

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Parts 32 and 36

RIN 1018-AF52

1999–2000 Refuge—Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We propose to add additional national wildlife refuges (refuges) to the list of areas open for hunting and/or sport fishing, along with pertinent refuge-specific regulations for such activities; and amend certain regulations on other refuges that pertain to migratory game bird hunting, upland game hunting, big game hunting, and sport fishing for the 1999–2000 season. These regulations would provide additional recreational opportunity consistent with the primary purposes of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Chief, Division of Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 670 ARLSQ, Washington, DC 20240. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for information on electronic submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie A. Marler, (703) 358–2397; Fax (703) 358–2248.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Refuge System Act of 1966 closes national wildlife refuges to hunting and sport fishing until we open them by rulemaking. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) may open refuge areas to hunting and/or fishing upon a determination that such uses are compatible with the purposes of the refuge. The action also must be in accordance with provisions of all laws applicable to the areas, must be consistent with the principles of sound fish and wildlife management and administration, and otherwise must be in the public interest. This ensures that we maintain the biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health of the National Wildlife Refuge System (System) for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

We review refuge hunting and fishing programs annually to determine whether to add additional refuges or whether individual refuge regulations governing existing programs need modification, deletion or additions made to them. Changing environmental

conditions, State and Federal regulations, and other factors affecting wildlife populations and habitat may warrant modifications ensuring continued compatibility of hunting and fishing programs and that these programs will not materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of the mission of the System or the purposes of the refuge.

50 CFR part 32 contains provisions governing hunting and fishing on national wildlife refuges. We regulate hunting and fishing on refuges to:

- ensure compatibility;
- properly manage the fish and wildlife resource;
- protect other refuge values; and
- ensure refuge user safety.

On many refuges, our general policy of adopting regulations identical to State hunting and fishing regulations is adequate in meeting these objectives. On other refuges, it is necessary to supplement State regulations with more restrictive Federal regulations to ensure that we meet our management responsibilities, as outlined under the section entitled “Statutory Authority.” We issue refuge-specific hunting and fishing regulations when we open wildlife refuges to either migratory game bird hunting, upland game hunting, big game hunting, or sport fishing. These regulations list the wildlife species that you may hunt or those species subject to sport fishing, seasons, bag limits, methods of hunting or fishing, descriptions of open areas, and other provisions as appropriate. 50 CFR part 32 contains previously issued refuge-specific regulations for hunting and fishing. We are promulgating many of the amendments to these sections to standardize and clarify the existing language of these regulations.

Plain Language Mandate

The vast majority of the proposed revisions in this proposed rule to the individual refuge units are to comply with a Presidential mandate to use plain language in regulations and do not modify the substance of the previous restrictions. These types of changes include using “you” to refer to the reader and “we” to refer to the Service and using the word “allow” instead of “permit” when we do not require the use of a permit for an activity. Only a handful of proposed refuge-specific regulations contain the substantive changes discussed below.

Use of Only Approved Nontoxic Shot

Waterfowl and migratory birds can get lead poisoning by ingesting lead shot or sinkers when they feed. You can get scientific information on this by

requesting the publication, “Toxicity of Lead Shot to Wildlife,” from us by calling 1–800–582–3421 or by accessing the bibliographic databases information directly on the Internet at: <http://www.fws.gov/fwrefser.html>.

In the November 21, 1986, **Federal Register** (51 FR 42107) we began the conversion to nontoxic shot nationwide for waterfowl hunting on refuges, which we implemented in the 1991–1992 hunting season. In the December 4, 1995, **Federal Register** (60 FR 62035), we issued final regulations adopting requirements to use nontoxic shot to hunt wildlife species other than waterfowl and coots on certain refuges beginning with the 1996–97 hunting season. Prior to that time we requested voluntary compliance. For Alaska we delayed implementation until the 1997–98 season to allow coordination with the State and outlying villages. We also provided delays for Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs), principally in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin, and Iowa until the 1998–99 season, with voluntary compliance requested in the meantime. We took these actions to allow adequate time for additional coordination and educational outreach with the affected States, hunting organizations, and the general public on the effects of toxic lead shot to waterfowl and other migratory birds. We requested voluntary hunter use of nontoxic shotshells until we adopted final rules. In the September 3, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 46910) we identified the refuges subject to the rule.

50 CFR part 32 prohibits the use or possession of toxic shotgun pellets by upland game hunters on WPAs and certain other areas (refuges or areas within refuges) of the System to the extent needed to protect against significant exposure to migratory birds. We delineated these areas 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.

We specifically identify the shot allowed in areas of the System by reference to the shot identified in 50 CFR 20.21(j). We sometimes grant new shot types conditional approvals until we complete all necessary studies. These conditional approvals change yearly, and we add new shot types to our approved list as they meet our criteria. To avoid any confusion, we propose to amend § 32.2 *What are the general provisions regarding hunting on*

areas of the National Wildlife Refuge System? to state that you may use only "approved" nontoxic shot identified in 50 CFR 20.21(j) while hunting with shotguns or muzzleloaders on WPAs, or on certain other areas of the National Wildlife Refuge System. We also propose to amend affected refuges listed in *Subpart B.—Refuge-Specific Regulations for Hunting and Fishing* to reflect that hunters may possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

Establishment of Lead-Free Fishing Areas

On April 13, 1999, we published a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 17992) to establish "Lead-Free Fishing Areas" and the prohibition of the use of certain fishing sinkers and jigs made with lead on specific units of the System. We received 12 written and 2 verbal comments on the notice: 6 support our proposal; 4 request coordination in implementing our proposal; 3 would like to review the evidence; and 1 disagreed with our scientific findings. On this basis, we feel we should proceed with this proposed action and will consider and address the substance of the comments prior to adopting any final rule.

We now propose prohibiting the use of these sinkers and jigs made of lead or lead alloys in areas where mortality of common loons has occurred or where concerns exist because habitat use by loons and significant fishing activities overlap. Each refuge selected that meets these criteria will have a two-year phase-in period. This action will not close to sport fishing any of the refuge units, but only prohibit the use of lead fishing sinkers there.

Researchers have well documented that lead is toxic to both humans and wildlife. In areas where recreational angling and loon populations co-occur, lead poisoning from swallowing lead sinkers and jigs accounts for 10–50% of recorded loon mortality (Pokras). This information was referenced in the April 13, 1999, notice.

We propose the establishment of a "Lead-Free Fishing Area" in these refuges and WPAs:

- From the outlet of Skilak Lake downstream to the refuge boundary and the Dave Spenser Unit of the Kenai Refuge Wilderness Area, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska
- J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Florida
- Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, Maine
- Carlton Pond Waterfowl Production Area (part of Sunhaze National Wildlife Refuge), Maine

- Seney National Wildlife Refuge, Michigan
- One Waterfowl Production Area in the Fergus Falls Wetland Management District: Nicholson WPA, Minnesota
- Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Minnesota
- Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, Minnesota
- Pablo National Wildlife Refuge, Montana
- Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, Montana
- Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Wisconsin
- 5 Waterfowl Production Areas in the St. Croix Wetland Management District: Oakridge and Amschler WPAs (both in St. Croix County), Rose Lee WPA, Flatey WPA, and Bass Lake WPA (in Polk County), Wisconsin
- National Elk Refuge, Wyoming

For the areas in Kenai National Wildlife Refuge listed in Alaska above, we will follow the procedures for establishing permanent restrictions in National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska outlined in § 36.42 *Public participation and closure procedures* in implementing the two-year phase in. Listed above, we have identified other refuges in the lower 48 States that will have "Lead-Free Fishing Areas."

We propose to phase-in "Lead-Free Fishing Areas." During the first year of the phase-in, we will educate anglers about the benefits of nontoxic tackle for wildlife. After the two-year phase-in, we will require anglers to fish with lead-free sinkers and jigs in all designated "Lead-Free Fishing Areas."

Request for Comments

If you wish to comment, you may do so by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to: Chief, Division of Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 670 ARLSQ, Washington, DC 20240. You may comment via the Internet to: Refuge_Specific_Comments@fws.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include: "Attn: 1018-AF52" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at (703) 358–2029. You may also fax comments to: Chief, Division of Refuges, (703) 358–2248. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the address mentioned above.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours.

Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Department of the Interior policy is, whenever practicable, to afford the public a meaningful opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process. We considered providing a 60-day rather than a 30-day comment period. However, we determined that an additional 30-day delay in processing these refuge-specific hunting and fishing regulations would hinder the effective planning and administration of our hunting and fishing programs. That delay would jeopardize establishment of hunting and fishing programs this year, or shorten their duration. Many of these rules also relieve restrictions and allow the public to participate in recreational activities on a number of refuges. In addition, in order to continue to provide for previously authorized hunting opportunities while at the same time provide for adequate resource protection, we must be timely in providing modifications to certain hunting programs on some refuges. Finally, there already has been a public comment period on our notice of intent on the proposed establishment of "Lead-Free Fishing Areas."

When finalized, we will incorporate this regulation into Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations (50 CFR) parts 32 and 36. Part 32 contains general provisions and refuge-specific regulations for hunting and fishing on national wildlife refuges. Part 36 contains provisions specific to Alaska national wildlife refuges.

Clarity of this Regulation

Executive Order 12866 requires each agency to write regulations that are easy to understand. We invite your comments on how to make this rule easier to understand, including answers to questions such as the following: (1) Are the requirements in the rule clearly stated? (2) Does the rule contain technical language or jargon that interferes with its clarity? (3) Does the

format of the rule (grouping and order of sections, use of headings, paragraphing, etc.) aid or reduce its clarity? (4) Would the rule be easier to understand if it were divided into more (but shorter) sections? (5) Is the description of the rule in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the preamble helpful in understanding the rule? (6) What else could we do to make the rule easier to understand?

Statutory Authority

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (NWRSA) of 1966 as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), and the Refuge Recreation Act (RRA) of 1962 (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4), govern the administration and public use of national wildlife refuges.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act (NWRRIA) of 1997 is the latest amendment to the NWRSA. It amends and builds upon the NWRSA in a manner that provides an improved "Organic Act" for the Refuge System similar to those which exist for other public lands. It serves to ensure that we effectively manage the System as a national system of lands, waters and interests for the protection and conservation of our nation's wildlife resources. The NWRSA states first and foremost that we focus the mission of the System on conservation of fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitat. This Act requires the Secretary, before initiating or permitting a new use of a refuge, or before expanding, renewing, or extending an existing use of a refuge, to determine that the use is a compatible use and not inconsistent with public safety.

The RRA authorizes the Secretary to administer areas within the System for public recreation as an appropriate incidental or secondary use only to the extent that it is practicable and not inconsistent with the primary purpose(s) for which we established the areas. This Act requires that any recreational use of refuge lands be compatible with the primary purposes for which we established the refuge and not inconsistent with other previously-authorized operations.

The NWRSA and RRA also authorize the Secretary to issue regulations to carry out the purposes of the Acts and regulate uses.

We develop hunting and sport fishing plans for each existing refuge prior to opening it to hunting or fishing. In many cases, we develop refuge-specific regulations to ensure the compatibility of the programs with the purposes for which we established the refuge. We've

ensured initial compliance with the NWRSA and the RRA for hunting and sport fishing on newly acquired refuges through an interim determination of compatibility made at the time of acquisition. This ensures that we make the determinations required by these acts prior to adding refuges to the lists of areas open to hunting and fishing in 50 CFR part 32. We ensure continued compliance by the development of long-term hunting and sport fishing plans and by annual review of hunting and sport fishing programs and regulations.

In preparation for new openings, we include the following documents in the refuges' "openings package" for Regional review and approval from the Washington Office: an interim hunting and fishing management plan; a Section 7 determination pursuant to the Endangered Species Act that these openings will have no effect, or are not likely to have an adverse effect, on listed species or critical habitats; a letter of concurrence from the affected State; interim compatibility determination; and refuge-specific regulations to administer the hunting and/or fishing programs. Upon review of these documents, we have determined that the opening of these national wildlife refuges to hunting and fishing is compatible with the principles of sound fish and wildlife management and administration and otherwise will be in the public interest.

We propose the following wildlife-dependent recreational activities for the first time:

Hunting of migratory game birds on:

- Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge, Louisiana.
- Currituck National Wildlife Refuge, North Carolina.
- Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer, Oregon.
- Plum Tree Island National Wildlife Refuge, Virginia.

Upland game hunting on:

- Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge, Louisiana.

Big game hunting on:

- Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Georgia.
- Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge, Louisiana.

Sport fishing on:

- Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Georgia.
- J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge, North Dakota.
- Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge, North Dakota.
- Stewart Lake National Wildlife Refuge, North Dakota.
- Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge, North Dakota.

- Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer, Oregon.
- Willapa National Wildlife Refuge, Oregon.
- ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge, South Carolina.

In accordance with NWRSA and the RRA, we have determined that these openings are compatible and consistent with the primary purposes for which we established the refuge.

Need for This Regulation

We propose to add additional refuges to the list of areas open for hunting and/or sport fishing, along with pertinent refuge-specific regulations for such activities. We propose to amend certain regulations on other refuges that pertain to migratory game bird hunting, upland game hunting, big game hunting and sport fishing for the 1999-2000 season. On many refuges, our policy of adopting regulations identical to State regulations is adequate in meeting National Wildlife Refuge System objectives. On other refuges, it is necessary to supplement State regulations with more restrictive Federal regulations to ensure that we meet our management responsibilities, as outlined under the section entitled "Statutory Authority" in the rule. We issue refuge-specific regulations when opening a national wildlife refuge or modifying the various uses of a refuge, and for all hunting or sport fishing. These regulations list the prohibited uses, limited uses, and those activities that are available without restriction. They also list those wildlife species that you may hunt or fish for along with the respective seasons, bag limits, methods of hunting or fishing, descriptions of open areas, and other provisions as appropriate. We propose to promulgate many of the amendments here to provide greater restriction and clarify the existing regulation language, which should result in less violations of refuge regulations.

Why Alternative Approaches Are not Feasible

Refuge officers process violation notices through the Federal District Court's Violation Notice procedures. U.S. Magistrates have required us to print refuge regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations before they will accept refuge violations into their courts. State courts do not prosecute Federal recreation regulations, and voluntary compliance with regulations has not been successful.

Regulatory Planning and Review

This document is not a significant rule subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive

Order 12866. See explanation under Regulatory Flexibility Act.

a. This rule will not have an annual economic effect of \$100 million or adversely affect an economic sector, productivity, jobs, the environment or other units of government. A cost-benefit and economic analysis is not required. This proposed rule is administrative, legal, technical, and procedural in nature and makes minor modification to existing refuge public use programs. The rule will allow hunting on five refuges where we had prohibited hunting and allow fishing on eight refuges where we had prohibited that activity. We estimate that these changes will result in 11,900 additional visitor-hunting-days and 165,300 visitor-fishing-days. The appropriate measure for the net benefits of these changes is the additional net economic value experienced by the participants. The 1996 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation measured net economic values by activity and region. Applying these estimates to the number of additional activity-days permitted by this rule yields an estimate of the national benefits from increased hunting of \$160,000 and from increased fishing of \$2.6 million. These estimates are well below the threshold for a significant rule.

The rule will also establish "Lead-Free Fishing Areas" at 13 units. When fully implemented, we will not allow anglers in these areas to use lead sinkers and other lead equipment. According to the FY1997 Refuge Management Information System, fewer than 40,000 fishing days occurred in the refuges proposed for this status. Although lead-free sinkers are less dense than lead ones, the difference in fishing with them is insignificant, and we anticipate no change in net economic values from the prohibition.

The addition of the term "approved" to the nontoxic shot regulations is for clarification purposes, and we do not expect it to affect hunters' behavior. It has no economic effects.

b. This rule will not create inconsistencies with other agencies' actions. We coordinate recreational use on national wildlife refuges with State governments as well as other Federal agencies having adjoining or overlapping jurisdiction before proposing regulations. The proposed regulation is consistent with, and not less restrictive than, other agencies' rules.

c. This rule will not materially affect entitlements, grants, user fees, loan programs, or the rights and obligations of their recipients. The provisions of this rule only apply to persons involved

in wildlife-dependent public use including regulated hunting and sport fishing on national wildlife refuges, which is a privilege and not a right. User fees will not change as a result of this rule.

d. This rule will not raise novel legal or policy issues. This proposed rule continues the practice of requiring public use of refuges to be compatible with the primary purpose of the refuge.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of the Interior certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities such as businesses, organizations and governmental jurisdictions in the area as defined under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). A final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not attached, and a Small Entity Compliance Guide is not required.

This rulemaking will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Congress created the National Wildlife Refuge System to conserve fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats. They facilitated this conservation mission by providing Americans opportunities to visit and participate in compatible wildlife-dependent recreation, including fishing, hunting, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation as priority public uses on national wildlife refuges and to better appreciate the value of, and need for, fish and wildlife conservation.

For most units within the National Wildlife Refuge System, this rule is administrative, legal, technical, and procedural in nature and provides for minor changes to the methods of hunting and fishing permitted but does not stop the overall use permitted. For most units, this rule will not change the number of visitors using refuges or their spending and, therefore, will have no impact on the local economies in their vicinity.

We propose to open five units to hunting for the first time and eight to fishing. Data from the 1996 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation provides estimates of spending per day for each activity in each of our regions. Multiplying spending per activity day by the number of activity days expected at each unit yields an estimate of the total spending related to the regulation. As much of this spending would have occurred at other sites in the local region absent the regulation, this estimate does not represent *increased* economic activity but economic activity

related to the new recreational opportunities. We estimate the additional hunting opportunities will result in 11,900 visitor-hunting-days on the newly opened units. This hunting will entail \$302,000 in trip-related expenditures by hunters. We estimate the additional fishing opportunities will result in 165,300 visitor-fishing-days and \$9.3 million in spending. Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge and J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge account for 90,000 of the increased fishing days so we expect \$5.4 million of the related spending in the Minot, North Dakota area. As small businesses are a significant portion of the sporting goods industry, much of this economic activity will flow to small entities. However, the rule will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities as defined in the Act.

The "Lead-Free Fishing Areas" aspect of the rule will affect fewer than 40,000 angler days at 13 units. Lead-free weights are somewhat more expensive than lead weights. The average U.S. angler spends about \$11 per year on sinkers, swivels, and related line gear (not including lines, bait, and lures). This is less than three percent of the angler's annual equipment spending. If each fishing day represented a different angler, i.e., no repeat visits to the refuges, and all of the anglers spent twice as much on sinkers as in an average year, the increased spending would amount to approximately \$435,000 spread over eight states. Planned trade-in programs at the affected refuges will ameliorate even this small effect. This part of the rule will not have a significant economic effect.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act as discussed in the Regulatory Planning and Review section above. This rule:

a. Does not have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more;

b. Will not cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or

c. Does not have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Since this rule applies to public use of federally-owned and managed

refuges, it does not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector of more than \$100 million per year. The rule does not have a significant or unique effect on State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector. A statement containing the information required by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) is not required.

Takings (Executive Order 12630)

In accordance with Executive Order 12630, the rule does not have significant takings implications. This regulation will affect only visitors at national wildlife refuges and limit what they can do while they are on a refuge.

Federalism (Executive Order 12612)

As discussed in the Regulatory Planning and Review and Unfunded Mandates Act sections above, this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment under Executive Order 12612.

Civil Justice Reform (Executive Order 12988)

In accordance with Executive Order 12988, the Office of the Solicitor has determined that the rule does not unduly burden the judicial system and meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order. The regulation will clarify established regulations, and result in better understanding of the regulations by refuge visitors. They will be enforced through the use of U.S. District Court Violation Notice procedures. A refuge regulation violator can plead guilty and forfeit a set amount of fine established at the time of the violation by the refuge officer. The violator can complete this through the mail without a court appearance. A violator can also plead not guilty on the notice, and the Magistrates Court will set an appearance date and time and notify both the violator and officer to appear in Magistrates Court for a hearing and/or trial, in accordance with U.S. District Court Rules of Procedure.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This regulation does not contain any information collection requirements other than that already approved by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act. See 50 CFR 25.23 for information concerning that approval.

Section 7 Consultation

In preparation for new openings, we include Section 7 consultation documents in the refuge's "openings

package" for Regional review and approval from the Washington Office. We reviewed the changes in hunting and fishing herein with regard to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and find the actions are not likely to adversely affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species within the System since the rule is primarily administrative, legal, technical or procedural in nature and/or makes minor modifications to existing public use programs. We comply with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) when developing comprehensive conservation plans, refuge public use management plans, and prior to implementing any new or revised public recreation program on a refuge as identified in 50 CFR 26.32. We also make determinations required by the Endangered Species Act on a case-by-case basis before the addition of a refuge to the lists of areas open to hunting or fishing as contained in 50 CFR 32.7.

National Environmental Policy Act

We analyzed this rule in accordance with the criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4332(C)) and 318 DM 2.2(g) and 6.3(D). This rule does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. An environmental impact statement/assessment is not required.

A categorical exclusion from NEPA documentation covers this amendment of refuge-specific hunting and fishing regulations since it is technical and procedural in nature, and the environmental effects are too broad, speculative, or conjectural to lend themselves to meaningful analysis (516 DM 2, Appendix 1.10).

Prior to the addition of a refuge to the list of areas open to hunting and fishing in 50 CFR part 32, we develop hunting and fishing plans for the affected refuges. We incorporate these proposed refuge hunting and fishing activities in the refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plans and/or step-down management plans, pursuant to our refuge planning guidance in 602 FW 1–3. We prepare these plans in compliance with section 102(2)(C) of NEPA, and the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing NEPA in 40 CFR parts 1500–1508. We invite the affected public to participate in the review, development, and implementation of these plans.

We have also prepared several related environmental analyses, such as lead shot vs. nontoxic shot as it relates to waterfowl and other wildlife with the latest being an Environmental Assessment (EA) in May, 1998.

Available Information for Specific Refuges

Individual refuge headquarters retain information regarding public use programs and the conditions that apply to their specific programs, and maps of their respective areas. You may also obtain information from the regional offices at the addresses listed below:

Region 1—California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. Assistant Regional Director—Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Eastside Federal Complex, Suite 1692, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232–4181; Telephone (503) 231–6214.

Region 2—Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Assistant Regional Director—Refuges and Wildlife U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103; Telephone (505) 766–1829.

Region 3—Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. Assistant Regional Director—Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111; Telephone (612) 713–5300.

Region 4—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Assistant Regional Director—Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Room 324, Atlanta, Georgia 30345; Telephone (404) 679–7152.

Region 5—Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia. Assistant Regional Director—Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035–9589; Telephone (413) 253–8550.

Region 6—Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. Assistant Regional Director—Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; Telephone (303) 236–8145.

Region 7—Alaska. Assistant Regional Director—Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E.

Tudor Rd., Anchorage, Alaska 99503; Telephone (907) 786-3545.

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List of Subjects

50 CFR Part 32

Fishing, Hunting, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wildlife, Wildlife refuges.

50 CFR Part 36

Alaska, Recreation and recreational areas, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wildlife refuges.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, we propose to amend Title 50, Chapter I, subchapter C of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 32—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 32 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 16 U.S.C. 460k, 664, 668dd-668ee, and 715i.

2. We propose to amend § 32.2 by revising the section heading and by revising paragraph (k) to read as follows:

§ 32.2 What are the general provisions regarding hunting on areas of the National Wildlife Refuge System?

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(k) You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot, which we identify in 50 CFR 20.21(j), while hunting with shotguns or muzzleloaders 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.

3. We propose to amend § 32.7 by revising the section heading and by removing the listing of "Cossatot National Wildlife Refuge" and by alphabetically adding the listing "Pond Creek National Wildlife Refuge" in the State of Arkansas; by alphabetically adding the listing "Bond Swamp

National Wildlife Refuge" in the State of Georgia; by alphabetically adding the listing of "Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge" in the State of Louisiana; by alphabetically adding the listing of "Currituck National Wildlife Refuge" in the State of North Carolina; by alphabetically adding the listing of "Stewart Lake National Wildlife Refuge" in the State of North Dakota; by removing the listing of "Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge" and by alphabetically adding the listing "Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer" in the State of Oregon; by alphabetically adding the listing "Plum Tree Island National Wildlife Refuge" in the State of Virginia; and by alphabetically adding the listing "St. Croix Wetland Management District" in the State of Wisconsin. The revision reads as follows:

§ 32.7 What refuge units are open to hunting and/or fishing?

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4. We propose to amend § 32.20 Alabama by revising Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.20 Alabama.

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Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, racoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not allow bank fishing around the shoreline of the refuge headquarters.
2. All other refuge waters are open to fishing year-round unless otherwise posted.
3. We prohibit entry and use of airboats and hovercraft on all waters within the refuge boundaries.
4. We prohibit entry and use of inboard waterthruster boats, such as but not limited to personal watercraft, watercycles, and waterbikes on all waters of the refuge except that portion of the Tennessee River and Flint Creek from its mouth to mile-marker three.
5. Boats may not be left on the refuge overnight.

5. We propose to amend § 32.22 Arizona by revising Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge and Cibola National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.3. and B.4. of Havasu National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraphs A.3. and B.2. of Imperial National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.22 Arizona.

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Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged doves on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow only shotguns.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.
2. We allow only shotguns.
3. We allow hunting of cottontail rabbits from September 1 to the close of the State quail season.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of desert big-horn sheep on designated areas of the refuge.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing in designated areas.

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Cibola National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, common snipe, mourning and white-winged dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only shotguns.
2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.
3. You must pay a hunt fee in portions of the refuge. Consult refuge hunting leaflet for locations.
4. We do not allow pit or permanent blinds.

5. Hunting in Farm Unit 2 closes at 12:00 p.m. each day, and special regulations are in effect. Consult refuge hunting leaflet for regulations and location.

6. We close Farm Unit 2 to all hunting except waterfowl hunting during the Arizona waterfowl season.

7. You must remove all temporary blinds, boats, and decoys from the refuge following each day's hunt.

8. We do not allow hunting within 50 yards (45 m) of any public road.

9. The Hart Mine Marsh area is open to hunting from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily during goose season.

10. The area known as Pretty Water is open to waterfowl hunting from ½ hour before sunrise to 3:00 p.m. MST during the Arizona and California waterfowl hunting seasons.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow only shotguns and bows and arrows.
2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.
3. You may hunt cottontail rabbit from September 1 through the last day of the respective State's quail season.
4. During the Arizona waterfowl season, you may not hunt quail and rabbit in Farm Unit 2.
5. You may not hunt within 50 yards (45 m) of any public road.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of mule deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. During the Arizona waterfowl season, you may not hunt mule deer in Farm Unit 2.
2. You may not hunt within 50 yards (45 m) of any public road.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing and frogging subject to the following condition:

1. Cibola Lake is open to fishing and frogging from March 15 through Labor Day.

Havasu National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field..

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * *

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4. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Imperial National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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2. We require approved nontoxic shot for hunting quail and cottontail rabbit.

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§ 32.23 [Amended]

6. We propose to amend § 32.23 Arkansas by revising the name "Cossatot National Wildlife Refuge" to read "Pond Creek National Wildlife Refuge" and by placing it in alphabetical order.

7. We propose to amend § 32.24 California by revising paragraph A.2. of Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge; by revising the introductory text of paragraphs A. and B., by revising paragraph A.1., by adding paragraph A.4., by redesignating paragraphs B.2. and B.3. as B.3. and B.4. and designating the undesignated paragraph following paragraph B.1. as B.2., by revising paragraphs B.2., and B.3., and adding paragraph B.5. of Colusa National Wildlife Refuge; by revising Delevan National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph D. of Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B.2. of Kern National Wildlife Refuge; by revising Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph A. of Merced National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph A.4. and paragraph B. of Modoc National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A. and B. of Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph A., by revising the introductory text of paragraph B. and paragraph B.1., by

revising paragraph D. of San Luis National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A. and B. of Sutter National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraphs A. and B. of Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.24 California.

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Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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2. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Colusa National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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4. No person will build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

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2. We do not allow bicycles and other conveyances.

3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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5. No person will build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

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Delevan National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You must unload firearms while transporting them between parking areas and spaced blind areas.

2. We do not allow snipe hunting in the spaced blind areas.

3. We restrict hunters assigned to the spaced blind area to within 100 feet (30 m) of their assigned hunt site except for retrieving downed birds, placing decoys, or traveling to and from the area.

4. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We do not allow bicycles and other conveyances.

5. You may not possess more than 25 shells while in the field.

6. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

7. No person will build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant only in the free roam areas on the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not allow pheasant hunting in the spaced blind area except during a special

one-day only pheasant hunt on the first Monday after the opening of the State pheasant hunting season.

2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

3. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We do not allow bicycles and other conveyances.

4. You may not possess more than 25 shells while in the field.

5. No person will build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing during daylight hours only from February 15 through October 1.

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Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge

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D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from the designated shoreline train along Hookton Slough during daylight hours only.

2. We allow fishermen to only use pole and line or rod and reel from the Hookton Slough Shoreline trail fishing area.

3. We do not allow either motorized boats or motors on the refuge dock on Humboldt Bay. We close the dock on Humboldt Bay to launching of all boats from November 1 through January 15.

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Kern National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. In the controlled waterfowl hunting area, we require entry permits for the first 2 days of the waterfowl season for all hunters 16 years of age or older. An adult with a permit must accompany hunters under the age of 16 hunting in the controlled area. We require advance reservations for the first 2 days of the hunt.

2. Shooting hours end at 1:00 p.m. daily on the California portion of the refuge except that the refuge manager may designate up to six one-day special youth or disabled hunter hunts per season and up to three days per week of general waterfowl hunting starting December 1 after 1:00 p.m.

3. You may carry only unloaded firearms on hunter access routes open to motor vehicles or when taking them through posted retrieving zones when traveling to and from the hunting areas.

4. You may not set decoys in retrieving zones.

5. We do not allow air-thrust and inboard waterthrust boats.

6. Snipe hunters will possess and use, while in the field, only approved nontoxic shot.

7. You may only use non-motorized boats and boats with electric motors on units 4b and 4c from the start of the hunting season through November 30. You may use motorized boats on units 4b and 4c from December 1 through the end of hunting season.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

2. You may carry only unloaded firearms on hunter access routes open to motor vehicles or when taking them through posted retrieving zones when traveling to and from the hunting areas.

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

Merced National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and moorhens on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions and as we may otherwise post in the refuge regulations:

1. You must unload firearms while transporting them between parking areas and blind sites.

2. You may not possess or use more than 25 approved nontoxic shotgun shells when leaving their assigned parking lot.

3. We restrict hunters assigned to the spaced blind unit to their assigned blind except for retrieving downed birds, placing decoys, or traveling to and from the parking area.

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Modoc National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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4. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We limit hunting to junior hunters possessing a valid Junior Hunting License and refuge permit.

2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You must unload firearms while transporting them between parking areas and spaced blind areas.

2. We do not allow snipe hunting in the spaced blind area.

3. We restrict hunters assigned to the spaced blind unit to within 100 feet (30 m) of their assigned hunt site except for retrieving downed birds, placing decoys, or traveling to and from the parking area.

4. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

5. You may not possess more than 25 shells while in the field.

6. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We do not allow bicycles and other conveyances.

7. No person will build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not allow pheasant hunting in the spaced blind area except during a special one-day only pheasant hunt on the first Monday after the opening of the State pheasant hunting season.

2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

3. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We do not allow bicycles and other conveyances.

4. You may not possess more than 25 shells while in the field.

5. No person will build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

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San Luis National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions and as we may otherwise post in the refuge regulations:

1. In the free-roam hunting areas, you may use only portable blinds, temporary blinds constructed of natural materials, and on the San Luis Unit, existing concrete barrel blinds. We prohibit the cutting of woody vegetation.

2. You must remove all portable blinds, decoys, and other personal equipment from the refuge following each day's hunt.

3. You may snipe hunt only within the free-roam portion of the San Luis unit's waterfowl hunting areas. Snipe hunters may only possess and use approved nontoxic shot.

4. You may possess not more than 25 approved nontoxic shotgun shells after leaving their assigned parking lot or boat launch.

5. Vehicles may stop only at designated, assigned parking areas. We prohibit dropping of passengers or equipment or stopping between designated parking areas. You must return your permits to the check stations immediately upon completion of your hunt, and prior to using any tour routes or leaving the refuge vicinity.

6. You may not transport loaded firearms while walking or bicycling between parking areas in spaced blind units, or while traveling in a boat under power.

7. We restrict hunters in the spaced blind area, to their assigned blind except when they are placing decoys, traveling to and from the parking area, retrieving downed birds, or when shooting to retrieve cripples.

8. Access to the Frietas Unit free-roam hunting area is by boat only with a maximum of 5 mph. Prohibited boats include air-thrust and/or inboard water-thrust types.

9. We prohibit the use of motorized boats in the free roam units with the exception of the Frietas Unit.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasants on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions or as we otherwise may post in refuge regulations available at visitor information centers and refuge headquarters:

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions and as we may otherwise post in the refuge regulations:

1. We allow fishing from sunrise to sunset only, except on that portion of the San Joaquin River's south (left descending) bank within the West Bear Creek Unit designated as open for fishing 24 hours per day, or as otherwise posted in refuge regulations.

2. We allow the use of 1 pole and line or 1 rod and reel per person. Fishermen must attend at all times any pole and line or rod and reel they are using for fishing.

3. We prohibit the use of any boat, float tube, or other floating aid/device.

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Sutter National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

2. You may not possess more than 25 shells while in the field.

3. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We do not allow bicycles and other conveyances.

4. No person will build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

2. Access is by foot traffic only. We do not allow bicycles and other conveyances.

3. You may not possess more than 25 shells while in the field.

4. No person will build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

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Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require entry permits in the controlled waterfowl hunting area for the first 2 days of the waterfowl season for all hunters 16 years of age or older. An adult with a permit must accompany hunters under the age of 16 hunting in the controlled area. We require advance reservation for the first 2 days of the hunt.

2. Shooting hours end at 1:00 p.m. daily on the California portion of the refuge except

that the refuge manager may designate up to six one-day special youth or disabled hunter hunts per season and up to three days per week of general waterfowl hunting starting December 1 after 1:00 p.m.

3. We do not allow possession of any loaded firearms more than 200 feet (60 m) from the established blind states. You select blind sites by lottery at the beginning of each hunt day. You may shoot only from within their assigned blind sites.

4. You may carry only unloaded firearms on hunter access routes open to motor vehicles or when taking them through posted retrieving zones when traveling to and from the hunting areas.

5. We do not allow you to set decoys in retrieving zones.

6. We do not allow air-thrust and inboard waterthrust boats.

7. Snipe hunters will possess and use, while in the field, only approved nontoxic shot.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

2. You may carry only unloaded firearms on hunter access routes open to motor vehicles or when taking them through posted retrieving zones when traveling to and from the hunting areas.

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8. We propose to amend § 32.25 Colorado by revising paragraph B. of Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.25 Colorado.

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Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to State law and subject to the following condition: You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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9. We propose to amend § 32.27 Delaware by revising paragraph B. of Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraph B.4. of Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.27 Delaware.

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Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting only on the South Upland Hunting Area.

2. We allow hunting from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

3. We do not allow hunting from March 1 through August 31.

4. Shotgun hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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4. Shotgun hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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10. We propose to amend § 32.28 Florida by revising Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge; by adding paragraph D.8. of J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs C. and D. of Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A., B., C., and D.9. and adding paragraph D.10. of St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraphs B., C., and D. of St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.28 Florida.

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Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of ducks and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit and armadillo on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on the refuge year round. Creel limits/seasons are in accordance with State regulations.

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J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

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D. Sport Fishing. * * *

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8. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on all fresh water open to fishing.

Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge

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C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. Sport fishing will be in accordance with State regulations and is subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing only from sunrise to sunset.

2. We do not allow use of airboats in the refuge.

3. We do not allow commercial fishing or the taking of frogs or turtles.

4. We do not allow the use of snatch hooks in the refuge impoundments.

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St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of ducks and coots in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, and racoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkeys, and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. * * *

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9. We prohibit crabbing in refuge pools and impoundments along Lighthouse Road.

10. We do not allow launching of airboats or inboard waterthrust boats (personal watercraft) from refuge saltwater boat ramps at Wakulla Beach or the Lighthouse Road area.

St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, sambar deer, and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing only from sunrise to sunset.

2. We allow only non-motorized boats and boats with electric motors.

3. We do not allow the use of live minnows as bait.

4. We allow fishing in Lakes 1, 2, and Oyster Pond from April 1 through September 30.

5. We allow fishing in Lakes 3, 4, and 5 from May 15 through September 30.

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11. We propose to amend § 32.29 Georgia by alphabetically adding Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs C. and D. of Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs B. and C., revising the introductory text of paragraph D. and revising paragraph D.3. of Savannah National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.29 Georgia.

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Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. [Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from March 15 to October 15 except on the Ocmulgee River which is open to fishing year-around.

2. We allow fishing only from sunrise to sunset.

3. We allow fishing only with pole and line or rod and reel.

4. We prohibit the taking of sturgeon, frogs, turtles, and mollusks.

5. We allow only non-motorized boats or boats with electric motors on refuge waters except the Ocmulgee River.

6. Fishermen may not leave boats or other personal equipment on the refuge overnight.

7. The minimum size limit for largemouth bass is 14" (35 cm)

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Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

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C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: we require permits except for Cowhouse Island. We open Cowhouse Island to white-tailed deer and feral hog hunting per Dixon Memorial State Forest Regulations.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not allow the use of boats with motors larger than 10 horsepower.

2. We do not allow the use of live minnows as bait.

3. We only allow the use of pole and line or rod and reel.

4. The daily creel limit is 5 largemouth bass, 5 channel catfish, and 25 of any one, or combination, of bream or sunfish. We do not allow the possession of more than the daily creel limit.

5. We do not allow the taking of largemouth bass smaller than 14 inches (35 cm).

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Savannah National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of squirrels and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, turkey, and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

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3. We allow fishing from sunrise to sunset.

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12. We propose to amend § 32.30 Hawaii by revising by revising paragraph C.1. of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.30 Hawaii.

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Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge

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C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

1. You must have reservations or permits to access the refuge.

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13. We propose to amend § 32.31 Idaho by revising paragraph A.2. of Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A. and B. of Camas National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.3. and B.4. of Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraph B.2. of Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.31 Idaho.

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Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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2. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Camas National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant and grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Pheasant hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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3. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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4. Pheasant, quail and partridge hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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2. Pheasant hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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14. We propose to amend § 32.32 Illinois by revising paragraphs A.3., A.4., B.3., C.2., C.3., C.4., D.1., and D.7. and removing paragraph D.8. of Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B. and the introductory text of paragraph C. of Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B.1. of Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge; by revising A., revising the introductory

text of paragraph B., revising paragraphs B.3., and B.4. adding paragraph B.5., revising the introductory text of paragraph C., revising paragraphs C.3., C.4., and C.5. and revising paragraph D. of Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.32 Illinois.

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Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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3. Goose hunters outside the controlled goose hunting area on Crab Orchard Lake must hunt from a blind that is on shore or anchored a minimum of 200 yards (180m) away from any shoreline. Waterfowl hunters may also hunt on the east shoreline in Grassy Bay.

4. You may possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while hunting migratory game bird species.

B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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3. You may possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while hunting all permitted species except wild turkey. You may possess and use lead shot for hunting wild turkey.

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

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2. We require hunters using the closed area to check in at the refuge visitor contact station prior to hunting and to comply with the special rules provided to them.

3. You may not hunt deer with a firearm in the controlled goose hunting areas. You may hunt deer in the controlled goose hunting areas with archery equipment in accordance with State seasons and regulations.

4. You must remove hunting stands at the end of each day's hunt.

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D. Sport Fishing. * * *

1. Crab Orchard Lake—west of Wolf Creek Road—Anglers may fish from boats all year. Anglers must remove trot-lines/jugs from sunrise until sunset from Memorial Day through Labor Day; east of Wolf Creek Road, anglers may fish from boats March 15 through September 30. Anglers may fish all year at the Wolf Creek and Route 148 causeway areas. Anglers must check and remove fish from all jugs and trot lines daily. It is illegal to use stakes to anchor any trot-lines; anglers must tag them with their name and address. Anglers may use all noncommercial fishing methods except they may not use any underwater breathing apparatus. Anglers may not use jugs or trot-lines with any floatation device that has previously contained any petroleum-based materials or toxic substances. Anglers must attach a buoyed device that is visible on the water's surface to all trot-lines.

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7. We restrict motorboats to slow speeds leaving no wakes in Cambria Neck, and within 150 feet (45m) of any shoreline, swimming area, marina entrance, boat ramp, or causeway tunnel on Crab Orchard, Little Grassy, or Devils Kitchen Lakes.

Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. You may hunt bob-white quail, rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, opossum, coyote, red fox, grey fox, and turkey (spring) on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with posted regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. If we provide hunter check-in/check-out post, you must present daily harvests.
2. We do not allow hunting after sunset.
3. You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting for any permitted birds except wild turkey. You may use lead shot while hunting wild turkey.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with posted regulations and subject to the following conditions:

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Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. You must possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while hunting all permitted birds, except wild turkeys. You may possess and use lead shot for hunting wild turkey.

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Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You may not hunt migratory birds on refuge-closed areas posted "Area Closed," on the Goose Island "No Hunting" zone in Pool 8, on the Upper Halfway Creek March "No Hunting" zone in Pool 7, or on the Frog Pond area "No Hunting" zone in Pool 13.

2. We require permits for Potters Marsh in Pool 13 except during the early teal season.

You may only use and possess approved nontoxic shot when hunting for any permitted migratory bird.

4. On Pools 4 through 11 you must remove all decoys from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

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3. You may not hunt at any time on the Goose Island "No Hunting" zone in Pool 8, on the Upper Halfway Creek Marsh "No Hunting" zone in Pool 7, or on the Frog Pond "No Hunting" zone in Pool 13.

4. Shotgun hunters may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot when hunting for any permitted birds or other small game, except wild turkey. We still allow possession of lead shot for wild turkey hunting.

5. You may use lights and dogs to hunt raccoons, and other specifically authorized small mammals, in accordance with State regulations. We allow such use of lights on the refuge at the point of kill only. We prohibit all other uses of lights for hunting on the refuge.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

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3. You may not hunt at any time on the Goose Island "No Hunting" zone in Pool 8, on the Upper Halfway Creek "No Hunting" zone in Pool 7, or on the Frog Pond "No Hunting" zone in Pool 13.

4. We do not allow construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, or ladders.

5. You must remove all stands from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not allow fishing on the Spring Lake Closed Area, Carroll County, Illinois from October 1 through the last day of the Illinois waterfowl season.

2. We allow only hand-powered boats or boats with electric motors on Mertes' Slough in Buffalo County, Wisconsin.

15. We propose to amend § 32.34 Iowa by revising paragraph B. of Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.34 Iowa.

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Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. You may hunt upland game in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting upland game, except wild turkey. You may possess and use lead shot for wild turkey hunting.

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16. We propose to amend § 32.35 Kansas by revising paragraph B.2. of Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph A. of Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraph A. of Quivira National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.35 Kansas.

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Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot or rimfire firearms while in the field.

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Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, mourning doves and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Waterfowl and coot hunters will possess and use, while in the field, only approved nontoxic shot.

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Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, rails

(Virginia and Sora only), mourning doves, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require approved nontoxic shot when hunting any game on the refuge. We prohibit the possession of lead shot in the field.

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17. We propose to amend § 32.36 Kentucky by revising paragraph B.4. of Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.36 Kentucky.

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Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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4. You will possess and use, while in the field, only approved nontoxic shot.

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18. We propose to amend § 32.37 Louisiana by alphabetically adding Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs B. and C., the introductory text of paragraph D., and revising paragraphs D.1. and D.2. of Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge; by revising D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph D.2. and removing paragraphs D.3. and D.4. of Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge; by revising Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge; by revising the introductory text of paragraph A., by revising paragraph A.1., and by revising paragraph D. of Sabine National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.37 Louisiana.

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Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of migratory birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.
2. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting must abide by all terms and conditions in the refuge hunting brochure.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.
2. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting must abide by all terms and conditions in the refuge hunting brochure.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.
2. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting must abide by all terms and conditions in the refuge hunting brochure.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

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Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of raccoon, squirrel, rabbit, and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from one hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. We allow only pole and line or rod and reel fishing. We prohibit snagging.

2. We allow boat launching on all refuge waters as designated in the refuge brochure. We allow only non-motorized boats or boats with motors of 10 horsepower or less. Boats may not be left on the refuge overnight.

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D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of ducks, geese, coots, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. The ends of trotlines must consist of a length of cotton line that extends from the points of attachment into the water.

2. We only allow cotton limb lines.

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Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge

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D. Sport Fishing. * * *

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2. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for fishing or crawfishing must abide by all terms and conditions in the refuge fishing brochure.

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Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. You may hunt duck, coots, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.

2. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting must abide by all terms and conditions in the refuge hunting brochure.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.

2. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting must abide by all terms and conditions in the refuge hunting brochure.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.

2. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting must abide by all terms and conditions in the refuge hunting brochure.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.

2. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for fishing must abide by all terms and conditions in the refuge fishing brochure.

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Sabine National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge hunting permits.

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D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing, crabbing, and shrimp cast netting on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: Any person entering, using or occupying the refuge must abide by all terms and conditions set forth in the refuge fishing brochure.

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Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of ducks, geese, coots, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, beaver, and coyotes on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. The ends of trotlines must consist of a length of cotton line that extends from the points of attachment into the water.

2. We only allow cotton limb lines.

19. We propose to amend § 32.38 Maine by adding paragraph D.3. of Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B.3. and by adding paragraph C.5. of Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraph B. and adding paragraph D.1. of Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.38 Maine.

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Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge

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D. Sport Fishing. * * *

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3. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on “Lead-Free Fishing Areas” on the entire refuge.

Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

C. Big Game Hunting. * * *

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5. We allow only archery and shotgun hunting with appropriate buckshot or slug loads.

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Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Shotgun hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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D. Sport Fishing. * * *

1. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on “Lead-Free Fishing Areas” for the Carlton Pond Waterfowl Production Area.

20. We propose to amend § 32.39 Maryland by revising paragraph D. of Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraph B.6. of Patuxent Research Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.39 Maryland.

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Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge

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D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing and crabbing in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing and crabbing from Eastern Neck Island bridge.

2. We allow fishing and crabbing from April 1–September 30 during daylight hours only at the Ingleside Recreation Area.

3. We allow fishing from the Boxes Point and Duck Inn Trails during daylight hours only.

Patuxent Research Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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6. Shotgun hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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21. We propose to amend § 32.40 Massachusetts by revising paragraph

B.3. of Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.40 Massachusetts.

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Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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22. We propose to amend § 32.41 Michigan by adding paragraph D.3. of Seney National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.41 Michigan.

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Seney National Wildlife Refuge

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D. Sport Fishing. * * *

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3. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on “Lead-Free Fishing Areas” on the entire refuge. Current State regulations for lead-free fishing areas remain in effect.

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23. We propose to amend § 32.42 Minnesota by revising paragraph B.1. of Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge; by adding paragraph D.1. of Fergus Falls Wetland Management District; by revising paragraph B.2. of Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.1. and B.1. and adding paragraph D.4. of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.5. and B.1. of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraph B.3., revising the introductory text of paragraph D., and adding paragraph D.5. of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.42 Minnesota.

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Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. You may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting for partridge or ring-necked pheasant.

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Fergus Falls Wetland Management District

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D. Sport Fishing. * * *

1. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on “Lead-Free Fishing Areas” for Nicholson Waterfowl Production Area.

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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2. In the field, you may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot.

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Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

1. Shotgun hunters may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting migratory game birds.

B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. Shotgun hunters may only use or possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting upland game species.

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D. Sport Fishing. * * *

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4. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on “Lead-Free Fishing Areas” on Mandy Lake and Twin Lakes.

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Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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5. Shotgun hunters may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting for migratory game birds.

B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. Shotgun hunters may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting for all upland game species.

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Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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3. Shotgun hunters may only use and possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting for all upland game species.

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D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

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5. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on “Lead-Free Fishing Areas” covering the entire refuge, including bank fishing on the Ottertail River. We will coordinate implementation with the White Earth Tribe.

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24. We propose to amend § 32.43 Mississippi by revising Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge, St. Catherine Creek National Wildlife Refuge and Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.43 Mississippi.

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Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of mourning doves, migratory waterfowl, coots, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, beaver, raccoon, coyotes, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer, turkey, and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

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St. Catherine Creek National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of ducks, geese, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, beaver, nutria, muskrat, feral hogs, raccoon, coyotes, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: We require permits.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: We require permits.

Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of mourning doves, migratory waterfowl, coots, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, beaver, raccoon, coyotes, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer, turkey, and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

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25. We propose to amend § 32.44 Missouri by revising paragraph A.2. of Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.44 Missouri.

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Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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26. We propose to amend § 32.45 Montana by revising paragraph B. of Black Coulee National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B.3. of Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B.1. of Hailstone National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B. of Lake Mason National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph D. of Pablo National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A. and D. of Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; by

revising paragraph A. of Swan River National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraph B. of War Horse National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.45 Montana.

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Black Coulee National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Hailstone National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Lake Mason National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Pablo National Wildlife Refuge

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D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to State and Tribal law.

1. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on “Lead-Free Fishing Areas” covering the entire refuge. We will coordinate implementation with the Tribe.

Red Rock Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Waterfowl and coot hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from the third week of June through the end of the general State season.

2. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on “Lead-Free Fishing Areas” covering the entire refuge. Current State regulations for lead-free fishing areas remains in effect.

Swan River National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Waterfowl and coot hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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War Horse National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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27. We propose to amend § 32.47 Nevada by revising paragraphs A. and D. of Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.1., B., C., and D. of Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.47 Nevada.

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Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State law and subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not allow off-road vehicles on the refuge.

2. We do not allow permanent and pit blinds. You must remove all blind materials and decoys at the end of each hunting day.

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D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to State law and the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from one hour before sunrise until two hours after sunset.

2. We only allow fishing on the dikes in the areas north of the Brown Dike and the east of the Collection Ditch with the exception that you may fish by wading and from personal flotation devices (float tubes) on Unit 21.

3. We prohibit fishing from the bank on the South Marsh except at Brown Dike, the Main Boat Landing, and Narciss Boat Landing.

4. Fishermen may use only artificial lures in the Collection Ditch and spring ponds adjoining the ditch.

5. We do not allow boats on the refuge from January 1 through June 14.

6. During the boating season, we only allow boats on the South Marsh. Beginning June 15 through July 31, we allow only motorless boats or boats with battery-powered electric motors. Beginning August 1 through December 31, we allow only motorless boats and boats propelled with motors with a total of 10 hp or less.

7. Launch boats only from designated landings.

8. Do not store boats of any kind on the refuge from January 1 through May 31.

9. We do not allow off-road vehicles on the refuge.

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game

Birds. * * *

1. Waterfowl and coot hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, grouse, and partridge on designated areas of the refuge.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer, antelope, and bighorn sheep on designated areas of the refuge.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Anglers may only bank fish, fish by wading, use boats with electric motors, float tubes and similar flotation devices in Big Springs Reservoir, Duferrena Ponds, and Catnip Reservoir. Anglers may not fish from other types of motorized boats.

2. We allow only individuals 12 years of age or under, or 65 years of age or older, or disabled individuals to fish in McGee Pond.

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28. We propose to revise § 32.48 New Hampshire to read as follows:

§ 32.48 New Hampshire.

Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Waterfowl hunting will not require a permit. We will allow hunting only from the immediate shoreline of the Bay.

2. We allow only portable blinds. You must remove all decoys, blinds, and boats after each day's hunt.

3. Waterfowl hunters will access shorelines by boat only.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require refuge permits for the deer hunt.

2. We require big game hunters to wear in a conspicuous manner on the head, chest and back, a minimum of 400 square inches (3 m²) of solid-colored blaze orange clothing or material.

3. We allow only shotguns and bows.

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

29. We propose to amend § 32.49 New Jersey by revising paragraph A.4. of Cape May National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph A.7. of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge; by revising the introductory text of paragraph C. and by removing paragraph C.2. of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph A.5. of Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraph A.3. of Walkkill River National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.49 New Jersey.

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Cape May National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game**Birds.*

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4. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game**Birds.*

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7. Shotgun hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

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C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

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Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game**Birds.*

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5. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.*

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3. Shotgun hunters may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting migratory game birds.

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30. We propose to amend § 32.50 New Mexico by revising paragraphs A.2. and B.1. of Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A. and B.2. of Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraph A.2. of Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.50 New Mexico.

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Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.*

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2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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B. Upland Game Hunting.

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of mourning and white-winged doves on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting.

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2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.*

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2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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31. We propose to amend § 32.51 New York by revising paragraphs A.4. and B.4. of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.51 New York.

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Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game**Birds.*

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4. Waterfowl hunters may not use or possess more than 20 shells per day.

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B. Hunting of Upland Game.

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4. Shotgun hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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32. We propose to amend § 32.52 North Carolina by revising paragraph A.1. of Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge; by alphabetically adding Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph A., adding paragraph C.2. and revising paragraph D. of Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A., B., and C., of Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph A.2. of Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraph A.1. of Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.52 North Carolina.

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Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game**Birds.*

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1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Currituck National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of swans, geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.

2. Hunting must be from assigned blind location.

3. We allow hunting on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the North Carolina waterfowl season.

4. We allow hunting from ½ hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.

5. We allow access 1½ hours before legal shooting time and all parties must be off the refuge by 3:00 p.m.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]*D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

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Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of swans, geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.

2. We allow taking of Canada geese only during the special September season for resident Canada geese.

3. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting must abide by all the terms and conditions in the refuge hunting brochure.

C. Big Game Hunting.

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2. Any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting must abide by all the terms and conditions in the refuge hunting brochure.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing and crabbing from March 1 through November 1 from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset or as posted.

2. We allow bank fishing and crabbing year-round along Highway 94 Causeway and in the immediate vicinity of the Lake Landing water control structure, the Rose Bay water control structure, and the Outfall Canal water control structure. Other areas open to this activity are the Central Canal and East and West Main Canal as signed. We allow bank fishing and crabbing from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset except that the Highway 94 Causeway is open to fishing and crabbing 24 hours per day.

3. Fishermen may not dip herring (alewife).

4. Fishermen must attend all fish lines and crabbing equipment. We restrict crabbing equipment to 5 handlines and/or hand-activated traps per person. The catch/possession limit is 12 blue crabs per day per person.

5. We do not permit airboats, sailboats, wind surfers, and personal watercraft.

6. We prohibit bank fishing along the entrance road from Highway 94 to the Refuge Headquarters.

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Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of ducks, snow geese, swans, doves, woodcock, rails and snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow access 1½ hours before and after legal shooting time.

2. You must unload and encase firearms while transporting them by vehicle or boat under power.

3. We allow only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials. We require removal of portable blinds following each day's hunt.

4. We allow hunting during the State season.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, raccoon, opossum, rabbit, and fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits for any night hunting.
2. We allow access 1½ hours before and after legal shooting time.
3. You must unload and encase firearms while transporting them by a vehicle or boat under power.
4. We allow hunting during State season except we will close opossum and raccoon hunting during the State bear season including five days before and after that season.

5. You must wear 500 square inches (3.7 m²) of fluorescent orange material above the waist, visible from all directions.

6. We prohibit possession of buckshot or slugs while hunting with dogs.

7. You will use only shotguns and/or 22 caliber rim-fire rifles for upland game hunts.

8. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field on designated areas of the refuge.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You must wear 500 square inches (3.7 m²) of fluorescent orange material above the waist visible from all directions during the muzzle loading and gun seasons.
2. We allow only shotguns, muzzle-loaders, and bow and arrow for big game hunts.
3. You must unload and encase firearms while transporting them by a vehicle or boat under power.
4. We allow access 1½ hours before and after legal shooting time.
5. We allow hunting during the State season.
6. We do not allow dogs.
7. You must remove all stands from the refuge following each day's hunt. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent stands, blinds, platforms, or ladders.
8. We allow archery hunting on the Pungo Unit during the regular State archery season and from November 1 through 30. State bag limits apply.
9. We allow shotgun and muzzle-loaders on the Pungo Unit subject to the following conditions: We require permits and allow access one hour before and after legal shooting time.

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Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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33. We propose to amend § 32.53 North Dakota by revising paragraph B.2. of Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge;

by revising paragraphs B., C., and D. of Audubon National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B.1., by redesignating paragraphs B.2. and B.3. as paragraphs B.3. and B.4. and by adding a new paragraph B.2. of Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge; by revising J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.2. and B. of Lake Alice National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph D. of Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph C. of Lake Nettie National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B.1. of Lake Zahl National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B.1. of Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B.3. of Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge; by alphabetically adding Stewart Lake National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs B., C., and D. of Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraphs B., C., and D. of Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.53 North Dakota.

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Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, gray partridge and sharp-tailed grouse on designated areas of the refuge subject to State regulations with refuge restrictions as posted.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to State regulations with refuge restrictions as posted.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow ice fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to State regulations with refuge restrictions as posted.

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Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.
2. You may use falconry for upland game hunting.

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J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of the refuge.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, partridge, grouse, turkey and fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Fox hunting opens annually on the day following the close of the regular firearm deer season and closes on March 31.

2. We close fox hunting from ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise.

3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge as per State law with certain restrictions as posted.

Lake Alice National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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2. Waterfowl and coot hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game and fox on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge

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D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to State regulations with refuge restrictions as posted.

Lake Nettie National Wildlife Refuge

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C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed and mule deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to State regulations with refuge restrictions as posted.

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Lake Zahl National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. You may possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Stewart Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.

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B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on the designated area subject to all State regulations.

Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasants on designated areas of the refuge as per State law with certain restrictions as posted.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge as per State law with certain restrictions as posted.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge as per State law with certain restrictions as posted.

Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game birds with approved nontoxic shot on designated areas of the refuge as per State law with certain restrictions as posted.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge as per State law with certain restrictions as posted.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge as per State law with certain restrictions as posted.

34. We propose to amend § 32.54 Ohio by revising Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.54 Ohio.

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Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese and ducks on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.
2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.
2. You must check in and out of the refuge each day that they hunt.

3. You may not shoot from refuge roads.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing during daylight hours only and during designated dates.
2. We do not allow boats or flotation devices.

35. We propose to amend § 32.55 Oklahoma by revising paragraph B.3. of Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph B.4. of Little River National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.1. and B.1. of Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.2. and B.2. of Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph A.3. of Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraphs A., B.1., D.1. and D.3. of Washita National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.55 Oklahoma.

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Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

3. You may use only shotguns with #4 or smaller, approved nontoxic shot.

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Little River National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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4. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Washita National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese and sandhill cranes on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: We require permits and payment of a fee.

B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. We only allow shotguns.

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D. Sport Fishing. * * *

1. Anglers may fish from March 15 through October 14 in the Washita River and Foss Reservoir. Anglers may bank fish year round in the Washita River and Foss Reservoir from open areas.

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3. We do not allow boats and other flotation devices on refuge waters from October 15 through March 14.

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36. We propose to amend § 32.56 Oregon by revising paragraph A. of Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge; by removing Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.6. and B.3. of Cold Springs National

Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.2. and B.2. of Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge; by alphabetically adding Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer; by revising paragraph A.2. of Klamath Forest National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A. and D. of Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.4. and B.2. of Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.2. and B.3. of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.7. and B.3. of McKay Creek National Wildlife Refuge; by revising Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraph A.2. of Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.56 Oregon.

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Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, snipe, doves and pigeons on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Snipe hunters must possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Cold Springs National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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6. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. * * *

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2. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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2. Pheasant, quail, and partridge hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and common snipe on the Wallace Island Unit subject to the following condition:

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing along the shoreline of the Wallace Island Unit in accordance with State regulations.

Klamath Forest National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* * * *

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2. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

2. We do not allow hunting on all exposed lands on Miller Sands Island and its partially enclosed lagoon, as posted. We do not allow hunting inside the diked portion of Karlson Island, as posted.

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D. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing along the shoreline of the refuge islands in accordance with State regulations.

Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* * * *

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4. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Malheur National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* * * *

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2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field when hunting on designated areas east of Highway 205.

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McKay Creek National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* * * *

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7. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is open from 4:00 a.m. to 1½ hours after sunset except for the Hunter Check Station parking lot at the McCormack Unit which is open each morning 2 hours prior to State shooting hours for waterfowl. We do not allow decoys, boats and other personal property on the refuge following each day's hunt.

2. In the McCormack Unit, we allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Year's Day.

3. We require waterfowl hunting parties in the Boardman Unit to space themselves a minimum of 200 yards (180m) apart.

4. You may not possess more than 25 shells while in the field.

5. We require permits for hunting on the McCormack Unit.

6. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, chukar, Hungarian partridge, and quail on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We do not allow hunting of upland game birds until noon of each hunt day.

2. In the McCormack Unit, we allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Years Day.

3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

4. You may not possess more than 25 shells while in the field.

5. We require permits for hunting on the McCormack Unit.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is by permit only.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is open from 5 a.m. to 1½ hours after sunset.

2. We allow fishing on refuge impoundments and ponds from February 1 through September 30. We open other refuge waters (Columbia River and its backwaters) in accordance with State regulations.

3. We allow only non-motorized boats and boats with electric motors on refuge impoundments and ponds.

4. We only allow fishing with hook and line.

Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* * * *

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2. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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37. We propose to amend § 32.57 Pennsylvania by revising paragraph B.4. of Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.57 Pennsylvania.

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Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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4. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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38. We propose to amend § 32.60 South Carolina by revising paragraphs C. and D. of ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.60 South Carolina.

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ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge

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C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. Anglers may fish on the refuge in accordance with State law and as specifically designated in refuge publications.

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39. We propose to amend § 32.61 South Dakota by revising paragraph B. of Pocasse National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.61 South Dakota.

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Pocasse National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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40. We propose to amend § 32.62 Tennessee by revising paragraphs B., C., and D. of Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph A.4. of Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.62 Tennessee.

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Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of squirrels on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: We require permits.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions: We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing on refuge pools and reservoirs from March 15 through October 31 from sunrise to sunset.

2. We do not allow bow and arrows, trotlines, limblines, jugs, and slat baskets in refuge pools and reservoirs.

3. We do not allow taking of frogs.

4. The length limit for largemouth bass taken from Elk and South Cross Creeks reservoirs is less than 12 inches (30 cm) and more than 15 inches (37.5 cm). Anglers must immediately release unharmed largemouth bass from 12 inches (30 cm) to 15 inches (37.5 cm). We prohibit possession of largemouth bass between 12 inches (30 cm) and 15 inches (37.5 cm).

Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* * *

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4. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.*
[Reserved]

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of squirrels and raccoon on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.

2. You must unload and encase or dismantle firearms transported in motor vehicles.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.

2. You must unload and encase or dismantle firearms transported in motor vehicles.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated portions of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We close impounded waters to fishing from November 1 through March 14.

2. We close Swamp Creek, Britton Ford and Bennett's Creek embayments to fishing and boating from November 1 through March 14.

3. Anglers must launch boats from designated access points only. We restrict boats to "slow speed/minimum wake" on all refuge impoundments open to fishing.

4. Anglers may not leave boats on the refuge overnight.

41. We propose to amend § 32.63 Texas by revising paragraph B.3. of Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.63 Texas.

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Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of mourning doves in the month of September on designated areas of the refuge, subject to the following conditions:

1. We require you to check in and out of the hunt area.

2. We allow only shotguns.

3. You may possess no shot larger than No. 4 on the hunting area.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of quail in the month of February and squirrel and rabbit in the months of February and September on designated areas

of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require you to check in and out of the hunt area.

2. We allow only shotguns.

3. You may possess no shot larger than No. 4 on the hunting area.

4. You must plug shotguns to hold no more than three shells during the September dove season.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hogs on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You may archery hunt as listed in the refuge hunt information sheet. You must obtain a refuge permit and pay a hunt fee.

2. We allow firearms hunting utilizing shotguns, 20 gauge or larger, loaded with rifled slug during a special youth hunt as listed in the refuge hunt information sheet. We require permits.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Lake Texoma and connected streams are open to fishing year round.

2. We allow fishing in ponds and stock tanks from April 1 through September 30.

3. Fishermen may string trotlines between anchored floats only. We do not allow lines attached to rubber bands, sticks, poles, trees or other fixed objects in refuge ponds or impoundments.

4. We do not allow fishing from bridges or roadways.

5. We do not allow boats and other flotation devices on the waters of Lake Texoma from October 1 through March 31, nor at any time on refuge ponds and impoundments.

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42. We propose to amend § 32.64 Utah by revising paragraphs A.2. and B.1. of Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge; and paragraph B. of Ouray National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.64 Utah.

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Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge*A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* * * *

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2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Ouray National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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43. We propose to amend § 32.65 Vermont by revising paragraph B.4. of Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.65 Vermont.

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Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. * * *

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4. Shotgun hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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44. We propose to amend § 32.66 Virginia by revising Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge; and by alphabetically adding Plum Tree Island National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.66 Virginia.

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Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of waterfowl and rails on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess written permission to hunt in the non-guided public hunting areas.

2. On Wildcat Marsh we reserve compartments 1–4 for guided hunting only with refuge-designated commercial guides.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed and sika deer in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We require a refuge permit.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing, crabbing, and clamming on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow sport fishing, crabbing, and clamming in salt water areas and in that portion of Swan Cove adjacent to Beach Road. We close all other refuge ponds, impoundments and channels to these activities.

2. Fishermen must attend traps and crab pots.

3. Fishermen must obtain a permit to remain on the refuge after normal closing hours.

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Plum Tree Island National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of waterfowl on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.

2. Waterfowl hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. Upland Game Hunting. [Reserved]

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

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45. We propose to amend § 32.67 Washington by revising Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer, and Willapa National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraph A. of Conboy Lake National

Wildlife Refuge; by removing paragraphs A.6. and B.6., by revising the introductory text of paragraph B., and by revising paragraphs A.3. and B.3. of McNary National Wildlife Refuge; by revising paragraphs A.5. and B.2. of Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge; and by revising paragraphs A.6. and B.4. of Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.67 Washington.

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Columbia National Wildlife Refuge

A. *Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. In Marsh Unit 1, we allow hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
2. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.
3. In Marsh Unit 1, concurrent with the State's designated Youth Day prior to the opening of the waterfowl hunt, only youth aged 10–17 and an accompanying adult aged 18 or over may hunt.

B. *Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, and partridge on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of upland game birds only during State seasons that run concurrently with the State waterfowl season.

2. We allow only shotguns and bows and arrows.

3. Upland game bird hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

4. In Marsh Unit 1, concurrent with the State's designated Youth Day prior to the opening of the waterfowl hunt, only youth aged 10–17 and an accompanying adult aged 18 or over may hunt.

C. *Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: We allow only shotgun and archery hunting.

D. *Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow non-motorized boats and boats with electric motors on Upper and Lower Hampton, Hutchinson, Royal and Shiner Lakes.
2. We allow motorized boats and non-motorized boats on all other refuge waters open to fishing.
3. We prohibit the taking of bullfrogs.

Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge

A. *Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* We allow hunting of doves, geese, ducks, coots, and common snipe on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer

A. *Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and

common snipe on the Hunting Island Unit subject to the following condition:

1. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. *Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

C. *Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

D. *Sport Fishing.* We allow bank fishing from the Mainland Unit shoreline adjoining the Elochoman and Columbia Rivers as well as Steamboat and Brooks Sloughs, in accordance with State fishing regulations. We also allow bank fishing in the pond adjacent to the diking district pumping station by Brooks Slough. We close all other interior water of the Mainland Unit to fishing.

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McNary National Wildlife Refuge

A. *Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* * * *

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3. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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B. *Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of pheasant, quail, chukar, and Hungarian partridge on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

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3. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge

A. *Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* * * *

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5. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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B. *Upland Game Hunting.* * * *

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2. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge

A. *Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* * * *

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6. Snipe hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

B. *Upland Game Hunting.* * * *

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4. Upland game bird hunters will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Willapa National Wildlife Refuge

A. *Hunting of Migratory Game Birds.* We allow hunting of geese, ducks, and coots on designated areas of Riekkola and Lewis Units, in accordance with State hunting regulations and subject to the following conditions:

1. At Riekkola Unit, prior to entering the hunt area, we require you to obtain a permit, pay a recreation user fee, and obtain a blind assignment.

2. At Riekkola Unit you may take ducks and coots only coincidental to hunting geese. We do not allow exclusive hunting of ducks in Riekkola Unit.

3. We allow hunting in the Riekkola Unit only from established blinds on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

4. At the Riekkola Unit you will possess and use no more than 24 shells per day while in the field.

5. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shotgun shells.

B. *Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of blue and ruffed grouse on Long Island, subject to the following conditions:

1. We require you to obtain and carry a refuge permit and report game taken, as specified with the permit.

2. We allow only archery hunting.

3. We do not allow firearms on Long Island at any time.

4. We do not allow dogs on Long Island.

C. *Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting for deer, elk, and bear on Long Island, subject to the following conditions:

1. We require you to obtain and carry a refuge permit and report game taken, as specified with the permit.

2. We allow only archery hunting.

3. We do not allow firearms on Long Island at any time.

4. We do not allow dogs on Long Island.

D. *Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing along the shoreline of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

46. We propose to amend § 32.68 West Virginia by revising paragraph B.2. of Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge and paragraph B.4. of Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.68 West Virginia.

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Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge

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B. *Upland Game Hunting.* * * *

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2. Shotgun hunters may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge.

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Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge

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B. *Upland Game Hunting.* * * *

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4. You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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47. We propose to amend § 32.69 Wisconsin by revising paragraph C. of Fox River National Wildlife Refuge; by revising Horicon National Wildlife Refuge and Necedah National Wildlife Refuge; and by alphabetically adding St. Croix Wetland Management District to read as follows:

§ 32.69 Wisconsin.

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Fox River National Wildlife Refuge

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C. *Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.
2. We do not allow the construction or use of blinds, platforms, or ladders.
3. We allow hunting only during the State firearms season and during a designated time period of the archery season.

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Horicon National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of ducks and coots on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We require permits.
2. We allow only participants in the Young Wildfowlers and Special Programs to hunt.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of ring-necked pheasant, gray partridge, squirrel, and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge from the opening of the respective State seasons through the State deer firearms season, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Shotgun hunters may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting upland game species.
2. Hunting in the youth/novice pheasant hunt area (Area F) is for youth who are 12 through 15 years of age, and by permit.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting only during the early archery and State firearms season.
2. We do not allow the construction and use of permanent blinds, platforms or ladders.
3. You must remove all stands from the refuge following each day's hunt.
4. Hunting in the area surrounding the office/visitor center (Area E) is by permit only.
5. Hunting in the auto tour/hiking trail complex (Area D) is open only during the State firearms deer season.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow fishing from April 15 through September 15.
2. We allow only bank fishing.

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Necedah National Wildlife Refuge

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of migratory game birds only on designated areas of the refuge.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of wild turkey, ruffed grouse, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, and racoon only on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. You may only possess unloaded guns in the retrieval zone of Refuge Area 7 during the State waterfowl hunting season, except while hunting deer during the gun deer season.
2. During the spring turkey hunting season only, persons possessing a valid State spring turkey permit may enter and hunt wild turkeys in all open refuge areas.

3. Refuge Area 3 is open to hunting after the State deer gun season through the end of the respective State seasons or until February 28, whichever occurs first.

4. You may use dogs only when hunting small game and waterfowl.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit the possession of a loaded rifle or shotgun with 50 feet (15m) of the centerline of all paved or graveled roads and designated trails, or discharging these weapons from, across, down, or alongside these roads and trails within the refuge.
2. We do not allow the construction of permanent blinds, platforms or ladders.

3. You may use portable elevated devices but must lower them to ground level at the close of shooting hours each day. You must remove all blinds, stands, platforms and ladders from the refuge at the end of the hunting season.

4. Refuge Areas 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are open to deer hunting.

5. Refuge Area 3 is open to deer hunting during the State gun, muzzleloader, and late archery seasons. Unarmed deer hunters may enter Area 3 to scout beginning the Saturday prior to the gun deer season.

6. We do not allow target or practice shooting.

7. We prohibit the use of flagging, paint, blazes, tacks, or other types of markers.

D. Sport Fishing. We allow fishing in designated waters of the refuge at designated times subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow use of non-motorized boats in Sprague-Goose Pools only when these pools are open to fishing. We allow motorized boats in Suk Cerney Pool.
2. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on "Lead-Free Fishing Areas" on the entire refuge.

St. Croix Wetland Management District

A. Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. We allow hunting of migratory game birds throughout the district except that you may not hunt on designated portions of the St. Croix Prairie Waterfowl Production Area in St. Croix County or on the Oakridge Waterfowl Production Area in St. Croix County.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of upland game throughout the district except that you may not hunt on designated portions of the St. Croix Prairie Waterfowl Production Area in St. Croix County or on the Oakridge Waterfowl Production Area in St. Croix County.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of big game throughout the district except that you may not hunt on designated portions of the St. Croix Prairie Waterfowl Production Area in St. Croix County.

D. Sport Fishing. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on "Lead-Free Fishing Areas" covering the following five Waterfowl Production Areas: Oakridge WPA and Amschler WAP (both in St. Croix County), Rose Lee WPA, Flatey WPA, and Bass Lake WPA (in Polk County).

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48. We propose to amend § 32.70 Wyoming by adding paragraph D.1. of National Elk Refuge; by revising paragraph B. of Pathfinder National

Wildlife Refuge and by revising paragraph B. of Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge to read as follows:

§ 32.70 Wyoming.

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National Elk Refuge

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D. Sport Fishing. * * *

1. Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on "Lead-Free Fishing Areas" covering the entire refuge. Current State regulations for lead-free fishing areas remain in effect.

Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of sage grouse and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge

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B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of sage grouse and cottontail rabbit on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: You will possess and use only approved nontoxic shot while in the field.

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PART 36—[AMENDED]

49. The authority citation for part 36 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 16 U.S.C. 460(k) *et seq.*, 668dd–668ee, 742(a) *et seq.*, 3101 *et seq.*; and 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

50. We propose to revise § 36.39(i)(6) to read as follows:

§ 36.39 Public use.

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(6) What are the restrictions concerning fishing on Kenai National Wildlife Refuge?

(i) We prohibit fishing June 1 to August 15 on the south bank of the Kenai River from the Kenai-Russian River Ferry dock to a point 100 feet (30 m) downstream.

(ii) Effective with the 2001–2002 season, we will require anglers to use lead-free sinkers and jigs on "Lead-Free Fishing Areas" on the section of the Kenai River from the outlet of Skilak Lake downstream to the refuge boundary and the Dave Spenser Unit of the Kenai Refuge Wilderness Area.

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