting on Humbug Island.

(vii) The Fix Unit is closed to firearm deer hunting. We allow only archery deer hunting in the Fix Unit.

(4) [Reserved]

(b) *Harbor Island National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and black bear subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of dogs when hunting.

(4) [Reserved]

(c) *Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Management Area—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Michigan Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must remove boats, decoys, blinds, and blind materials at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of big game.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(e) *Seney National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of woodcock and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs when hunting migratory birds, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse and snowshoe hare on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs when hunting upland game, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of deer and bear on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of dogs while deer or bear hunting.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the use of fishing weights or lures containing lead.

(ii) We allow ice fishing from January 1 through the end of February.

(iii) Anglers must remove ice fishing shelters and all other personal property from the refuge each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow fishing on designated refuge pools from May 15 through September 30.

(v) We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(f) *Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of waterfowl (duck and goose), American coot, common gallinule, sora, Virginia rail, and Wilson's snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a refuge check-in card.

(ii) We allow waterfowl hunting on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during the regular goose season after September 30.

(iii) We allow hunter access to the refuge 1½ hours before legal shooting time.

(iv) You may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells while hunting in the field.

(v) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(vi) We allow the take of feral hogs incidental to other lawful hunting using legal methods of take.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of turkey, small game (eastern fox squirrel, eastern cottontail, ring-necked pheasant, American woodcock, and American crow), and furbearers (raccoon, coyote, and red fox) on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (f)(1)(vi) of this section applies.

(ii) You may only hunt turkey during the spring season.

(iii) We allow hunter access for the spring wild turkey season from 1½ hours before legal shooting time to ½ hour after legal shooting time.

(iv) We allow hunter access for small game hunting from ½ hour before legal shooting time to ½ hour after legal shooting time.

(v) We allow hunter access for furbearer hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(vi) We allow dogs for hunting. Raccoon hunting dogs must wear global positioning system (GPS) or radio collars.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (f)(1)(vi) of this section applies.

(ii) You must possess and carry a refuge permit (State-issued permit).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing by boat in navigable waterways but not within any managed refuge units.

(ii) We allow bank fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset only at designated sites along the Tittabawassee and Cass Rivers.

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## **§32.42 Minnesota.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow youth waterfowl hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, cameras, and other personal property brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iv) We close the refuge from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

(v) We allow the use of motorless boats for hunting.

(vi) We only allow waterfowl hunting during the State's youth waterfowl season.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse and sharp-tailed grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) We only allow hunting from the opening of the State's deer firearms season to the close of the State's ruffed grouse and sharp-tailed grouse seasons, respectively.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and moose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit shooting on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet (9 meters) of a roadway open to motorized public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal.

(iii) We only allow archery hunting from the start of the State's deer firearms season, and close as governed by the State's archery deer season.

(4) [Reserved]

(b) *Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *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 meters) inside the refuge boundary.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, Hungarian partridge, cottontail and jack rabbit, raccoon, striped skunk, gray and fox squirrel, red and gray fox, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) For wild turkey hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs for upland game bird hunting only, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iv) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(v) You may only hunt fox and raccoon from ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset from the beginning of the State season through the last day of February.

(vi) You may only hunt striped skunk from ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset from September 1 through the last day of February.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit shooting on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet (9 meters) of a roadway open to public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(2)(iii) and (iv) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only bank fishing on all refuge pools and open marshes.

(ii) 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).

(c) *Big Stone Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs for hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the district at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting throughout the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer throughout the district subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing throughout the district subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(d) *Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow the hunting of goose, duck, merganser, coot, woodcock, common moorhen, mourning dove, Sora/Virginia rail, crow, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a signed hunt brochure. You must carry this signed brochure when hunting on the refuge.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iv) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(v) We prohibit entry onto the refuge earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time, and we require hunters to leave the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal shooting time.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse; ring-necked pheasant; red, gray, and fox squirrel; cottontail rabbit; jackrabbit; snowshoe hare; red and gray fox; raccoon; badger; bobcat; coyote; striped skunk; opossum; long and short tailed weasel; and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(ii) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) You may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting, except when hunting furbearers, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i), (iii), and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit shooting on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet (9 meters) of a roadway open to public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal.

(iii) We prohibit the possession of hunting firearms or archery equipment on areas closed to deer hunting.

(4) [Reserved]

(e) *Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds 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:

(i) We allow the use of dogs for hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the district at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting throughout the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Headquarters WPA in Becker County, the Hitterdal WPA in Clay County, and the McIntosh WPA in Polk County. The following conditions apply:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting throughout the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Headquarters WPA in Becker County, the Hitterdal WPA in Clay County, and the McIntosh WPA in Polk County. The following conditions apply:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) Hunters may use portable stands.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the district subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (e)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(f) *Fergus Falls Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Townsend, Mavis, and Gilmore waterfowl production areas (WPAs) and the building and administrative area of Knollwood WPA in Otter Tail County, and on the Larson WPA in Douglas County. The following conditions apply:

(i) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the district at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting throughout the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Townsend, Mavis, and Gilmore WPAs and in designated portions of Knollwood WPA in Otter Tail County, and on the Larson WPA in Douglas County. The following conditions apply:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may use and possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting throughout the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Townsend, Mavis, and Gilmore WPAs and the building and administrative area of Knollwood WPA in Otter Tail County, and on the Larson WPA in Douglas County. The following condition applies: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Townsend, Mavis, and Gilmore WPAs and the building and administrative area

of Knollwood WPA in Otter Tail County, and on the Larson WPA in Douglas County. The following condition applies: The condition set forth at paragraph (f)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(g) *Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, woodcock, snipe, rail, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow nonmotorized boats in areas open to migratory bird hunting during the migratory bird hunting seasons.

(v) We prohibit hunting during the Spring Light Goose Conservation Order.

(vi) We allow hunting during special State-administered youth seasons.

(vii) We allow the use of wheeled, nonmotorized conveyance devices (e.g., bikes, game carts).

(viii) We prohibit entry onto the refuge earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time, and we require hunters to leave the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal shooting time.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of prairie chicken, sharp-tailed grouse, ring-necked pheasant, gray (Hungarian) partridge, ruffed grouse, rabbit (cottontail and jack), snowshoe hare, squirrel (fox and gray), and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) through (iii) and (vi) through (viii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(ii) through (iii) and (vi) through (viii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit shooting on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet (9 meters) of a roadway open to public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal.

(4) [Reserved]

(h) *Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow youth waterfowl hunting on the State's youth waterfowl day.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iv) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(v) We prohibit entry to hunting areas earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting hours.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow hunting during the State's muzzleloader season with muzzleloaders.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(iii) and (iv) of this section apply.

(4) [Reserved]

(i) *Litchfield Wetland Management District*—(1) *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 (WPA) in Renville County that lies within the Phare Lake State Game Refuge. The following conditions apply:

(i) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the district at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting throughout the district, except we prohibit hunting on that part of the Phare Lake WPA in Renville County. The following conditions apply:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may use and possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting throughout the district, except we prohibit hunting on that part of the Phare Lake WPA in Renville County that lies within the Phare Lake State Game Refuge. The following condition applies: The conditions set forth at paragraph (i)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the district subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (i)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(j) *Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge—(1) 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 subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a special use permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) for refuge-specific special hunts and refuge-specific population management hunts.

(ii) We prohibit the discharge of a weapon on, from, across, or within 100 feet (30 meters) of any service road, parking area, or designated hiking trail.

(iii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iv) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(v) We prohibit entry into the refuge earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs while hunting migratory birds, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(vii) We prohibit hunting during the State spring goose hunt.

(2) *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 subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(i) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We prohibit the use of dogs for hunting furbearers. We allow the use of dogs while hunting upland game birds.

(iv) You may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(v) You may only hunt fox, opossum, and raccoon from ½ hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset, from the beginning of the State season through the last day of February, on designated areas of the refuge.

(vi) 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.

(vii) You may only hunt crows during the State-designated crow seasons, which occur between September 1 and the last day of February, on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(i) through (v) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge during daylight hours subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (j)(1)(iv) of this section applies.

(ii) 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).

(k) *Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(ii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the district at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting throughout the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (k)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit the possession of single projectile ammunition for hunting on the Soberg waterfowl production area (WPA).

(iii) You may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting throughout the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (k)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit firearms deer hunting on Soberg WPA.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing throughout the district subject to the following conditions: The condition set forth at paragraph (k)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(l) *Morris Wetland Management District—(1) 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. The following conditions apply:

(i) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders, including those made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iii) All boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property (see 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) brought onto the WPA, must be removed at the end of each day.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game, except that we prohibit hunting on the designated portions of the Edward-Long Lake WPA in Stevens County. The following conditions apply:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (l)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may use and possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(3) *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 WPA in Stevens County. The following condition applies: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (l)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing throughout the district, except that we prohibit fishing on the designated portions of the Edward-Long WPA in Stevens County. The following

condition applies: The condition set forth at paragraph (l)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(m) *Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *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 subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow hunting on the unit located within the Hiawatha Game Refuge in Pipestone County, as governed by applicable State regulations.

(v) We allow hunting on the Spieker tract in Clay County, as governed by applicable State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of wild turkey, 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 subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (m)(1)(ii) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit the use of dogs for hunting furbearers. For all other upland game, we allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iii) You may use or possess only approved nontoxic shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, elk, and black bear on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (m)(1)(ii) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit shooting on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet (9 meters) of a roadway open to public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) The condition set forth at paragraph (m)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(n) *Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of woodcock and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, gray and fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, and snowshoe hare on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (n)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a State-issued permit for firearms hunting.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (n)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section apply.

(iii) We prohibit shooting on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet (9 meters) of a roadway open to public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow fishing from nonmotorized boats or boats powered by electric motors in designated areas.

(ii) The condition set forth at paragraph (n)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(iii) 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).

(o) *Rydell National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, woodcock, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot during the special State-administered youth waterfowl season.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iv) We allow nonmotorized boats in areas open to migratory bird hunting during the special State-administered youth waterfowl season.

(v) We prohibit hunting during the Spring Light Goose Conservation Order.

(vi) We allow the use of wheeled, nonmotorized conveyance devices (e.g., bikes, game carts).

(vii) We prohibit entry onto the refuge earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time, and we require hunters to leave the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal shooting time.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, gray (Hungarian) partridge, ruffed grouse, prairie grouse, rabbit (cottontail and jack), snowshoe hare, squirrel (fox and gray), and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (o)(1)(ii), (iii), (vi), and (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(iii) We prohibit the use of centerfire, rimfire, or muzzleloading rifles, and handguns.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit shooting at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet (9 meters) of a roadway open to public vehicle transportation.

(ii) We require a State-issued permit to hunt white-tailed deer in the Special Permit Area of the refuge.

(iii) Archery is the only legal weapon for hunting deer, with the exception of during the special State-administered mentored youth hunt and disabled hunt.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) We allow fishing from May 1 through November 1.

(p) *Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, rail, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(iii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iv) We prohibit entry onto the refuge earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time, and we require hunters to leave the refuge no later than 2 hours after legal shooting time.

(v) We prohibit hunting from March 1 through August 31.

(vi) We allow only nonmotorized boats, and they must be launched at designated access sites.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, ring-necked pheasant, gray and fox squirrel, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (p)(1)(i) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) We close the refuge 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).

(iii) You may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) in the field while hunting turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (p)(1)(ii) through (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit shooting on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet (9 meters) of a roadway open to public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) From March 1 through August 31 (the refuge wildlife sanctuary period), we allow fishing only from nonmotorized boats on the designated canoe route and on banks within 100 yards (91.44 meters) both upstream and downstream of designated access points.

(q) *Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow the hunting of goose, duck, coot, woodcock, snipe, rail (Virginia and Sora), mourning dove, and American crow on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunting by tribal members is governed by White Earth Reservation regulations on those portions of the Reservation that are a part of the refuge.

(ii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the refuge at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iv) You may hunt American crow from September 1 through the end of February within all migratory bird hunting areas, and from March 1 through the end of season in areas open to migratory bird hunting south of County Highway 26.

(v) Hunters must dismantle hunting blinds, platforms, and ladders made from natural vegetation at the end of each day.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of wild turkey; bobcat; ruffed grouse; red, gray, and fox squirrel; cottontail rabbit; jackrabbit; snowshoe hare; red fox; raccoon; and striped skunk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may only hunt fox and raccoon from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset from the beginning of the State season through the last day of February within all upland game hunting areas, and from March 1 through the end of the season in areas open to upland game hunting south of County Highway 26.

(ii) You may only hunt striped skunk from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise until legal sunset from September 1 through the last day of February.

(iii) During the fall season, you may hunt wild turkey as governed by State and Tribal seasons and regulations throughout the refuge. During the spring seasons, you may only hunt wild turkey south of County Highway 26, minus the areas east of County Highway 29, north of Pine Lake, and west of Chippewa Water Control Structure Road.

(iv) You may possess only approved nontoxic shells (see 32.2(k)) when hunting wild turkey.

(v) We allow the use of dogs when hunting, except when hunting furbearers, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(vi) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (q)(1)(ii), (iii), and (v) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit shooting on, from, over, across, or within 30 feet (9 meters) of a road edge open to public vehicle transportation at a big game animal or a decoy of a big game animal.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (q)(1)(i), (ii), and (v) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing in North Tamarac Lake, Wauboose Lake, and Two Island Lake year-round as governed by State and/or White Earth Reservation regulations.

(ii) We allow fishing in Blackbird Lake and Lost Lake from the first day of the State walleye season through Labor Day as governed by State and/or White Earth Reservation regulations.

(iii) We allow fishing in Pine Lake from December 1 until March 31.

(iv) We prohibit the taking of any turtle, frog, leech, minnow, crayfish, or mussel (clam) species by any method on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(v) The condition set forth at paragraph (q)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(r) *Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit migratory bird hunting from March 16 through August 31 each year.

(ii) You cannot reserve hunting areas, except at Potter's Marsh Managed Hunt Area, Pool 13, near Thomson, Illinois.

(iii) 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.

(iv) In areas posted and shown on maps as "No Entry—Sanctuary," we prohibit hunting at all times and all public entry except as specified. These areas are named and located as follows:

(A) Pool Slough, Pool 9, Minnesota/Iowa, 1,126 acres.

(B) Bertom Island, Pool 11, Wisconsin, 31 acres.

(C) Guttenberg Ponds, Pool 11, Iowa, 252 acres.

(D) Spring Lake, Pool 13, Illinois, 3,697 acres.

(v) 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.

(A) The areas posted and marked on maps as “Area Closed” are named and located as follows:

(1) Big Lake, Pool 4, Wisconsin, 2,210 acres.

(2) Weaver Bottoms/Lost Island, Pool 5, Minnesota/Wisconsin, 3,508 acres.

(3) Polander Lake, Pool 5A, Minnesota/Wisconsin, 1,873 acres.

(4) Lake Onalaska, Pool 7, Wisconsin, 7,366 acres (voluntary avoidance on 3,365 acres until mid-November).

(5) Wisconsin Islands, Pool 8, Minnesota/Wisconsin, 6,538 acres.

(6) Harpers Slough, Pool 9, Iowa/Wisconsin, 5,209 acres.

(7) Wisconsin River Delta, Pool 10, Wisconsin, 1,414 acres (closed November 1 to end of duck season).

(8) 12-Mile Island, Pool 11, Iowa, 1,139 acres.

(9) Bertom-McCartney, Pool 11, Wisconsin, 2,384 acres (no voluntary avoidance provision).

(10) Pleasant Creek, Pool 13, Iowa, 2,191 acres.

(11) Elk River, Pool 13, Iowa, 1,248 acres.

(B) The areas posted and marked on maps as “Area Closed—No Motors” are named and located as follows:

(1) Peterson Lake, Pool 4, Wisconsin 572 acres.

(2) Rieck's Lake, Pool 4, Wisconsin, 499 acres.

(3) Spring Lake, Pool 5, Wisconsin, 254 acres.

(4) Sturgeon Slough, Pool 10, Wisconsin, 340 acres.

(5) 12-Mile Island, Pool 10, Iowa, 540 acres.

(6) John Deere Marsh, Pool 11, Iowa, 439 acres.

(7) Kehough Slough, Pool 12, Illinois, 333 acres.

(8) Beaver Island, Pool 14, Iowa, 864 acres.

(vi) In areas posted and shown on maps as “No Hunting Zone” or “No Hunting or Trapping Zone,” we prohibit hunting at all times. These areas are named and located as follows:

(A) Buffalo River, Pool 4, Wisconsin, 219 acres.

(B) Fountain City Bay, Pool 5A, Wisconsin, 24 acres.

(C) Upper Halfway Creek Marsh, Pool 7, Wisconsin, 143 acres.

(D) Brice Prairie Tract, Pool 7, Wisconsin, 186 acres.

(E) Hunter's Point, Pool 8, Wisconsin, 82 acres.

(F) Goose Island, Pool 8, Wisconsin, 984 acres (also no motors and voluntary avoidance).

(G) Sturgeon Slough, Pool 10, Wisconsin, 66 acres.

(H) Goetz Island Trail, Pool 11, Iowa, 31 acres.

(I) Crooked Slough Proper, Pool 13, Illinois, 270 acres.

(J) Frog Pond, Pool 13, Illinois, 64 acres.

(K) Ingersoll Wetlands Learning Center, Pool 13, Illinois, 41 acres.

(L) Amann Tract, Pool 7, Wisconsin, 0.21 acre.

(M) Lost Mound Unit Office and River Road, Pool 13, Illinois, 175 acres.

(vii) In the area posted and shown on maps as “Mesquaki Lake No Hunting Zone,” Pool 13, Illinois, we prohibit hunting migratory birds from April 1 through September 30.

(viii) 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 also apply in this area.

(ix) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

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

(xi) You may use natural material for temporary blinds, with restrictions. You may hunt from a boat blind or pop-up blind, or you may 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 any tree(s) or other plant parts, including dead wood on the ground, greater than 2 inches (5 centimeters (cm)) in diameter.

(xii) 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.

(xiii) You may set up hunting equipment the day of the hunt, but you must remove it at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter). 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.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (r)(1)(ii) through (iv), (vi), (ix), (xi), and (xiii) of this section apply

(iii) 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. 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.

(iv) 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.

(v) For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit big game hunting from March 16 through August 31 each year.

(ii) In areas closed to public access on the Lost Mound Unit of Savanna District, Illinois, we allow firearm deer hunts as established by the refuge manager.

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (r)(1)(ii) through (iv), (vi), (ix), (xi), and (xiii) and (r)(2)(v) of this section apply.

(iv) In areas posted and shown on maps as “No Entry—Sanctuary” 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 at paragraph (r)(1)(iv) of this section.

(v) 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. 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.

(vi) In the area posted and shown on maps as “Mesquaki Lake No Hunting Zone,” Pool 13, Illinois, we prohibit big game hunting from April 1 to September 30.

(vii) On refuge-managed lands in Illinois, we prohibit organized drives for deer. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (r)(1)(iii) and (xi) of this section apply.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Commercial fishing in Spring Lake, Pool 13, Illinois, requires a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-C) issued by the refuge or district manager (see §31.13 of this chapter).

(s) *Windom Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Worthington waterfowl production area (WPA) in Nobles County and on designated portions of the Wolf Lake WPA in Cottonwood County. The following conditions apply:

(i) You must remove all boats, decoys, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other personal property brought onto the district at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(ii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Worthington WPA in Nobles County and on designated portions of the Wolf Lake WPA in Cottonwood County. The following condition applies: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (s)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Worthington WPA in Nobles County and on designated

portions of the Wolf Lake WPA in Cottonwood County. The following conditions apply:

(i) We allow the use of portable stands.

(ii) The condition set forth at paragraph (s)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing throughout the district subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (s)(1)(i) of this section applies.

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### **§32.43 Mississippi.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge.* Refer to §32.37(g) for regulations.

(b) *Coldwater River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory ducks, geese, mergansers, coot, rails, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) All hunters age 16 and older must possess a State-issued North Mississippi NWR hunting permit (code 606, available from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks). While hunting on the refuge, all persons age 15 and younger (“youth hunter”) must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter age 21 or older. A hunter supervising a youth hunter must hold all required licenses and permits.

(ii) Hunters may enter the refuge at 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge no later than 12 p.m. (noon).

(iii) We allow hunting of migratory game birds, including under the Light Goose Conservation Order, only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

(iv) Each hunter must obtain a daily Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361). You must display the card in plain view on the dashboard of your vehicle so that the State-issued license number 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 Migratory Bird Hunt Report at a time.

(v) 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.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs on the refuge when hunting migratory game birds.

(vii) You must remove decoys, blinds, boats, other personal property, and litter from the hunting area following each morning's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(viii) We allow no more than 25 shotshells per person in the field.

(ix) We allow the take of beavers, coyotes, nutria, and feral hog during daylight hours only during any open season with weapons and ammunition legal for that season.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (ii), (v), and (ix) of this section apply.

(ii) All hunters using shotguns for small game must use approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (ii), (iv) (substitute Big Game Harvest Report [FWS Form 3-2359] for Migratory Bird Hunt Report [FWS Form 3-2361]), and (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit dogs while hunting deer. We allow the use of dogs to hunt feral hog during designated hog seasons.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iv) 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.

(v) 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit possession or use of jugs, seines, nets, hand-grab baskets, slat traps/baskets, or any other similar devices.

(ii) 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 State fishing license number. 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow crawfishing.

(c) *Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, coot, rail, snipe, woodcock, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) All hunters age 16 and older must possess a North Mississippi NWR hunting permit (code 606, available from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks). While hunting on the refuge, all persons age 15 and younger (“youth hunter”) must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at age 21 or older (“licensed hunter”). A hunter supervising a youth hunter must hold all required licenses and permits.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow hunting of waterfowl (ducks, teal, mergansers, coots, and geese), rail and snipe, including under the Light Goose Conservation Order, only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays ending at 12 p.m. (noon).

(iv) Each hunter must obtain a daily Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361). You must display the card in plain view on the dashboard of your vehicle so that the State-issued license number 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 Migratory Bird Hunt Report at a time.

(v) 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.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs on the refuge when hunting migratory game birds and upland game. We prohibit the use of dogs during big game hunts.

(vii) You must remove decoys, blinds, boats, other personal property, and litter from the hunting area following each morning's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(viii) We allow no more than 25 shotshells per person in the field.

(ix) We allow the take of coyote, beaver, nutria, and feral hog incidental to other lawful hunting using legal methods of take.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess a valid general Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) to hunt raccoon on the refuge.

(ii) Each hunter must obtain a daily Upland/Small Game/Furbearer Report (FWS Form 3-2362). You must display the card in plain view on the dashboard of your vehicle so that the State-issued license number 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 Upland/Small Game/Furbearer Report at a time.

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (ii), (v) and (ix) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Each hunter must obtain a daily Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359). You must display the card in plain view on the dashboard of your vehicle so that the State-issued license number 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.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (ii), (v), and (ix) of this section apply.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iv) We prohibit hunting or shooting across any open, fallow, or planted field.

(v) We allow valid permit holders to possess and hunt from one portable stand or blind on the refuge. You must clearly label your stand or blind with your State license/sportsmen's identification number. Stands left in the area do not reserve the hunting locations. You may place stands up to 7 days prior to the hunt, and you must remove them within 7 days after the refuge's deer season closes (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit the placement of ground blinds within mowed trails.

(vi) Hunters using a climbing tree stand must use a fall-arrest system manufactured to Treestand Manufacturer's Association standards.

(vii) We prohibit the use of buckshot on the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing.

(ii) We prohibit possession or use of jugs, seines, nets, hand-grab baskets, slat traps/baskets, or any other similar devices.

(iii) We prohibit commercial fishing of any kind.

(iv) We only allow trotlines, yo-yos, limb lines, crawfish traps, or any other similar devices and only for recreational use. You must tag or mark these devices with the angler's State fishing license number written with waterproof ink, legibly inscribed or legibly stamped on the tag. You must attend these devices a minimum of once every 24 hours. When not attended, you must remove these devices from the refuge (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) We allow frogging and crawfishing.

(d) *Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material, and harvested waterfowl from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) You must only use portable or temporary blinds.

(iii) We only allow the use of dogs when waterfowl hunting. We require all dogs to wear a collar displaying the owner's contact information.

(iv) Each hunter must possess and carry a valid, signed copy of the refuge hunting brochure (signed brochure) while participating in refuge hunts.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(iv) of this section applies.

(ii) We only allow .22 caliber rimfire.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(iv) of this section applies.

(ii) We only allow hunting with bow and arrow. We prohibit firearms.

(iii) We allow portable and climbing tree stands. Hunters must remove tree stands from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) [Reserved]

(e) *Hillside National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, merganser, coot, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Each person age 16 or older hunting or fishing must possess a valid Theodore Roosevelt Complex Annual Public Use Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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 State-issued license number is readable. You must return all cards upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.

(iv) We prohibit all other public use on the refuge during the muzzleloader deer and limited draw turkey hunts.

(v) Valid permit holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt. Valid permit holders may incidentally take feral hog during deer and turkey hunts only.

(vi) 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, and trails, and around parking lots. 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.

(vii) Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material, and harvested waterfowl from the area no later than 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(viii) We allow the use of dogs for retrieving migratory birds.

(ix) We allow goose, duck, merganser, and coot hunting beginning 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

(x) We do not open for early teal season.

(xi) We limit waterfowl hunters to 25 shotshells per person in the field.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs for hunting squirrel, raccoon, and quail, and for the February rabbit hunt.

(iii) Beginning the first day after the deer muzzleloader hunt, we prohibit entry into the Turkey Point area until March 1.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (vi) and (e)(2)(iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(iii) Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields and tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 meters (m)) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 m) above the ground.

(iv) The refuge brochure provides deer check station locations and requirements. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must check all harvested deer at the nearest self-service check station (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359) following the posted instructions.

(v) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter), with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply.

(vi) During designated muzzleloader hunts, we allow archery equipment and muzzleloaders loaded with a single projectile; we prohibit breech-loading firearms of any type.

(vii) Turkey hunting opportunities will consist of three limited draw hunts within the State season time frame. Limited draw hunts require a Limited Hunt Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) assigned by random computer drawing. At the end of the hunt, you must return the permit with information concerning the hunt to the refuge. Failure to return this permit will disqualify the hunter for any limited hunts the next year.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i), (iii), (iv), and (e)(2)(iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit trotlines, limb lines, jugs, seines, and traps.

(iii) We allow frogging during the State bullfrog season.

(iv) We allow fishing in the borrow ponds along the north levee throughout the year except during the muzzleloader deer hunt.

(v) We open all other refuge waters to fishing March 1 through November 15.

(f) *Holt Collier National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of rabbit, opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Each person age 16 or older hunting or fishing must possess a valid Theodore Roosevelt Complex Annual Public Use Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System)).

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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. You must return all cards upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.

(iv) We prohibit all other public use on the refuge during the muzzleloader deer hunt.

(v) Valid permit holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt. Valid permit holders may incidentally take feral hog during deer hunts only.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs for hunting during the February rabbit hunt.

(vii) 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, and trails, and around parking lots. 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.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(2)(i) through (iii), (v), and (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(iii) Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields or tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 m) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 m) above the ground.

(iv) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter), with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply.

(v) During designated muzzleloader hunts, we allow archery equipment and muzzleloaders loaded with a single projectile; we prohibit breech-loading firearms of any type.

(4) [Reserved]

(g) *Mathews Brake National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, merganser, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Each person age 16 or older who is hunting or fishing must possess a valid Theodore Roosevelt Complex Annual Public Use Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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. You must return all cards upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.

(iv) Valid permit holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt. Valid permit holders may incidentally take feral hog during deer hunts only.

(v) 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, and trails, and around parking lots. 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.

(vi) Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material, boats, and harvested waterfowl from the area no later than 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vii) We allow the use of dogs for retrieving migratory birds.

(viii) We allow goose, duck, merganser, and coot hunting beginning ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

(ix) We do not open for early teal season.

(x) We allow hunting during open State seasons. 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 (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Refuge System) 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.

(xi) We limit waterfowl hunters to 25 shotshells per person in the field.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs for hunting squirrel and raccoon, and for the February rabbit hunt.

(iii) Beginning the day before waterfowl season, we restrict hunting to the waterfowl hunt area.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) through (v) and (g)(2)(iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(iii) Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields or tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 m) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 m) above the ground.

(iv) The refuge brochure provides deer check station dates, locations, and requirements. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must check all harvested deer at the nearest self-service check station following the posted instructions.

(v) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter), with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply.

(vi) We allow archery hunting October 1 through January 31.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit trotlines, limb lines, jugs, seines, and traps.

(iii) We allow frogging during the State bullfrog season.

(iv) We open refuge waters to fishing throughout the year, except in the waterfowl sanctuary, which is closed one day prior to the beginning of waterfowl season until March 1.

(h) *Morgan Brake National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, merganser, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Each person age 16 or older who is hunting or fishing must possess a valid Theodore Roosevelt Complex Annual Public Use Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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. You must return all cards upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.

(iv) We prohibit all other public use on the refuge during the muzzleloader deer hunt.

(v) Valid permit holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt. Valid permit holders may incidentally take feral hog during deer hunts only.

(vi) 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, and trails, and around parking lots. 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.

(vii) Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material, and harvested waterfowl from the area no later than 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(viii) We allow the use of dogs for retrieving migratory birds.

(ix) We allow goose, duck, merganser, and coot hunting beginning ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

(x) We do not open for early teal season.

(xi) We limit waterfowl hunters to 25 shotshells per person in the field.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i) through (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs for hunting squirrel, quail, and raccoon, and for the February rabbit hunt.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i) through (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(iii) Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields or tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 m) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 m) above the ground.

(iv) The refuge brochure provides deer check station locations and requirements. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must check all harvested deer at the nearest self-service check station (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359) following the posted instructions.

(v) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter), with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply.

(vi) During designated muzzleloader hunts, we allow archery equipment and muzzleloaders loaded with a single projectile; we prohibit breech-loading firearms of any type.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i), (iii), and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit trotlines, limb lines, jugs, seines, and traps.

(iii) We allow frogging during the State bullfrog season.

(iv) We open refuge waters to fishing March 1 through November 15, except Providence Ponds, which are closed 1 day prior to the beginning of waterfowl season until March 1.

(i) *Panther Swamp National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, merganser, coot, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following regulations:

(i) Each person age 16 or older who is hunting or fishing must possess a valid Theodore Roosevelt Complex Annual Public Use Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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. You must return all cards upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.

(iv) We prohibit all other public use on the refuge during all limited draw hunts.

(v) Valid permit holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt. Valid permit holders may incidentally take feral hog during deer and turkey hunts only.

(vi) 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, and trails, and around parking lots. 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.

(vii) Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material, and harvested waterfowl from the area no later than 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(viii) We allow the use of dogs for retrieving migratory birds.

(ix) We allow goose, duck, merganser, and coot hunting beginning  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

(x) Beginning December 15 through March 1, we prohibit all entry into the Lower Twist and Carter Ponds area.

(xi) During the State waterfowl season (except early teal season), waterfowl hunting in Unit 1 will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Waterfowl hunting in Unit 2 will be on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays (see refuge brochure for details).

(xii) We limit waterfowl hunters to 25 shotshells per person in the field.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (vi) and (x) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs for hunting squirrel, quail, and raccoon, and for the February rabbit hunt.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (vi) and (x) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(iii) Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields or tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 m) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 m) above the ground.

(iv) The refuge brochure provides deer check station locations and requirements. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must check all harvested deer at the nearest self-service check station (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359) following the posted instructions.

(v) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter), with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply.

(vi) During designated muzzleloader hunts, we allow archery equipment and muzzleloaders loaded with a single projectile; we prohibit breech-loading firearms of any type.

(vii) We allow only shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) and archery equipment for turkey hunting.

(viii) Limited draw hunts require a Limited Hunt Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) assigned by random computer drawing. At the end of the hunt, you must return the permit with information concerning the hunt to the refuge. Failure to return this permit will disqualify the hunter for any limited hunts the next year.

(ix) We hold limited draw hunts for persons with disabilities in November, December, and/or January. We will make hunt dates and permit application procedures (electronic form) available at the Theodore Roosevelt Complex headquarters.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i), (iii), (iv), and (x) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit trotlines, limb lines, jugs, seines, and traps.

(iii) We allow frogging during the State bullfrog season.

(j) *Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, woodcock, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must purchase a refuge waterfowl permit (Waterfowl Lottery Application; FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) for waterfowl hunting. No more than two companions may accompany each permitted hunter, and we do not require these companions to purchase permits. Permits are nontransferable 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 hunters age 15 and younger are not required to obtain a refuge waterfowl permit and can obtain a free permit from the refuge's office.

(ii) You must remove all decoys, blind material, and harvested game from the refuge by 1 p.m. each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iii) 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.

(iv) All waterfowl hunters must check-in before the day's hunt, and check-out at the end of the day's hunt (no later than 1 p.m.), at the refuge's duck check station.

(v) We limit waterfowl hunters to 25 shotshells per person.

(vi) Hunters must remove all personal property at the end of each day's hunt from the Noxubee Wilderness Area (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). Outside the Noxubee Wilderness Area, hunters may leave tree stands labeled with the hunter's State hunting license number used for deer hunting.

(vii) 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. When occupied, ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square cm) of unbroken fluorescent-orange material.

(viii) We allow the use of dogs for retrieval of migratory and upland game only.

(ix) 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).

(x) 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.

(xi) 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.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, opossum, raccoon, coyote, beaver, and nutria on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) When waterfowl hunting is actively taking place, we prohibit all public use other than waterfowl hunting within the designated areas for waterfowl hunting.

(ii) We allow raccoon and opossum hunting between the hours of legal sunset and legal sunrise.

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(iii) and (vi) through (x) of this section apply.

(iv) You may take incidental species (coyote, beaver, nutria, and feral hog) during any hunt with those weapons legal during those hunts.

(v) We require bobwhite quail and rabbit hunters to wear at least a solid hunter orange vest or cap.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(iii) and (vi) through (x) and (j)(2)(i) and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) You must purchase a refuge quota deer permit (Quota Deer Hunt Application; FWS Form 3- 2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System). Permits are nontransferable. Youth hunters age 15 and younger are not required to purchase a refuge quota deer permit and can obtain a free permit from the refuge's office.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iv) 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 your State hunting license number. When not in use and left on the refuge, you must place stands in a non-hunting position at ground level.

(v) 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 standards.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The general sport fishing, boating, and bow fishing season extends from March 1 through October 31, except that we open 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 to fishing year-round.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(ix) and (x) and (j)(2)(i) of this section apply.

(iii) Anglers must keep boat travel at idle speed, and they must not create a wake when moving.

(iv) We prohibit limb lines, jug fishing, trotlines, snag lines, and hand grappling in Ross Branch, Bluff, and Loakfoma Lakes, as well as in areas within 100 yards of refuge water and transportation structures.

(v) When left unattended, anglers must tag fishing gear with their State fishing license number. Anglers must check all gear within 24 hours each day or remove these devices (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vi) We allow trotlining on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(A) Anglers must label each end of the trotline floats with the owner's State fishing license number.

(B) We limit trotlines to one line per person, and we allow no more than two trotlines per boat.

(C) Anglers must tend all trotlines every 24 hours, and must remove them when not in use (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(D) Trotlines must possess at least 6-inch (15.2-cm) cotton string leads.

(vii) We allow jug fishing on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(A) Anglers must label each jug with their State fishing license number.

(B) Anglers must check all jugs every 24 hours, and must remove them when not in use (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(viii) We prohibit bow fishing after legal sunset.

(ix) We prohibit fishing tournaments on all refuge waters.

(x) We prohibit the taking of frogs, turtles, and crawfish (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(xi) We prohibit using nets of any type to capture free-roaming fish or wildlife. You may use a fishing net to recover fish caught by hook and line.

(xii) Outside the Noxubee Wilderness Area, anglers may leave trotlines and jugs used for fishing overnight if they are labeled with the angler's State fishing license number.

(k) *St. Catherine Creek National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting on Butler Lake, Salt Lake, and Gillard Lake from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

(ii) We require that all hunters and anglers age 16 and older purchase an Annual Public Use Permit (electronic form). We require the refuge user to sign, certifying that you understand and will comply with all regulations, and carry this permit at all times while on the refuge.

(iii) Hunters must remove harvested waterfowl, temporary blinds, and decoys used for duck hunting by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow only portable blinds.

(v) Hunters only may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit the refuge by 2 hours after legal sunset.

(vi) We allow no more than 25 shotshells per person in the field.

(vii) We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) of any petroleum facility or equipment, or refuge residences and buildings.

(viii) We prohibit the use of handguns for hunting on the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, beaver, nutria, and coyote in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow hunting shotguns, .22 caliber rimfire rifles or smaller, and muzzle-loading rifles under .38 caliber shooting patched round balls. We prohibit the possession of hunting with slugs, buckshot, or rifle hunting ammunition larger than .22 rimfire.

(ii) You must wear a hunter-orange hat and upper garment when hunting in open fields or reforested areas.

(iii) We allow raccoon hunting only during the month of February from legal sunset to legal sunrise with the following conditions:

(A) We require the use of dogs.

(B) You may use only .22 caliber rimfire rifles for hunting.

(iv) We allow the incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote when hunting migratory birds, upland game, big game species with firearms and archery equipment authorized for use.

(v) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (k)(1)(ii) and (iv) through (vii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, lottery youth turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only still hunting.

(ii) Hunters may take only one deer per day.

(iii) 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.

(iv) While hunting, all persons age 16 and younger must be in the presence and under direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter age 21 or older.

(v) Youth gun hunts (ages 10 to 15) for deer and waterfowl 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.

(vi) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter). You must mark your stand with your State hunting license identification number. We allow each hunter one portable stand or blind on the refuge.

(vii) Refuge users must check all deer (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.

(viii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (k)(1)(ii) and (iv) through (vii) and (k)(2)(iv) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow sport fishing from February 1 through November 15. On those days, you may fish from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset only.

(ii) On the Sibley Unit, we prohibit motorized boats north of the Ring Levee. Anglers may hand-launch boats in Swamp Lake during nonflood conditions.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We allow bow fishing.

(v) We prohibit taking alligator gar.

(vi) We prohibit crawfishing.

(vii) We prohibit commercial fishing.

(viii) We prohibit possession of trotline equipment, including limb lines, nets, traps, yo-yos, and/or jugs.

(ix) The condition set forth at paragraph (k)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(1) *Tallahatchie River National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, geese, merganser, coot, rail, snipe, woodcock, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) All hunters age 16 and older must possess a North Mississippi NWR hunting permit (code 606, available from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks). While hunting on the refuge, all persons age 15 and younger (“youth hunter”) must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter age 21 or older. A hunter supervising a youth hunter must hold all required licenses and permits.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow hunting of waterfowl (ducks, teal, mergansers, coot, and geese), rail, and snipe, including under the Light Goose Conservation Order, only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays ending at 12 p.m. (noon).

(iv) Each hunter must obtain a daily Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361). You must display the card in plain view on the dashboard of your vehicle so that the State-issued license number 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 Migratory Bird Hunt Report at a time.

(v) 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.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs on the refuge when hunting migratory game birds and upland game. We prohibit the use of dogs during big game hunts.

(vii) You must remove decoys, blinds, boats, other personal property, and litter from the hunting area following each morning's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(viii) We allow no more than 25 shotshells per person in the field.

(ix) We allow the take of beavers, coyotes, nutria, and feral hogs during daylight hours only during any open season with weapons and ammunition legal for that season.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, nutria and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (l)(1)(i), (ii), (iv) (substitute Big Game Harvest Report [FWS Form 3-2359] for Migratory Bird Hunt Report [FWS Form 3-2361]), (v), and (ix) of this section apply.

(ii) All hunters using shotguns for small game must use approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (l)(1)(i), (ii), and (iv) (substitute Big Game Harvest Report [FWS Form 3-2359] for Migratory Bird Hunt Report [FWS Form 3-2361]) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit dogs while hunting deer. We allow the use of dogs to hunt feral hog during designated hog seasons.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iv) We prohibit hunting or shooting across any open, fallow, or planted field.

(v) 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 State hunting license number on all stands on the refuge. Stands left on the area do not reserve the hunting locations. You may place stands up to 7 days prior to the hunt, and you must remove them no more than 7 days after the refuge's deer season closes (see §27.93 of this chapter). Ground blinds may not be placed within mowed trails.

(vi) Hunters using climbing tree stands must use a fall-arrest system manufactured to Treestand Manufacturer's Association standards.

(vii) We prohibit the use of buckshot on the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing.

(ii) We prohibit possession or use of jugs, seines, nets, hand-grab baskets, slat traps/baskets, or any other similar devices.

(iii) We prohibit commercial fishing of any kind.

(iv) We only allow trotlines, yo-yos, limb lines, crawfish traps, or any other similar devices for recreational use. You must tag or mark these devices with the angler's State fishing license number written in waterproof ink, legibly inscribed or legibly stamped on the tag. You must

attend these devices a minimum of once every 24 hours. When not attended, you must remove them from the refuge (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) We prohibit snagging or attempting to snag fish.

(vi) We allow frogging and crawfishing.

(m) *Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, coot, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Each person age 16 or older who is hunting or fishing must possess a valid Theodore Roosevelt Complex Annual Public Use Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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. You must return all cards upon completion of the activity and before leaving the refuge.

(iv) We prohibit all other public use on the refuge during all limited draw hunts.

(v) Valid permit holders may incidentally take opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria in any refuge hunt season with weapons legal for that hunt. Valid permit holders may incidentally take feral hog during deer hunts only.

(vi) 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, and trails, and around parking lots. 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.

(vii) Hunters must remove all decoys, blind material, and harvested waterfowl from the area no later than 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(viii) We allow the use of dogs for retrieving migratory birds.

(ix) We allow goose, duck, merganser, and coot hunting beginning  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

(x) We limit waterfowl hunters to 25 shotshells per person in the field.

(xi) Limited draw hunts require a Limited Hunt Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) assigned by random computer drawing. At the

end of the hunt, you must return the permit with information concerning that hunt to the refuge. Failure to return this permit will disqualify the hunter for any limited hunts the next year.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and nutria on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (m)(1)(i) through (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs for hunting squirrel and raccoon, and for the February rabbit hunt.

(iii) We allow rabbit hunting on the Brown Tract of Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge that is managed by Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (m)(1)(i) through (vi) and (xi) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(iii) Hunting or shooting within or adjacent to open fields or tree plantations less than 5 feet (1.5 m) in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet (3 m) above the ground.

(iv) The refuge brochure provides deer check station locations and requirements. Prior to leaving the refuge, you must check all harvested deer at the nearest self-service check station (Big Game Harvest Report, FWS Form 3-2359) following the posted instructions.

(v) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter), with the exception of closed areas where special regulations apply.

(vi) During designated muzzleloader hunts, we allow archery equipment and muzzleloaders loaded with a single projectile; we prohibit breech-loading firearms of any type.

(vii) Limited draw hunts require a Limited Hunt Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) assigned by random computer drawing. At the end of the hunt, you must return the permit with information concerning the hunt to the refuge. Failure to return this permit will disqualify the hunter for any limited hunts the next year.

(viii) We allow white-tailed deer hunting on the Brown Tract of Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge that is managed by Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge.

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## **§32.44 Missouri.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You must remove all your blinds, boats, and decoys from the refuge each day (see §27.93 of this chapter), except for blinds made entirely of marsh vegetation.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: On the 131-acre mainland unit of Boone's Crossing, we allow upland game hunting with archery methods only. On Johnson Island, we allow hunting of game animals during Statewide seasons using archery methods or shotguns using shot no larger than BB.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only portable tree stands from September 1 through January 31. Hunters must place their State Conservation number on their stands.

(ii) On the Boone's Crossing Unit, including Johnson Island, we allow deer and turkey hunters with archery methods only.

(iii) On the Cora Island Unit, we allow deer hunting with archery methods only. We restrict hunting for other game on this unit to shotgun only with shot no larger than BB.

(iv) For wild turkey hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You must operate all motorized boats at no-wake speed.

(b) *Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) We prohibit shooting at deer that are on any portion of the main perimeter levee.

(iii) If you are assigned a specific blind location, you may hunt only from that location.

(iv) We allow use of portable stands, but hunters must remove them at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) You must remove all boats, blinds, blind materials, stands, platforms, scaffolds, and other hunting equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the taking of turtle or frog (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(ii) We allow only boat fishing, except that we allow bank fishing during managed refuge special events.

(iii) Anglers must remove all boats and fishing equipment at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(c) *Great River National Wildlife Refuge.* Refer to §32.32(e) for regulations.

(d) *Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of light goose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting of light geese only during the spring conservation order season.

(ii) We require hunters to have a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-C), and all hunters must hunt with a guide.

(iii) We allow the guide and hunters into the hunt boundary up to 2 hours prior to legal shooting time.

(iv) Hunting ends at 1 p.m.

(v) We allow dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(vi) We allow portable blinds and decoys at the discretion of the guide.

(vii) We prohibit pit blinds.

(viii) We prohibit retrieving crippled geese outside of the hunt boundary, including adjacent private land. This includes retrieval by dogs.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a valid State-managed hunt unit permit to hunt deer on the refuge.

(ii) We allow only muzzleloader hunting.

(iii) We require hunters to check in and out of the refuge.

(iv) You must remove your stand(s) from the refuge at the end of the managed deer hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You may take fish, amphibians, reptiles, and crustaceans only with a hand-held pole and line or rod and reel.

(e) *Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.* Refer to §32.32(i) for regulations.

(f) *Mingo National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow waterfowl hunting in Pool 7 and Pool 8 subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs for waterfowl hunting, provided the dogs are under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) We allow waterfowl hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 1 p.m.

(iii) 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).

(iv) 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.

(v) We require hunters to read our refuge hunting brochure that contains a hunting permit (signed brochure). We require hunters to sign and carry the permit/brochure while hunting.

(vi) We allow the take of feral hog at any time, and bobcat when in season, while legally hunting others species on the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, raccoon, and bobcat in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(v) and (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunter access from 1½ hours before legal shooting time until 1½ hours after legal shooting time.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We allow squirrel hunting from the State opening day until the day before the State opening of archery deer season.

(v) Archery hunters may take squirrel, raccoon, and bobcat while in season and feral hog anytime while archery deer hunting.

(vi) We allow raccoon hunting by special use permit during the Statewide raccoon season.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(iii), (v), and (vi) and (f)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow archery hunting for deer and turkey during the fall season.

(iv) We allow spring turkey hunting. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey.

(v) We allow archery hunting in the Expanded General Hunt Area through October 31.

(vi) We allow portable tree stands. You may place a portable tree stand no earlier than 2 weeks before the State archery deer season, and you must remove it no later than 2 weeks after the State archery deer season (see §27.93 of this chapter), except that in the Expanded General Hunt Area, you must remove all personal property at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter). A tree stand left on the refuge must be labeled with hunter's conservation identification number.

(vii) We allow only one tree stand per deer hunter.

(viii) Hunters may use boats to access the hunt area.

(ix) We require hunters to apply for managed deer hunts through the Missouri Department of Conservation internet draw.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Except as provided under paragraph (f)(4)(ii) of this section, we allow fishing from March 1 through September 30, from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset, on all refuge waters.

(ii) We allow fishing year-round from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset on Red Mill Pond, Mingo River (south of Ditch 6 Road), Stanley Creed, May Pond, Fox Pond, and Ditches 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, and 11.

(iii) We allow the use of electric trolling motors outside the Mingo Wilderness.

(iv) We require the removal of watercraft from the refuge at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) We allow anglers to take nongame fish by nets and seines for personal use only from March 1 through September 30.

(vi) Anglers must attend trammel and gill nets at all times and plainly label them with the angler's conservation identification (ID) number.

(vii) We only allow the use of trotlines, throwlines, limb lines, bank lines, and jug lines from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise until  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset. Anglers must mark each line with their conservation ID number.

(viii) 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.

(g) *Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. 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 "White 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter) 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 your assigned designated area. We assign designated areas to hunters at the check station.

(viii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ix) We restrict hunting units to parties no larger than four, unless otherwise designated.

(x) We allow hand-pulled carts.

(xi) You must park vehicles in designated parking areas.

(xii) We prohibit hunting or shooting on, across, or within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of a service road, parking lot, or designated trail.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The condition set forth at paragraph (g)(1)(xii) of this section applies.
- (ii) We allow shotguns, handguns, and rimfire .22 caliber rifles.
- (iii) You may not access the refuge from neighboring private or public lands.
- (iv) We restrict hunting use hours on designated hunting units.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(iii) and (g)(2)(iii) of this section apply.
- (ii) For wild turkey hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field.
- (iii) On the refuge, we allow hunting of white-tailed deer subject to the following conditions:

(A) 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.

(B) You must participate in a pre-hunt orientation for managed deer hunts.

(C) You must hunt in designated areas during designated times.

(D) 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 the refuge manager or designee has given you permission to stay on the refuge until a later time.

(E) We prohibit shooting from, across, or within 100 feet (30.5 meters (m)) of a service road, public road, parking lot, or designated trail unless authorized by the refuge manager.

(F) We allow use of portable tree stands and blinds during managed deer hunts, and you must remove them at designated times (see §27.93 of this chapter). You must attach your conservation identification 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.

(G) During special hunts, one nonhunting assistant may accompany youth or hunters with disabilities.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing on the refuge only during refuge open hours.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow only nonmotorized boats on refuge waters, except that anglers may use motor boats on the Silver Lake impoundment. No wake applies to all waters on the refuge.

(iv) Anglers must remove all boats from the refuge at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(h) *Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge.* Refer to §32.32(k) for regulations.

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The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, swan, and coot in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to enter and remain in open hunting areas 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(ii) Hunters with a documented mobility disability may reserve an accessible blind in advance by contacting the refuge office.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and gray partridge in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(b) *Benton Lake Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow the hunting of coyote, skunk, red fox, raccoon, hare, rabbit, and tree squirrel on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district.

(c) *Black Coulee National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction by legal sunset each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Fox and coyote hunters may only use centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated portions of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms on the refuge from August 15 through December 15.

(ii) You must visibly mark portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a refuge Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) to hunt fox and coyotes.

(ii) Fox and coyote hunters may only use centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

(iii) Any person hunting or accompanying a hunter must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(e) *Bowdoin Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may leave portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms on waterfowl production areas (WPAs) from August 15 through December 15.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We only allow the use of archery, muzzleloader (as governed by State regulations), or shotgun on the McNeil Slough WPA and Hammond WPA.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district.

(f) *Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds, turkey, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow coyote hunting from the first day of antelope rifle season through March 1 annually.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of portable blinds and stands.

(ii) We limit each hunter to three stands or blinds. The hunter must have their automated licensing system (ALS) number visibly marked on the stand(s) or blind(s).

(iii) You may install portable stands and blinds no sooner than August 1, and you must remove them by December 15 of each year (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(g) *Charles M. Russell Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game bird hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district subject to the following condition: You must remove your tree stand(s) from the refuge after each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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).

(h) *Creedman Coulee National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(i) *Hailstone National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow only upland game bird hunting on designated areas of the refuge.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(j) *Hewitt Lake National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You must remove all boats, decoys, portable blinds, other personal property, and any materials brought onto the refuge for blind construction by legal sunset each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated portions of the refuge subject to the following condition: Fox and coyote hunters may use only centerfire rifles, rim-fire rifles, or shotguns with approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms on the refuge from August 15 through December 15.

(ii) You must visibly mark portable tree stands, portable blinds, and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number.

(4) [Reserved]

(k) *Lake Mason National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(l) *Lake Thibadeau National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, swan, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, gray partridge, fox, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(m) *Lamesteer National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Hunters must obtain landowner permission before hunting on the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Hunters must obtain landowner permission before hunting on the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Hunters must obtain landowner permission before hunting on the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Anglers must obtain landowner permission before fishing on the refuge.

(n) *Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must hunt from an established blind.

(ii) Legal entry time into the hunting area is no earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting hours. All hunters must exit the hunting area no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.

(iii) We prohibit wildlife observation, scouting, and loitering during waterfowl hunting season at the waterfowl hunting area parking lot and on the refuge road leading to the waterfowl hunting area parking lot.

(iv) We close the waterfowl hunting area to waterfowl hunting on Mondays and Thursdays.

(v) Each hunter must set the appropriate blind selector (metal flip tag) before and after hunting.

(vi) 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.

(vii) No more than four hunters or individuals may use a blind at one time.

(viii) You must conduct all hunting from within the hunting blind.

(ix) All hunters must have a visible means of retrieving waterfowl such as a float tube, waders, or a dog capable of retrieving.

(x) We prohibit falconry hunting.

(xi) We allow the use of a portable ground blind within the immediate mowed area around field blind #13.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of turkey on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow archery hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit wildlife observation, scouting, and loitering at access points and parking areas.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow archery hunting in the waterfowl hunting 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.

(iv) We allow the use of portable tree stands or ground blinds. You must attach a tag displaying the owner's automated licensing system (ALS) number to each tree stand and/or ground blind you place on the refuge.

(v) Hunters may not enter or retrieve deer from closed areas of the refuge without the consent of an authorized official.

(vi) 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 (FWS Form 3-1383-G).

(vii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(o) *Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of turkey and mountain grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We prohibit retrieval of game in areas closed to hunting without a refuge retrieval permit.

(iii) We allow portable or temporary blinds and tree stands.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of elk, white-tailed deer, and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (o)(2)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) The first week of the archery elk and deer hunting season and the first week of the general elk and deer hunting season are open only to youth hunters (ages 12 to 15). A nonhunting adult age 18 or older must accompany the youth hunter in the field.

(iii) Persons assisting disabled hunters must not be afield with a hunting firearm, bow, or other hunting device.

(4) [Reserved]

(p) *Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of coot, duck, goose, sandhill crane, tundra swan, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant, partridge, sharp-tailed grouse, coyote, red fox, and white-tailed jackrabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow hunting of coyote, red fox, and white-tailed jackrabbit during daylight hours from November 15 through March 31.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of deer and antelope on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(q) *National Bison Range*. (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the National Bison Range as governed by joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for non-members and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of lead or lead-based lures or sinkers.

(r) *Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge as governed by joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for non-members and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of lead or lead-based tackle.

(s) *Northeast Montana Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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 at the end of each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to leave portable tree stands and freestanding elevated platforms on waterfowl production areas (WPAs) from August 25 through February 15.

(ii) You must label portable tree stands and freestanding elevated platforms with your automated licensing system (ALS) number so that the number is legible from the ground.

(4) [Reserved]

(t) *Northwest Montana Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district as governed by State law (Flathead County waterfowl production areas (WPAs)) and joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for non-members and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe (Lake County WPAs), subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) We allow the use of hunting dogs when hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district as governed by State law (Flathead County WPAs) and joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for non-members and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe (Lake County WPAs), subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (t)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district as follows:

(i) We allow big game hunting on Flathead County WPAs as governed by State law and subject to the following conditions:

(A) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (t)(1)(i) and (t)(2)(i) of this section apply.

(B) We restrict hunting on Flathead, Blasdel, and Batavia WPAs to hunting with archery equipment, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader, or crossbow only.

(ii) We allow big game hunting on Lake County WPAs as governed by joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for non-members and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on all WPAs throughout the district as governed by State law (Flathead County WPAs) and joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for non-members and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe (Lake County WPAs).

(u) *Pablo National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge as governed by joint State and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for non-members and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal regulations for members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of lead or lead-based lures or sinkers.

(v) *Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must remove all blinds, decoys, shell casings, and other personal equipment from the refuge each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(ii) We prohibit the use of motorized decoys.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, elk, moose, and pronghorn antelope on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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, and 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.

(ii) You may hire outfitters or ranchers for the retrieval of big game only.

(iii) We prohibit use of wheeled game carts or other mechanical transportation devices for game retrieval on portions of the refuge designated as Wilderness Area.

(iv) 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.

(v) 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may only use pole and line or rod and reel to fish on the refuge.

(ii) We prohibit the use of felt-soled wading boots on all refuge waters.

(iii) We prohibit the use or possession of lead sinkers or any lead fishing product while fishing.

(w) *Swan River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow archery hunting of bear, elk, white-tailed deer, and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of portable blinds and stands.

(ii) We limit each hunter to one stand or blind. The hunter must have their automated licensing system (ALS) number visibly marked on the stand or blind.

(iii) You may install portable stands and blinds no sooner than August 1, and you must remove them by December 15 of each year (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We prohibit hunting of black bear during the State spring season.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(x) *UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow coyote hunting from the first day of antelope rifle season through March 1 annually.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of portable blinds and stands.

(ii) We limit each hunter to three stands or blinds. The hunter must have their automated licensing system (ALS) number visibly marked on the stand(s) or blind(s).

(iii) You may install portable stands and blinds no sooner than August 1, and you must remove them by December 15 of each year (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(y) *War Horse National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

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## **§32.46 Nebraska.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may access the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours 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.

(ii) You must remove all blinds and decoys at the conclusion of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The refuge manager will annually determine and publish hunting season dates and include them in the refuge access permit (signed brochure).

(ii) You must possess and carry a refuge access permit (signed brochure) at all times while in the hunting area.

(iii) We allow hunters in the designated areas from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(iv) We allow two portable tree stands/blinds per hunter within the hunt area. Of those, only one stand/blind can be left on the refuge from 1 week prior to the start of the designated hunt season to 1 week after the end of the designated hunt season.

(v) You must plainly label unattended stands and blinds with the full name and/or hunting license number of the owner. Labels must be visible from ground level.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow personally attended hook and line fishing and archery fishing (rough fish only) from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit the use of trotlines, float lines, bank lines, or setlines.

(iii) We prohibit digging or seining for bait.

(iv) We prohibit the take or possession of turtles or frogs (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(v) Anglers may use no more than two lines and two hooks per line.

(b) *Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of coot, crow, dove, duck, goose, merganser, rail, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may access the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs.

(iii) We open the refuge to hunting from September 1 through March 15.

(iv) We prohibit publicly organized hunts unless authorized under a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-C).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail and jack rabbit, coyote, porcupine, prairie dog, State-defined furbearers, ring-necked pheasant, and prairie grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow electronic calls for coyote and furbearer hunting.

(iii) Coyotes and all furbearers or their parts, if left in the field, must be left at least 50 yards away from any road, trail, or building. Otherwise, hunters must remove them from the refuge.

(iv) Shooting hours are from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise until  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, mule deer, and pronghorn antelope on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (iii), and (iv) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Anglers may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise and remain until 1 hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We open Blue, Smith, Crane, and Island Lake to fishing year-round. We close all other refuge lakes to fishing.

(iii) We prohibit leaving temporary shelters used for fishing overnight on the refuge.

(c) *Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of coot, crow, dark goose, dove, duck, light goose, rail, snipe, teal, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters and anglers may access the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(ii) We allow access from designated areas of the refuge.

(iii) You must remove all blinds and decoys at the conclusion of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting August 1 through April 30.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of badger, bobcat, coyote, fox, long-tailed weasel, mink, opossum, prairie dog, porcupine, rabbit, hare, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, woodchuck, State-defined furbearers, greater prairie chicken, grouse, partridge, pheasant, quail, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (ii), and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting with muzzleloader, archery, shotgun, and falconry.

(iii) You may only possess nontoxic shot when hunting turkey (see §32.2(k)).

(iv) Shooting hours for coyote, prairie dog, porcupine, woodchuck, and State-defined furbearers are ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, elk, and pronghorn antelope on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting only with muzzleloader and archery equipment.

(iii) We allow portable tree stands and ground blinds to be used from August 16 through January 31.

(iv) We allow muzzleloader deer hunting subject to the following condition: Hunters must possess a refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) and comply with all of its terms and conditions.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on Minnechaduza Creek and on the Niobrara River, downstream from the Cornell Dam, subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit the use of limb or set lines.

(iii) We prohibit the take of baitfish, reptiles, and amphibians.

(iv) We prohibit use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing on refuge lands and waters.

(d) *John W. and Louise Seier National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of coot, crow, dark goose, dove, duck, light goose, merganser, rail, snipe, teal, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may access the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(ii) You must remove all blinds and decoys at the conclusion of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow the use of dogs August 1 through April 31.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of badger, bobcat, coyote, fox, long-tailed weasel, mink, opossum, prairie dog, porcupine, rabbit, hare, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, woodchuck, State-defined furbearers, greater prairie chicken, grouse, partridge, pheasant, quail, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may only possess nontoxic shot when hunting turkey (see §32.2(k)).

(iii) Shooting hours for coyote, prairie dog, porcupine, woodchuck, and State-defined furbearers are ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, elk, and pronghorn antelope on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow portable tree stands and ground blinds to be used from August 16 through January 31.

(4) [Reserved]

(e) *North Platte National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow youth hunting of pheasant, porcupine, prairie dog, rabbit, State-defined furbearers, squirrel, turkey, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We close the Lake Alice Unit to all public entry from November 1 through January 14, and we close the Minatare and Winters Creek Units to all public entry from October 15 through January 14.

(ii) Hunters must be 15 years of age or younger (“youth hunters”). A licensed hunter 19 years of age or older (“adult guide”) must accompany youth hunters. Adult guides must not hunt or carry firearms.

(iii) We close the refuge to public use from legal sunset to legal sunrise. Youth hunters and adult guides may enter the designated hunting area 1 hour prior to legal sunrise.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs for hunting upland game.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow archery hunting of mule deer and white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (e)(2)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(f) *Rainwater Basin Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs when hunting, except that we prohibit hunting with dogs from May 1 to July 31.

(ii) We prohibit exercising, running, or training dogs from May 1 to July 31.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district.

(g) *Valentine National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of coot, crow, dove, dark goose, duck, light goose, merganser, rail, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunter access from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs.

(iii) We prohibit shooting from a motor vehicle or across any refuge roadway or right-of-way.

(iv) You must remove all blinds and decoys at the conclusion of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, coyote, partridge, prairie chicken, quail, ring-neck pheasant, State-defined furbearers, sharp-tailed grouse, squirrel, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow coyote and State-defined furbearer hunting from September 1 to March 31. Shooting hours are  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit the use of dogs to hunt coyotes.

(iv) We prohibit the use of bait to hunt coyotes.

(v) You may only possess nontoxic shot when hunting turkey (see §32.2(k)).

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of elk, white-tailed deer, mule deer, and pronghorn antelope on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow portable tree stands and ground blinds to be used from August 16 through January 31.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Anglers may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise and remain 1½ hours after legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit the take of reptiles, amphibians, and minnows (see §27.21 of this chapter), with the exception that you may take bullfrogs on refuge lakes open to fishing.

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### **§32.47 Nevada.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow motorless boats or boats with electric motors on the refuge hunting area during the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

(ii) We open the refuge to the public from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(b) *Desert National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of bighorn sheep on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require bighorn sheep guides to obtain a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-C) prior to taking clients onto the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(c) *Fallon National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, swan, coot, merganser, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow motorized and nonmotorized boats for hunting.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting game birds.

(iii) We allow overnight stays while hunting subject to the following conditions:

(A) You may stay overnight only at designated sites within the refuge boundary.

(B) We limit overnight stays to 4 consecutive nights at one location, and to 12 consecutive nights on the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, rabbit, turkey, badger, beaver, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow artificial lighting for hunting coyotes.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of mule deer and pronghorn on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting on designated days.

(ii) We only allow motorless boats or boats with electric motors on the refuge hunting area during the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

(iii) From October 1 to February 1, you may only possess shotshells in quantities of 25 or fewer when in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting on designated days.

(ii) We allow hunting of jackrabbits only during the State cottontail season.

(iii) You may not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field once you have left your assigned parking lot or boat launch.

(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow fishing year-round, except that we close the North Marsh to all fishing from October 1 through February 1.

(e) *Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of dark goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may access the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(ii) Hunters must remove all blind materials and decoys following each day's hunt.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Anglers may access the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(ii) We allow fishing by wading and from personal flotation devices (float tubes) and bank fishing in designated areas.

(iii) You may use only artificial lures in the Collection Ditch and adjoining spring ponds.

(iv) We prohibit the possession of live or dead bait fish, any amphibians (including frogs), and crayfish on the refuge.

(f) *Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of synthetic material.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of quail, grouse, and chukar on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of deer, antelope, and bighorn sheep on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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 State-issued hunting permit.

(ii) You must remove blinds within 24 hours of harvesting an animal or at the end of the permittee's legal season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) You must label blinds with your State hunting license and permit numbers.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(g) *Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, swan, coot, merganser, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs when hunting game birds.

(ii) We allow overnight stays while hunting subject to the following conditions:

(A) You may stay overnight only at designated sites within the refuge boundary.

(B) We limit overnight stays to 4 consecutive nights at one location, and to 12 consecutive nights on the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of quail, rabbit, turkey, badger, beaver, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Approved methods of take include shotgun and federally approved non-lead shot, bow and arrow, and falconry.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(iii) The condition set forth at paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of mule deer and pronghorn on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Approved methods of take include shotgun, muzzle-loading rifle, and bow and arrow.

(ii) The condition set forth at paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(4) [Reserved]

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## **§32.48 New Hampshire.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must access waterfowl hunting areas by boat launched from off-refuge sites only. We prohibit overland access through the refuge.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit hunters from discharging a bow and arrow within 15 feet (4.5 meters), or a firearm within 200 feet (61 meters), of the traveled portion of, or across, any refuge roads or trails.

(ii) We allow hunting for deer during a 2-day hunt during the first weekend of the State's firearms season subject to the following conditions:

(A) We require hunters to have a lottery-issued refuge firearms deer hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) and to possess it at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge.

(B) We allow scouting during the week prior to the first day of the firearms deer hunt.

(C) Hunters must check-in with refuge personnel prior to entering the refuge, and must check out with refuge personnel when exiting the refuge.

(D) Hunters must register harvested deer at the refuge check station, if a refuge check station is offered.

(E) Hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) of solid-colored, blaze-orange clothing or material, in a visible manner on the head, chest, and back.

(iii) We allow archery deer and archery turkey hunting during the fall season subject to the following conditions:

(A) We require hunters to have a lottery-issued refuge hunt permit (Big/Upland Game Hunt Application, FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) and to possess it at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge.

(B) We allow scouting during the week prior to the season opening.

(C) We prohibit archery hunting during the 2-day deer firearms hunt, unless the hunter possesses the appropriate firearms deer hunt permit.

(iv) We allow turkey hunting during the spring season subject to the following conditions: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(3)(iii)(A) and (B) of this section apply.

(4) [Reserved]

(b) *Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, common snipe, and American woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote, fox, raccoon, woodchuck, red squirrel, eastern gray squirrel, porcupine, skunk, crow, snowshoe hare, ring-necked pheasant, and ruffed grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, moose, black bear, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow tree stands and blinds that are clearly marked with the owner's State hunting license number.

(4) [Reserved]

(c) *Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, snipe, coot, crow, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of fox, raccoon, woodchuck, squirrel, porcupine, skunk, snowshoe hare, ring-necked pheasant, and ruffed grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit night hunting from ½ hour after legal sunset until ½ hour before legal sunrise the following day.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of bear, white-tailed deer, coyote, wild turkey, and moose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(ii) Hunters must retrieve all species harvested on the refuge.

(iii) We allow temporary blinds and tree stands that are clearly marked with the owner's State hunting license number. You may erect temporary blinds and tree stands no earlier than 14 days prior to the hunting season, and you must remove them within 14 days after the hunting season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

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## **§32.49 New Jersey.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Cape May National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of waterfowl, coot, moorhen, rail, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The 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 snipe season.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(iii) We prohibit falconry.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of rabbit and squirrel on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow rabbit and squirrel hunting following the end of the State's 6-day firearm season for white-tailed deer, until the close of the regular rabbit and squirrel season.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Tree stands must be marked with the owner's New Jersey Conservation Identification Number.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow saltwater sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We close the Atlantic Ocean beach annually to all access, including fishing, between April 1 and September 30.

(iii) We prohibit fishing for, or possession of, shellfish on refuge lands.

(b) *Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of waterfowl, coot, moorhen, and rail on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit (Migratory Bird Hunt Application FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) You must mark deer stands with the hunter's New Jersey Conservation Identification Number. You must remove deer stands from the refuge at the end of the last day of the hunting season (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of lead fishing tackle on the refuge.

(c) *Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must obtain a refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System), and possess the signed refuge permit at all times while hunting or scouting on the refuge.

(ii) On scouting days, hunters must access the refuge between legal sunrise and legal sunset. On hunting days, hunters may enter the refuge 2 hours before legal shooting time and must leave no later than 2 hours after legal shooting time.

(iii) Hunters may put up tree stands beginning on the first scouting day, except on the day of the refuge's youth hunt. Hunters must retrieve their stands by 12 p.m. (noon) on the Sunday after the last day of the hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). All hunters must put their Conservation Identification Number on their stand, and they may have only one stand in the field at any one time.

(iv) We allow hunters to use sleds to retrieve deer in the Wilderness Area east of Long Hill/New Vernon Road. We prohibit wheeled game carriers.

(v) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose and duck on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow only bow hunting on the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing and crabbing on the refuge in designated areas subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the taking of frogs and turtles from all nontidal waters and refuge lands (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(ii) We prohibit fishing in designated nontidal waters from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

(iii) We prohibit bow fishing in nontidal waters.

(e) *Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must obtain a refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System). We require hunters to possess a signed refuge hunt permit at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge.

(ii) Hunters may enter the refuge 2 hours before legal shooting time and must leave no later than 2 hours after legal shooting time.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of coyote, fox, crow, ruffed grouse, opossum, raccoon, pheasant, chukar, rabbit/hare/jackrabbit, squirrel, and woodchuck on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, bear, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open Owens Station Crossing for catch-and-release fishing only.

(ii) We allow fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit the taking of amphibians and reptiles (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iv) We prohibit trapping fish for use as bait.

## §32.50 New Mexico.

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose; duck; coot; mourning and white-winged dove; and sandhill crane on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We restrict hunting in the Middle Tract to the following times:

(A) You may hunt only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the period when the State seasons that apply to the Middle Tract area are open.

(B) You may hunt only until 1 p.m. on each hunt day.

(ii) On the South Tract, we allow hunting only during special hunts (hunters with disabilities and/or youth hunters age 17 and younger).

(iii) You must remove all waterfowl decoys and all temporary blinds/stands after each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant, quail (scaled, Gambel's, northern bobwhite, and Montezuma), Eurasian collared-dove, desert cottontail, and black-tailed jackrabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow rabbit hunting on the North Tract only during the season that is concurrently open for quail hunting within the State.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(iii) We allow Eurasian collared-dove hunting on the North Tract only during the season that is concurrently open for dove hunting within the State.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of mule deer, white-tailed deer, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may 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.

(ii) You must remove all temporary blinds/stands after each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) [Reserved]

(b) *Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of mourning dove, white-winged dove, and light goose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting of light goose in the North Special Hunt Area on dates to be determined by refuge staff. Hunters must possess a permit available through a lottery drawing (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) Hunting hours for mourning and white-winged dove are from ½ hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset. Hunting hours for light goose are from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 12:00 p.m. (noon) Mountain Time.

(iii) You must remove all spent shells and all other personal equipment at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(v) We prohibit falconry on the refuge.

(vi) We allow the use of horses and pack stock in support of hunting in the East Hunt Unit only.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of scaled, Gambel's, northern bobwhite, and Montezuma quail; cottontail rabbit; black-tailed jackrabbit; and Eurasian collared-dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(iv) through (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) Hunting hours are from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ after legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of mule deer, javelina, oryx, and bearded Rio Grande turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(vi) and (b)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting of bearded Rio Grande turkey for youth hunters in the North Special Hunt Area and South Special Hunt Area during the State-established youth hunt and on weekends April through May during the State-established general spring turkey hunt. All hunters must fill out FWS Form 3-2439 (Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) and pay a fee. The permit is available through a lottery drawing. If selected, you must carry your refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439) at all times during the hunt.

(iii) We allow incidental take of feral hog by those legally licensed for, and participating in, other big game hunting activities. You may take feral hog only with a method allowed within each refuge hunt unit. We prohibit the use of dogs for this activity.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from April 1 through September 30.

(ii) We allow fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit trotlines, bow fishing, seining, dip netting, and traps.

(iv) We allow frogging for bullfrog on the refuge in areas that are open to fishing. We allow the use of hook and line, spears, gigs, and archery equipment to take bullfrog.

(c) *Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory Game Bird Hunting*. We allow hunting of mourning dove and goose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(iii) We allow hunting of goose on dates to be determined by refuge staff. Hunters must possess a permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(iv) Shooting hours for geese are from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 1 p.m. local time.

(v) We assign a bag limit for both light goose and Canada goose.

(2)—(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from noon March 1 through October 31.

(ii) We allow boats on Lake 13 only during the fishing season; boats must travel at trolling speed only.

(e) *San Andres National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of oryx or gemsbok (*Oryx gazella*) and desert bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis mexicana*) on designated areas of the refuge as governed by White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) regulations subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters using livestock (*i.e.*, horses or mules) must provide only certified weed-free feed to their animals while on the refuge. You must feed livestock weed-free feed exclusively for 3 days prior to arrival on the refuge.

(ii) We allow all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use by hunters or members of their hunting party, for game retrieval only. ATVs must remain on designated roads. All vehicles, including trailers and

ATVs, must be cleaned of mud, vegetation, and other debris prior to use on the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(f) *Seville National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of mourning dove, white-winged dove, goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) In Units A and B, legal hunting hours begin from ½ hour before legal sunrise and will not extend past 1 p.m. on each hunt day. Hunters may access Units A and B from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

(ii) In Unit B, we allow waterfowl hunting from designated blinds only.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(iv) At Unit A, in the Cornerstone Marsh Unit, we give priority use to disabled hunters (per Mobility-Impaired Certification in the State Hunting Rules and Information pamphlet).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of Gambel's quail and Eurasian collared-dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(iii) and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) In the Rio Puerco Unit, legal hunting hours will run from ½ hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) We allow falcons to hunt dove in the Rio Puerco Unit only.

(iv) We open to Eurasian collared-dove hunting only during the State South Zone mourning and white-winged dove season.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

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### **§32.51 New York.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We seasonally close the refuge to sport fishing from April 1 to August 31.

(b) *Elizabeth A. Morton National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(c) *Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, rail, coot, gallinule, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(ii) For hunting of duck, goose, and coot:

(A) We allow hunting on Saturday of the New York State Youth Days.

(B) We allow hunting Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the regular waterfowl season, excluding opening day of deer firearms season.

(C) We require proof of successful completion of the New York State waterfowl identification course, the Iroquois nonresident waterfowl identification course, or a suitable nonresident State waterfowl identification course. All hunters must show proof of successful course completion each time they hunt.

(D) We require a refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(E) We allow hunting from legal starting time until 12 p.m. (noon). We require hunters to return a completed Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361) no later than 1 p.m. on the day of the hunt.

(F) Hunters must remain in designated hunting areas, unless actively pursuing downed or crippled birds.

(iii) For hunting of rail, gallinule, snipe, and woodcock, we allow hunting during the State seasons east of Sour Springs Road by all hunters, except we close rail, gallinule, snipe and woodcock hunting during refuge waterfowl hunt days to hunters without a refuge waterfowl permit.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, gray squirrel, cottontail rabbit, pheasant, coyote, fox, raccoon, skunk, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) For small game hunting:

(A) We allow hunting from opening day of the State season until the last day of February.

(B) We prohibit the use of raptors to take small game.

(iii) For furbearer hunting, we prohibit hunting from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) for spring turkey hunting.

(ii) The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing and frogging from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit collecting fish for use as bait.

(d) *Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl, Canada goose, snow goose, and gallinule on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(ii) For the regular waterfowl season:

(A) We require daily refuge permits (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) and reservations; we issue permits to hunters with a reservation for that hunt day. We require you to complete and return your permit by the end of the hunt day.

(B) 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 New York State's established youth waterfowl hunt each year.

(C) 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.

(D) We allow motorless boats to hunt waterfowl. We limit hunters to one boat per reservation and one motor vehicle in the hunt area per reservation.

(E) We prohibit shooting from within 500 feet (152.4 meters) of the Tschache Pool observation tower.

(F) We require proof of successful completion of the New York State waterfowl identification course, the Montezuma nonresident waterfowl identification course, or a suitable nonresident State waterfowl identification course. All hunters must show proof of successful course completion each time they hunt.

(G) You may hunt gallinule only during the regular waterfowl season.

(iii) For Canada goose and snow goose hunting:

(A) We allow hunting of Canada goose during the New York State September 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.

(B) You must possess a valid daily hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System). We require you to complete and return the daily hunt permit card by the end of the hunt day.

(C) For snow goose hunting, hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 hours before legal sunrise. For Canada goose hunting, hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit and squirrel on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) You must possess a valid daily hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) and are required to complete and return the daily hunt permit card by the end of each hunt day.

(iii) We allow upland game hunters to access the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

(iv) We require the use of approved nontoxic shot for upland game hunting (see §32.2(k)).

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) You must possess a valid daily hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System). We require you to complete and return the daily hunt permit card by the end of the hunt day.

(iii) We allow white-tailed deer and turkey hunters to access the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after the end of legal shooting time.

(iv) We allow youth and special big game hunts during New York State's established youth and special big game hunts each year.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow access for fishing from designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of lead fishing tackle.

(e) *Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Anglers may fish from the refuge shoreline at Mill Pond from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(f) *Seatuck National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2)

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow archery hunting on specific days between November 1 and January 31.

(ii) Hunters must obtain and possess a refuge-specific permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) for hunting on the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Anglers may fish in refuge-controlled waters of the Great South Bay from boats only.

(g) *Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must purchase and possess a signed refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge.

(ii) You may hunt deer using archery equipment only.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iv) Hunters may enter the refuge 2 hours before legal shooting time and leave no later than 2 hours after legal shooting time.

(4) [Reserved]

(h) *Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow sport fishing in Huntington Bay from the refuge shoreline when the refuge is open to visitors.

(i) *Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must obtain and possess a signed refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge.

(ii) Hunters may enter the refuge 2 hours before legal shooting time and leave no later than 2 hours after legal shooting time.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *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 subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, bear, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) and (ii), and (i)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open Owens Station Crossing for catch-and-release fishing only.

(ii) We allow fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit the taking of amphibians and reptiles.

(iv) We prohibit minnow/bait trapping.

(j) *Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey within designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow archery and shotgun hunting of white-tailed deer during specific days between November 1 and January 31.

(ii) We require a permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) for hunting on the refuge.

(iii) Hunters assigned to Unit 5 must hunt from portable tree stands and must direct aim away from a public road and/or dwelling.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow shore and boat fishing on the portion of the Carmans River between Sunrise and Montauk Highways.

(ii) We allow only boat fishing from Montauk Highway south to the mouth of the Carmans River.

(iii) We prohibit spearfishing.

(iv) We prohibit the taking of baitfish and frogs.

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## **§32.52 North Carolina.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, tundra swan, coot, mourning dove, snipe and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require all hunters to possess and carry a signed, self-service refuge hunting regulations and permit (signed brochure) while hunting on the refuge.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting in designated areas.

(iii) 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.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, rabbit, squirrel, opossum, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We only allow dog training during the corresponding hunt season.

(iii) We require a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) to hunt raccoon or opossum from ½ hour after legal sunset until ½ hour before legal sunrise.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iii) and (a)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) Unarmed hunters may walk to retrieve stray dogs from closed areas and “no dog hunting” areas.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We only allow pole and line, rod and reel, or cast net.

(iii) We require a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) for fishing or frogging between legal sunset and legal sunrise.

(iv) You must only take frogs by use of frog gigs.

(b) *Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of tundra swan, Canada and snow goose, brant, duck, teal, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow portable blinds. Hunters must remove blinds, decoys, and other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) Hunters/hunt parties must not hunt closer than 150 yards (135 meters) apart.

(iii) 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.

(2)-(4) [Reserved]

(c) *Currituck National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of swan, goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a North Carolina Waterfowl Hunt Permit or a refuge hunt permit (signed brochure). You must carry a permit while hunting on the refuge.

(ii) You must hunt from your assigned blind location.

(iii) We allow hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 4:20 p.m. (as governed by County regulations).

(iv) We allow hunters to access the refuge 1½ hours before legal shooting time until 1 hour after legal shooting time.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and feral hog on limited dates on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a refuge hunting permit (signed brochure) that hunters must sign and carry while hunting on the refuge.

(ii) We allow the use of shotguns, muzzleloading rifles/shotguns, and bows in designated units. We prohibit the use of all other rifles and crossbows.

(iii) We allow hunters on the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset.

(iv) We allow the use of portable tree stands, but hunters must remove them from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) Hunters may access the refuge by foot, boat, and/or vehicle, but we prohibit hunting from a boat or vehicle.

(vi) Each youth hunter, age 15 and younger, must have successfully completed a State-approved hunter safety course, and must possess and carry proof of certification. While hunting, 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.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.* Refer to §32.65(e) for regulations.

(e) *Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a refuge deer hunting permit (signed brochure) that hunters must sign and carry while hunting on the refuge.

(ii) We allow the use of shotguns, muzzleloading rifles/shotguns, pistols, crossbows, and bows. We prohibit the use of all other rifles.

(iii) We allow access to hunting areas from 5 a.m. until 8 p.m.

(iv) We prohibit carrying a loaded firearm on or within 50 feet (15 meters) of gravel roads.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset from March 15 through October 15, except 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.

(ii) Anglers must attend all fishing lines.

(f) *Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow the hunting of tundra swan, goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require refuge-issued permits (name and address) that you must validate at the refuge headquarters, sign, and possess while hunting.

(ii) Refuge personnel will assign you to a hunting blind. You must hunt from your assigned blind.

(iii) Hunters may only shoot crippled waterfowl from outside the assigned blind.

(iv) Hunters may use decoys, but you must remove them from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) All waterfowl hunters must check out at the assigned station prior to leaving the refuge.

(vi) Shooting hours are from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

(vii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(viii) We allow the taking of only Canada goose during the State September Canada goose season subject to the following conditions:

(A) We allow hunting Monday through Saturday during the State season.

(B) The hunter must possess and carry a validated refuge permit (name and address) while hunting.

(ix) Hunting by youth hunters (age 16 and younger) is subject to the following conditions:

(A) 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. Each adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

(B) Youth hunters must possess and carry evidence of successful completion of a State-approved hunter education course.

(C) We allow hunting on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during the late and youth waterfowl State seasons.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The hunter must possess and carry a signed, validated refuge permit (name and address) and a State-issued lottery permit while hunting.

(ii) Hunters may take one antlered deer and one antlerless deer per day, or two antlerless deer per day.

(iii) Hunters may take deer with shotgun, bow and arrow, crossbow, or muzzleloading rifle/shotgun.

(iv) We allow hunters on the refuge from 1 hour before legal shooting time until 1 hour after legal shooting time.

(v) Hunters can use boats to access hunt areas, but we prohibit hunting from a boat.

(vi) We allow the use of only portable blinds and deer stands. Blinds must display hunter orange that is visible from all directions. 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 State hunting license number.

(vii) Hunters must wear a minimum of 500 square inches (3,250 square centimeters) of hunter-orange material above the waist that is visible from all directions.

(viii) An adult may only supervise one youth hunter. The youth hunter must be within sight and normal voice contact of the adult.

(ix) We allow the use of only biodegradable-type flagging.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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 that we allow bank fishing and crabbing year-round from:

(A) State Route 94 (24 hours a day);

(B) The north bridge and south of the north bridge at Lake Landing;

(C) The Outfall Canal water control structure;

(D) The Central Canal bridge on Wildlife Drive; and

(E) Along the west main and east main canal between the Entrance Road metal bridge and Number One East Canal as posted.

(ii) We prohibit herring dipping.

(iii) We allow crabbing subject to the following conditions:

(A) We allow only five handlines and hand-activated traps per person. Owners must be in attendance, and must remove all handlines and traps daily (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(B) We prohibit crab pots.

(C) You may only take or possess 12 crabs per person per day.

(g) *Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require all recreational nighttime surf anglers to possess and carry a signed, self-service refuge nighttime surf fishing permit (signed brochure) while fishing on the refuge between ½ hour after legal sunset and ½ hour before legal sunrise.

(h) *Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of dove on designated dates and areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require all hunters to possess and carry a signed refuge general hunt permit (signed brochure) and government-issued picture identification while in the field.

(ii) 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 (age 18 and younger). 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.

(iii) We prohibit hunting on Sundays.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of quail, rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, and opossum on designated dates and areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply (with the following exception to the condition at paragraph (h)(1)(ii): Each adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter).

(ii) We require the use of dogs on raccoon/opossum hunts. All dogs must wear a collar displaying the owner's contact information.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated dates and areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply (with the following exception to the condition at paragraph (h)(1)(ii): Each adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter).

(ii) We require each person participating in a muzzleloader or firearms quota hunt to possess a nontransferable refuge quota hunt permit. You may apply for quota hunt permits by submitting a completed hunt application (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) available at the refuge office.

(iii) During big game 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.

(iv) Youth quota hunts are for hunters ages 10 through 17.

(v) During refuge firearms deer hunts, all participants must wear at least 500 square inches (3,250 square centimeters) of unbroken, fluorescent-orange material above the waist as an outer garment while hunting and while en route to and from hunting areas.

(vi) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(vii) 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 their tree stands by the last day of that hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). Muzzleloader and firearms hunters must remove their tree stands by the day after the last day of that hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(viii) 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.

(ix) During refuge muzzleloader and firearms deer hunts, we prohibit all other public use in refuge hunting areas.

(x) We prohibit big game hunting within 100 feet (30 meters) of any vehicle or road open to vehicle traffic.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated dates and areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require all anglers to possess and carry a signed refuge sport fishing permit (signed brochure) and government-issued picture identification while fishing in refuge waters.

(ii) We prohibit possession or use of trotlines, set hooks, gigs, jug lines, limblines, snagging devices, nets, seines, fish traps, or other special devices.

(i) *Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, swan, dove, woodcock, rail, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require consent from refuge personnel to enter and retrieve legally taken game animals from closed areas, including “No Hunting Zones.”

(ii) 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).

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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 hunting from ATVs while on these designated ATV roads when they are stationary and the engine is turned off. We allow ATV use only on the ATV roads at the following times:

(A) When we open the ATV road and surrounding area to hunting;

(B) One week prior to the ATV road and surrounding area opening to hunting; and

(C) On Sundays, when we open the ATV road and surrounding area for hunting the following Monday.

(v) We allow the use of biodegradable-type flagging.

(vi) We allow the use of only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials. You must remove portable blinds at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vii) We allow the use of dogs to point and retrieve migratory game birds.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, raccoon, opossum, rabbit, beaver, nutria, and fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We only allow the taking of beaver and nutria with firearms and only during those times when the area is open to hunting of other game animals with firearms.

(iii) 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).

(iv) We prohibit the use of rifles, other than .22-caliber rimfire rifles for hunting, and we prohibit the use of pistols for hunting.

(v) We allow the use of dogs for pointing and retrieving upland game and for chasing rabbit (but not fox). We prohibit possession of buckshot or slugs while hunting with dogs.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) 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. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while hunting turkeys west of Evans Road and on the Pungo Unit.

(iii) We prohibit the use of rifles and pistols.

(iv) 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.

(v) 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.

(vi) We allow the use of only portable deer stands (tree climbers, ladders, tripods, etc.). We require that you remove all stands, blinds, and other personal property at the end of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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 limited big game hunts.

(ii) We allow fishing only from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset.

(j) *Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck and coot on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(k) *Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow the hunting of tundra swan, goose, brant, duck, teal, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow portable blinds. You must remove blinds, decoys, and other personal property at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) We prohibit hunters/hunt parties from hunting closer than 150 yards (135 meters) apart.

(iii) 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.

(2)-(4) [Reserved]

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The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Appert Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(b) *Ardoch National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(c) *Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, partridge, cottontail rabbit, and fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting of upland game birds on the day following the close of the State firearm deer season through the end of the regular upland bird season.

(ii) We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit and fox on the day following the close of the State firearm deer season through March 31.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit entering the refuge before legal shooting hours on the opening day of firearms deer season. We require all hunters to be off the refuge 1½ hours after legal sunset.

(ii) We allow deer hunting on the refuge during the State youth deer season.

(iii) After harvesting a deer, firearm deer hunters must wear blaze orange on the refuge.

(iv) 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.

(v) We allow temporary tree stands, blinds, and game cameras for daily use; you must remove them by the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow boats at idle speed only on Arrowwood Lake and Jim Lake from May 1 to September 30 of each year.

(ii) We allow ice fishing and dark house spearfishing. We allow snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), motor vehicles, and fish houses on the ice as conditions allow.

(iii) You may use and leave fish houses on the ice overnight until March 15.

(d) *Arrowwood Wetland Management District*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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 at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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).

(e) *Audubon National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, gray partridge, and sharp-tailed grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open to upland game hunting annually on the day following the close of the regular deer gun season, and we close as governed by the State season.

(ii) We allow game retrieval without a firearm up to 100 yards (90 meters) 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.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We close the refuge to hunting during the State's special youth deer hunting season.

(ii) Hunters may use designated refuge roads to retrieve downed deer.

(iii) We allow only portable tree stands. You must remove all tree stands at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow ice fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(f) *Audubon Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(g) *Bone Hill National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(h) *Brumba National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(i) *Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(j) *Camp Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(k) *Canefield Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(l) *Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(m) *Chase Lake Wetland Management District*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district subject to the following conditions: 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(n) *Cottonwood Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(o) *Crosby Wetland Management District*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(p) *Dakota Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(q) *Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of fox, sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, turkey, and ring-necked pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open for upland game bird hunting on the day following the close of the regular deer gun season through the end of the State season.

(ii) We allow the use of hunting dogs for retrieval of upland game.

(iii) We allow fox hunting from the day following the regular firearm deer season until March 31.

(iv) We prohibit accessing refuge lands from refuge waters.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow deer and moose hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow the use of portable tree stands and ground blinds. We prohibit leaving stands and blinds overnight on the refuge (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) 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.

(iii) The condition set forth at paragraph (q)(2)(iv) of this section applies.

(4) [Reserved]

(r) *Devils Lake Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(s) *Half Way Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(t) *Hiddenwood Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(u) *Hobart Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(v) *Hutchinson Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(w) *J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs for hunting and retrieving game birds.

(2) *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 subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open the refuge 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) for all upland game hunting, including turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and moose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) 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. You may access refuge roads open to the public before 12 p.m. (noon).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow boat fishing from May 1 through September 30.

(ii) We allow ice fishing and dark house spearfishing. We allow snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), motor vehicles, and fish houses on the ice as conditions allow.

(x) *J. Clark Salyer Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(y) *Johnson Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(z) *Kulm Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(aa) *Lake Alice National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow motorized boats only during the migratory game bird hunting season; however, motors must not exceed 10 horsepower.

(ii) 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *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.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow deer and fox hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit trapping.

(ii) We allow portable tree stands. Hunters must remove tree stands from the refuge by the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow ice fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow vehicles and fish houses on the ice as conditions allow.

(ii) We allow public access for ice fishing from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

(iii) You must remove ice fishing shelters and personal property from the refuge by 10 p.m. each day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(bb) *Lake George National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(cc) *Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open the lake to fishing from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. year round.

(ii) We open the refuge to ice fishing from October 1 through March 31.

(dd) *Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ee) *Lake Nettie National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only portable tree stands.

(ii) Hunters must remove tree stands from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) [Reserved]

(ff) *Lake Otis National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(gg) *Lake Patricia National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(hh) *Lake Zahl National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and ring-necked pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open to upland game bird hunting on the day following the close of the regular deer gun season through the end of the State season.

(ii) We allow the use of hunting dogs to retrieve upland game.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may only use portable tree stands and ground blinds. We prohibit leaving stands and blinds overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) 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) [Reserved]

(ii) *Lambs Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(jj) *Little Goose Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(kk) *Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and grey partridge on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We open to upland game bird hunting annually on the day following the close of the firearm deer season through the close of the State season.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We only allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ll) *Long Lake Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(mm) *Lords Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(nn) *Lost Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(oo) *Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and ring-necked pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs to retrieve upland game.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow deer and moose hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: 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) [Reserved]

(pp) *Lostwood Wetland Management District*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(qq) *Maple River National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(rr) *Pleasant Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(ss) *Pretty Rock National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(tt) *Rabb Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(uu) *Rock Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(vv) *Rose Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ww) *School Section National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(xx) *Sheyenne Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(yy) *Sibley Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(zz) *Silver Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(aaa) *Slade National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(bbb) *Snyder Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(ccc) *Springwater National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(ddd) *Stewart Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow ice or shore fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(eee) *Stoney Slough National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(fff) *Storm Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(ggg) *Sunburst Lake National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(hhh) *Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow ring-necked pheasant hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We open for upland game hunting on the first Monday following the close of the State deer gun season through the close of the State pheasant season.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow deer bow hunting on designated areas of the refuge as governed by State regulations.

(ii) The deer bow hunting season closes September 30, reopens the Friday following the close of the State gun deer season, and continues through the end of the State archery deer season.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(iii) *Tewaukon Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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).

(jjj) *Tomahawk National Wildlife Refuge*. (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(kkk) *Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of wild turkey, sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs for hunting and retrieving of upland game birds with the exception of wild turkey.

(ii) We allow hunters on the refuge from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow deer and moose hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow the use of portable tree stands and ground blinds. You must remove stands and blinds from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) The condition set forth at paragraph (kkk)(2)(ii) of this section applies.

(iii) 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) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We allow fishing from nonmotorized vessels only on the Beaver Lodge Canoe Trail from May 1 through September 30.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We allow snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), motor vehicles, and fish houses on the ice as conditions allow from Lake Darling Dam north to Carter Dam (Dam 41) for ice fishing.

(v) We allow you to place fish houses overnight on the ice of Lake Darling as governed by State regulations.

(vi) 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 at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vii) We allow anglers on the refuge from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m.

(III) *Wild Rice National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(mmm) *Willow Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(nnn) *Wintering River National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

(ooo) *Wood Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of all State-defined species subject to the following condition: Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Access is controlled by the individual landowner.

(ii) We prohibit boats during the regular North Dakota waterfowl season.

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## **§32.54 Ohio.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow white-tailed deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a State-issued permit. All hunters must check in and out at the refuge check station. We require hunters to check out with the State-issued Harvest Card no later than 2 hours after the conclusion of their controlled hunt.

(ii) We prohibit hunting or shooting within 150 feet (45.7 meters) of any structure, building, or parking lot.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit the taking of turtle, frog, leech, minnow, crayfish, and mussel (clam) species by any method on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iii) You must remove all boats, ice fishing structures, devices, and personal property from the refuge each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(b) *Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, rail, gallinule, coot, dove, woodcock, crow, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) On controlled waterfowl hunt units, we allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot as governed by with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

(A) You must stop hunting at 12 p.m. (noon) each day.

(B) You may possess no more than 25 shot shells.

(ii) On public hunting units, we allow hunting of duck, goose, rail, gallinule, coot, dove, woodcock, and snipe subject to the following conditions:

(A) We allow refuge access from 1½ hours prior to the State-listed morning shooting time and 1 hour after the State-listed evening shooting time.

(B) We allow the use of dogs when hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(C) We allow nonmotorized boats in areas open to waterfowl hunting during the waterfowl hunting seasons with the following exception: We allow motorized boats in the Metzger Marsh and Two Rivers units.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant, squirrel, rabbit, fox, raccoon, skunk, opossum, groundhog, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(ii)(A) and (B) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit the use of buckshot for any hunting on the refuge.

(iii) We prohibit hunting or shooting within 150 feet (45.7 meters) of any structure, building, or parking lot.

(iv) For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) On controlled deer hunt units, we allow hunting of white-tailed deer only as governed by State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

(A) We require hunters to possess and carry a State-issued permit. You must check in and out at the refuge check station using the State-issued Harvest Card no later than 2 hours after the conclusion of your hunt.

(B) We prohibit hunting or shooting within 150 feet (45.7 meters) of any structure, building, or parking lot.

(ii) We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated public hunting units of the refuge as governed by State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

(A) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(ii)(A) and (b)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(B) We allow only portable deer stands for hunting. We allow only one tree stand per hunter per refuge unit. We allow placement of tree stands after September 1, and require hunters to remove tree stands by March 1 of each year (see §27.93 of this chapter). We require deer stands to be labeled with the hunter's Ohio customer identification number, which is on the hunting license.

(C) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(2)(iv) applies while turkey hunting.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) 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).

(iii) You must remove all boats, ice fishing structures, devices, and personal property from the refuge each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

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## **§32.55 Oklahoma.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, dark geese, merganser, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt tearsheet (signed brochure).

(ii) We allow waterfowl hunting on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 1 p.m.

(iii) You may only use portable blinds or blinds constructed of natural dead vegetation. You must remove blinds, decoys, stands, and all personal equipment at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of fox and gray squirrel, swamp and cottontail rabbit, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow shotguns, .22- and .17-caliber rimfire rifles, and pistols for rabbit and squirrel hunting.

(iii) For raccoon hunting only, we allow hunting from legal sunset to legal sunrise only.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge tearsheet (signed brochure) for the archery deer hunt. 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.

(ii) We will offer a limited season archery deer hunt following the controlled deer hunt.

(iii) You may hunt feral hog during any established refuge hunting season.

(iv) Hunters may place no more than one stand on the refuge. You may place stands starting on the day the hunt begins. You must remove stands the day the hunt ends (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We allow bowfishing on the refuge from legal sunrise to legal sunset from March 1 to September 30.

(iii) We prohibit snagging and netting.

(iv) We allow the use of trotlines, juglines, limblines, and yo-yos only in the Deep Fork River; we prohibit their use in any other areas on the refuge.

(b) *Little River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may only use portable blinds. You must remove blinds, decoys, and all personal equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(ii) You may hunt from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) each day.

(iii) You must possess and carry a signed refuge tearsheet (signed brochure) while hunting.

(iv) We close the refuge to duck hunting during controlled deer hunts.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of gray and fox squirrel, eastern cottontail and swamp rabbit, beaver, coyote, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open squirrel season from May 15 through the Friday before the State deer muzzleloader season. We reopen squirrel season on the Monday after the last refuge controlled deer hunt through January 31.

(ii) We open rabbit season from October 1 through the Friday before the State deer muzzleloader season. We reopen rabbit season on the Monday after the last refuge controlled deer hunt through January 31.

(iii) You may take take beaver, raccoon, and coyote as incidental take to any daytime established refuge hunt with legal weapons and a signed hunt tearsheet for the current hunt season.

(iv) Hunters may only hunt upland game during designated refuge seasons.

(v) We allow the use of dogs when hunting squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open the deer archery season from October 1 through the Friday before the State deer muzzleloader season. We reopen deer season on the Monday after the last refuge controlled deer hunt through January 15.

(ii) We open the deer gun season during the months of October and November. Hunters must pay a fee and obtain a controlled hunt permit through the State.

(iii) We open the turkey archery season from October 1 through the Friday before the State deer muzzleloader season. We reopen turkey season on the Monday after the last refuge controlled deer hunt through January 15.

(iv) We open the turkey gun season during the month of April. Hunters must pay a fee and obtain a controlled hunt permit through the State.

(v) Shotgun hunters may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while in the field while hunting turkey.

(vi) You may hunt feral hog during any established refuge hunting season. Refuge signed tearsheet (signed brochure) and legal weapons apply for the current hunting season.

(vii) Hunters may only hunt big game during designated refuge seasons.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(c) *Optima National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite and scaled quail, cottontail rabbit, and jackrabbit on the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow only shotguns for upland game hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, mule deer, and turkey on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow archery and shotguns during spring turkey season.

(ii) We allow only archery hunting during fall seasons.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Ozark Plateau National Wildlife Refuge. (1) [Reserved]*

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit and gray and fox squirrel on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge tearsheet (signed brochure).

(ii) We prohibit falconry.

(iii) The only allowed methods of take are shotguns, .17 or .22 rimfire rifle, and archery equipment as governed by State regulations.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated portions of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We only allow the use of archery equipment.

(iii) We allow the use of portable deer stands only. You must remove stand(s) from the refuge within 2 days of the last day of the season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow the incidental take of feral hogs during the deer, rabbit, and squirrel hunting seasons.

(4) [Reserved]

(e) *Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, American coot, sandhill crane, mourning dove, white-winged dove,

Eurasian collared dove, and rock dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

(ii) We open public hunting areas to all access 2 hours prior to legal shooting time, and close those areas at 12 p.m. (noon).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of northern bobwhite quail and ring-necked pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, wild turkey, American beaver, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a limited hunt permit (State-issued) for controlled hunts for deer and spring wild turkey hunts.

(ii) White-tailed deer and wild turkey hunters may place no more than one stand/blind on the refuge. You may place stands starting on the day the hunt begins. You must remove stands the day the hunt ends (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) White-tailed deer and wild turkey hunters must check-in and out at a refuge check station. Refuge staff provide a hunter briefing as part of check-in.

(iv) You may take feral hogs and American beaver only as incidental game during a controlled hunt, open upland game season, or open migratory game bird season using a State-approved method of take for that season.

(v) Wild turkey hunters must use and only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from April 1 through October 15.

(ii) We prohibit the use of netting, seines, cast nets, trawls, dip nets, and traps.

(iii) Posts used to secure or anchor trotlines must reach a minimum of 2 feet (30 centimeters) above the water surface, and you must mark them to make them clearly visible to boaters. You must remove posts when they are not in use (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We only allow youth and persons with disabilities to fish on Bonham Pond subject to the following conditions:

(A) We open to fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(B) We limit anglers to one pole per person.

(C) We restrict Bonham Pond to catch-and-release fishing only.

(f) *Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, mourning dove, American coot, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt tearsheet (signed brochure).

(ii) 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.

(iii) We prohibit hunting or shooting within 50 feet (15 meters) of designated roads or parking areas.

(iv) Season lengths and bag limits will be governed by 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, State regulations apply with the exception of special hunting days.

(v) You must remove stands, blinds, boats, and other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(vi) We prohibit hunters from using refuge boat ramps to access hunting areas outside the refuge boundary:

(A) On days when we close the refuge to hunting for certain species; and/or

(B) When hunting species that we do not allow to be hunted on the refuge.

(vii) We restrict the use of airboats within the refuge boundary to the navigation channel and the designated hunting areas from September 1 through March 31.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of eastern gray and fox squirrel and swamp and eastern cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i) through (iii) and (v) through (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) Season lengths and bag limits will be governed by State regulations with the exception that all upland game hunting will close on January 31 of each year.

(iii) We only allow legal shotguns, and .22 and .17 rimfire rifles, for hunting upland game. You must plug hunting shotguns so that they are incapable of holding more than three shells.

(iv) The east portion of the Sandtown Bottom Unit and the portion of Robert S. Kerr Reservoir, from Tuff boat ramp to the confluence of Vian Creek, are designated as a waterfowl

sanctuary that we close to all entry, except for the designated hiking trail, from September 1 through March 31. The closed area is marked with signs and buoys.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i) through (iii) and (v) through (vii) of this section apply.

(ii) We require a limited hunt permit (State-issued) for controlled hunts for archery deer, and for spring wild turkey hunts.

(iii) Hunters must apply to the State-controlled deer hunt drawing administered by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation for selection. You must attend a pre-hunt briefing.

(iv) Incidental take of feral hogs may occur during deer, wild turkey, rabbit, and squirrel hunting seasons.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit fishing or frogging from September 1 through March 31 in the closed zone south of refuge headquarters, as designated by buoys and signs.

(ii) You must remove trotlines from the closed zone before September 1 (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(v) and (vii) of this section apply.

(g) *Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow the hunting of duck, teal, light geese, dark geese, snipe, gallinule, American coot, and merganser on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the hunting of migratory birds every day, but waterfowl hunters must be off the unit by 1 p.m.

(ii) Hunters must possess and carry a signed hunt tearsheet (signed brochure).

(iii) We require the hunters to self-check-in and self-check-out.

(iv) We allow only shotguns for hunting.

(v) We prohibit falconry.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(ii) We require State-controlled deer hunt drawing hunters to attend a pre-hunt briefing.

(iii) You may hunt feral hog during any established refuge hunting season, using the weapon authorized for that particular hunt.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Anglers may bank and wade fish with pole and line or rod and reel year-round.

(ii) Anglers may use boats from March 1 through September 30 in designated waters unless otherwise specified on the fishing tearsheet.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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.

(v) We prohibit use of limblines, throwlines, juglines, and yo-yos.

(vi) We prohibit use of any containers (jugs, bottles) as floats.

(vii) Anglers may fish after legal sunset from a boat (during boating season) in the Cumberland Pool, except in the sanctuary zones. Anglers may fish after legal sunset at the headquarters boat ramp area, Goose Pen Pond, Sandy Creek Bridge, Murray 23, and Nida Point.

(viii) We allow bowfishing in Pennington Creek and the Washita River during daylight hours.

(ix) We prohibit the take of fish by use of hands (noodling).

(x) We prohibit the take of frog, turtle, or mussel (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(h) *Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove and waterfowl on the Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit of Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, turkey, and rabbit on the Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit of Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on the Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit of Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on the Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit of Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge.

(i) *Washita National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, sandhill crane, mourning, white-winged, and Eurasian collared-dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to carry a signed tearsheet (signed brochure) while hunting duck, goose, merganser, and sandhill crane.

(ii) Duck, goose, merganser, and sandhill crane hunters must hunt only in designated fields on specified days at specified hours.

(iii) We prohibit bringing natural vegetation from outside the refuge onto the refuge to construct temporary blinds. You must remove temporary blinds, decoys, and other hunting equipment from the refuge at the end of each hunt day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of bobwhite quail, cottontail rabbit, and black-tailed jackrabbit on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and Rio Grande wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow deer and feral hog hunting during the special refuge season. We will hold turkey hunts during the State spring turkey season.

(ii) You must check in and out of hunt areas daily at the refuge office or check station.

(iii) You must take bagged deer, hog, and/or turkey to the refuge check station.

(iv) We will determine bag limits on deer and turkey annually.

(v) We prohibit using handguns for hunting.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Anglers may fish from March 15 through October 14 in the Washita River and Foss Reservoir.

(ii) Anglers may bank fish year-round in the Washita River and Foss Reservoir from open areas.

(j) *Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, and coot on designated portions of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must possess a current signed refuge hunting tearsheet (signed brochure) while hunting on the refuge.

(ii) We prohibit waterfowl hunting during the refuge controlled elk and deer hunts.

(iii) We allow waterfowl hunting from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until 1 p.m.

(iv) We allow the use of hunting dogs only for waterfowl hunting.

(v) You may only build blinds constructed of natural vegetation materials from the refuge.

(vi) Hunters must remove decoys and blinds from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vii) We prohibit jump shooting.

(viii) We prohibit hunting within 400 feet (122 meters) of any paved road, parking area, or building/dwelling.

(ix) We prohibit shooting from or across any designated trail, road, or parking area.

(x) We prohibit the use of motorized decoys in portions of the refuge designated as wilderness area.

(xi) We prohibit the use of game carts or other mechanical transportation devices on portions of the refuge designated as wilderness area.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of elk, turkey, and white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow elk, deer, and turkey hunting only during the State-controlled hunt program.

(ii) We allow only five (5) rounds of ammunition per day during controlled elk and white-tailed deer hunts.

(iii) We allow elk and deer hunting with centerfire rifles only; the minimum calibers are .243 for deer and .270 caliber for elk.

(iv) You must possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while in the field while hunting turkey.

(v) You must check all harvested elk and deer through the refuge check station, and attach a metal transportation tag, before leaving refuge property.

(vi) We only allow use of archery equipment and shotgun or muzzleloader with a shot size of #2 or smaller for turkey hunting. We prohibit crossbows.

(vii) You may take feral hogs and coyote only during controlled hunts with weapons approved for that hunt.

(viii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(viii) and (xi) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may take fish only with pole and line or rod and reel.

(ii) We prohibit taking of frogs and turtles (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iii) Anglers may use motorized boats on Elmer Thomas Lake; however, we enforce a no-wake rule on the lake.

(iv) We allow fishing after legal sunset on the refuge, but we prohibit all other boating after legal sunset.

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The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and snipe 7 days per week on that portion of the refuge west of U.S. Highway 101 and outside the Bandon city limits.

(ii) On the Ni-les'tun Unit of the refuge, we allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

(iii) You must remove all blinds, decoys, shotshell hulls, and other personal equipment and refuse from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iv) 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 we require boats landing on the bank of the Coquille River within the Ni-les'tun Unit to park within a designated location.

(v) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise and must exit the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(vi) Hunters may use dogs as an aid to retrieving waterfowl during the hunting season.

(vii) 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.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(b) *Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck and goose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only hunters age 17 and younger to participate in the youth waterfowl hunt. Youths must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older.

(ii) We require youth hunters to obtain a refuge waterfowl hunting permit (Waterfowl Lottery Application, FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System). All youth hunting waterfowl must do so from designated blinds.

(iii) You must remove blinds, decoys, and other personal property at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(v) We require waterfowl and goose permit hunters to check in and out at the Hunter Check Station (refuge office), which is open from 1½ hours before legal hunting hours to 8 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We prohibit hunting after 12 p.m. (noon).

(vi) We require goose hunters to space themselves no less than 200 yards (183 meters) apart from each other during the early September goose hunt.

(2)-(4) [Reserved]

(c) *Bear Valley National Wildlife Refuge. (1)-(2) [Reserved]*

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunting opens concurrent with the State season and closes October 31.

(ii) 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.

(iii) We allow walk-in access only from designated entry points.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Cold Springs National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the

following conditions:

(i) We prohibit discharge of any firearm within  $\frac{1}{4}$  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.

(ii) We allow hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and all federally recognized holidays within the State season, with the exception of dove. We only allow hunting for all dove species within the State mourning dove season.

(iii) On the Memorial Marsh Unit:

(A) We allow waterfowl hunting only from numbered field blind sites. We allow a maximum of four persons per blind site.

(B) Waterfowl hunters must remain within 100 feet (30 m) of the numbered field blind post unless retrieving birds or setting decoys.

(iv) Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) at the end of each day's hunt.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting from 12 p.m. (noon) to the end of legal hunting hours.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (d)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We only allow hunting with a valid, State-issued emergency hunt permit or kill permit.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(e) *Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove, goose, duck, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, and partridge on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit hunting from February 1 through May 31.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit shoreline fishing on the islands of the Snake River Sector from February 1 through May 31.

(f) *Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of synthetic or nonliving natural materials.

(ii) We prohibit digging of pit blinds for waterfowl hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of chukar and California quail on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of deer, antelope, and bighorn sheep on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of synthetic or nonliving natural materials.

(ii) 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.

(iii) You must remove blinds within 24 hours of harvesting an animal or at the end of the permittee's legal season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We limit hunters to one blind each, and you must tag blinds with the owner's State license or permit number.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(g) *Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) We open the refuge for day-use access from 1½ hours before legal sunrise until 1½ hours after legal sunset.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(h) *Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of air-thrust and inboard water-thrust boats when waterfowl hunting.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of boats when sport fishing.

(i) *Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and snipe on the designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) We open the refuge for hunting access from 1½ hours before legal sunrise until 1½ hours after legal sunset.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(j) *Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) In the controlled waterfowl hunting area, we require a valid Refuge Recreation Pass (electronic form) for all hunters age 16 and older. All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(ii) 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 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) each year.

(iii) Entry hours for hunters begin at 4:30 a.m. unless otherwise posted.

(iv) We prohibit the setting of decoys in retrieving zones.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: In the controlled pheasant hunting area, we require a valid permit for all hunters age 16 and older. All hunters age 15 and younger must remain in the immediate presence of an adult (age 18 or older) at all times while in the field.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(k) *Malheur National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of dove, goose, duck, merganser, coot, snipe, and pigeon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow nonmotorized boats or boats equipped with only electric motors on the North and South Malheur Lake Hunt Units.

(ii) We allow only portable and temporary hunting blinds.

(iii) You must remove boats, decoys, blinds, materials, and all personal property at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iv) 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.

(v) You may access the South Malheur Lake Hunt Unit from the North Malheur Lake Hunt Unit, but no earlier than the fourth Saturday of October.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, partridge, chukar, and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We allow hunting of upland game species on the North Malheur Lake Hunt Unit concurrent with the State pheasant season.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and pronghorn on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit ice fishing on, and all public access to, any ice formations.

(ii) We allow fishing year-round on Krumbo Reservoir and in the Blitzen River, East Canal, and Mud Creek upstream from and including Bridge Creek.

(iii) We allow fishing 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.

(iv) We prohibit boats on public fishing areas, except that we allow nonmotorized boats and boats equipped with only electric motors on Krumbo Reservoir.

(l) *McKay Creek National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit discharge of any firearm within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile (396 meters) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals.

(ii) Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (l)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) On the opening weekend of the hunting season, we require all hunters to possess and carry a special refuge permit (signed refuge brochure).

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and elk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (l)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We only allow elk hunting only with a valid, State-issued emergency hunt permit or kill permit.

(iii) We allow deer hunting only with a special, State-issued permit.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(m) *McNary National Wildlife Refuge.* Refer to §32.66(h) for regulations.

(n) *Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge— (1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must remove all blinds, decoys, shotshell hulls, and other personal equipment and refuse from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(ii) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise and must exit the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(iii) Hunters may use dogs as an aid to retrieving waterfowl during the hunting season.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing and shellfishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(o) *Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, grouse, and partridge on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and antelope on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(p) *Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow waterfowl hunting 7 days per week on refuge lands west of U.S. Highway 101.

(ii) On the Millport Slough South Unit, we allow waterfowl hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

(iii) Hunters must remove all blinds, decoys, shotshell hulls, and other personal equipment and refuse from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iv) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise and must exit the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(v) Hunters may use dogs as an aid to retrieving waterfowl during the hunting season.

(vi) 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.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing and clamming on designated areas of the refuge only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(q) *Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow waterfowl hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Youth age 17 and younger may participate as active hunters. An adult age 21 or older must accompany and supervise youth hunters. We do not allow supervising adults to hunt.

(ii) We allow a maximum of two youth hunters and two nonhunters per hunting blind, for a maximum occupancy of four persons per blind.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We open the hunting season on the last weekend of October, as conditions allow, through the end of the regular State hunting season. We close the refuge for the third-period northwest permit zone goose hunt.

(v) Official hunting start times for game birds are governed by State regulations. Hunting ends at 1 p.m. for the entire season.

(vi) We open the hunt area for access 1½ hours before legal shooting hours.

(vii) You must remove decoys, other personal property, and trash from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(viii) We allow the use of dogs for retrieving waterfowl.

(ix) All hunters must hunt from designated blinds.

(x) All hunters must have visible means of retrieving waterfowl such as float tube, waders, or a dog capable of retrieving.

(xi) Hunters must check-in and check-out with a Refuge representative and submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361) when checking out.

(2)-(4) [Reserved]

(r) *Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit discharge of any firearm within ¼ mile (396 meters) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals.

(ii) Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) On the McCormack Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

(A) 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.

(B) We require hunters to stop at the check station to obtain a special refuge permit (signed refuge brochure).

(C) We allow hunting only from assigned areas.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (r)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) On the McCormack Fee Hunt Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

(A) We allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Year's Day from 12 p.m. (noon) to the end of State legal hunting hours.

(B) We require all hunters to possess and carry a special refuge permit (signed refuge brochure).

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (r)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow hunting only with a special, State-issued permit.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(s) *Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing in designated areas of the refuge.

(t) *Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the State waterfowl season.

(ii) The hunt area is open for access 2 hours before and after legal shooting hours.

(iii) All hunters must hunt from designated blinds except to retrieve downed birds. We prohibit hunting from levees.

(iv) We allow a maximum occupancy of four persons per blind.

(v) Disabled hunters must possess an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit issued by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to qualify for preference in using the ADA Accessibility Guidelines blind or Federal Access pass.

(vi) You must remove decoys, other personal property, and trash (including empty shotgun hulls) from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(vii) We allow the use of dogs for retrieving waterfowl.

(viii) Hunters must submit a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS Form 3-2361) at the end of each day's hunt.

(2)-(4) [Reserved]

(u) *William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow deer and elk hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may harvest only antlerless elk with appropriate State-issued tags.

(ii) We prohibit hunting from any refuge structure, observation blind, or boardwalk.

(iii) 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) at the end of each hunt day.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We allow anglers to use only pole and line, or rod and reel. Anglers must attend their line.

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### **§32.57 Pennsylvania.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must obtain and possess a signed refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) at all times while scouting and hunting on the refuge.

(ii) Hunters may enter the refuge 2 hours before legal shooting time and must leave no later than 2 hours after legal shooting time.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, grouse, rabbit, pheasant, quail, woodchuck, crow, fox, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, coyote, and bobcat on designated

areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, bear, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The Cherry Creek section located on the former Cherry Valley Golf Course is open for catch-and-release fishing. Anglers at this location must:

(A) Obtain a day-use fishing permit (signed brochure). A maximum of three anglers per day may share the same permit; and

(B) Use only artificial lures and barbless hooks to fish.

(ii) We allow fishing from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We allow only nonmotorized or electric-motor boats in designated areas.

(iv) We prohibit the use of eel chutes, eelpots, and fyke nets.

(v) We prohibit trapping fish for use as bait.

(vi) We prohibit the take, collection, capture, killing, and possession of any reptile or amphibian on the refuge.

(b) *Erie National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove, woodcock, rail, Wilson's snipe, Canada goose, duck, coot, and crow on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting activities on the refuge from September 1 through the end of February. We allow scouting for those same dates, and for the 7 days prior to the start of each season.

(ii) We allow only nonmotorized boats for waterfowl hunting in permitted areas.

(iii) We prohibit field possession of migratory game birds in areas of the refuge closed to migratory game bird hunting.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ruffed grouse, squirrel, rabbit, woodchuck, pheasant, quail, raccoon, fox, coyote, skunk, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow woodchuck hunting on the refuge from September 1 through the end of February.

(ii) We prohibit the use of raptors to take small game.

(iii) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(iv) of this section applies.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, bear, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow nonmotorized watercraft use in Area 5. Watercraft must remain in an area from the dike to 3,000 feet (900 meters) upstream.

(ii) We prohibit the taking of turtle or frog (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iii) We prohibit the collecting or releasing of baitfish.

(iv) We prohibit the taking or possession of shellfish on the refuge.

(c) *John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow archery-only hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Hunters must possess a refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing on the refuge from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) Anglers may only operate boats, canoes, and floats in tidal waters.

(iii) We prohibit bowfishing or spearfishing on the refuge.

(iv) We prohibit the take, collection, or capture of any reptile or amphibian on the refuge.

(d) *Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge.* Refer to §32.67(b) for regulations.

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## §32.58 Rhode Island.

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Block Island National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, merganser, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to possess and carry a signed refuge hunting brochure valid for the current season.

(ii) We only allow portable or temporary blinds, and decoys must be removed from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations. Dogs must be under direct control of the hunter at all times.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to possess and carry a signed refuge hunting brochure valid for the current season.

(ii) We only allow portable or temporary stands and blinds that must be removed from the refuge on the last day of the deer hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). Stands and blinds must be marked with the hunter's State hunting license number.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow saltwater fishing from refuge shorelines.

(b) *John H. Chafee National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to possess and carry a signed refuge migratory game bird hunting brochure valid for the current season.

(ii) We only allow portable or temporary blinds and decoys that must be removed from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of coyote and fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We only allow the incidental take of coyote and fox during the refuge deer hunting season with a signed refuge hunting brochure valid for the current season.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require every hunter to possess and carry a personally signed refuge hunting brochure valid for the current season.

(ii) We only allow portable or temporary stands and blinds that must be removed from the refuge on the last day of the deer hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit permanent tree stands. Stands and blinds must be marked with the hunter's State hunting license number.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow saltwater fishing in designated areas of the refuge.

(c) *Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of coyote and fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We only allow the incidental take of coyote and fox during the refuge deer hunting season. We require hunters to possess and carry a signed refuge hunting brochure valid for the current season.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to possess and carry a signed refuge hunting brochure valid for the current season.

(ii) We only allow portable or temporary stands and blinds that must be removed from the refuge on the last day of the deer hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit permanent tree stands. Stands and blinds must be marked with the hunter's State hunting license number.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow saltwater fishing from refuge shorelines.

(d) *Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of fox and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We only allow the incidental take of fox and coyote during limited, periodic hunts with a signed hunt application (see paragraph (d)(3)(i) of this section).

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require every hunter to possess and carry a personally signed hunt application (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) We only allow hunting of big game during limited, periodic hunts.

(iii) We only allow portable tree stands and blinds. You must clearly label any tree stand or blind left on the refuge overnight with your refuge permit number. You must remove your tree stand(s) and/or blind(s) from the refuge on the last day of the refuge-authorized deer hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow saltwater fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Anglers may only saltwater fish at Sachuest Beach shoreline from September 16 through March 31.

(ii) Anglers may night-fish after legal sunset with a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2358, National Wildlife Refuge System Fishing/Shrimping/Crabbing/Frogging Application).

(e) *Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, merganser, coot, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow saltwater fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Anglers may saltwater fish from September 16 through March 31.

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## **§32.59 South Carolina.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of marsh hen/rail on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require each hunter to carry at all times while hunting a signed, current refuge hunt permit (signed brochure) and a government-issued picture identification.

(ii) We prohibit hunting on Sundays.

(iii) Each hunter age 15 and younger 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.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs while hunting for marsh hen/rail.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting only on days designated annually by the refuge within the State season.

(iii) 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 State hunting license number in the available register.

(iv) 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.

(v) Hunters must hunt from a tree stand or the ground. We prohibit stalking, driving, corralling, or any other cooperative form of hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iii) and (a)(2)(ii) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) The refuge designates daily limits for white-tailed deer.

(iii) We prohibit crossbows, muzzleloaders, shotguns, rifles, pistols, and any other firearms or illegal means (as governed by State designations) to take white-tailed deer during the designated refuge archery hunt.

(iv) Hunters must check all white-tailed deer at the refuge check station prior to removal from Bulls Island.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow saltwater fishing and shell fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit cast nets on the pier at Garris Landing.

(ii) 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.

(b) *Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) All hunters must carry a signed refuge general hunt permit (signed brochure) and government-issued picture identification.

(ii) Each youth hunter (age 15 and younger) must remain within sight and voice contact and under supervision of an adult age 21 or older.

(iii) We prohibit discharge of any weapon on or across any part of the refuge road system.

(iv) 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. Companions assisting disabled hunters must be listed on the Special Use Permit.

(v) For hunting, you may possess shotguns with shot no larger than #5.

(vi) Legal shooting hours for September dove hunts are 12 p.m. (noon) to 6 p.m.

(vii) We prohibit the possession of more than 50 shotgun shells during the September dove hunts.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We require dogs for hunting raccoon and opossum. All dogs must wear a collar displaying the owner's contact information.

(iii) Upland game hunters may possess shotguns with shot no larger than #4, or .22 caliber rimfire rifles or primitive muzzleloading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller. We prohibit possession of buckshot or slugs.

(iv) Upland game hunters using archery equipment must use small game tips on the arrows.

(v) All persons participating in refuge firearms hunts and while en route to and from hunting areas must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid blaze orange. This does not apply to raccoon and opossum hunters.

(vi) We prohibit falconry.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, coyote, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (iii), and (iv) and (b)(2)(v) of this section apply.

(ii) Each youth hunter (age 15 and younger) must remain within sight and voice contact and under supervision of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

(iii) Harvested deer, feral hog, or turkey must be checked at the designated check station prior to removing from the refuge. Hunters must complete the Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359).

(iv) 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.

(v) During the primitive weapons hunt, you may use bow and arrow, crossbows, muzzleloading shotguns (20 gauge or larger), or muzzleloading rifles (.40 caliber or larger). We prohibit revolving rifles and black-powder handguns.

(vi) 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 centimeters (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.

(vii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(viii) We prohibit adults from possessing or discharging firearms during youth deer or turkey hunts.

(ix) We prohibit placing stands on the refuge more than 3 days prior to the opening day of each big game hunt period. You must remove stands at the end of each hunt period (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit bow fishing, fish baskets, nets, set hooks, trotlines, or snagging devices.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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).

(v) We designate Oxpen Lake as adult-youth fishing only. A youth (age 15 and younger) must be actively fishing and accompanied by no more than two adults age 18 or older. We prohibit adults fishing unless a youth accompanies them. The creel limit on channel catfish is five fish per person per day.

(vi) We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages while fishing on the refuge.

(c) *Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require each hunter to carry at all times while hunting a signed, current refuge hunting regulations brochure (signed brochure) containing a refuge hunt permit.

(ii) Each youth hunter (age 15 and younger) 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.

(iii) We only allow hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) each day during the State waterfowl season.

(iv) You must remove portable blinds and decoys at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(v) We only allow the use of dogs while hunting.

(vi) We allow scouting all year from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(vii) You may access the hunt areas only by boat.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) Except for the special quota permit hunts, we allow only archery or muzzleloader hunting. During special quota permit hunts, we allow use of centerfire rifles or shotguns.

(iii) On hunt days, hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 5 a.m. and must leave the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(iv) We require all deer taken during any hunt to be checked at the designated refuge check station before removal from the refuge. In addition, all deer must be tagged with an antlerless tag (State-issued) provided by the refuge.

(v) 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 centimeters) or more in length.

(vi) 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. We prohibit removal of live hogs from the refuge.

(vii) You must hunt deer and feral hogs from an elevated deer stand. We prohibit shooting big game from a boat.

(viii) All permanently fixed ground blinds are for the mobility-impaired hunt only.

(ix) We prohibit crossbows on the archery hunts. We only allow muzzleloading rifles using a single projectile on the muzzleloader hunts. We prohibit buckshot.

(x) You may use flagging to mark the site of hunter entry from roads or trails and again at the stand site. You may use clothespins with reflective tape between these sites to mark the route to the stand. Hunters must label all such markers with their last name and State hunting license number.

(xi) 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, florescent-orange material at all times during the muzzleloader and mobility-impaired hunts.

(xii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We only allow bank fishing.

(iii) We only allow hook and line sport fishing using rod and reel or pole.

(d) *Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow hunting on the refuge by lottery.

(ii) We require a refuge hunt permit (electronic form) 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.

(iii) Hunters must check-in at the designated check station and park in the designated area prior to hunting. We require personal identification at check-in.

(iv) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(v) Each hunter may place one stand on the refuge during the week preceding the hunt. You must remove your stand at the end of the hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vi) We prohibit the use of buckshot.

(vii) We prohibit hunting closer than 100 yards (90 meters (m)) to U.S. Highway 278 or the check station area, or closer than 200 yards (180 m) to the residence area.

(viii) Refuge personnel must check deer harvested during a scheduled hunt before hunters leave the refuge.

(ix) You may take five deer (no more than two antlered).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow saltwater fishing year-round in the estuarine waters adjacent to the refuge.

(ii) We prohibit freshwater fishing.

(e) *Santee National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of raccoon and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only primitive weapons. We prohibit hunting with exploding arrows, centerfire rifles, and handguns.

(ii) All refuge hunters age 14 and younger must show proof of successful completion of a hunter-education/safety course. A properly licensed adult age 21 or older must directly supervise (within sight and normal voice contact) hunters age 14 and younger. An adult may supervise only one youth.

(iii) 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.

(iv) You must check in all harvested animals at a designated check station. If no refuge employee is present at a designated check station to check the harvested animal, the hunter must record species harvest information on the provided data sheet (FWS Form 3-2405).

(v) 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.

(vi) 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.

(vii) We prohibit hunting from within 100 feet (30 meters (m)) of or across 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.

(viii) We open hunting areas from 5 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. during designated hunt periods.

(ix) We allow the use of dogs only for raccoon and opossum hunting. The dogs must wear a collar displaying the owner's contact information.

(x) 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.

(xi) We only allow take of raccoon and opossum with a shotgun using shot size no larger than #4 or a .22-caliber rimfire rifle. We prohibit possession of buckshot or slugs.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(2)(i) through (viii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit night hunting of deer and feral hogs. On the refuge, we define "nighttime" as from 1/2 hour after legal sunset to 1/2 hour before legal sunrise.

(iii) We allow the unlimited incidental take of feral hog while hunting during the day.

(iv) 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 (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(v) You must hunt deer and feral hog from portable elevated hunting stands. You must wear a safety belt or harness 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 State hunting license number.

(vi) You may place stands, clothespins, 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.). You must remove them by 8:30 p.m. on the last day of each hunt period (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(vii) We open the Plantation Islands (Cuddo Unit) to deer and feral hog hunting only from 5 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

(viii) Shooting hours are from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until 1/2 hour after legal sunset.

(ix) We allow the use of nonmotorized boats for accessing the unit's interior canals to inland areas open to hunting.

(x) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Anglers must sign and possess a refuge fishing permit (signed brochure), and possess government-issued picture identification, while fishing on the refuge. We require all recreational fishing boat operators to have one refuge fishing permit per boat.

(ii) We open Cantey Bay (Bluff Unit), Black Bottom (Cuddo Unit), and Savannah Branch (Pine Island Unit) only to boating and fishing, from March 1 through October 31.

(iii) We allow fishing access in interior freshwater canals and ponds only by canoes or kayaks, or by foot or bicycle travel only.

(iv) We prohibit attaching trotlines, bush/limb lines, fishing devices, signs, or any other objects to trees, posts, or markers within refuge boundaries.

(f) *Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.* Refer to §32.29(h) for regulations.

(g) *Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, dove, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry at all times while hunting a signed, current refuge hunting regulations brochure (signed brochure), which serves as the hunt permit.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We allow scouting Monday through Friday during the waterfowl season. Hunters must be off the refuge by 2 p.m.

(v) Hunters must remove portable blinds and decoys from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vi) We allow the use of dogs only while hunting. We require dogs to wear a collar displaying the owner's contact information.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of gray squirrel, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i), (ii), and (vi) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting only on days designated annually by the refuge within the State season.

(iii) You may possess only nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) no larger than #2 in shotguns for hunting. We allow .22-caliber rimfire rifles.

(iv) We prohibit shooting any game from a boat except waterfowl.

(v) We prohibit upland game hunting during refuge big game hunts.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) and (g)(2)(ii) and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow archery, muzzleloading (black powder), rifles (centerfire larger than .22 caliber), and shotguns according to refuge unit-specific regulations. 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.

(iii) 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 (paragraph (g)(1)(iv) of this section) apply to scouting for big game species.

(iv) 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.

(v) We allow harvest of only one antlered deer for each hunt session; you may not exceed harvest of a total of three antlered deer per year. We allow harvest of three antlerless deer per season; you may not exceed harvest of more than two antlerless deer per day.

(vi) You may take feral hogs during refuge deer hunts. There is no size or bag limit on hogs.

(vii) We prohibit hunting on or within 100 feet (30 meters) of all routes marked as roads or trails on the hunt brochure map.

(viii) You must hunt deer and feral hog from an elevated hunting stand.

(ix) We allow only one portable tree stand per hunter, and you must clearly mark it with your State hunting license 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).

(x) 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 last name, and you must remove them at the end of the hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(xi) 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.

(xii) We prohibit organized drives. We define a “drive” as an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase, or otherwise frighten or cause game to move in the direction of any person(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the game.

(xiii) We allow crossbows only during the big game hunting sessions, when we allow muzzleloaders and modern weapons.

(xiv) 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. Each youth hunter must possess a signed refuge hunting regulations brochure. 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.

(xv) 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

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## **§32.60 South Dakota.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Huron Wetland Management District*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(b) *LaCreek National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow the hunting of goose, duck, coot, common snipe, sandhill crane, crow, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters may enter the refuge 2 hours before legal sunrise and remain no longer than 2 hours after legal sunset. We allow access from refuge parking areas, adjacent public lands, and adjacent private lands enrolled in public access programs.

(ii) We allow the use of motorized boats for hunting and game retrieval on the Little White River Recreation Area. We allow the use of manual powered boats for hunting and game retrieval on all waters within open hunt areas and the use of boats with electric motors on Pool #10.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs.

(iv) We prohibit shooting from or over refuge roads and parking areas.

(v) We prohibit hunting light geese during the spring conservation order.

(vi) For crow hunting, we prohibit hunting with rifles and hunting during the spring season.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow the hunting of bobcat, coyote, fox, cottontail rabbit, mountain lion, prairie chicken, ring-necked pheasant, and sharp-tailed grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (ii), and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow access for bobcat, coyote, fox, and mountain lion hunting January 1 through February 15, and hunting hours are from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit the use of dogs when hunting bobcat, coyote, fox, and mountain lion. We allow the use of dogs while hunting other upland game.

(iv) Coyotes and all furbearers or their parts, if left in the field, must be left at least 50 yards away from any road, trail, or building. Otherwise, hunters must remove them from the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) Hunters may leave portable tree stands and free-standing elevated platforms on the refuge from August 25 through February 15. Hunters must remove all other personal property by the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) We close the refuge to archery hunting during refuge firearm seasons.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We open designated fishing areas from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset, except the Little White River Recreation Area.

(c) *Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You must remove all boats, motor vehicles, fishing equipment, and other personal property, excluding ice houses, by the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(d) *Lake Andes Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district subject to the following condition: You must remove portable ground blinds and other personal property at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(e) *Madison Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district subject to the following condition: You must remove portable ground blinds and other personal property by the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(f) *Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated portions of the refuge subject to the following condition: Unarmed waterfowl hunters on the perimeter of the refuge may retrieve downed waterfowl up to 100 yards (90 meters) inside the refuge boundary.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and partridge on designated portions of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting of upland game birds from the Monday following closure of the refuge firearms deer season through the first Sunday in January.

(ii) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 10 a.m. each day.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Only firearms deer hunters possessing and carrying a State-issued Sand Lake refuge permit may hunt deer on the refuge.

(ii) We allow portable tree stands; portable, elevated hunting platforms not attached to trees; and portable ground blinds only.

(iii) You may place your tree stand(s), elevated platform(s), and/or ground blind(s) on the refuge only during your designated licensed season. You must remove these stands/blinds by the end of your designated licensed season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) Deer hunters may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal shooting time and remain no longer than 1 hour after shooting time ends.

(v) We allow vehicles on designated refuge roads only for retrieving harvested deer and only during the following times: 9:30 to 10 a.m., 1:30 to 2 p.m., and from the end of legal shooting time to 1 hour after the end of shooting time (see §27.31 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Fishing hours are  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We allow ice fishing shanties, but anglers must remove them at the end of each day's fishing activity (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(g) *Sand Lake Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district and 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) You must remove portable ground blinds, trail cameras, and other personal property by the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(h) *Waubay National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow deer hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must remove stands by the end of the hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ii) Hunters may launch nonmotorized watercraft from designated access points to travel to islands.

(iii) We close archery seasons during refuge firearm seasons.

(iv) We prohibit organized deer drives during archery season. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow ice fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit open water fishing at any time.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Anglers must remove ice shacks by 1 hour after legal sunset (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iv) We restrict angler foot travel to posted access points, public roads, and lake ice.

(i) *Waubay Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the district 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's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the district.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) You must remove portable ground blinds and other personal property by the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the district 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's fishing activity (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

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## §32.61 Tennessee.

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, merganser, mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) and comply with all permit provisions.

(ii) We allow hunting for duck, goose, coot, and merganser from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to 12 p.m. (noon). We allow hunters to access the refuge no more than 2 hours before legal sunrise.

(iii) We close mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe seasons during all youth and muzzleloader hunts, and during the first 4 weeks of firearms deer seasons.

(iv) You may use only portable blinds, and you must remove all boats, blinds, and decoys from the refuge by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, coyote, beaver, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow hunters to access the refuge no more than 2 hours before legal sunrise to no later than 2 hours after legal sunset, except that raccoon and opossum hunters may access the refuge from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

(iii) We close squirrel, rabbit, and quail seasons during all youth and muzzleloader hunts, and during the first 4 weeks of firearms deer seasons.

(iv) We close raccoon and opossum seasons on 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.

(v) You may take coyote and beaver incidental to legal hunting activities with legal methods of take for those hunts.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(2)(ii) and (v) of this section apply.

(ii) You may only participate in the refuge quota hunts with a special quota permit issued through random drawing (electronic form).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing only with pole and line, or rod and reel.

(ii) We allow the use of bow and arrow, or a gig, to take nongame fish on refuge waters.

(iii) We prohibit taking frog or turtle on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(b) *Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of Canada goose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a refuge hunt permit (electronic form) for all hunters age 17 and older. You must carry a valid refuge permit while hunting on the refuge.

(ii) The annual refuge hunting and fishing regulations brochure provides season dates and bag limits.

(iii) We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 meters) of any building, public use road, or boat launching ramp.

(iv) We allow hunters to access the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset.

(v) We allow the use of dogs to retrieve geese.

(vi) You may use only portable blinds, and you must remove all boats, blinds, and decoys from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vii) We allow the take of beaver and coyote incidental to legal hunting activities with legal methods of take for those hunts.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, beaver, and coyote on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iv) and (vii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(2)(i) through (iv) and (b)(1)(vii) of this section apply.

(ii) 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 from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) You may only participate in the refuge quota deer hunts with a special quota permit (electronic form) issued through random drawing.

(iv) Each youth hunter age 16 and younger must remain within sight of and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. One adult hunter may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We prohibit trotlines, limblines, jugs, and slat baskets in refuge pools and impoundments and on Elk Reservoir and South Cross Creeks Reservoir.

(iii) We prohibit taking frog, turtle, and crawfish on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow bow fishing in refuge impoundments and on Barkley Lake.

(c) *Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, merganser, mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) and comply with all permit provisions.

(ii) We allow hunting for duck, goose, coot, and merganser from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon). We allow hunters to access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise.

(iii) We close mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe seasons during all quota gun and youth deer gun hunts.

(iv) You may use only portable blinds, and you must remove all boats, blinds, and decoys from the refuge by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, coyote, beaver, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow hunters to access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise to no later than 2 hours after legal sunset, except that raccoon and opossum hunters may access the refuge from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

(iii) We close all small game hunts during the refuge deer quota and youth gun hunts.

(iv) You may take coyote and beaver incidental to legal hunting activities with legal methods of take for those hunts.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (c)(2)(ii) and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) You may only participate in the refuge deer quota hunts with a special quota permit (electronic form) issued through random drawing.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing only with pole and line, or rod and reel.

(ii) We allow use of a bow and arrow, or gig, to take nongame fish on refuge waters.

(iii) We prohibit taking frog or turtle on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iv) We open Oneal Lake for fishing during a restricted season and for authorized special events.

(v) We only allow fishing boats of 18 feet (5.5 meters) or less in length on refuge lakes.

(d) *Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, coyote, beaver, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) and comply with all permit provisions.

(ii) We allow hunters to access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise to no later than 2 hours after legal sunset, except that raccoon hunters may access the refuge from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

(iii) You may take coyote and beaver incidental to legal hunting activities with legal methods of take for those hunts.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow only archery hunting for white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(2)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open all waters of Lake Isom to fishing only from March 16 through November 14, and from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit taking frog or turtle from refuge waters (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow fishing only with pole and line, or rod and reel.

(iv) We allow use of a bow and arrow, or a gig, to take nongame fish on refuge waters.

(e) *Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, merganser, mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) and comply with all permit provisions.

(ii) We allow hunting for duck, goose, coot, and merganser from ½ hour before legal sunrise to 12 p.m. (noon). We allow hunters to access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise.

(iii) We close mourning dove, woodcock, and snipe seasons all youth and muzzleloader hunts, and during the first 4 weeks of firearms deer seasons.

(iv) You may use only portable blinds, and you must remove all boats, blinds, and decoys from the refuge by 1 p.m. each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, quail, coyote, beaver, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (e)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow hunters to access the refuge no more than 2 hours before legal sunrise to no more than 2 hours after legal sunset, except that raccoon and opossum hunters may access the refuge from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

(iii) We close squirrel, rabbit, and quail seasons during all youth and muzzleloader hunts, and during the first 4 weeks of firearms deer seasons.

(iv) We close raccoon and opossum seasons on 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.

(v) You may take coyote and beaver incidental to legal hunting activities with legal methods of take for those hunts.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) and (e)(2)(ii) and (v) of this section apply.

(ii) You may participate in the refuge quota hunts only with a special quota permit (electronic form) issued through random drawing.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge and the Sunk Lake Public Use Natural Area as governed by State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We allow fishing only with pole and line, or rod and reel.

(iii) We allow use of a bow and arrow, or a gig, to take nongame fish on refuge waters.

(iv) We prohibit taking frog or turtle on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(f) *Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, coyote, beaver, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (signed refuge brochure) and comply with all permit provisions.

(ii) We allow hunters to access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise to no later than 2 hours after legal sunset, except that raccoon hunters may access the refuge from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

(iii) You may take coyote and beaver incidental to legal hunting activities with legal methods of take for those hunts.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting for white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(2)(i) through (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may participate in the refuge firearms deer and turkey quota hunts only with a special quota permit (electronic form) issued through random drawing.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We allow fishing on the refuge from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit taking of frog or turtle on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(g) *Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of Canada goose, dove, and crow on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a refuge hunt permit (name and address) for all hunters age 17 and older. You must carry a valid refuge permit while hunting on the refuge.

(ii) The annual refuge hunting and fishing regulations brochure provides season dates and bag limits.

(iii) We prohibit hunting within 50 yards (45 meters) of any building, public use road, or boat launching ramp.

(iv) We allow hunters to access the refuge from 2 hours before legal sunrise to 2 hours after legal sunset, except as provided under paragraph (g)(2)(ii) of this section.

(v) Youth hunters age 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older who has a refuge hunting permit on his or her person. The adult must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs for migratory bird, squirrel, raccoon, and opossum hunting.

(vii) You may use only portable blinds, and you must remove all boats, blinds, and decoys from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(viii) We allow the take of beaver and coyote incidental to legal hunting activities with legal methods of take for those hunts.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, coyote, beaver, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) through (vi) and (viii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting for raccoon and opossum from legal sunset to legal sunrise.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) through (v) and (viii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may participate in the refuge quota deer hunts only with a special quota permit (electronic form) issued through random drawing.

(iii) 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's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing in Swamp Creek, Sulphur Well Bay, and Bennetts Creek from March 16 through November 14. We open the remainder of the refuge portion of Kentucky Lake to fishing year-round. We allow bank fishing year-round along Refuge Lane from the New Johnsonville Pump Station.

(ii) We allow fishing on interior refuge impoundments from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset from March 16 to November 14.

(iii) We prohibit taking frog, turtle, and crawfish on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iv) We prohibit trotlines, limblines, jugs, and slat baskets in refuge pools and impoundments.

(v) We allow bow fishing in refuge impoundments and on Kentucky Lake.

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The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, white-winged, mourning, rock, and Eurasian collared-dove, and rock pigeon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must carry a current signed refuge hunting permit (signed tearsheet) while waterfowl hunting on all refuge hunt units.

(ii) Season dates for waterfowl will be concurrent with the State, except as specified in the refuge hunting permit (signed tearsheet).

(iii) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(iv) 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 1 hour before legal sunrise and must leave the refuge by  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset. We close refuge hunt units on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

(v) For waterfowl hunting, we allow hunting in portions of the East Unit on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays during the regular waterfowl seasons.

(vi) Hunters must check in and out through the check station (FWS Form 3-2405) when accessing the East Unit by vehicle.

(vii) We require hunters to remain in an assigned area for that day's hunt.

(viii) We allow hunters to access designated areas of the East Unit by boat from Jackson Ditch, East Bay Bayou, or Onion Bayou.

(ix) We allow hunting on the East Unit as governed by the State light goose conservation order. Hunt areas are by permit on a first-come, first-served basis the morning of the hunt. We allow a maximum of six persons per field. Individuals in each group must set up and stay in their permitted area and stay within 50 feet (15 meters (m)) of each other unless retrieving goose.

(x) 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.

(xi) 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.

(xii) We restrict motorized boats in inland waters of the Middleton Tract to motors of 25 horsepower or less or electric trolling motors during hunting season.

(xiii) You may access hunt areas by foot, nonmotorized watercraft, outboard motorboat, or airboat. Airboats may not exceed 10 horsepower with direct drive with a propeller length of 48 inches (120 centimeters) or less.

(xiv) 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 when hunting. We prohibit the operation of motorized boats on or through emergent wetland vegetation.

(xv) 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 horsepower or less and utilizing a propeller 9 inches (22.5 centimeters) in diameter or less during the hunting season.

(xvi) We allow portable blinds or temporary natural vegetation blinds. You must remove all blinds, decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, and other equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(xvii) We require a minimum distance between hunt parties of 200 yards (180 m).

(xviii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We allow cast netting for bait for personal use along waterways in areas open to the public and along public roads.

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(xiii) and (xv) of this section apply.

(iv) We prohibit mooring to water control structures.

(b) *Aransas National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and merganser on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) For the Matagorda Island upland units, each adult hunter age 17 or older must possess an annual public hunting permit administered by the State.

(ii) Hunting starts at the designated legal shooting time and ends at 12 p.m. (noon) on the Matagorda Island upland units. Hunters must leave upland units by 12:30 p.m. Authorized hunting on other designated areas begins 30 minutes before legal sunrise and ends at legal sunset.

(iii) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(iv) We allow portable blinds or temporary natural vegetation blinds. You must remove all blinds, decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, and other equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(v) For the Matagorda Island upland units, we require all hunters to check in and out at the hunter check station located on the north end of the Island.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section applies.

(ii) On the Blackjack and Tatton Units, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

(A) We allow sprays and other non-ingestible attractants.

(B) For the archery and rifle season, hunters must obtain a refuge self-clearing permit (FWS Form 3-2405).

(C) The annual refuge hunt brochure provides bag limits.

(D) Hunters must field dress all harvested game in the field.

(E) 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.

(F) We prohibit hunters using handguns during archery and rifle hunts.

(G) 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 day, but must remove them when the hunter's permit expires (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(H) 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. You must write your last name in black permanent marker on the first piece of flagging tape nearest the adjacent designated roadway.

(iii) On the Matagorda Island Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

(A) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(3)(ii)(A) through (H) of this section apply.

(B) We require all hunters to stay in their designated stand unless they are retrieving game. We prohibit stalking of game.

(C) Each adult hunter may supervise up to two youth hunters.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing and fishing access on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the use of crab traps in marshes within the boundary of any refuge unit.

(ii) We allow the use of no more than two rods while fishing.

(iii) Beginning April 15 through October 15, you may access State waters for fishing at areas designated in the refuge fishing brochure. From October 16 through April 14, we open to fishing only the area adjacent to the picnic area off of the fishing pier; we allow wade fishing access in that immediate area. You may fish all year in the bayside marsh unit and the Gulf side beach of Matagorda Island.

(iv) We prohibit consumption of alcohol or possession of open alcohol containers while fishing.

(c) *Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of mourning, white-wing, rock, and Eurasian-collared dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters in designated area(s) from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset.

(ii) We require refuge permits (name only).

(iii) We allow the use of dogs to retrieve game birds during the hunt.

(iv) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(v) Hunter may bring up to two guests. Guests may not use a hunting firearm. Guests must be with the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(ii) and (iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We require hunters to check in and out daily at designated check station(s).

(iii) The annual refuge hunt brochure provides bag limits.

(iv) We allow the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to retrieve downed game.

(v) We allow scent attractants.

(vi) A hunter may bring one guest. The guest may not use a hunting firearm or other hunting weapon (archery). The guest may assist the hunter in game retrieval or field dressing activities. The guest must be with the hunter at all times.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(iv) and (c)(2)(ii) through (vi) of this section apply.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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 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.

(ii) Hunters 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(iii) 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 p.m.

(iv) We allow motorized boats, including airboats, in open tidal waters. We prohibit the operation of motorized boats in shallow water through emergent and submergent wetland vegetation, or where bottom gouging would occur. We allow motorized boats to enter shallow water by drifting or polling, or by means of trolling motor where it does not cause damage to vegetation or the bottom.

(v) You must remove all decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, vegetation (blind material), and other equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(vi) We require a minimum distance between hunt parties of 200 yards (180 meters).

(vii) We restrict vehicle access to designated roads and parking areas. You may access hunt units from land by foot or nonmotorized conveyance from designated parking areas or turn-arounds. You may access public waterfowl hunting areas by motorized boat from State waters, where applicable.

(2)-(4) [Reserved]

(e) *Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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 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.

(ii) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(iii) 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 p.m.

(iv) We allow hunting in the Alligator Marsh public waterfowl hunting area daily during the September teal season and on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays of the regular waterfowl season.

(v) We allow motorized boats, including airboats, in open tidal waters. We prohibit the operation of motorized boats in shallow waters, through emergent and submergent wetland vegetation, or where bottom gouging would occur. We allow motorized boats to enter shallow water by drifting or polling, or by means of trolling motor where it does not cause damage to vegetation or the bottom.

(vi) You must remove all decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, vegetation (blind material), and other equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(vii) We require a minimum distance between hunt parties of 200 yards (180 meters (m)).

(viii) We allow the retrieval of downed waterfowl inside a 100-yard (91-m) retrieval zone west of Middle Bayou. We also allow the retrieval of downed waterfowl inside a 100-yard (91-m) retrieval zone around the portions of Alligator Lake that are open to hunting.

(ix) We restrict vehicle access to designated roads and parking areas. You may access hunt units from land by foot or nonmotorized conveyance from designated parking areas and turn-arounds. You may access public waterfowl hunting areas by motorized boat from State waters, where applicable.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages in all public fishing areas.

(ii) We open Bastrop Bayou Fishing Pier and pull-offs to fishing 24 hours a day.

(iii) 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.

(iv) The condition set forth at paragraph (e)(1)(v) of this section applies.

(f) *Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove, white-winged dove, and Eurasian collared-dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to obtain a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G).

(ii) Hunters age 17 and younger (“youth hunters”) must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older (“adult supervisor”).

(iii) We limit hunting to no more than 6 days with a maximum of 12 hunters, during the concurrent pheasant/quail season as governed by the State of Texas hunting season.

(iv) Hunting hours will be from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until noon.

(v) All hunters must check in and out at refuge headquarters.

(vi) Bag limits will be determined annually for each species, but will never exceed the limits set by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, northern bobwhite, and scaled quail on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(ii), (iii), and (v) of this section apply.

(ii) Hunting hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(iii) We allow only shotguns for pheasant and quail hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, mule deer, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (f)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(ii) After legal sunset, hunters may be in designated camping areas only. We prohibit hunters in all other areas of the refuge after legal sunset.

(iii) During the youth hunt, each adult supervisor may supervise only one youth hunter. A youth hunter may have up to two adult supervisors.

(4) [Reserved]

(g) *Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The annual refuge tearsheet (signed brochure) provides season dates and bag limits.

(ii) Deer archery hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge tearsheet (signed brochure) while hunting.

(iii) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(iv) You may hunt feral hog during any established refuge hunting season. Refuge permits and legal weapons apply for the current hunting season.

(v) We allow hunters to access the refuge no more than 2 hours before legal sunrise and no more than 2 hours after legal sunset.

(vi) You may participate in the refuge firearms deer hunt only with a Quota Deer Hunt Permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) issued through random drawing.

(vii) 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's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(viii) We allow all-terrain vehicles for medically documented disabled hunters by Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G only).

(4) [Reserved]

(h) *Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge tearsheet (signed brochure).

(ii) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(iii) We require hunters to self-check-in and self-check-out (FWS Form 3-2405), with the exception of Nocona Unit.

(iv) We prohibit falconry.

(v) We allow the use of dogs to retrieve game.

(vi) We allow only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) for all hunts on the refuge.

(vii) We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) of any day use area or walking trail.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of fox squirrel and eastern cottontail rabbit in the months of January, February, and September on designated areas of the refuge and subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i) through (vii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a limited hunt permit (name only) for controlled hunts for archery deer, hunts for feral hog, and spring wild turkey hunts.

(ii) We require feral hog and turkey hunters to self-check-in and self-check-out (FWS Form 3-2405), with the exception of Nocona Unit.

(iii) We require controlled deer hunters to check in and out (FWS Form 3-2405) at the refuge check station.

(iv) We allow muzzleloaders, bow and arrow, and shotguns for feral hog and spring turkey hunts. You may possess only lead-free, approved nontoxic (steel, bismuth, copper, or tungsten; see §32.2(k)) bullets, slugs, and shot (00 buck for hogs, no shell larger than #4 shot size for turkey).

(v) We require all hunters to check-in, show proof of personal identification, and produce a valid limited hunt permit (name only) prior to the hunt.

(vi) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vii) 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.

(viii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(ii) and (v) of this section apply.

(ix) We require proof of completion of a bow hunter education course for all archery deer hunting.

(x) We require annual successful completion of an archery proficiency test with a score of 80 percent or higher for all deer hunt permit holders.

(xi) We allow hunting only from stands or blinds, or by stalking.

(xii) We prohibit cutting of trees or limbs greater than 1 inch (2.5 centimeters).

(xiii) We 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge and subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open Lake Texoma and connected streams to bank fishing with pole and line, rod and reel, or hand line year-round.

(ii) We allow wade fishing from March 15 through October 1 annually from all areas except Refuge Road, Wildlife Drive, Plover Road, Tern Road, and Egret Road.

(iii) We allow fishing in refuge ponds from March 15 through September 30 annually, with the exception of Refuge Road pond, which is open year-round.

(iv) We prohibit the use of glass containers, plastic jugs, and/or plastic bottles as floats on trotlines.

(v) You may only take bait for personal use while fishing in refuge waters as governed by Texas State law.

(vi) 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.

(vii) We prohibit limb lines, throw lines, jug lines, seine nets, noodling, and yo-yos.

(viii) We prohibit taking frog, turtle, and mussel from refuge lands and waters (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(i) *Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. (1)-(2) [Reserved]*

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, nilgai antelope, other exotic ungulates, and American alligator on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the incidental take of nilgai antelope, feral hog, and other rarely observed exotic ungulates (such as fallow deer, axis deer, sika deer, Barbary sheep, and black buck) during all refuge hunts, with the exception of American alligator hunts.

(ii) We require hunters to attend refuge hunter orientation before hunting on the refuge. We require each hunter to obtain and carry with them a signed and dated hunt information tearsheet (name only) in addition to the State hunt permit.

(iii) Bag limits for species hunted on the refuge are provided in the refuge hunt tearsheet annually.

(iv) Each hunter age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(v) We allow a scouting period prior to the commencement of each refuge hunt period. A permitted hunter and a limit of two non-permitted individuals may enter the hunt units during the scouting period, which begins after hunter orientation and ends at legal sunset. Each hunter must clearly display a Vehicle Validation Tag face up on the vehicle dashboard when scouting and hunting.

(vi) We allow hunters to enter the refuge 1½ hours before legal sunrise during their permitted hunt periods. Hunters must leave the hunt units no later than 1 hour after State legal shooting hours.

(vii) Hunters may access hunt units only by foot or bicycle.

(viii) We allow hunting from portable stands or by stalking and still hunting. There is a limit of one blind or stand per permitted hunter. Hunters must attach hunter identification (permit number or State license number) to the blind or stand. Hunters must remove all blinds and stands at the end of the permitted hunt period (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(ix) During American alligator hunts, we allow hunters to leave hooks set over only one night period at a time; set lines must be checked daily. Hunters must field dress all harvested big game in the field and check the game at the hunt check station before removal from the refuge. Hunters may use a nonmotorized cart to assist with the transportation of harvested game animals.

(x) Hunters must field dress all harvested big game in the field and check the game at the hunt check station before removal from the refuge. Hunters may use a nonmotorized cart to assist with the transportation of harvested game animals.

(xi) We prohibit the killing or wounding of a game animal and then intentionally or knowingly failing to make a reasonable effort to retrieve and include it in the hunter's bag limit.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing and crabbing year-round only from Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park, on San Martin Lake of the Bahia Grande Unit, and on the South Padre Island Unit.

(ii) We allow only 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, and other fishing devices at all times.

(iii) In the Bahia Grande Unit, inside the refuge boundary on San Martin Lake, we allow only bank and wade fishing within a designated area, which may only be accessed on foot. In other waters of the Bahia Grande Unit, we do not allow boats or fishing inside the refuge boundary.

(j) *Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to obtain a hunt permit (signed brochure) and to possess and carry that permit at all times during your designated hunt period. Hunters must also display the vehicle placard (part of the hunt permit) while participating in the designated hunt period.

(ii) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(iii) You may access the refuge during your permitted hunt period from 1 hour before legal hunt time to 1 hour after legal hunt time. You must only hunt during legal hunt hours.

(iv) We restrict hunt participants to those listed on the refuge hunt permit (hunter, non-hunting chaperone, and non-hunting assistant).

(v) We allow hunters to use bicycles on designated routes of travel.

(vi) We allow the use of dogs to retrieve doves during the hunt.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(i) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow turkey hunting during the spring season only.

(iii) You may only harvest one bearded turkey per hunter.

(iv) We prohibit the killing, wounding, taking, or possession of game animals and then 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.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, nilgai antelope, javelina, and other exotic ungulates (as defined by the State of Texas to include fallow deer, axis deer, sika deer, Barbary sheep, and black buck) on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(i) through (v) and (2)(iv) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow only free-standing blinds or tripods. Hunters may set them up during the scouting days preceding each permitted hunt day and must take them down by the end of each hunt day (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters must mark and tag all stands with their hunting license number during the period of use.

(iii) Hunters must field-dress all harvested big game in the field.

(iv) Hunters may use nonmotorized dollies or carts off of improved roads or trails to haul carcasses to a parking area.

(v) We prohibit the use of big game decoys.

(4) [Reserved]

(k) *McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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 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.

(ii) You must possess and carry a current signed refuge hunting permit (signed tearsheet) while hunting on all units of the refuge.

(iii) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(iv) 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.

(v) You may access hunt areas by foot, nonmotorized watercraft, outboard motorboat, or airboat. Airboats may not exceed 10 horsepower with direct drive with a propeller length of 48 inches (120 centimeters) or less. Engines may not exceed 2 cylinders and 484 cc.

(vi) 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 (FWS Form 3-2405), including those accessing the unit from the beach along the Brine Line or Perkins Levee.

(vii) 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.

(viii) We only allow hunting in the Spaced Hunt Units on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays of the regular waterfowl season. We allow a maximum of four hunters per area. Hunters must possess and carry Special Fee Area Permits (signed refuge tearsheet) while hunting.

(ix) 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.

(x) On inland waters of the refuge hunt area 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 horsepower or less and utilizing a propeller 9 inches (22.5 centimeters) in diameter or less during the hunting season.

(xi) We allow portable blinds and temporary natural vegetation blinds. You must remove all blinds, decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, and other equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(xii) We require a minimum distance between hunt parties, and between hunters and driveable roads and buildings, of 200 yards (180 meters).

(xiii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) We allow cast netting for bait for personal use along waterways in areas open to the public and along public roads.

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (k)(1)(v) and (x) of this section apply.

(iv) We prohibit mooring to water control structures.

(l) *San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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 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.

(ii) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(iii) 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 p.m.

(iv) We require hunters to use the Waterfowl Lottery Application (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) for the Sargent Permit Waterfowl Hunt Area. Hunters must abide by all terms and conditions set by the permit.

(v) We allow motorized boats, including airboats, in open tidal waters. We prohibit the operation of motorized boats in shallow waters, through emergent and submergent wetland vegetation, or where bottom gouging would occur. We allow motorized boats to enter shallow water by drifting or polling, or by means of trolling motor where it does not cause damage to vegetation or the bottom.

(vi) You must remove all decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, vegetation (blind material), and other equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(vii) We require a minimum distance between hunt parties of 200 yards (180 meters).

(viii) We restrict vehicle access to designated roads. You may access hunt units from land by foot or nonmotorized conveyance from designated parking areas or turn-arounds. You may access public waterfowl hunting areas by motorized boat from State waters, where applicable.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit the use or possession of alcoholic beverages in all public fishing areas.

(ii) The condition set forth at paragraph (l)(1)(v) of this section applies.

(m) *Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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 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.

(ii) You must possess and carry a current signed refuge hunting permit (signed tearsheet) while hunting on all hunt units of the refuge.

(iii) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(iv) 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.

(v) 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.

(vi) You may access hunt areas by foot, nonmotorized watercraft, outboard motorboat, or airboat. Airboats may not exceed 10 horsepower with direct drive with a propeller length of 48 inches (120 centimeters) or less. Engines may not exceed 2 cylinders and 484 cc.

(vii) On inland waters of the refuge hunt area 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 horsepower or less and utilizing a propeller 9 inches (22.5 centimeters) in diameter or less during the hunting season.

(viii) We allow portable blinds and temporary natural vegetation blinds. You must remove all blinds, decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, and other equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(ix) We require a minimum distance between hunt parties of 200 yards (180 meters).

(x) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We 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.

(ii) We allow cast netting for bait by individuals along waterways in areas open to the public and along public roads.

(iii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (m)(1)(vi) and (vii) of this section apply.

(iv) We prohibit mooring to water control structures.

(n) *Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow hunting on Champion Lake by refuge lottery drawing.

(ii) 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 out of the hunt area by 12 p.m. (noon).

(iii) You must remove all blinds, decoys, shell casings, and other personal equipment following each hunt day (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow the use of dogs when retrieving game.

(v) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

(vi) We require a minimum distance between hunt parties of 150 yards (135 meters).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting for squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to possess a refuge permit (signed tearsheet). The hunter must carry the nontransferable permit at all times while hunting.

(ii) We require that refuge hunters 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.

(iii) The condition set forth at paragraph (n)(1)(v) of this section applies.

(iv) We allow all-terrain vehicle use for hunters with disabilities in designated units.

(v) We require a minimum distance between hunt parties of 200 yards (180 meters). Hunters must visibly wear 400 square inches (2,600 square centimeters) of hunter orange above the waist and a solid hunter-orange hat or cap.

(vi) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4:30 a.m. We allow hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise to legal sunset only during the days specified on the permit.

(vii) 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 (see §27.93 of this chapter). Hunters must label blinds with the name of the permit holder. We prohibit hunting or erection of blinds on refuge roads or mowed/maintained trails.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require a refuge permit (signed refuge tearsheet) 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 Big Game Harvest Report will render the hunter ineligible for the next year's limited big game hunt. Drawings are by lottery. The hunter must carry the nontransferable permit at all times while hunting.

(ii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (n)(1)(v) and (n)(2)(iv) through (vii) of this section apply.

(iii) We allow hunting during a designated 23-day archery season.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow fishing with pole and line, rod and reel, or hand-held line.

(ii) We prohibit the use of trotlines, setlines, bows and arrows, gigs, spears, fish traps, crab/crawfish traps, and/or nets.

(iii) We prohibit the harvesting of frog or turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iv) We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

### §32.63 Utah.

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and tundra swan on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit hunting or shooting within 100 yards (90 meters (m)) of refuge roads, parking areas, and observation platforms.

(ii) We allow airboats only in Refuge Unit 9 and Block C.

(iii) We close for the spring and extended season goose hunts.

(iv) We prohibit archery hunting on the refuge.

(v) You may enter the refuge 2 hours before legal sunrise and must exit the refuge by 2 hours after legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: 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 that its total capacity does not exceed three shells.

(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open to fishing year-round.

(ii) You may fish only in designated areas west of the Auto Tour Road access gate from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(b) *Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of coot, duck, goose, mourning dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(ii) You may construct temporary blinds. You must remove all blinds constructed out of materials other than vegetation at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow the use of small boats (15 feet or less) when hunting. We prohibit gasoline motors and air boats.

(iv) You may enter the refuge 2 hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the refuge by 1½ hours after legal sunset.

(v) You must remove decoys, boats, vehicles, and other personal property from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vi) We have a special blind area for use by disabled hunters. We prohibit trespass for any reason by any individual not registered to use that area.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of chukar, desert rabbit, and mountain rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We close to hunting on January 31.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of mule deer and pronghorn antelope on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We only allow archery equipment when hunting big game.

(4) [Reserved]

(c) *Ouray National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, and goose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: During hunting season, the refuge is open from 1½ hours before legal sunrise to 1½ hours after legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may possess only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while hunting turkey in the field.

(ii) We allow turkey hunting for youth hunters only.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and elk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(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).

(ii) We allow any-legal-weapon elk hunting for youth, disabled, and depredation pool hunters during State seasons.

(iii) We close for the general any-legal-weapon (rifle) and muzzleloader bull elk hunts.

(iv) We allow any-legal-weapon elk hunting during limited late season antlerless elk hunts starting on December 1 during State seasons.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) You must release unharmed any of the following four endangered fish if caught: Razorback sucker, Colorado pikeminnow, humpback chub, and bonytailed chub.

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### **§32.64 Vermont.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, brant, merganser, coot, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) In the Delta Lakeshore Area:

(A) We prohibit blind staking and unattended decoys.

(B) We prohibit jumpshooting within 200 yards of a party hunting from a boat or blind.

(ii) In the Maquam Shore Area:

(A) We do not require a refuge permit to hunt or scout in this area.

(B) We prohibit jumpshooting within 200 yards (183 meters) of a party hunting from a boat or blind.

(iii) In the Saxes Pothole/Creek and Shad Island Pothole:

(A) This is a controlled hunting area. We require a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) to hunt in this area.

(B) Each hunting party must possess and carry a permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) for the specific zone on the specific day they are hunting in this area. Permits are not transferable.

(C) You must use a dog to retrieve migratory game birds.

(iv) In the Junior Waterfowl Hunting Area:

(A) This is a controlled hunting area. We require a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) to hunt in this area.

(B) Each junior hunter must possess and carry a permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) for the assigned blind site and day. On Mentor Day, mentors must also possess and carry this 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.

(C) Shooting hours end at 11 a.m.

(v) In the Long Marsh Channel and Metcalfe Island:

(A) This is a controlled hunting area. We require a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) to hunt in this area.

(B) We limit hunting to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays throughout the waterfowl hunting season for duck.

(C) Each hunting party must possess and carry a permit for the blind on the specific day they are hunting in this area. Permits are not transferable.

(D) Shooting hours end at 11 a.m.

(E) You must use a dog to retrieve migratory game birds.

(F) We close this area to waterfowl hunting during split seasons when geese are the only waterfowl that hunters may legally take.

(vi) In the Maquam Swamp Area:

(A) We prohibit blind staking and unattended decoys.

(B) You must use a dog to retrieve migratory game birds.

(vii) In all hunting areas, we allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, ruffed grouse, and gray squirrel on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must obtain a signed refuge hunt brochure (signed brochure) at refuge headquarters prior to hunting, and you must hold a valid State hunting license.

(ii) We only allow shotguns or muzzleloaders on open areas east of the Missisquoi River and on Shad Island.

(iii) We prohibit hunting from the end of snowshoe hare and rabbit season through September 1.

(iv) On the Eagle Point Unit, conditions in paragraphs (a)(2)(i) through (iii) of this section do not apply.

(v) The condition set forth at paragraph (a)(1)(vii) of this section applies.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, moose, bear, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must obtain a signed refuge hunt brochure (signed brochure) at refuge headquarters prior to hunting, and you must hold a valid State hunting license.

(ii) 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.

(iii) You may use portable tree stands as governed by State regulations guiding their use on State wildlife management areas with the following exception: We allow only one tree stand or ground blind for each signed refuge hunt brochure (signed brochure) we issue.

(iv) On the Eagle Point Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

(A) You may use portable tree stands as governed by State regulations guiding their use on State wildlife management areas.

(B) We allow training of dogs during the regular hunting seasons as governed by State regulations. We allow dog training outside the regular hunting seasons (*i.e.*, from June 1 through July 31) only with a Special Use Permit (Permit Application Form: National Wildlife Refuge System General Special Use, FWS Form 3-1383-G).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow sport fishing (including bow fishing) by boat and ice fishing in designated areas with the following exceptions:

(A) We close the following areas: Goose Bay, Saxes Creek and Pothole, Metcalfe Island Pothole, Long Marsh Channel, and Clark Marsh.

(B) We close the following areas from Labor Day to December 31: Long Marsh Bay and Long Marsh Channel.

(ii) We allow bank fishing along designated areas of Charcoal Creek.

(iii) We prohibit taking fish with firearms within refuge boundaries.

(iv) 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).

(b) *Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of duck, goose, crow, and American woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow disabled hunters to hunt from a vehicle that is at least 10 feet from the traveled portion of the refuge road if the hunter possesses a State-issued disabled hunting license and a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) issued by the refuge manager.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *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 on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) Shooting from, over, or within 10 feet of the traveled portion of any gravel road is prohibited.

(iii) We require hunters hunting at night to possess a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) issued by the refuge manager.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, moose, black bear, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) and (b)(2)(ii) of this section apply.

(ii) You may use portable tree stands and/or blinds. You must clearly label your tree stands and/or blinds with your hunting license number.

(iii) You may retrieve moose at the Nulhegan Basin Division with the use of a commercial moose hauler, if the hauler possesses a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-C) issued by the refuge manager.

(4) [Reserved]

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## **§32.65 Virginia.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) 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. We prohibit use of trailers.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We prohibit the use of tree stands, except on Long Island (Hunt Zone 1).

(v) We prohibit the use of pursuit dogs while hunting white-tailed deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing, noncommercial crabbing, and clamming on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) 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-G) in this area on dates and at times designated on the permit.

(iii) For sport fishing in D Pool:

(A) We only allow fishing from the docks or banks in D Pool. We prohibit boats, canoes, and kayaks on D Pool.

(B) We prohibit hooks other than barbless or flattened.

(C) 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.

(D) Parking for non-ambulatory anglers is available adjacent to the dock at D Pool. All other anglers must enter the area by foot or bicycle.

(b) *Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl and rail on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must obtain and possess a signed refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) while hunting on the refuge.

(ii) You may only access hunting areas by boat.

(iii) We prohibit hunting on Assawoman and Metompkin Islands' beach and dune habitats beginning March 15.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and sika in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow holders of a signed refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) to access areas of the refuge typically closed to the nonhunting public. All occupants of a vehicle or hunt party must possess a refuge hunt permit and be actively engaged in hunting. We allow an exception for those persons aiding a disabled person who possesses a valid State-issued Commonwealth of Virginia Disabled Resident Lifetime License or Commonwealth of Virginia Resident Disabled Veteran's Lifetime License.

(ii) You may not hunt within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of any building.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iv) You may not hunt, discharge a firearm, or nock an arrow or crossbow bolt within 50 feet (15.2 meters) of the centerline of any road, whether improved or unimproved, or paved trail.

(v) We prohibit the use of pursuit dogs while hunting white-tailed deer and sika.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing, crabbing, and clamming from the shoreline of the refuge in designated areas subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must attend minnow traps, crab traps, crab pots, and handlines at all times.

(ii) We prohibit the use of seine nets and pneumatic (compressed air or otherwise) bait launchers.

(iii) The State regulates certain species of finfish, shellfish, and crustacean (crab) using size or possession limits. You may not alter these species, to include cleaning or filleting, in such a way that we cannot determine its species or total length.

(iv) In order to fish after the refuge closes for the day, anglers must obtain an overnight fishing pass (name/address/phone) issued by the National Park Service. Anglers can obtain a pass in person at the National Park Service Tom's Cove Visitor Center.

(v) We allow only three surf fishing poles per licensed angler, and those poles must be attended at all times. This includes persons age 65 or older who are license-exempt in

Virginia.

(c) *Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow archery and shotgun hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow holders of a signed refuge hunt permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) to access areas of the refuge typically closed to the nonhunting public. All occupants of a vehicle or hunt party must possess a refuge hunt permit and be actively engaged in hunting. We allow an exception for those persons aiding a disabled person who possesses a valid State-issued Commonwealth of Virginia Disabled Resident Lifetime License or Commonwealth of Virginia Resident Disabled Veteran's Lifetime License.

(ii) You must sign in before entering the hunt zone and sign out upon leaving the zone.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iv) You may not hunt, discharge a firearm, or nock an arrow or crossbow bolt outside of the designated hunting areas.

(v) We only allow shotguns loaded with buckshot during the firearm season.

(vi) We prohibit the use of pursuit dogs while hunting white-tailed deer.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) We only allow shotguns with slugs during the firearm season.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iv) We prohibit the use of pursuit dogs while hunting deer.

(v) Hunters must certify and qualify weapons and ammunition at a refuge-approved range and view the refuge orientation session online prior to issuance of a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(4) [Reserved]

(e) *Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and bear on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) We prohibit the use of pursuit dogs while hunting white-tailed deer and bear.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing in Lake Drummond from a boat (maximum 25 horsepower) and from the piers at Washington Ditch and Interior Ditch.

(ii) We prohibit bank fishing on the refuge, with the exception noted in paragraph (e)(4)(i) of this section.

(iii) We require permits (Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G)) for vehicular access to the boat ramp on Interior Ditch Road on the west side of Lake Drummond.

(f) *James River National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require hunters to possess and carry a refuge hunting permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) 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.

(iii) We require that, during firearms and muzzleloader seasons, hunters remain within 100 feet (30 meters (m)) of their assigned stand while hunting.

(iv) We require that hunters using a muzzleloader must hunt from a stand elevated 10 feet (3 m) or more above the ground.

(v) We prohibit the use of pursuit dogs while hunting white-tailed deer.

(4) [Reserved]

(g) *Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge*. Refer to §32.52(e) for regulations.

(h) *Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) and be selected in the refuge lottery to hunt.

(ii) We only allow shotguns with slugs during the firearm season.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iv) We prohibit the use of pursuit dogs while hunting deer.

(v) Hunters must certify and qualify weapons and ammunition at a refuge-approved range and view the refuge orientation session online prior to issuance of a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(4) [Reserved]

(i) *Plum Tree Island National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory waterfowl, gallinule, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require migratory game bird hunters to obtain and carry a permit through a lottery administered by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

(ii) You must hunt from a blind, as assigned by the hunting permit.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2)-(4) [Reserved]

(j) *Presquile National Wildlife Refuge*. (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require big game hunters to obtain a permit through a lottery administered by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(iii) We allow shotgun hunting on designated days as indicated on refuge hunting permits, in the State hunting guide, and on the refuge website.

(iv) We require hunters to dock their boats at designated locations on the refuge.

(v) We prohibit the use of pursuit dogs while hunting white-tailed deer.

(4) [Reserved]

(k) *Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require big game hunters to obtain a permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System).

(ii) We prohibit the use of pursuit dogs while hunting white-tailed deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing access each day from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) During the period when the refuge is open for hunting, we close hunting areas to all other uses, including sport fishing.

(iii) We allow fishing only by use of one or more attended poles with hook and line attached. We prohibit all other fishing methods and means.

(iv) We prohibit the use of lead fishing tackle in freshwater ponds, including Wilna Pond and Laurel Grove Pond.

(v) 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 as governed by State regulations.

(vi) We prohibit the use of minnows as bait.

(vii) We prohibit use of boats propelled by gasoline motors, sail, or mechanically operated paddle wheel while fishing.

(l) *Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must obtain and carry a signed refuge big game hunt brochure while hunting.

(ii) 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 legal shooting hours.

(iii) You must report all harvested animals on the sign-out sheet at the hunter registration station when signing out.

(iv) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(v) We prohibit the use of pursuit dogs while hunting white-tailed deer.

(4) [Reserved]

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The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunters to possess and carry no more than 25 shells while hunting in the field.

(ii) Hunters may access the hunt areas by boat only.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow fishing and shellfishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit bank fishing within the refuge along the Nisqually River and McAllister Creek.

(ii) We prohibit shellfishing (clams, oysters, mussels) on the tideflats.

(iii) We prohibit tidal flat and marsh access from refuge trails.

(b) *Columbia National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit discharge of any firearm within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile (396 meters) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals.

(ii) We only allow portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) We allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays on Marsh Unit 1 and Farm Units 226 and 227.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow hunting from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays in Marsh Unit 1.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow hunting with shotgun, muzzleloader, and archery only.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) On waters open to fishing, we allow fishing only from April 1 to September 30, except that we allow fishing year-round on Falcon, Heron, Goldeneye, Corral, Blythe, Chukar, and Scaup Lakes.

(ii) We allow frogging during periods when we allow fishing on designated waters.

(c) *Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit discharge of any firearm within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile (396 meters) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals.

(ii) Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: The condition set forth at paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow saltwater fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(e) *Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge—*  
(1) *Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the monument/refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit discharge of any firearm within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile (396 meters) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals.

(ii) Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, grey partridge, and chukar partridge on designated areas of the monument/refuge subject to the following conditions: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (e)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer and elk on designated areas of the monument/refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow sport hunting of deer and elk on the Saddle Mountain, Ringold, and Wahluke (East) units of the monument/refuge subject to the following conditions:

(A) The condition set forth at paragraph (e)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(B) We allow hunting with shotgun, muzzleloader, and archery only.

(ii) We allow population control hunting of elk on the Rattlesnake Unit of the monument/refuge subject to the following conditions:

(A) We prohibit overnight camping, overnight parking, and smoking.

(B) We require elk population control hunters to participate in a Service-directed, hunt-specific training session each year prior to hunting. Hunters must check-in and out at a refuge check station and fill out and display the Self-Clearing check-In Permit (Form 3-2405) on the dashboards of their vehicles.

(C) We allow hunting with modern firearms only.

(D) We allow authorized vehicles only on designated roads and only in designated parking areas.

(E) We prohibit the use of bicycles and carts.

(F) We allow hunting Monday through Friday only.

(G) All hunt assistants must check-in and out at a refuge check station and be under the supervision of the permitted hunter at all times. All hunt assistants must fill out and display the Self-Clearing check-In Permit (Form 3-2405) on the dashboards of their vehicles.

(H) We allow foot access only beyond designated roads and parking areas.

(I) We prohibit retrieval of animals outside the hunt area without prior Service approval.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on the designated areas of the monument/refuge subject to the following condition: 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.

(f) *Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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).

(ii) We open the refuge for hunting access from 1½ hours before legal sunrise until 1½ hours after legal sunset.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting on Mondays through Fridays only. We close the refuge to hunting on weekends and Federal holidays.

(ii) We allow a maximum of 10 hunters to use the refuge in any one day, with one hunt period consisting of 5 consecutive days.

(iii) We allow hunting of elk using muzzleloading firearms only.

(iv) We require hunters to attend a refuge-specific orientation session each year prior to hunting on the refuge.

(v) 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 or failure, and any hit-but-not-retrieved animals on the Big Game Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2359).

(vi) Additional persons may assist hunters during elk retrieval only. No more than one unlicensed person may assist each licensed hunter during the hunt or during elk retrieval.

(vii) We prohibit hunters from operating motorized vehicles on the refuge.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow bank fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(g) *Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting September through December.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game and small game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting September through December, and during the spring wild turkey season.

(ii) During the spring turkey season, we prohibit hunting of all species except wild turkey.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting, with the exception of raccoon.

(3) *Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: The condition set forth at paragraph (g)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(h) *McNary National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit discharge of any firearm within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile (396 meters) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals.

(ii) Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) On the McNary Fee Hunt Area (McNary Headquarters Unit), we allow hunting subject to the following conditions:

(A) The McNary Fee Hunt Area (McNary Headquarters Unit) is only open on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Year's Day.

(B) We require hunters to possess and carry a special refuge permit (signed refuge brochure).

(C) We allow hunting only from assigned areas.

(iv) On the Peninsula Unit, we allow hunting subject to the following condition: 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.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (h)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) On the McNary Fee Hunt Area (McNary Headquarters Unit), we allow hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Year's Day from 12 p.m. (noon) to the end of State legal hunting hours.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (h)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) On the Stateline and Juniper Canyon Units, we allow hunting with modern firearms, shotgun, muzzleloader, and archery.

(iii) On the Peninsula, Two-Rivers, and Wallula Units, we allow hunting with archery and shotgun only.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(i) *Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You may not shoot or discharge any firearm from, across, or along any designated route of travel, including pedestrian trails.

(ii) We close the refuge to goose hunting when the dusky Canada goose harvest reaches the quota posted at the refuge.

(iii) 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.

(iv) Prior to entering the hunt area, you must check in at the refuge check station, 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.

(v) 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.

(vi) We allow hunting only from designated permanent blinds.

(vii) We allow a maximum of three persons per hunting blind.

(viii) We prohibit additional hunters to join a hunt party after the party has checked in.

(ix) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(x) 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.

(xi) 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.

(xii) We reserve Blind 1A for exclusive use by hunters with permanent disabilities who qualify for a valid State Disabled Hunter Permit or America the Beautiful access pass, and their nonhunting assistants.

(2)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing and frogging on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing and frogging from March 1 through September 30 only.

(ii) We allow fishing and frogging from legal sunrise to legal sunset only.

(j) *San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(k) *Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit discharge of any firearm within  $\frac{1}{4}$  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.

(ii) 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's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) On the Pumphouse, Petty, Isiri, Chamber, and Chloe Units, we allow hunting 7 days a week subject to the following condition: We require a minimum distance between hunt parties of 200 yards (180 m).

(iv) On the Halvorson and Webb Units, we allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

(v) On the Robbins Road Unit, we allow hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

(vi) On the Robbins Road and Pumphouse Units, we allow hunting only from numbered field blind sites. 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.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (k)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow hunting of upland game birds from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset of each hunt day.

(iii) On the Halvorson and Webb Units, we allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

(iv) On the Robbins Road Unit, we allow hunting only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

(3)-(4) [Reserved]

(1) *Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting during the State youth season in September.

(ii) We allow hunting from the beginning of the regular waterfowl seasons through November 30 by youths (younger than age 16) on Saturday and Sunday only. An adult, age 18 or older, must accompany and supervise youth hunters. We allow the supervising adult(s) to hunt.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(iv) Hunters may access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal hunting hours and must leave no later than 1 hour after legal hunting hours.

(v) Hunters may hunt only from within 50 yards of posted hunting sites.

(vi) Hunting parties are restricted to a maximum of two youths and two accompanying adults per hunting site.

(vii) We allow the use of nonmotorized boats for hunting.

(viii) We only allow the use of portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of manmade materials.

(ix) Hunters must remove all blinds, decoys, and other personal equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(x) We allow migratory game bird hunting with shotguns only.

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of elk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must obtain a letter from the refuge manager assigning them a hunt unit.

(ii) Hunters may access the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before State legal shooting time and must leave no later than 5 hours after the end of State legal hunting hours.

(iii) Hunters not using approved nontoxic ammunition (see §32.2(k)) must remove or bury the visceral remains of harvested animals.

(4) [Reserved]

(m) *Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit discharge of any firearm within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile (396 meters) of any maintained building or Federal facility, such as, but not limited to, a structure designed for storage, human occupancy, or shelter for animals.

(ii) Hunters must remove all decoys and other equipment at the end of each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(iii) On the Paterson and Whitcomb Units, we allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and all Federal holidays within the State season.

(iv) On the Ridge Unit, we allow only shoreline hunting; we prohibit hunting from boats.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (m)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section apply.

(ii) On the Whitcomb Island Unit, we only allow hunting of upland game from 12 p.m. (noon) to the end of State legal hunting hours.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (m)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow hunting by special permit only (issued by the State).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(n) *Willapa National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) In the designated goose hunt area in the Riekkola Unit, hunters may take ducks, coots, and snipe only incidental to hunting geese.

(ii) We open the refuge for hunting access from 1½ hours before legal sunrise until 1½ hours after legal sunset.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(iv) 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).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of forest grouse (sooty and ruffed) on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow archery hunting only.

(ii) The condition set forth at paragraph (n)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of deer, elk, and bear on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) At Long Island, we allow only archery hunting; we prohibit hunting firearms.

(ii) We prohibit bear hunting on any portion of the refuge except Long Island.

(iii) We prohibit the use of centerfire or rimfire rifles within the Lewis, Porter Point, and Riekkola Units.

(iv) The condition set forth at paragraph (n)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(v) You may leave your tree stand(s) in place for 3 days. You must label your tree stand(s) with your hunting license number and the date you set up the stand. You may set up stands 1½ hours before legal sunrise. You must remove your tree stand(s) and all other personal property from the refuge by 1½ hours after legal sunset on the third day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(vi) At Leadbetter Point, we allow hunting of elk only during the State early muzzleloader season, and by special permit in consultation with the State.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

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### **§32.67 West Virginia.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, rail, coot, gallinule, mourning dove, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require each hunter to possess and carry a signed refuge hunting brochure (signed brochure).

(ii) Hunters may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise and must exit the refuge, including parking areas, no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We prohibit overnight parking except by Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) on Forest Road 80.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(v) We prohibit dog training except during legal hunting seasons.

(2) *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 subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (iv) and (v) of this section apply.

(ii) You may hunt coyote, raccoon, opossum, skunk, and fox at night, but you must obtain a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) at the refuge headquarters before hunting.

(iii) We only allow hunting in the No Rifle Zones with the following equipment: Archery (including crossbow), shotgun, or muzzleloader.

(iv) We prohibit the hunting of upland game species from March 1 through August 31.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer, black bear, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (iv) and (a)(2)(iii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs for hunting black bear during the gun season.

(iii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit the use of lead fishing tackle on designated areas of the refuge.

(b) *Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require each hunter to possess and carry a signed refuge hunting brochure (signed brochure).

(ii) Hunters may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise and must exit the refuge, including parking areas, no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset. This restriction does not apply to off-shore fishing.

(ii) We prohibit trotlines (setlines) and turtle lines.

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### **§32.68 Wisconsin.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Fox River National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge and subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must remove all stands from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit hunting from any stand left up overnight.

(ii) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 1 hour before legal shooting hours and must exit the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal shooting hours end.

(iii) 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.

(4) [Reserved]

(b) *Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must remove all stands from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit hunting from any stand left up overnight.

(ii) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 1 hour before legal shooting hours and must exit the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal shooting hours end.

(iii) 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.

(iv) We require hunters to possess a permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) for deer hunting on Plum Island.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We only allow fishing from the shoreline; we prohibit fishing from docks,

piers, and other structures.

(c) *Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You must remove all boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other hunting equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game and turkey hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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)).

(ii) You must remove all boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other hunting equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must remove all boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, platforms, and other hunting equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

(ii) We prohibit organized deer drives. 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(s) who is part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We prohibit the taking of turtle and frog (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(d) *Horicon National Wildlife Refuge*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, common moorhen, and American woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow only participants in the Learn to Hunt and other special programs to hunt goose, duck, coot, and common moorhen.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of wild turkey, ring-necked pheasant, gray partridge, ruffed grouse, squirrel, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, red fox, gray fox, coyote, and bobcat on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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)).

(ii) We prohibit night hunting from ½ hour after legal sunset until ½ hour before legal sunrise the following day.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting upland game (except raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, red fox, gray fox, coyote, and bobcat), provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iv) Coyote, red fox, gray fox, and bobcat hunting begins on the first day of the traditional 9-day gun deer season.

(v) Coyote hunting ends on the last day of the season for fox.

(vi) You may only hunt striped skunk and opossum during the season for raccoon.

(vii) You may only hunt snowshoe hare during the season for cottontail rabbit.

(viii) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 1 hour before legal shooting hours and must exit the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal shooting hours.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and black bear in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) Hunters must remove all stands and personal property from the refuge following each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). We prohibit hunting from any stand left up overnight.

(ii) We prohibit hunting bear with dogs.

(iii) Hunters must possess a refuge permit (FWS Form 3-2439, Hunt Application—National Wildlife Refuge System) to hunt in Area E (surrounding the office/visitor center).

(iv) Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 1 hour before legal shooting hours and must exit the refuge no later than 1 hour after legal shooting hours.

(v) Any ground blind used during any gun deer season must display at least 144 square inches (929 square centimeters) of solid-blaze-orange or fluorescent pink material visible from all directions.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow bank fishing or fishing through the ice.

(ii) We prohibit the use of fishing weights or lures containing lead.

(e) *Leopold Wetland Management District—(1) 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 and on the Wilcox WPA in Waushara County, subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of hunting dogs, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) You must remove boats, decoys, and blinds at the conclusion of each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game throughout the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Blue-wing WPA in Ozaukee County and on the Wilcox WPA in Waushara County, subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (e)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game throughout the district, except that we prohibit hunting on the Blue-wing WPA in Ozaukee County and on the Wilcox WPA in Waushara County, subject to the following condition: 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on WPAs throughout the district.

(f) *Necedah National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs while hunting migratory game birds, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of wild turkey, ruffed grouse, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) For wild turkey hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field.

(ii) During the spring turkey season, we allow unarmed hunters who have a valid 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 the State turkey hunting permit.

(iii) We open Refuge Area 3 to hunting after the State deer gun season through the end of the respective State seasons or until February 28, whichever occurs first.

(iv) We allow the use of dogs while hunting upland game (except raccoon), provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(v) You may only hunt snowshoe hare during the season for cottontail rabbit.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit possession of a loaded firearm or a nocked arrow on a bow within 50 feet (15 meters (m)) of the centerline of all public roads. 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.

(ii) You may use portable elevated devices, but you 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 hunting season (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(iii) You must clearly mark all non-natural blinds, stands, platforms, and ladders on the exterior with the hunter's State hunting license number in letters that are at least 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) high. You may also use an attached metal tag with stamped or engraved lettering that is clearly visible.

(iv) We open Refuge Area 2 to deer hunting during State archery, gun, and muzzleloader seasons, except for any early antlerless-only hunts.

(v) We open Refuge Area 3 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.

(vi) You may use clothespins marked with flagging or reflective material. We prohibit all other types of marking. You must clearly identify the hunter's State hunting license number on the clothes pin or the flagging itself. You must remove all clothes pins by the last day of archery season (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(vii) 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.

(viii) 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.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow use of nonmotorized boats in Sprague-Goose pools only when we open these pools to fishing.

(ii) We allow motorized boats in Suk Cerney Pool.

(iii) We allow fishing by hook and line only.

(g) *St. Croix Wetland Management District—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas throughout the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) We prohibit hunting on designated portions posted as closed of the St. Croix Prairie Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) and the Prairie Flats— South WPA in St. Croix County.

(ii) We close the Oak Ridge WPA in St. Croix County to hunting from the opening day of waterfowl season until the first Saturday in December, except that we allow deer hunting during regular archery, gun, and muzzleloader seasons.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas throughout the district subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells (see §32.2(k)) while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of big game on designated areas throughout the district subject to the following condition: We prohibit hunting on designated portions of the St. Croix Prairie WPA and the Prairie Flats—South WPA in St. Croix County.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on WPAs throughout the district.

(h) *Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow hunting of duck, merganser, goose, coot, mourning dove, sora, Virginia rail, woodcock, snipe, and crow on refuge lands north of the main channel of the Trempealeau River and north of State Highway 35/54, subject to the following conditions:

(A) We allow only the use of portable or temporary blinds.

(B) We allow the use of dogs while hunting migratory game birds, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(ii) We allow hunting of duck, merganser, goose, and coot on refuge lands south of the main channel of the Trempealeau River and south of State Highway 35/54, subject to the following condition: We require a refuge permit.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of wild turkey, ruffed grouse, ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail, Hungarian partridge, sharp-tailed grouse, coyote, gray and red fox, bobcat, raccoon, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, and gray and red squirrel on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow upland game hunting only on refuge land north of the main channel of the Trempealeau River and north of State Highway 35/54.

(ii) We allow only the use of portable or temporary blinds.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting upland game birds, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) On refuge land south of the main channel of the Trempealeau River and south of State Highway 35/54:

(A) We prohibit the use of rifles for deer hunting.

(B) We allow white-tailed deer hunting only by refuge permit.

(ii) On refuge land north of the main channel of the Trempealeau River and north of State Highway 35/54:

(A) We allow white-tailed deer hunting during the State archery, muzzleloader, and firearms seasons.

(B) We allow hunting during the youth gun deer hunt and the gun hunt for hunters with disabilities as governed by State regulations.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing only from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

(ii) We allow boats propelled by hand or electric motors only on refuge pools. We do not prohibit the possession, only the use, of other watercraft motors.

(iii) We prohibit harvest of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

(iv) We prohibit night-lighting, archery, spearing, or netting of fish.

(i) *Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.* Refer to §32.42(r) for regulations.

(j) *Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow only the use of portable or temporary blinds.

(ii) 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 (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow archery deer hunting to take place on refuge lands owned by the Service that constitute tracts greater than 20 acres (8 hectares).

(ii) Hunters may construct ground blinds entirely of dead vegetation from refuge lands.

(iii) 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).

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset only.

(ii) We prohibit the taking of any mussel (clam), crayfish, frog, leech, or turtle species by any method on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

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## **§32.69 Wyoming.**

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Bamforth National Wildlife Refuge.* (1) [Reserved]

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of chukar, grey partridge, pheasant, rabbit, sharp-tailed grouse, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of pronghorn antelope, mule deer, and white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(b) *Cokeville Meadows National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of dove, duck, dark goose, coot, merganser, light goose, snipe, Virginia rail, Sora rail, sandhill crane, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(ii) Hunters may only access the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise until 1 hour after legal sunset.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of blue grouse, ruffed grouse, chukar partridge, gray partridge, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, squirrel (red, gray, and fox), red fox,

raccoon, and striped skunk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs to find and retrieve legally harvested upland game birds, cottontail rabbits, and squirrels. You may not use dogs to chase red fox, raccoon, striped skunk, or any other species not specifically allowed in this paragraph (b)(2)(ii).

(iii) Licensed migratory bird, big game, or upland/small game hunters may harvest red fox, raccoon, and striped skunk on the refuge from September 1 until the end of the last open big game, upland bird, or small game season. You must possess, and remove from the refuge, all red fox, raccoon, and striped skunk that you harvest on the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, pronghorn, and moose subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section applies.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(c) *Hutton Lake National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow youth hunting of goose, duck, coot, and merganser on designated areas of the refuge during the Wyoming Zone C2 “special youth waterfowl hunting days” subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(ii) We prohibit the cleaning of game on the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of chuker, grey partridge, pheasant, rabbit, sharp-tailed grouse, and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(ii) We allow hunting November 1 through March 1.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of pronghorn antelope and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow hunting November 1 through March 1.

(4) [Reserved]

(d) *National Elk Refuge.* (1)-(2) [Reserved]

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of elk and bison on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We require refuge permits (issued by State of Wyoming).

(ii) We prohibit shooting from or across refuge roads and parking areas.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge.

(e) *Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge—(1) (1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of dove, goose, duck, and coot on designated areas of the refuge.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of sage grouse and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of pronghorn antelope and deer on designated areas of the refuge.

(4) [Reserved]

(f) *Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of dark goose, duck, coot, merganser, dove, snipe, and rail on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open the refuge to the general public from  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before legal sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after legal sunset. Waterfowl hunters may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal shooting hours to set up decoys and blinds.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(iii) You must only use portable blinds or blinds constructed from dead and downed wood.

(iv) You must remove portable blinds, tree stands, decoys, and other personal equipment from the refuge after each day's hunt (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of sage grouse, cottontail rabbit, jackrabbit, raccoon, fox, and skunk on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (f)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of pronghorn, mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, and moose on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: The condition set forth at paragraph (f)(1)(i) section applies.

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

(i) The condition set forth at paragraph (f)(1)(i) of this section applies.

(ii) We prohibit taking of mollusk, crustacean, reptile, and amphibian from the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

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## §32.70 Guam.

The following refuge units are open for hunting and/or fishing as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are listed in alphabetical order with additional refuge-specific regulations.

(a) *Guam National Wildlife Refuge.* (1)-(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing and collection of marine life on designated areas of the refuge as governed by Government of Guam laws and regulations and subject to the following conditions:

(i) We open the refuge to anglers from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day year-round, except on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, when we close to all public entry.

(ii) You may not possess surround or gill nets on the refuge.

(iii) We prohibit use of Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) to take fish or invertebrates.

(b) [Reserved]