



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# 2008-2009 Waterfowl Hunting

## Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

### General Provisions

The regulations listed below are a supplement to the general regulations set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations which govern activities on National Wildlife Refuges. Hunting will be in accordance with all applicable federal and state regulations.

### General Hunting Regulations

Public hunting of ducks, geese, and coots on Anahuac NWR is permitted only in areas identified in this permit. Hunters need to check area maps for location of hunting units and regulations governing hunting on them.

- All persons entering a hunt area must be legally licensed to hunt waterfowl.
- Hunters 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older to hunt the refuge.
- Hunters using the Refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, and the contents of hunting equipment, containers, vehicles and watercraft by Refuge and State law enforcement officers.
- All shotguns must be unloaded and encased while in transit on the refuge. No other firearms are allowed (i.e. pistols, revolvers, rifles). Hunters must be in possession **only** of shells containing approved non-toxic shot.
- Hunters may enter the refuge units no earlier than 4:00 am. Hunting starts at legal shooting time and closes at (12:00) noon. Hunters must be off the refuge by 12:30 pm. *Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.*
- Vehicle travel is permitted on designated roads and parking areas only. Do not block roads or gates at any time. No hunting from roads.
- On inland waters of Refuge hunt areas open to motorized boats, the operation of motorized boats is restricted to lakes, ponds, ditches and other waterways. The operation of motorized boats on or through emergent wetland vegetation is prohibited. We restrict the use of boats powered by air-cooled or radiator-cooled engines to those powered by a single engine of 25 hp or less and utilizing a propeller 9 inches in diameter or less. Airboats, marsh buggies, ATVs, and personal watercraft are prohibited.

• Portable blinds or temporary native vegetation blinds are permitted. All blinds must be removed from the refuge daily. The minimum distance between hunt parties is 200 yards.

- All decoys, spent shells, marsh chairs, and other equipment must be removed from the refuge daily. Use of plastic flagging, reflectors, reflective tape, or cane (phragmites) is prohibited on the refuge.
- Be a sportsman and respect the rights of other hunters afield.
- Skybusters flare game, leave cripples and disrupt other hunters. Allowing birds to decoy increases your hunting success. Use of retriever dogs is encouraged for conservation of downed birds, however dogs must be under the control of handlers at all times.
- Use, possession, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages while hunting, accessing or returning from the field is prohibited. Campfires are prohibited.
- Some of the marsh is dangerously boggy. Alligators, venomous snakes, mosquitoes and fire ants live in the marsh. We recommend against going into the marsh alone until you are thoroughly familiar with the hazards.

### Pace Tract Non-Fee Area

#### Specific Hunt Regulations

Location—See map on reverse.

#### Hunt Days

Regular Waterfowl Season – Open daily beginning December 13, 2008.

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

#### Light Goose Conservation Order

Open daily through February 22, 2009.

Consult Refuge Manager for details.

#### Entry Time

4:00 am (*Access to the interior of the unit from bayous is prohibited before 4:00 am.*)

#### Special Access

Access by boat only. All hunters using the Oyster Bayou Boat Ramp must register at the main entrance.

### Middleton Tract Non-Fee Area

#### Specific Hunt Regulations

Location—Middleton Tract is located between East Bay Bayou and SH 124. See map on reverse for open areas.

#### Hunt Days

#### Regular Waterfowl Season

Open Wednesday, Saturdays, and Sundays beginning December 13, 2008. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

#### Light Goose Conservation Order

Open daily through February 22, 2009.

Consult Refuge Manager for details.

#### Entry Time

4:00 am

#### Special Access

Primary access by boat. Motorized boats with motors exceeding 25 hp are prohibited in inland waterways. Portages are necessary to access interior waterways. Two boat rollers are located on East Bay Bayou for access. Walk-in access from feeder road off of SH 124 is difficult.

### East Unit - Closed for the 2008-2009 Waterfowl Hunt Season.

### Conditions after Hurricane Ike

All hunters are cautioned that marsh and waterway conditions have changed due to Hurricane Ike. Hunters are encouraged to scout units before hunting and use extreme caution when boating to hunt units.

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When signed and in your possession, this hunt flyer will serve as your general permit for all refuge hunts this year. It acknowledges your understanding of the refuge regulations contained in this flyer.

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Signature of Hunter

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Date

*Permits are required for all hunters. This permit is valid only when signed above and must be carried with you at all times while on the Refuge. Permits are not transferable.*

## Signs and Boundaries

The signs below apply to the areas behind the signs. Please respect all refuge signs whenever you see them as you travel throughout the refuge.



No Hunting Zone. This sign marks the boundary of no hunting areas on the refuge. All hunting is prohibited beyond this sign.

Hunting on all National Wildlife Refuges is a privilege, please respect it.



National Wildlife Refuge. This sign marks the boundary of the refuge. Consult refuge management for authorized activities.



Public Hunting Area. This sign marks the boundaries of the waterfowl hunting areas.

### For Further Information

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Area Closed. Certain areas of the refuge are closed to visitors for management purposes. Unauthorized entry beyond this sign is prohibited.



Waterfowl Hunting Only. This sign marks the boundaries of the waterfowl hunting areas.

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