

4. We prohibit airboats, hovercraft, or personal watercraft (Jet Skis) on any waters within the refuge boundary.

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The following refuge units have been opened for hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

#### ATCHAFALAYA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, snipe, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Hunting must be in accordance with Sherburne Wildlife Management Area regulations.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, nutria, muskrat, mink, fox, bobcat, beaver, and otter on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Hunting must be in accordance with Sherburne Wildlife Management Area regulations.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following condition: Hunting must be in accordance with Sherburne Wildlife Management Area regulations.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow finfishing and shellfishing year-round in accordance with Sherburne Wildlife Management Area regulations subject to the following condition: We prohibit all commercial finfishing and shellfishing.

#### BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge permit.

2. We allow migratory game bird hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season. We do not open for the special teal season and State youth waterfowl hunt.

3. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of the maintained rights-of-way of roads, refuge road or designated trail, building, residence, or designated public facility.

4. You must remove temporary blinds (see § 27.93 of this chapter) used for duck hunting by 12 p.m. (noon) on the last day of the State waterfowl season. You must clearly mark

any stand or blind left on the refuge with the name and address of the person using the stand or blind. You must remove decoys daily.

5. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

6. Youth hunters under age 16 must have completed a hunter education course and possess and carry evidence of completion. An adult age 21 or older must closely supervise youth hunters (within sight and normal voice contact). One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters while hunting migratory game birds.

7. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

8. We prohibit use or possession of any type of trail-marking material.

9. Coyote, beaver, feral hog, and raccoon are incidental take species and, as such, you may take them during any open hunting season only with the weapon allowed for that season, if you are a hunter having the required licenses and permits. There is no bag limit on coyote and beaver. The feral hog bag limit is 10 per year, and the raccoon bag limit is 1 per day.

10. We prohibit entering the refuge from private property and/or hunt leases; you may use only designated entry sites.

11. You must check all game taken on the refuge before leaving the refuge at one of the self-clearing check stations indicated on the map in the refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations Brochure.

12. You must use boats to access the refuge from Bayou Cocodrie or Cross Bayou. We prohibit entering the refuge from U.S. Highway 84. You must dock all boats used to access the refuge on the banks of the refuge. Boats used to cross "low water crossings" at Cross Bayou may be left for a maximum of 3 days, and you must clearly mark them with the name and address of the person responsible for the boat while it is on the refuge. We only allow outboard motors in Cocodrie Bayou and tributaries accessible therefrom.

13. We only allow ATVs on designated trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter) from September 1 through the hunting season. An all-terrain vehicle (ATV) is an off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight 750 pounds (337.5 kg), length 85 inches (212.5 cm), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25×12 with a maximum 1 inch (2.5 cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

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14. We require all refuge users to sign in at a designated check station upon entering the refuge and sign out upon their departure.

15. Hunters with mobility impairments must possess and carry a valid special access permit from the refuge to use special access ATV trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter). State requirements for "Mobility-Impaired" classification apply. Mobility-impaired hunters must present their State "Disabled Hunter" card at the refuge headquarters to apply for the refuge special access permit.

16. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow squirrel and rabbit hunting during the State season except during the open youth hunt for deer, the youth lottery hunt, the muzzleloader hunt, and the lottery deer hunt.

2. Conditions A1, A3, and A7 through A16 apply.

3. We allow the use of dogs to hunt squirrel and rabbit during that portion of the season designated as "With/Without Dogs." We list specific season dates in the refuge brochure.

4. While engaged in upland game hunting, we prohibit possession of firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, or buckshot.

5. Hunters must enter the refuge no earlier than 2 hours before legal sunrise and must exit the refuge within 2 hours after legal sunset.

6. Youth hunters under age 16 must have completed a hunter education course and possess and carry evidence of completion. An adult age 21 or older must closely supervise youth hunters (within sight and normal voice contact). One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter while hunting upland game.

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

1. Conditions A1, A3, A7 through A16, and B5 apply.

2. The bag limit is one deer (of either sex) per day. The State season limit applies.

3. You must check all deer on the same day taken during lottery deer hunts at a staffed refuge check station.

4. Archery hunters must possess and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters Education Program.

5. We require a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of unbroken hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back, and in addition, we require a hat or cap of unbroken hunter orange. You

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must wear the solid hunter-orange items while in the field.

6. You may place temporary stands no more than 2 days prior to the opening of the respective season, and you must remove them by the last day of archery season (see § 27.93 of this chapter). You must clearly mark any stand left on the refuge with the name and address of the person using the stand.

7. We only allow deer hunting with modern firearms during the lottery deer hunt. We require special limited permits for the lottery deer hunt. We only allow hunters with a valid lottery deer hunt permit (must possess and carry the permit) to use the refuge during the lottery deer hunt.

8. We open archery season on the Saturday closest to October 31, and keep it open until the end of the State season, except we close the refuge to archery hunting during the refuge youth hunt, youth lottery hunt, and lottery deer hunt.

9. We allow deer hunting with muzzleloaders subject to State regulations. Specific open dates will appear in the annual Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations Brochure.

10. We prohibit possession or use of buckshot.

11. We prohibit possession or use of climbing spikes.

12. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or other feed or any nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see § 32.2(h)).

13. Youth hunters under age 16 must have completed a hunter education course and possess and carry evidence of completion. An adult age 21 or older must closely supervise youth hunters (within sight and normal voice contact). One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter while hunting big game.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A11 through A15 apply.

2. You must tend trotlines daily. You must attach ends of trotlines by a length of cotton line that extends into the water.

3. We prohibit commercial fishing. Recreational fishing using commercial gear (slat traps, etc.) requires a special refuge permit (that you must possess and carry) available at the refuge office.

4. We prohibit the taking of alligator snapping turtle (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

5. We only allow fishing during daylight hours.

BAYOU SAUVAGE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow finfishing and shellfishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge is daylight use only.
2. Sport fishing and shellfishing are permitted year round on all refuge lands south of the Intracoastal Waterway; from the banks of U.S. Highway 11; and within the banks of the borrow canal and borrow pits between U.S. Highway 11 and Interstate 10.
3. We only allow sport fishing with hand-held rod and reel or hand-held rod and line. You may take bait shrimp with cast nets 8 feet (2.4 m) in diameter or less. You may take crawfish (up to 100 pounds (45 kg) per person) with wire nets up to 20 inches (50 cm) in diameter. We allow recreational crabbing with a limit of 12 dozen per person. You must attend all fishing, crabbing, and crawfishing equipment at all times.
4. The use of trotlines, limblines, slat traps, gar sets, nets or alligator lines is prohibited on the refuge.
5. Only outboard motors 25 horsepower or less are permitted in waterways inside the hurricane protection levee.
6. We prohibit air-thrust boats, motorized pirogues, mud boats, and air-cooled propulsion engines on the refuge.
7. We prohibit feeding of any wildlife within the refuge.
8. We prohibit all commercial finfishing and shellfishing.

#### BAYOU TECHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed Public Use Permit while on the refuge. This permit is free and available on the front cover of the refuge's brochure.
2. We prohibit hunting in and/or shooting into or across any open field, roadway, or canal.
3. Youth hunters under age 16 must have completed a hunter education course and possess and carry evidence of completion. An adult age 21 or older must closely supervise youth hunters (within sight and normal voice contact). One adult can supervise no more than two youth hunters while hunting migratory game birds. All hunters and adult supervisors must possess and carry proof of completion of a State Hunter Education Course.
4. All hunters must have a refuge lottery hunting permit prior to hunting. You will find applications for refuge permits (that you must possess and carry) inside the refuge hunting, fishing, and public use brochures.
5. All hunters must check-in prior to hunting and check out after hunting at a refuge

self-clearing check station. You must report all game taken on the refuge when checking out by using the check card.

6. We prohibit airboats and marsh buggies (tracked vehicles) on the refuge. We restrict motorized boat use to existing canals, ditches, trenasses, ponds, and from areas marked as nonmotorized areas only.
7. We prohibit parking, walking, or hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any active oil well site, production facility, or equipment. We also prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any public road, refuge road, trail, building, residence, or designated public facility.
8. We prohibit feeding of any wildlife within the refuge.
9. We allow hunting until 12 p.m. (noon). We allow hunters to enter the refuge up to 2 hours before legal sunrise.
10. We open the refuge to hunting of migratory game bird on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays of the State waterfowl season.
11. We allow hunting in the Centerville, Garden City, Bayou Sale, North Bend—East, and North Bend—West Units through November 30. After November 30, we allow hunting in the Centerville, Garden City, and Bayou Sale Units only. We open no other units to hunting of migratory game birds.
12. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.
13. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting from the start of the State squirrel and rabbit seasons until the last day of State waterfowl season in the West Zone.
  2. We prohibit upland game hunting on days corresponding with refuge deer gun hunts.
  3. We allow hunters to enter the refuge up to 2 hours before legal sunrise, but they must leave the refuge 1 hour after legal sunset.
  4. We allow hunting 7 days a week beginning with the opening of State seasons in the Centerville, Garden City, Bayou Sale, North Bend—East, and North Bend—West Units through November 30. After November 30, we only allow hunting on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays in the Centerville, Garden City, and Bayou Sale Units until 12 p.m. (noon). We open no other units to hunting of upland game.
  5. We prohibit dogs.
  6. Conditions A1 through A8 and A13 apply.
- C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of

the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow hunting of deer with firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) during 7 specific days in November. A youth gun hunt will occur during the first weekend in November. The first of two general gun hunts will occur on the third weekend, and the final general gun hunt will occur during the final full weekend of November. These gun hunts include both Saturday and Sunday only, except the final general gun hunt will additionally include the Friday immediately before the weekend.

2. We allow hunting of deer with archery equipment from the start of the State archery season until the last day of November, except for those days that deer gun hunts occur.

3. All archery hunters must possess and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters Education Program.

4. We allow hunting in the Centerville, Garden City, Bayou Sale, North Bend—East, and North Bend—West Units only. We do not open the Bayou Sale Unit for all big game firearm hunts.

5. We only allow each hunter to possess 1 deer of either sex per day. State season limits apply.

6. You may take no other native or feral wildlife other than white-tailed deer while engaged in big game hunting (see §27.21 of this chapter).

7. We prohibit possession of buckshot.

8. We require a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of unbroken hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back, and, in addition, we require a hat or cap of unbroken hunter orange. You must wear the solid hunter-orange items while in the field.

9. Conditions A1 through A8 and B3 apply.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in all refuge waters in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow recreational fishing. We prohibit all commercial fishing activity.

2. We prohibit the use of unattended nets, traps, or lines (trot, jug, bush, etc.).

3. The refuge is daylight use only.

4. We prohibit the take of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

5. Conditions A1 and A5 through A8 apply.

#### BIG BRANCH MARSH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, goose, snipe, rail, and gallinule on designated areas of the refuge during the State waterfowl season in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, until 12 p.m. (noon), including the special teal season and youth waterfowl hunt.

2. We do not open the refuge to goose hunting for that part of the season that extends beyond the regular duck season.

3. You must remove blinds and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) by noon.

4. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

5. You must possess and carry a valid refuge hunt permit.

6. We prohibit air-thrust boats, motorized pirogues, mud boats, and air-cooled propulsion engines on the refuge.

7. Youth hunters under age 16 must have completed a hunter education course and possess and carry evidence of completion. An adult age 21 or older must closely supervise youth hunters (within sight and normal voice contact). One adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters while hunting migratory game.

8. The refuge is open from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset.

9. We prohibit possession of buckshot, slugs, rifles, or rifle ammunition.

10. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of the maintained rights-of-way of roads, refuge road, trail, building, residence, designated public facility, above-ground oil and gas or electrical facilities, or from across ATV trails (see §27.31 of this chapter).

11. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)).

12. Hunters may not enter the refuge before 4 a.m.

13. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, woodcock, and quail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow upland game hunting during the open State season using only approved nontoxic (see §32.2(k)) shot size #4 or smaller.

2. You may only use dogs for squirrel and rabbit after the close of the State gun deer season.

3. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for snipe, woodcock and quail.

4. Conditions A5 through A13 apply.

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

1. We are open during the State season for archery hunting of deer.

2. We only allow portable stands.
3. We prohibit dogs and driving deer.
4. You may take deer of either sex for the entire archery deer season. The State season limits apply.
5. You must remove all deer stands within 14 days of the end of the refuge deer season (see §27.93 of this chapter).
6. You may only take hogs during the refuge archery hunt with bow and arrow.
7. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals or other feed or any nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).
8. Conditions A5 through A11 apply.
9. Youth hunters under age 16 must have completed a hunter education course and possess and carry evidence of completion. An adult age 21 or older must closely supervise youth hunters (within sight and normal voice contact). One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter while hunting big game.
10. Conditions A5 through A13 apply.

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

1. You may only fish during from legal sunrise to legal sunset.
2. You must only use rods and reel or pole and lines while fishing.
3. We prohibit trotlines, slat traps, jug lines, or nets.
4. We allow recreational crabbing.
5. We prohibit all commercial finfishing and shellfishing.
6. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).
7. Condition A6 applies.

BLACK BAYOU LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE  
REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry a signed refuge hunt permit.
2. We allow hunting north of "cemetery pipeline" and east of the main body (permanent water) of Black Bayou Lake.
3. We allow waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season except we do not open during the special teal season and State youth waterfowl hunt.
4. We prohibit accessing the hunting area by boat from Black Bayou Lake.
5. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m.
6. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of the maintained right-of-way of roads, from or across ATV trails (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit hunting within 50 feet

(15 m), or trespassing on above-ground oil or gas production facilities.

7. We prohibit leaving boats, blinds, and decoys unattended.

8. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

9. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. One adult may supervise two youth hunters.

10. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

11. We only allow ATVs on trails (see §27.31 of this chapter) designated for their use and marked by signs. We do not open ATV trails March 1 through August 31. An all-terrain vehicle (ATV) is an off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight 750 lbs. (337.5 kg), length 85 inches (212.5 cm), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25x12 with a maximum of 1 inch (2.5 cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4, A6, A9, and A10 apply.
2. We prohibit possession of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot.
3. You may hunt raccoon and opossum from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset of rabbit and squirrel season and at night during December and January. You may use dogs for night hunting. We prohibit selling raccoon and opossum taken on the refuge for human consumption.
4. We allow use of dogs to hunt squirrel and rabbit after the refuge archery deer hunt.
5. We allow use of horses and mules to hunt raccoon and opossum at night only after obtaining a Special Use Permit at the refuge office.
6. We prohibit opossum and raccoon night hunters from using ATVs.
7. You may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 1 hour after legal shooting hours.

8. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) while hunting on the refuge. This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

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

1. Conditions A1, A4, A6, A10, A11, and B7 apply.

2. We allow archery deer hunting during October, November, and December north of "cemetery pipeline" and east of the main body (permanent water) of Black Bayou Lake.

3. We prohibit gun deer hunting.

4. The daily bag limit is one deer of either sex. The State season limit applies.

5. Hunters must possess and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters Education Program.

6. We prohibit leaving deer stands, blinds, and other equipment unattended.

7. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

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

1. You may enter the refuge ½ hour before legal sunrise, and you must exit no later than ½ hour after legal sunset.

2. You may only launch boats at the concrete ramp adjacent to the visitor center. We prohibit launching boats with motors greater than 50 hp. We prohibit personal watercraft (Jet Skis).

3. We prohibit trotlines, limb lines, yo-yos, traps, or nets.

4. We prohibit commercial fishing.

5. We prohibit leaving boats or other equipment on the refuge overnight (see §27.93 of this chapter).

6. We require a boat launch fee. You must pay launch fees and fill out and properly display your launch permit before launching boat.

7. We prohibit take of frog, turtle, and mollusk (see §27.21 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit crossing the water hyacinth blooms in a boat.

#### BOGUE CHITTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon).

2. We only allow woodcock hunting using approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) size #4 or smaller.

3. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. For waterfowl hunts, one adult may supervise two youth hunters.

4. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

5. We require a signed refuge hunt permit.

6. We allow public hunting refuge-wide during the open State season for listed species, except for the east levee of the Pearl River Navigation Canal as indicated on refuge permit map.

7. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any public road, refuge road, trail, building, residence, designated public facility or from or across above-ground oil or gas or electrical facilities.

8. We prohibit possession of slugs, buckshot, or rifle or pistol ammunition larger than .22 caliber rimfire.

9. We allow primitive camping within 100 feet (30 m) of designated streams. These include either bank of the Boque Chitto River, Wilson Slough, and West Pearl River south of Wilson Slough, refuge lands along the East Pearl River, and Holmes Bayou.

10. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

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

1. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

2. You may use dogs for squirrel during a portion of the squirrel season, typically in November and from after the close of the refuge gun deer season until the end of the State squirrel season.

3. You may use dogs for rabbit during a portion of the squirrel season, typically in November and after the close of the State gun deer season.

4. You may use dogs for raccoon; the season is typically during the months of January and February.

5. We will close the refuge to hunting (except waterfowl) and camping when the Pearl River reaches 15.5 feet (4.65 m) on the Pearl River Gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana.

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6. We prohibit the take of feral hog during any upland game hunts.

7. Conditions A3 (upland game hunts), and A5 through A10 apply.

8. During the refuge deer gun season, all hunters except waterfowl hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of unbroken hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back, and in addition we require a hat or cap of unbroken hunter orange.

9. We allow upland game hunting during the open State season.

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

1. Conditions A3 (one adult may only supervise one youth hunter during refuge Gun Deer Hunts), A5 through A7, A10, B5, and B8 apply.

2. You must remove all deer stands within 14 days following the end of the refuge deer season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

3. We allow archery deer hunting during the open State archery season.

4. General Gun Deer Hunts are typically in November and December.

5. Primitive weapons season is typically open in December.

6. We prohibit the use of dogs.

7. We prohibit using shot larger than No. 2 during turkey season.

8. You may only take gobblers.

9. You may take hogs as incidental game while participating in the refuge archery, primitive weapon and general gun deer hunts only. Additionally, you may take hogs typically during varying dates in January and February, and you must only take them with the aid of trained hog-hunting dogs from legal sunrise until legal sunset. During the special hog season in January and February, hunters may use pistol or rifle ammunition not larger than .22 caliber or a shotgun with nontoxic (steel, bismuth) shot to kill hogs after they have been caught by dogs.

10. You must kill all hogs prior to removal from the refuge.

11. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or other feed or nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing year-round in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow cotton limb lines.

2. Conditions A9 and B5 apply.

3. We close the fishing ponds at the Pearl River Turnaround to fishing during the months of April, May, and June.

4. We allow boats in the fishing ponds at the Pearl River Turnaround that do not have gasoline-powered engines attached. These boats must be hand launched into the ponds.

5. We prohibit the take of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

6. We allow trotlines but the last five feet of trotline must be 100% cotton.

### BRETON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* [Reserved]

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*D. Sport Fishing.* Anglers may fish and crab on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Anglers may fish year-round.

2. Crabbers must tend crabbing equipment at all times.

3. Anglers may not use trotlines, slat traps, or nets.

### CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose (except Canada goose), duck, coots, snipe, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The waterfowl hunt is a youth hunt only. We set hunt dates in September, and you may obtain information from the refuge. We will accept permit applications September 1 through October 15 and limit applications to a choice of 2 dates. We will notify successful applicants.

2. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. For waterfowl hunts, one adult may supervise two youth hunters.

3. We require every hunter to possess and carry signed refuge hunting regulations and permit.

4. You must complete a Hunter Information Card at a self-clearing check station after each hunt before leaving the refuge.

5. We allow dove hunting on designated areas during the first split of the State dove season only.

6. We allow snipe hunting on designated areas for the remaining portion of the State snipe season following closure of the State Ducks and Coots season in the West Zone.

7. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any public road, refuge road, trail, building, residence, or designated public facility.

8. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of

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whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow archery as the only form of hunting for white-tailed deer in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. You must possess and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters Education Program to bowhunt on the refuge.

2. Conditions A2 (for big game hunt, one adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter), A3, A4, A7, and A8 apply.

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

1. You must fish with a rod and reel or a pole and line. We prohibit the possession of any other type of fishing gear, including limb lines, gill nets, jug lines, yo-yos or trotlines.

2. You may fish, crab, or cast net in the East Cove unit year-round from legal sunrise to legal sunset, except during the State waterfowl season and when we close the Grand Bayou Boat Bay.

3. We prohibit fishing, crabbing, or cast netting from or trespassing on refuge water control structures at any time.

4. We prohibit walking, wading, or climbing in or on the marsh, levees, or structures.

5. We allow sport fishing, crabbing, and cast netting in the Gibbstown Unit Bank Fishing Road waterways and adjacent borrow pits and the Outfall Canal from March 15 through October 15 only.

6. We only allow nonpowered boats in the Bank Fishing Road waterways.

7. We only allow recreational crabbing with cotton hand lines or dropnets up to 24 inches (60 cm) outside diameter.

8. You must attend all lines, nets, and bait and remove them from the refuge (see § 27.93 of this chapter) when you leave.

9. We allow a daily limit of five dozen crabs per boat or vehicle.

10. We allow recreational cast netting for shrimp during the Louisiana Inland Shrimp Season when we open the East Cove Unit for boats.

11. You may only use a cast net that does not exceed a 5 foot (12.5 cm) hanging radius.

12. We allow a daily limit of 5 gallons (19 L) of heads-on shrimp per boat.

13. We only allow recreational cast netting for bait year-round when we open the East Cove Unit for boats.

14. We prohibit the use of ATVs, air-thrust boats, personal motorized watercraft (Jet Skis), and air-cooled propulsion engines (go devil-style motors) in any refuge area (see § 27.31(f) of this chapter).

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15. You may operate outboard motors in refuge canals, bayous, and lakes. We only allow trolling motors in the marsh.

16. Condition A8 applies.

17. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

CAT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunt brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters and anglers age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed refuge special recreational activity permit.

2. Each hunter must sign in at the refuge check station when entering and leaving the refuge.

3. The refuge opens at 4 a.m. and closes 1 hour after legal sunset.

4. We prohibit possession of firearms in areas posted as "No Hunting Zones."

5. You may only enter and exit the refuge from designated parking areas.

6. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult must possess and carry a refuge permit and may supervise no more than two youth hunters during waterfowl/upland game hunting.

7. We allow take of beaver, feral hog, nutria, raccoon, and coyote incidental to any refuge hunt with weapons legal for that hunt until you take the daily bag limit of game.

8. You must report all harvest game at the refuge check station upon leaving the refuge.

9. We allow use of all-terrain vehicles on designated refuge trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter) for wildlife-dependent activities from the first Saturday in September to the last day of the State-designated rabbit season. An all-terrain vehicle (ATV) is an off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight 750 lbs. (337.5 kg), length 85 inches (212.5 cm), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25x12 with a maximum 1 inch (2.5 cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

10. We prohibit transport of loaded weapons on an ATV (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter).

11. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any public road, refuge road, trail or ATV trail, building, residence, or designated public facility.

12. We prohibit the possession or use of nonbiodegradable flagging tape.

13. We prohibit horses or mules.

14. We only allow parking in designated parking areas.

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15. We prohibit camping or overnight parking on the refuge.

16. We prohibit air-thrust boats on the refuge.

17. We prohibit all other hunting during the special youth and Gun Deer Hunts.

18. We allow waterfowl hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until 12 p.m. (noon) during the designated State duck season, except during the refuge quota deer hunts.

19. You must remove boats, blinds, and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) daily.

20. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

21. We prohibit accessing refuge property by boat from the Mississippi River.

22. Persons using the refuge are subject to inspection of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, and boats and vehicles by law enforcement officers.

23. We allow nonmotorized or electric-powered boats only.

24. We prohibit trapping.

25. We prohibit the possession of saws, saw blades, or machetes.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunt brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A17, A19, A21, and A22 apply.

2. We allow the use of .22 caliber or less rimfire rifles and 12 gauge or higher shotguns to hunt upland game.

3. We allow the use of squirrel and rabbit dogs from the day after the close of the State-designated deer rifle season to the end of the State-designated season. We allow up to two dogs per hunting party.

4. We require the owner's name and phone number on the collars of all dogs.

5. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunt brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A17, A19, and A21 through A22 apply.

2. You must only hunt deer using bow and arrow during the State-designated deer season, except during the refuge quota deer hunts and the youth deer hunt.

3. There will be two or three lottery gun hunts (muzzleloader/rifle) in November and December (see refuge brochure for details). We will set hunt dates in July, and we will accept applications from August 1 through August 31. Applicants may apply for more than one hunt. There is a \$5 application fee per person for each hunt application and a

\$15 per person permit for each successful applicant. We will notify successful applicants by September 5.

4. We allow only portable deer stands. Hunters may erect stands 2 days before the beginning of the refuge archery season and must remove them the last day of the State archery season (see §27.93 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit the use of dogs to trail wounded deer or hogs.

6. You must only use portable deer stands. Deer stands must have the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand.

7. We prohibit the use of dogs to trail wounded deer.

8. You may only take one deer of either sex per day during the deer season. State season limits apply. During the deer quota hunts, you may only take one deer of either sex during the quota hunt weekend.

9. We require a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of unbroken hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back, and in addition we require a hat or cap of unbroken hunter orange.

10. We prohibit driving or screwing nails, spikes, or other metal objects into trees or hunting from any tree into which such an object has been driven (see §32.2(i)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunting and fishing brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit commercial fishing or commercial crawfishing.

2. Conditions A1, A3, A4, A9 (on the open portions of Wood Duck ATV Trail for wildlife-dependent activities throughout the year), A13 through A16, and A19 apply.

3. We only allow hook and line to catch bait fish.

4. We prohibit slat traps or hoop nets on the refuge.

5. You may use trotlines and yo-yos on the refuge. The ends of trotlines must consist of a length of cotton line that extends from the points of attachment into the water. You must attend yo-yos (within sight) at all times.

6. We prohibit possession of cleaned or processed fish on the refuge.

7. We allow recreational crawfishing on the refuge with either traps or nets April 1 through July 31, according to State regulations regarding trap requirements and licensing. The harvest limit is 100 pounds (45 kg) per vehicle or boat per day.

8. You must attend all crawfish traps and nets at all times and may not leave them on the refuge overnight. We allow up to and not exceeding 20 traps per angler on the refuge.

9. We prohibit harvest of frog or turtle on the refuge (see §27.21 of this chapter).

10. We prohibit boat launching by trailer from all refuge roads and parking lots.

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11. We prohibit the harvest of frogs or turtles (see §27.21 of this chapter).

### CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds only on designated areas of the Bushley Bayou Unit in accordance with State hunting regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge hunting permit. Prior to entering and leaving the hunt area, we require hunters to sign in and out at designated locations as indicated on the refuge hunt/fish permit.

2. We allow goose, duck, and coot hunting on the Bushley Bayou Unit on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays only from ½ hour before legal sunrise until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

3. We open the refuge to hunters 2 hours before official sunrise for migratory game bird hunting.

4. We allow ATVs on ATV trails (see §27.31 of this chapter) designated on the refuge hunt/fish permit from September 1 through the end of rabbit season. We open Bushley Creek, Black Lake, Boggy Bayou, Round Lake, Dempsey Lake Roads, and that portion of Minnow Ponds Road at Highway 8 to Green's Creek Road and then south to Green's Creek Bridget to ATVs year-round. We prohibit the use of an ATV on graveled roads designated for motor vehicle traffic unless otherwise posted. We only allow ATVs for wildlife-dependent activities. We define an ATV as an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight 750 lbs. (337.5 kg), length 85 inches (212.5 cm), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25 × 12 with a maximum 1 inch (2.5 cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

5. We require hunters to remove all portable blinds, boats, decoys, and other personal equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge by 1 p.m. daily.

6. We prohibit all migratory game bird hunting during deer-gun and muzzleloader hunts.

7. We prohibit hunting or shooting within 150 feet (45 m) of any public road, refuge road, ATV trail, building, residence, or designated public facility. We prohibit parking, walking, or hunting with 150 feet (45 m) of any active oil well site, production facility, or equipment.

8. We prohibit the use of air-thrust boats, inboard water-thrust boats, or personal watercraft. We only allow nonmotorized boats, boats with electric motors, or boats with a motor of 10 hp or less on Black Lake, Dempsey Lake, Long Lake, Rhinehart Lake, and Round Lake.

9. We prohibit the use of mules or horses.

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10. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult must possess and carry a refuge permit and may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

11. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

12. We prohibit the possession of buckshot, slugs, or rifle ammunition larger than .17 caliber rimfire while engaged in migratory game bird hunts.

13. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

14. We prohibit marking areas or trails with tape, paint, paper, flagging, or any other material.

15. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds. We only allow dogs after the last deer-muzzleloader hunt, except when we allow them for waterfowl hunting throughout the entire refuge waterfowl season.

16. We prohibit camping or parking overnight on the refuge.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A4 (at the Bushley Bayou Unit), A7 through A14, and A16 apply.

2. At the Headquarters Unit, we only allow squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and feral hog hunting from the first day of the State squirrel season through October 31.

3. At the Bushley Bayou Unit, we allow squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and feral hog hunting in accordance with the State season.

4. We open the refuge to hunters from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 2 hours after legal sunset.

5. At the Headquarters Unit, we only allow ATV use year-round on the Muddy Bayou Road.

6. We prohibit squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon hunting during deer-gun and muzzleloader hunts.

7. We prohibit the use of airboats, inboard water-thrust boats, or personal watercraft. We only allow nonmotorized boats, boats with electric motors, or boats with a motor of 10 hp or less on Black Lake, Dempsey Lake, Long Lake, Rhinehart Lake, and Round Lake of the Bushley Bayou Unit and Duck Lake, Cowpen Bayou, Willow Lake,

and the Highway 28 and 84 borrow pits of the Headquarters Unit.

8. At the Headquarters Unit, we close upland game hunting during high water conditions with an elevation of 42 feet (12.6 m) or above as measured at the Corps of Engineers center of the lake gauge on Catahoula Lake. At the Bushley Bayou Unit, we close upland game hunting during high water conditions with an elevation of 44 feet (13.2 m) or above as measured at the Corps of Engineers center of the lake gauge on Catahoula Lake.

9. On the Bushley Bayou Unit we allow the use of dogs to hunt squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon only after the last deer-muzzleloader hunt.

10. Dog owners must place their names and phone numbers on the collars of all of their dogs.

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

1. Conditions A1, A4 (at the Bushley Bayou Unit), A7 through A9, A12 through A14, A16, and B4 through B8 (big game hunting) apply.

2. At the Bushley Bayou Unit, we allow deer-archery hunting during the State archery season, except when closed during deer-gun and deer-muzzleloader hunts. We allow either-sex, deer-muzzleloader hunting during the first segment of the State season for Area 1, weekdays only (Monday through Friday) and the third weekend after Thanksgiving Day. We allow either-sex, deer-gun hunting for the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving Day and for the second weekend following Thanksgiving Day.

3. At the Headquarters Unit, we allow deer-archery hunting during the State archery season, except when closed during the deer-gun hunt south of the French Fork of the Little River. We allow either-sex, deer-gun hunting on the fourth weekend after Thanksgiving Day on the area south of the French Fork of the Little River.

4. We allow portable stands and climbing stands, but hunters must remove them from the refuge daily (see §27.93 of this chapter).

5. We prohibit possession of buckshot.

6. We require a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of unbroken hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back, and in addition we require a hat or cap of unbroken hunter orange. You must wear the solid hunter-orange items while in the field.

7. You may only take one deer per day during any refuge deer hunt. The State season limits apply.

8. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game or using pursuit dogs.

9. Archery hunters must possess and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters Education Program.

10. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult must possess and carry a refuge permit and may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

11. We prohibit the use of dogs to trail wounded deer.

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

1. Conditions A4 (at the Bushley Bayou Unit), A7, A9, A13 (as a fishing guide), A14, A16, B5, and B7 apply.

2. We require anglers to possess and carry at all times a signed copy of a current refuge hunting/fishing permit.

3. At the Bushley Bayou Unit, we allow fishing and crawfishing year-round. We allow trotlines, but you must tend them at least once every 24 hours and reset them when receding water levels expose them. You must attach them with a length of cotton line that extends into the water. We allow yo-yos, but you must attend and only use them from 1 hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset. We only allow recreational gear (slat traps, wire nets, and hoop nets) by refuge Special Use Permit and only in Bushley Creek, Big Bushley Creek, and Little Bushley Creek.

4. At the Headquarters Unit, we allow year-round fishing on Cowpen Bayou and the Highway 28 borrow pits. We open fishing on the remainder of the Headquarters Unit including Duck Lake, Muddy Bayou, Willow Lake, and the Highway 84 borrow pits from March 1 through October 31. We only allow pole and line or rod and reel fishing. We prohibit snagging.

5. We allow fishing from 1 hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset.

6. At the Headquarters Unit, we only allow launching of trailered boats at designated boat ramps. You may launch small, hand-carried boats at nonboat ramp sites. We prohibit dragging boats or driving vehicles (see §27.31 of this chapter) onto road shoulders to launch boats.

7. We prohibit the taking or possession of all snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, and mollusks by any means (see §27.21 of this chapter).

8. We prohibit bank fishing on Bushley Creek and fishing in Black Lake, Dempsey Lake, Long Lake, Rhinehart Lake, and round Lake, during deer-gun and muzzleloader hunts. We prohibit fishing in Black Lake, Dempsey Lake, Long Lake, Rhinehart

Lake, and Round Lake during waterfowl hunts.

D'ARBONNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge permit.

2. We prohibit waterfowl hunting in the "Beanfield" area west of Bayou D'Arbonne and between Holland's Bluff Road and the "Big Powerline" east of Bayou D'Arbonne. We mark prohibited areas with blue paint and signs.

3. We prohibit woodcock hunting in the "Beanfield" area west of Bayou D'Arbonne.

4. We allow waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season except when closed during the special teal season and State youth waterfowl hunt.

5. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m.

6. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of the maintained right-of-way roads, from or across ATV trails (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit hunting within 50 feet (15 m) or trespassing on above-ground oil or gas production facilities.

7. We prohibit leaving boats, blinds, and decoys unattended.

8. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

9. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult must possess and carry a refuge permit and may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

10. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A6, A9, and A10 apply.

2. We prohibit hunting in the "Beanfield" area west of Bayou D'Arbonne after October 31.

3. We prohibit possession of firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot while engaged in upland game hunting.

4. You may hunt raccoon and opossum during the daylight hours of rabbit and squirrel season and at night during December and January. You may use dogs for night hunting. You may take raccoon and opossum on the refuge, but we prohibit their sale for human consumption.

5. You may use dogs to hunt squirrel and rabbit after the last refuge Gun Deer Hunt.

6. You may only use horses and mules to hunt raccoon and opossum at night after obtaining a special permit at the refuge office.

7. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.

8. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see §32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

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

1. Conditions A1, A3 (for gun deer hunting), A6, A10, and B7 apply.

2. We allow general gun deer hunting on the following days: the first consecutive Saturday and Sunday of November, the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday following Thanksgiving Day, and the second Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving Day. We allow archery deer hunting during the entire State season.

3. We allow a restricted Gun Deer Hunt for hunters with Class I Wheelchair Bound Permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on the second consecutive Saturday and Sunday of November. Only permitted hunters may carry firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter).

4. The daily bag limit is one antlered and one antlerless deer. The State season limit applies.

5. You must check all deer taken during general Gun Deer Hunts at a refuge check station between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the same day taken unless stated otherwise in the annual refuge hunting brochure and permit.

6. Archery hunters must possess and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters Education Program.

7. We prohibit leaving deer stands, blinds, and other equipment unattended.

8. Deer hunters must wear hunter orange as per State deer hunting regulations on Wildlife Management Areas.

9. We prohibit hunters placing, or hunting from, stands on pine trees with white painted bands/rings.

10. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult must

possess and carry a refuge permit and may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We prohibit leaving boats and other personal property on the refuge unattended.

2. You must tend trotlines daily. You must attach ends of trotlines by a length of cotton line that extends into the water.

3. We prohibit commercial fishing. Recreational fishing using commercial gear (slat traps, etc.) requires a special refuge permit (that you must possess and carry) available at the refuge office.

4. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

#### DELTA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions.

1. We allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until 12 p.m. (noon), including special teal season, youth waterfowl season, and "light goose" special conservation season.

2. We only allow temporary blinds. You must remove both blinds and decoys (see § 27.93 of this chapter) by 12 p.m. (noon).

3. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

4. Hunters must possess and carry a valid refuge hunt permit.

5. We only allow hunting on those portions of the refuge that lie northwest of Main Pass and south of Raphael Pass.

6. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)). We prohibit possession of buckshot, slugs, rifles, or rifle ammunition.

7. We prohibit air-thrust boats, motorized pirogues, mud boats, and air-cooled propulsion engines on the refuge.

8. We close all refuge lands between Raphael Pass and Main Pass to all entry during the State waterfowl hunting season.

9. We prohibit discharge of firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) within 250 yards (225 m) of buildings or worksites, such as oil or gas production facilities.

10. We allow primitive camping year-round in designated areas (see refuge map). No person or party will remain camped, nor will any campsite remain established, in excess of 14 consecutive days.

11. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult must possess and carry a refuge permit and may

supervise no more than two youth hunters during waterfowl hunts.

12. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of weather such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

13. We open the refuge from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset, with the exception that hunters may enter the refuge earlier, but not before 4 a.m. Condition A10 applies.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. The refuge rabbit season opens the day after the State duck season closes and continues through the remainder of the State rabbit season.

2. We restrict hunting to shotgun only.

3. We allow dogs for rabbit hunting.

4. Conditions A4 through A12 (each adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters during upland game hunting), and A13 apply.

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

1. For archery hunting of deer and hogs, conditions A4 through A13 apply. For A11 each adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter during big game hunting.

2. We allow archery deer hunting October 1 through 31 (either sex) and from the day after the close of the State duck season through the end of the State deer archery season.

3. Hunters must only use portable stands for archery deer hunting.

4. We prohibit dogs and driving of deer for archery deer hunting.

5. You may only take hog with archery equipment.

6. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals or other feed or any nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see § 32.2(h)).

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

1. We only allow recreational fishing and crabbing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

2. We prohibit all commercial finfishing and shellfishing.

3. We prohibit the use of trotlines, limblines, slat traps, jug lines, nets, or alligator lines.

4. Condition A8, A11, and A13 (fishing guide) applies.

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5. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

### GRAND COTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, mourning dove, and woodcock on designated areas of the refuge on designated areas (shown on the refuge hunting brochure map) in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters and anglers age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed refuge special recreational activity permit.

2. Hunters must fill out a free daily "check-in" and "check out" refuge hunting permit obtained at designated check stations and must properly display the associated windshield permit while in parking lots.

3. The refuge opens at 4 a.m. and closes 1 hour after legal sunset.

4. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters during waterfowl hunts.

5. You may only enter and exit the refuge from designated parking lots.

6. We prohibit camping or parking overnight on the refuge.

7. We prohibit discharge of firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) except when hunting.

8. We prohibit marking of trails with non-biodegradable flagging tape.

9. We allow use of ATVs on designated trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter) from the first Saturday in September to the last day of the State rabbit season. An ATV is an off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight 750 pounds (337.5 kg), length 85 inches (212.5 cm), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25x12 with a maximum 1 inch (2.5 cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

10. We prohibit horses and mules.

11. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any public road, refuge road, trail or ATV trail, building, residence, above-ground oil or gas or electrical transmission facilities, or designated public facility.

12. We prohibit transport of loaded weapons on an ATV (see § 27.42(b) of this chapter).

13. We prohibit blocking of gates or trails (see § 27.31(h) of this chapter) with vehicles or ATVs.

14. We prohibit ATVs on trails/roads (see § 27.31 of this chapter) not specifically designated by signs for ATV use.

15. We only allow nonmotorized boats.

16. We allow incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote while

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you are hunting migratory birds, upland game, or big game, with weapons legal for that hunt only.

17. We only allow waterfowl (duck, goose, coot) hunting on Wednesdays and Saturdays until 12 p.m. (noon) during the Statewide duck season.

18. We only allow the use of shotguns while waterfowl hunting.

19. We prohibit the construction or use of permanent blinds.

20. You must remove all decoys, portable blinds, and boats (see § 27.93 of this chapter) daily.

21. We only allow incidental take of mourning dove while migratory bird hunting on days open to waterfowl hunting.

22. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

23. There will be space-blind waterfowl hunts on designated sections of the refuge during the regular State waterfowl season (see refuge brochure for details). Hunt dates will be Wednesdays and Saturdays until 12 p.m. (noon). There will be a random drawing on each hunt day to select participants. The drawing for each hunt day will be approximately 2 hours before legal sunrise. We will limit blinds to three persons. We will set hunt dates in September, subject to water availability, after the State sets the season.

24. There will youth-only lottery waterfowl hunts on designated sections of the refuge during the regular State waterfowl season (see refuge brochure for details). We will determine hunt dates after the State sets the waterfowl season and limit the hunts to no more than five per season. We will accept applications from November 1 through November 21. We will notify successful applicants by mail.

25. There may be special youth, women, and disabled hunter dove hunts (subject to cropland availability) during the regular State dove season (see refuge brochure for details). We will determine hunt dates after the State sets the season. We will determine the number of hunt days and participants by location of available cropland. We will accept applications from July 1 through July 31, and we may only select individuals for one hunt date. We will notify successful applicants by mail.

26. Individuals utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, and boats and vehicles by law enforcement officers.

27. We allow nonmotorized or electric-powered boats only.

28. We prohibit the possession of saws, saw blades, or machetes.

29. We prohibit trapping.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of rabbit on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunting brochure map

in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16, A20, and A26 apply.
2. We allow rabbit hunting from December 1 until the end of the Statewide season.
3. We only allow use of shotguns during designated hunts.
4. We only allow rabbit dogs after the close of the State deer rifle season.
5. We require the owner's name and phone number on the collars of all dogs.
6. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) for upland game hunting. This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.
7. We allow the use of .22 caliber or less rimfire rifles and 12 gauge or higher shotguns to hunt upland game.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunting brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A16, A20, and A26 apply.
2. We allow archery-only deer hunting on certain sections of the refuge from October 1 through November 30 (see refuge brochure for details).
3. We allow only portable deer stands (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter). Deer stands must have the owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand.
4. We prohibit hunters to drive deer or to use pursuit dogs. We prohibit the use of dogs to trail wounded deer or hogs.
5. We only allow archery equipment during designated seasons.
6. We require hunters to complete and possess and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters' Safety Course.
7. You may kill one deer of either sex per day during the deer season.
8. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.
9. We prohibit driving or screwing nails, spikes, or other metal objects into trees or hunting from any tree into which such an object has been driven (see §32.2(i)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing and seasonal take of crawfish in designated waters of the refuge as shown on the crawfish permit map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A11, A26, C7, and C8 apply.
2. We only allow fishing in Coulee Des Grues along Little California Road.
3. We only allow fishing with pole and line.
4. We prohibit leaving parking areas to fish until legal sunrise.

5. We allow fishing and crawfishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

6. We allow crawfishing from April 1 through July 31, subject to available water in designated areas as depicted on the crawfish permit map available at refuge headquarters.

7. We require anglers to take crawfish using pyramid nets with webbing made of cotton or nylon. We prohibit wire traps.

8. You may harvest 100 lbs. (45 kg) of crawfish per person per day.

9. We prohibit sale of crawfish taken from the refuge.

10. We prohibit glass containers on the refuge.

11. You must remove all crawfishing gear (see §27.93 of this chapter) from refuge property after each day's visit.

12. We prohibit possession of cleaned or processed fish on the refuge.

13. We prohibit the harvest of frogs or turtles (see §27.21 of this chapter).

14. We only allow bank fishing in Coulee des Grues along Little California Road.

15. We prohibit launching boats, put or placed, in Coulee des Grues from refuge property.

#### LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of goose, duck, gallinule, and coot on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must possess and carry a refuge hunting permit.
2. We only allow hunting on designated areas of the refuge. These areas include the marshes south of the Intracoastal Waterway and the area east of the Lacassine Bayou excluding Unit B (lottery hunt area west of Streeter Road), Unit F, and the headquarters area along Streeter Road (see refuge map).
3. We allow hunting Wednesdays through Sundays of the State teal and duck seasons (Western Zone). We close the refuge to hunting during the "goose only" waterfowl season. State daily and season harvest limits apply.

4. We prohibit entering the hunting area earlier than 4 a.m., and shooting hours end at 12 p.m. (noon) each day.

5. We only allow firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) legal for waterfowl hunting in the refuge hunting area.

6. We prohibit all boat motors, including trolling motors, in refuge marshes. We prohibit air-thrust boats and ATVs on the refuge (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

7. We prohibit hunting closer than 150 feet (45 m) to a canal or waterway, and hunting parties must maintain a distance of no less than 150 yards (135 m) apart.

8. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth

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must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult must possess and carry a refuge permit and may supervise no more than two youth hunters during waterfowl hunts.

9. You must remove all hunting-related equipment (see §27.93 of this chapter) immediately following each day's hunt.

10. Only selected lottery hunt applicants may hunt on the designated lottery hunt area (Unit B) of the refuge. We designate hunt days on the lottery hunt for seniors and youth of the second split of the State duck season (Western Zone). You must contact the refuge office concerning the application process.

11. We prohibit overnight camping on the refuge.

12. We prohibit possession of alcohol in the hunt areas during the hunting season.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

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

1. Conditions A1, A6, A8 (each adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter during big game hunts), A9, A11, and A12 apply.

2. We only allow archery hunting for white-tailed deer from October 1 through October 31.

3. We prohibit entrance to the hunting area earlier than 4 a.m. Hunters must leave no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

4. Each bowhunter must possess and carry a Bowhunter Education Certificate indicating completion of the State bowhunter safety class.

5. The daily bag limit is one deer per day (either sex). The State season limits apply.

6. We prohibit hunting in the headquarters area along Nature Road and along the Lacassine Pool Wildlife Drive (see refuge map).

7. We only allow boats with motors of 25 hp or less in Lacassine Pool.

8. We prohibit boats in Lacassine Pool and Unit D from October 16 through March 14. We prohibit boats in Units A and C.

9. We allow only foot access to the Unit F area.

10. We prohibit firearms while deer hunting or scouting.

11. We allow the use of crossbows for hunters age 60 or older, or hunters with a State handicapped crossbow permit.

12. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or other feed on any nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance

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with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A11, C7, and C8 apply.

2. We allow fishing March 15 through October 15.

3. You may enter the refuge 1 hour before legal sunrise, and you must leave 1 hour after legal sunset.

4. We prohibit fishing in the headquarters display pond.

5. We prohibit bank fishing on the Lacassine Pool Wildlife Drive.

6. We prohibit air-thrust boats, ATVs, and Jet Skis on the refuge (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

7. We prohibit dragging or driving of boats over levees.

8. You must only launch trailered boats at the cement ramps at the public boat launches in Lacassine Pool.

9. We only allow boats powered by paddling or trolling motors in the Unit D impoundment within Lacassine Pool.

10. We prohibit motors in the refuge marshes outside of Lacassine Pool.

11. We only allow fishing with rod and reel or pole and line on refuge waters.

12. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

### LAKE OPHELIA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, woodcock, snipe, and mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge, as shown in the refuge hunting brochure map, in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require hunters and anglers age 16 and older to purchase and carry a signed refuge special recreational activity permit.

2. Hunters must fill out a free daily "check-in" and "check out" refuge hunting permit obtained at designated check stations and must properly display associated windshield permit while in the parking lots.

3. The refuge opens at 4 a.m. and closes 1 hour after legal sunset.

4. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters during waterfowl hunts.

5. You may only enter and exit the refuge from designated parking lots.

6. We prohibit camping or parking overnight on the refuge.

7. We prohibit marking of trails with non-biodegradable flagging tape.

8. We allow use of ATVs on designated trails (see §27.31 of this chapter) from the first Saturday in September until the last day of refuge turkey season. We define ATV

as an off-road vehicle with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight 750 lbs. (337.5 kg), length 85 inches (212.5 cm), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25×12 with a maximum 1 inch (2.5 cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi (3.15 kg) as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

9. We prohibit horses or mules.
  10. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any designated road, ATV or hiking trail, or refuge facility.
  11. We prohibit transport of loaded weapons on an ATV (see §27.42(b) of this chapter).
  12. We prohibit blocking of gates or trails (see §27.31(h) of this chapter) with vehicles or ATVs.
  13. We prohibit all other hunting during special youth and muzzleloader-quota deer hunts.
  14. We allow incidental take of raccoon, feral hog, beaver, nutria, and coyote while migratory bird hunting, upland game hunting, and big game hunting with weapons legal for that hunt.
  15. We allow motors up to 25 hp in Possum Bayou (north of Boat Ramp), Palmetto Bayou, Westcut Lake, Pt. Basse, and Nicholas Lake.
  16. We allow electric-powered or non-motorized boats in Dooms Lake, Lake Long, and Possum Bayou (south of Boat Ramp).
  17. We only allow waterfowl (duck, goose, coot) hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until 12 p.m. (noon) during the Statewide duck season.
  18. We only allow the use of shotguns while waterfowl hunting.
  19. You must remove all decoys, portable blinds, and boats (see §27.93 of this chapter) daily.
  20. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.
  21. We will allow incidental take of mourning dove while migratory bird hunting on days open to waterfowl hunting.
  22. Persons using the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, and vehicles by law enforcement officers.
  23. We prohibit trapping.
- B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of squirrel and rabbit on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunting brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. Conditions A1 through A16, A19, and A22 apply.
  2. We allow squirrel and rabbit hunting in Hunt Unit 2B from the opening of the State season through December 15.
  3. We only allow squirrel and rabbit dogs after the close of the State deer rifle season. We allow no more than two dogs per hunting party.

4. Dog owners must place their name and phone number on the collars of all their dogs.

5. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) for upland game hunting. This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

6. We allow the use of .22 caliber or less rimfire rifles and 12 gauge or higher shotguns to hunt upland game.

*C. Big Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and turkey on designated areas of the refuge as shown on the refuge hunting brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1 through A3, A5 through A16, A19, and A22 apply.
2. We require hunters to permanently attach their name, address, and phone number to the deer stand.
3. We allow archery hunting from November 15 through January 1 and January 23 to the end of the State archery season except during the youth and muzzleloader deer hunts when we prohibit archery hunting.
4. We allow archery deer hunting in Hunt Units 1B and 2B from November 15 through December 15.
5. We allow youth deer hunting in all units during the State youth deer season.
6. We allow only portable deer stands. Hunters may erect deer stands 2 days before the beginning of the refuge archery season and must remove them the last day of the State archery season.
7. We prohibit the use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game or using pursuit dogs.
8. We only allow archery equipment during designated seasons.
9. Hunters must complete, possess, and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters' Safety Course.
10. We prohibit the use of dogs to trail wounded deer.
11. We allow electric-powered or non-motorized boats in Lake Ophelia from November 1 through December 15.
12. You may kill one deer of either sex per day during the first refuge archery season, and you may kill antlered bucks only during the second refuge archery season.
13. We require a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of unbroken hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back, and in addition we require a hat or cap of unbroken hunter orange during all deer gun hunts and the quota muzzleloaders deer hunts.
14. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult may

only supervise one youth hunter during big game hunts.

15. There will be three lottery muzzle-loader hunts (see refuge brochure for details). We will set hunt dates in July, and we will accept applications from August 1 through August 31. Applicants may NOT apply for more than one hunt. There is a \$5 nonrefundable application fee per person for each hunt application and a \$15 per person permit for each successful applicant. We will notify successful applicants by September 15.

16. There will be two lottery deer hunts for youth ages 12 to 15 (see refuge brochure for details). We will set hunt dates in July, and we will accept applications from November 1 through November 21. We will provide blinds. We will require successful applicants to pass a shooting proficiency test in order to qualify for the hunt. We will notify successful applicants by mail.

17. We prohibit driving or screwing nails, spikes, or other metal objects into trees or hunting from any tree in which such an object has been driven (see §32.2(i)).

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in designated areas as described in the refuge hunting brochure in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A3, A5 through A9, A17, A19 (remove boats [see §27.93 of this chapter]) and A22 apply.
2. We allow sport fishing in Duck Lake, Westcut Lake, Possum Bayou, Lake Long, and the immediate vicinity of the Lake St. Agnes drainage culverts on the Red River.
3. We prohibit the use of gear or equipment other than hook and line to catch bait fish.
4. We allow fishing from March 1 through October 15 from legal sunrise to legal sunset.
5. You must attend yo-yos (within sight) at all times.
6. We prohibit possession of largemouth bass less than 14 inches long (35 cm) and black and white crappie less than 10 inches long (25 cm).
7. We prohibit cleaned or processed fish on the refuge.
8. We allow use of ATVs on the Duck Lake ATV trail from March 15 through October 15.
9. We prohibit the harvest of frogs or turtles (see §27.21 of this chapter).
10. We prohibit crawfishing.

#### MANDALAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of migratory game birds in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of migratory game birds on Wednesdays and Saturdays until 12 p.m. (noon). Hunters may only enter the refuge after 4 a.m.
2. Prior to hunting, we must assign a refuge blind and issue a refuge lottery water-

fowl permit to any person entering, using, or occupying the refuge for hunting migratory game birds. You may only hunt from your assigned blind.

3. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult can supervise no more than two refuge-permitted youth hunters. We require all adult supervisors and hunters of migratory game birds to possess and carry a State Hunter Safety Course certificate.

4. All hunters must check-in and check out at a refuge self-clearing check station. Each hunter must list their name and certificate number on the self-clearing check station form and deposit the form at a refuge self-clearing check station prior to hunting. Hunters must report all game taken on the refuge when checking out by using the self-clearing check station form.

5. We allow no more than three hunters to hunt from a blind at one time.

6. We prohibit firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) other than those used to take migratory game birds in boats or in the possession of migratory game bird hunters.

7. We prohibit air-thrust boats or marsh buggies on the refuge. We restrict motorized boat use to existing canals, ditches, trenasses, and ponds.

#### *B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

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

1. We open the refuge to hunting of deer and hog during the State deer season, except prior to 12 p.m. (noon) on Wednesdays and Saturdays during State waterfowl seasons, when we close areas north of the Intra-Coastal Waterway to hunting of big game.
2. Hunters may only enter the refuge after 4 a.m. and must exit by 1 hour after legal sunset.
3. You may take big game with archery equipment and in accordance with State law. You may only take one deer of either sex per day, and hunters may only possess one deer. The State season limits on deer apply. There is no daily or possession limit on the number of feral hogs.
4. All hunters must possess and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters' Education Program when hunting.
5. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals or other feed, or any nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).
6. Condition A7 applies.

*D. Sport Fishing.* We allow fishing in all refuge waters in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow recreational fishing. We prohibit commercial fishing on the refuge.
2. We prohibit the use of unattended nets, traps, or lines (trot, jog, bush, etc.).
3. We only allow fishing in refuge canals during the period of October 1 to January 31.
4. We close the refuge to any nighttime activities unless specifically stated.
5. Condition A7 applies.
6. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

#### RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, woodcock, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge permit.
2. We allow waterfowl and woodcock hunting on all refuge lands except the areas within the Headquarters Focus Area in Bossier Parish and north of Interstate 49 within the Spanish Lake Focus Area in Natchitoches Parish.
3. We only allow dove hunting during the first 3 days of the State season on all refuge lands except the areas within the Headquarters Focus Area in Bossier Parish and north of Interstate 49 within the Spanish Lake Focus Area in Natchitoches Parish.
4. We allow waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.
5. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 3 a.m.
6. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any public road, refuge road, trail or ATV trail, residence, building, aboveground oil or gas or electrical transmission facilities, or designated public facility.
7. We prohibit leaving boats, blinds, and decoys unattended.
8. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.
9. Youth hunters age 15 and under must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult can supervise no more than two youth hunters.
10. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A7, and A8 apply.
2. We allow hunting on all refuge lands except the areas within the Headquarters Focus Area in Bossier Parish and north of Interstate 49 within the Spanish Lakes Focus Area in Natchitoches Parish.
3. We prohibit the possession of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot.
4. We allow hunting of raccoon and opossum during the daylight hours of rabbit and squirrel season. We allow night hunting during December and January, and you may use dogs for night hunting. We prohibit selling of raccoon and opossum taken on the refuge for human consumption.
5. We allow use of dogs to hunt squirrel and rabbit after the last refuge Gun Deer Hunt.
6. If you want to use horses and mules to hunt raccoon and opossum at night, you must first obtain a special permit at the refuge office.
7. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 3 a.m. and no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.
8. Youth hunters age 15 and under must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult can supervise no more than one youth hunter.

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

1. Conditions A1, A7, A8, and B7 apply.
2. We only allow archery hunting.
3. We allow deer hunting on all refuge lands except the areas within the Headquarters Focus Area in Bossier Parish and north of Interstate 49 within the Spanish Lake Focus Area in Natchitoches Parish.
4. The daily bag limit is one deer of either sex. The State season limit applies.
5. Archery hunters must possess and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters' Education Program.
6. We prohibit leaving deer stands, blinds, and other equipment unattended.
7. We prohibit hunters placing stands or hunting from stands on pine trees with white painted bands/rings.
8. Youth hunters age 15 and under must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each

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adult can supervise no more than one youth hunter.

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

1. We prohibit leaving boats and other personal property on the refuge unattended.
2. We prohibit boat launching with motors greater than 50 hp on all refuge waters.
3. You must tend trotlines daily. You must attach ends of trotlines by a length of cotton line that extends into the water.
4. We prohibit commercial fishing. Recreational fishing using commercial gear (slat traps, etc.) requires a special refuge permit (that you must possess and carry) available at the refuge office.
5. We prohibit the taking of alligator snapping turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

### SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose (except Canada goose), and coot on areas designated by signs stating "Waterfowl Hunting Only" and delineated on the refuge regulations and permit brochure map in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We require all hunters to possess and carry a signed refuge permit.
2. We only allow waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays during the special teal season and during the regular waterfowl season.
3. We only allow hunters to enter the refuge and launch boats after 3 a.m. All participants must be out of the refuge hunt areas and back at West Cove Public Use Area by 12 p.m. (noon).
4. We prohibit hunting on Christmas Day or New Year's Day should these days fall on a designated hunt day.
5. Youth hunters age 17 and under must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult may supervise no more than two refuge-permitted youth hunters.
6. We prohibit nonhunters entering the refuge hunt areas, with the exception of youth age 15 or under experiencing the hunt with their parent or guardian.
7. You may access the hunt areas via the boat launches at the West Cove Public Use Area, by vehicle on Vastar Road, and at designated turnouts within the refuge public hunt area along State Highway 27 (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit refuge entrance through adjacent private property or using the refuge to access private property or leases.
8. We only allow launching of boats on trailers at West Cove Public Use Area. We

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allow hand launching of small boats along Vastar Road (no trailers permitted).

9. We prohibit dragging boats across the levee.

10. We only allow operation of outboard motors in designated refuge canals and Old North Bayou. We allow trolling motors within the refuge marshes.

11. We prohibit air-thrust boats, personal motorized watercraft (e.g., Jet Skis), or boats with air-cooled propulsion engines (Go-Devil-type motors).

12. We prohibit hunting within 300 feet (90 m) of another hunter or within 150 feet (45 m) of refuge canals, public roads, buildings, above-ground oil or gas or electrical transmission facilities, or designated public facility.

13. You must only use portable blinds and those made of native vegetation. You must remove portable blinds, decoys, spent shells, and all other personal equipment (see §§27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter) each day.

14. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

15. We require you to complete and return a waterfowl harvest data form to the check station or designated drop box after each hunt.

16. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

17. We prohibit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) (see §27.31(f) of this chapter).

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

*C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]

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

1. Bank and wharf access for fishing are available year-round at the Public Use Areas along State Highway 27. You may only access the refuge by boat during the March 15 to October 15 open period.

2. We allow use of rod and reel, pole and line, or jug and line. We prohibit the use or possession of any other type of fishing gear, including limb lines, gill nets, or trot lines. We limit jug and line to 10 per boat, and you must attend them at all times. You must mark all jugs with the attendant's fishing license number and remove them (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge daily.

3. You must only launch boats with motors at the designated boat ramps at the Hog Island Gully and West Cove Public Use Areas.

4. You must launch nonmotorized boats at the 1A-1B Public Use Area.

5. We only allow operation of outboard motors in designated refuge canals, Old North

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Bayou, and Management Unit 3 (40 hp maximum in Unit 3). We allow trolling motors within the refuge marshes.

6. Conditions A9, A11, A16 (fishing guide), and A17 apply.

7. Crabbing: We allow crabbing in designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

i. You must only take crabs with cotton hand lines or drop nets with up to 24" (60 cm) outside diameter.

ii. You must remove all hand lines, drop nets, and bait (see §27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge upon leaving.

iii. We allow a daily limit on crabs of 5 dozen (60) per vehicle or boat.

8. Cast Netting: We only allow cast netting in designated areas of the refuge during the Louisiana Inland Shrimp Season subject to the following conditions:

i. We require each individual, regardless of age, to possess and carry a signed refuge cast-netting permit.

ii. An adult age 21 or older must directly supervise all youth hunters age 17 and under.

iii. We only allow cast netting from 12 p.m. (noon) to legal sunset.

iv. If you use a cast net, it must not exceed a 5 foot (1.5 m) hanging radius.

v. We only allow recreational cast netting for shrimp. You must immediately return all fish, crabs, or other incidental take (by catch) to the water before continuing to cast net.

vi. We allow a daily shrimp limit of 5 gallons (19 L) of heads-on shrimp per day, per vehicle, or per boat.

vii. Shrimp must remain in your actual custody while on the refuge.

viii. You must cast net from the bank and wharves at Northline, Hog Island Gully, and 1A-1B Public Use Areas or at sites along Hwy. 27 that provide safe access and that we do not post and sign as closed areas.

ix. We prohibit cast netting at or around the West Cove Public Use Area or on or around any boat launch.

x. You may cast net from a boat throughout the refuge except where posted and signed as closed.

xi. We prohibit reserving a place or saving a space for yourself or others by any means to include placing unattended equipment in designated cast-netting areas.

xii. We prohibit swimming in the refuge canals or wading into canals to cast net.

9. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

### TENSAS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, coot, woodcock, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We allow hunting of duck and coot on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sun-

days until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season. We prohibit migratory bird hunting during refuge gun hunts for deer.

2. We allow hunting of woodcock on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

3. We allow hunters to enter the refuge no earlier than 4 a.m.

4. In areas posted "Area Closed" or "No Hunting Zone," we prohibit hunting of migratory birds at any time. We also close open fields, marked on the Public Use Regulations brochure map, to migratory bird hunting. You may obtain the Public Use Regulations brochure at the refuge headquarters in July.

5. We prohibit shooting to unload guns or muzzleloaders (see §27.42(a) of this chapter) on the refuge at any time.

6. Hunters must remove all blind materials and decoys (see §27.93 of this chapter) each day.

7. We allow nonmotorized boats, electric motors, and boats with motors 10 hp or less in refuge lakes, streams, and bayous. We prohibit storage of boats on the refuge, and you must remove them (see §27.93 of this chapter) daily.

8. We require all waterfowl hunters to report their game immediately after each hunt at the check station nearest to the point of take.

9. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals or other feed, or any nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

10. We allow all-terrain vehicle travel on designated trails (see §27.31 of this chapter) for access typically from September 15 to the last day of the State squirrel season. We open designated trails from 4 a.m. until no later than 2 hours after legal sunset unless otherwise specified. We define an ATV as an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight 750 pounds (337.5 kg), length 85 inches (212.5 cm), and width 48 inches (120 cm). We restrict ATV tires to those no larger than 25x12 with a maximum 1 inch (2.5 cm) lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. We require an affixed refuge all-terrain vehicle permit obtained from the refuge headquarters (typically in July). Disabled hunters using the refuge handicapped all-terrain trails must possess and carry the State's Disabled Hunter Permit. Additional handicapped or disabled access information will be available at the refuge headquarters.

11. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of any public road, refuge road, trail or ATV trail, building, residence, above-ground oil or gas or electrical transmission facilities, or designated public facility.

12. We prohibit use and possession of any type of trail-marking material.

13. We prohibit use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game.

14. We require a refuge access permit for all migratory bird hunts. You may find permits on the front of the Public Use Regulations brochure.

15. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult can supervise no more than two youth hunters during waterfowl hunts.

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

1. We allow raccoon hunting beginning January 1 and typically ending the first week in February. We allow raccoon hunters to hunt from legal sunset to legal sunrise with the aid of dogs, horses, mules, and use of lights. We only allow such use of lights on the refuge at the point of kill. We prohibit all other use of lights for hunting on the refuge. Hunt dates will be available at refuge headquarters in July. We prohibit ATVs during the raccoon hunt.

2. We allow squirrel and rabbit hunting with and without dogs. We will allow hunting without dogs from the beginning of the State season and typically ending the day before the refuge deer muzzleloader hunt. We do not require wearing of hunter orange during the squirrel and rabbit hunt without dogs. Squirrel and rabbit hunting, with or without dogs, will begin the day after the refuge deer muzzleloader hunt and will conclude the last day of the State squirrel season.

3. We close squirrel and rabbit hunting during the following gun hunts for deer: refugewide youth hunt, muzzleloader hunt, and modern firearms hunts.

4. We allow hunters to enter the refuge after 4 a.m., and they must depart no later than 2 hours after legal sunset unless they are participating in the refuge raccoon hunt.

5. Conditions A5, A7, A8 (all upland game hunters), A9, A10, A11, A12, A14 (upland game hunts), and A15 (upland game hunts) apply.

6. In areas posted "Area Closed" or "No Hunting Zone," we prohibit upland game hunting at any time.

7. We allow .22 caliber rimfire weapons for upland game. You may only possess approved nontoxic shot while on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)). This requirement only applies to the use of shotgun ammunition.

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

1. Deer archery season will begin the first Saturday in November and will conclude on the last day of the State archery season (typically January 31). We require that archery hunters, including crossbow hunters, possess and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters Safety course. We prohibit archery hunting during the following: refuge and youth gun hunt, muzzleloader hunt, and modern firearms hunt.

2. Deer muzzleloader season lasts 3 days, on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday between the two refuge modern firearms hunts. We allow in-line muzzleloaders and magnified scopes.

3. We will conduct two 2-day quota modern firearms hunts for deer, typically in the months of November and December. Hunt dates and permit application procedures will be available at refuge headquarters in July. Hunters may use a muzzleloader during this hunt.

4. We will conduct a 2-day population control quota youth deer hunt in the Greenlea Bend area typically in December. Hunt dates and permit application procedures will be available at the refuge headquarters in July.

5. We will conduct a refugewide youth deer hunt the weekend before Thanksgiving Day. Each participating youth hunter must be age 8 to 15 and supervised by an adult who is at least age 21.

6. You may only take one deer per day during refuge deer hunts. The State season limit applies.

7. We allow turkey hunting the first 16 days of the State turkey season. We will conduct a youth turkey hunt the Saturday and Sunday before the regular State turkey season. You may harvest two bearded turkeys per season. We allow the possession of lead shot while turkey hunting on the refuge (see § 32.2(k)). You may use nonmotorized bicycles on designated all-terrain vehicle trails (see § 27.31 of this chapter).

8. Conditions A5, A7, A8 (deer and turkey hunters), A9 through A14 (deer and turkey hunters), A15 (each adult can supervise no more than one youth hunter during big game hunts), and B4 apply.

9. In areas posted "Area Closed" or "No Hunting Zone," we prohibit big game hunting at all times. We close open fields, which we mark on the Public Use Regulations brochure map, during the deer muzzleloader and deer modern firearms hunts; but we open those fields for deer archery hunting. We prohibit shooting into or across any open field with a gun.

10. We allow shotguns equipped with a single piece magazine plug that allows the gun to hold no more than two shells in the magazine and one in the chamber.

11. We only allow shotgun hunters to use rifled slugs when hunting deer.

12. We prohibit possession of buckshot while on the refuge.

13. You must remove all stands, blind materials, and decoys from the refuge following each day (see §27.93 of this chapter).

14. We require a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm<sup>2</sup>) of unbroken hunter orange as the outermost layer of clothing on the chest and back, and in addition we require a hat or cap of unbroken hunter orange. You must wear the solid hunter-orange items while in the field.

15. We prohibit possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals or other feed, or any nonnaturally occurring attractant on the refuge (see §32.2(h)).

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

1. We allow trotlines attached with a length of cotton line that extends into the water. You must tend the trotlines at least once every 24 hours and reset them when receding waters expose them.

2. Conditions A7, A10 (the only exceptions are the Rainey Lake and Mower Woods all-terrain trails (see §27.31 of this chapter), which are open year-round with the same time restrictions as the seasonal all-terrain trails), A12, and B4 (anglers) apply.

3. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see §27.21 of this chapter).

#### UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, coot, woodcock, and dove on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge permit.

2. We allow waterfowl hunting on the west side of the Ouachita River north of RCW Road. We allow waterfowl hunting on the east side of the Ouachita River outside the Mollicy levee, west of Kelby Road, and south of School Board South Road within the levee.

3. We allow woodcock hunting west of the Ouachita River. We allow woodcock hunting on the east side of the Ouachita River outside the Mollicy levee, west of Kelby Road, and south of School Board South Road within the levee.

4. We only allow dove hunting during the first 3 days of the State season east of the Ouachita River outside the Mollicy levee, west of Kelby Road, and south of School Board South Road within the levee.

5. We allow waterfowl hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) during the State season.

6. We will hold a limited lottery hunt during the State Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Application instructions are available at the refuge office.

7. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 3 a.m.

8. We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 m) of the maintained right-of-way of roads and from or across ATV trails (see §27.31 of this chapter). We prohibit hunting within 50 feet (15 m) or trespassing on above-ground oil or gas production facilities.

9. We prohibit leaving boats, blinds, and decoys unattended.

10. We only allow dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds.

11. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.

12. We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

*B. Upland Game Hunting.* We allow hunting of quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and opossum on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A8, A9, and A12 (to hunt upland game) apply.

2. We allow hunting west of the Ouachita River. We allow hunting on the east side of the Ouachita River outside the Mollicy levee, west of Kelby Road, and south of School Board South Road within the levee.

3. We prohibit possession of firearms (see §27.42 of this chapter) larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot.

4. We allow hunting of raccoon and opossum during the daylight hours of rabbit and squirrel season. We allow night hunting during December and January, and you may use dogs for night hunting. We prohibit selling of raccoon and opossum taken on the refuge for human consumption.

5. We allow use of dogs to hunt squirrel and rabbit after the last refuge Gun Deer Hunt.

6. If you want to use horses and mules to hunt raccoon and opossum at night, you must first obtain a special permit at the refuge office.

7. Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 3 a.m. and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.

8. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

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

1. Conditions A1, A8, A9, A12 (to hunt big game), and B7 apply.

2. We allow general gun deer hunting on the following days: the first consecutive Saturday and Sunday of November; the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday following Thanksgiving Day; and the second Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving Day. We allow archery deer hunting during the entire State season.

3. We allow deer hunting west of the Ouachita River. We allow deer hunting on the east side of the Ouachita River outside the Mollicy levee, west of Kelby Road, and south of School Board South Road within the levee.

4. The daily bag limit is one deer of either sex. The State season limit applies.

5. During general Gun Deer Hunts, you must check all deer on the day taken during general Gun Deer Hunts at a refuge check station between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. unless stated otherwise in the annual refuge hunting brochure and permit.

6. Archery hunters must possess and carry proof of completion of the International Bowhunters' Education Program.

7. We prohibit leaving deer stands, blinds, and other equipment unattended.

8. Deer hunters must wear hunter orange as per State deer hunting regulations on Wildlife Management Areas.

9. We prohibit hunters placing stands or hunting from stands on pine trees with white-painted bands/rings.

10. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State-approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. Each youth hunter must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older. Each adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter.

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

1. We allow sport fishing year-round except within the Mollicy levee. We allow fishing in the Wigeon Ponds and Reservoir March 1 through October 15, from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 30 minutes after legal sunset.

2. We prohibit outboard motors in the Wigeon Ponds. We prohibit boat launching with motors greater than 50 hp in the Reservoir.

3. We prohibit leaving boats and other personal property on the refuge unattended.

4. You must tend trotlines daily. You must attach ends of trotlines by a length of cotton line that extends into the water.

5. We prohibit commercial fishing. Recreational fishing using commercial gear (slat traps, etc.) requires a special refuge permit (that you must possess and carry) available at the refuge office.

6. We prohibit the taking of turtle (see § 27.21 of this chapter).

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The following refuge units have been opened to hunting and/or fishing, and are listed in alphabetical order with applicable refuge-specific regulations.

### LAKE UMBAGOG NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.* We allow hunting of duck, goose, American crow, and woodcock in accordance with State regulations, seasons, and bag limits subject to the following conditions:

1. You must wear two articles of hunter-orange clothing or material. One article must be a solid-colored hunter-orange hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat, or poncho and must be a minimum of 50 percent hunter orange in color (such as orange camouflage) except when hunting waterfowl.

2. We will provide permanent refuge blinds at various locations that you may reserve. You may make reservations for blinds up to 1 year in advance, for a maximum of 1 week, running Monday through Sunday during the hunting season. You may make reservations for additional weeks up to 1 week in advance, on a space-available basis. We prohibit other permanent blinds. You must remove temporary blinds, boats, and decoys (see § 27.93 of this chapter) from the refuge following each day.

3. You may use dogs to locate, point, and retrieve when hunting for migratory game birds (see § 26.21(b) of this chapter).

4. We open the refuge to hunting during the hours stipulated under each State's hunting regulations but no longer than from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset. We close the refuge to night hunting. You must unload all firearms (see § 27.42 of this chapter) outside of legal hunting hours.