

LOTTERY DRAW PROCEDURES FOR HBNWR SALMON CREEK UNIT

This information is intended to give waterfowl hunters a better understanding of the lottery draw system at the Salmon Creek Unit check station.

SIGN IN PROCEDURES

Waterfowl hunters or groups of hunters are required to sign in at the check station in order to participate in that days hunt. To sign in, put the first and last names of all persons in your hunting party (**up to four people**) on a 3X5 card and turn the card into the check station attendant. When the card is turned in the hunters will be given a corresponding number which will be used in the random lottery draw for available hunting blinds. Hunters must be present in order to participate in the lottery draw.

When the lottery draw is complete and the numbers are posted in the order they were drawn, the check station attendant will begin filling blinds and checking in hunters in the order of the lottery draw. If you did not get a blind during the morning draw but would like a re-fill number for the 10AM re-fill **you must wait until your lottery number is announced and tell the check station attendant that you would like a re-fill number.**

JOINING UP

The **first fourteen (14)** lottery numbers drawn may join with any other of the first fourteen (14) draws as long as there are **no more than four (4) hunters per blind.**

Waterfowl hunters or groups of hunters chosen after the first fourteen (14) must wait until their number is called in order to pair with other hunters.

The check station attendant will continue to call numbers until all blinds are occupied. Once all blinds are occupied, no more numbers will be called.

RE-FILLING

At 10:00AM the check station attendant will assign priority numbers for re-filling available blinds based on the morning random draw and those present. You must be present in order to maintain your position from the morning draw. If you were not present at the morning draw see the “sign in procedures” above for directions on signing in. You will be given a re-fill number after those ahead of you.

When a blind has been vacated by all hunters and those hunters have checked in at the check station, the blind is available to be re-filled. Priority one has the option of taking the blind or not taking the blind without losing position in line. If priority one does not take an available blind, the choice goes to priority two with the same options, so on and so forth.

Joining up for refill will follow the same rules as the first draw. Example: If there are six blinds open at 10am then the first six priorities (groups) drawn can choose to join up with another priority in the top six. Anyone beyond the first six priorities must wait until their draw number is called in order to join up.

The re-filling of available blinds ends at noon (12:00).

WHAT IF?

This information is for a basic understanding of the lottery draw system and does not try to address the many different scenarios presented by the hunters.

Please remember that hunting on a National Wildlife Refuge is a privilege not a right.