



United States Department of the Interior

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex
64 Maple Street
Burbank, Washington 99323



July 7, 2008

Dear Hunt Applicant:

Enclosed is a 2008/2009 waterfowl hunt reservation application for the McNary National Wildlife Refuge (McNary NWR) Fee Hunt Unit. If you need more copies, feel free to photocopy the application, but remember that each hunter can submit only one application. Applications will be accepted starting July 7, 2008, and **must be received by September 5, 2008**.

When choosing application dates it is important to remember:

- 1) The McNary NWR conforms to hunting season dates set by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). These dates should be posted on the WDFW website wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/seasons.htm by mid-August. Shortly after season dates are established, the 2008-2009 WDFW hunting pamphlets will be available at WDFW offices throughout Washington, as well as at many sporting goods stores and online.
- 2) Each hunter may submit **one** application with up to ten reservation dates for the 2008/2009 hunting season. Only the first application will be accepted; additional applications will be rejected.
- 3) The McNary Fee Hunt Unit is open for hunting three days per week—Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday—as well as Thanksgiving and New Years Day.
- 4) No adult reservations are accepted for the Youth Hunt Day, December 6, 2008.

All valid and timely applications will be processed through a computerized lottery program run by an independent contractor. Each applicant will be mailed a printout of their successful hunt date(s) with a number designating their order of blind selection for each date. Those applicants that did not receive a draw in the lottery will be notified by mail. The person with the lowest number present at the Hunter Check Station on the day of the hunt receives first choice of blind site. To ensure safety and promote high-quality hunting opportunities, each reservation holder is allowed a maximum of three guests. After reservation holders have selected their hunting sites, unoccupied sites are filled by standby hunters according to a drawing conducted at the Hunter Check Station.

There is a non-refundable, \$5.00 application fee which **must be submitted with your application**. Please make checks/money orders payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. **Do not send cash.**

Although each hunter can submit only one application, multiple applications for family members may be submitted in one envelope with one check.

There is a daily \$10.00 hunting blind fee for each hunter (reservation holder and standby recipients) and guest, payable at the time of the hunt. A season pass is available for \$50.00 and may be purchased at the Hunter Check Station. There is no fee for hunters aged 15 years and younger. Holders of any American the Beautiful Access Card pay half price for hunt fees (either the daily hunt fee or the season pass).

To apply for the Youth Hunt Day (Saturday, December 6, 2008), send a postcard with the name and address of the youth hunter and include "McNary Refuge Youth Hunt Day" in the address or on the card. Duplicate applications will not be accepted. Youths must be 10- to 17-years-old to participate in this hunt, must have a hunter safety card, and must be accompanied by an adult companion at least 18-years-old (two companions per youth hunter will be allowed). Because the purpose of the Youth Hunt Day is to provide young hunters the opportunity to receive guidance from experienced hunters, adults are not allowed to hunt. Reservation and blind fees are waived for the Youth Hunt Day. Applications for the Youth Hunt Day **will be accepted from July 7 through November 07, 2008.**

The Hunter Check Station is no longer located at the McNary NWR Headquarters. The new location is on Humorist Road across from the Fee Hunt Unit entrance. The station will be staffed from 1½ hours before legal shooting time until 8:00 am and from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm on scheduled hunting days.

We look forward to providing you with high-quality hunting opportunities again this year. If you have questions, please contact us at (509) 546-8300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory M. Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'G'.

Gregory M. Hughes
Project Leader, Mid-Columbia National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Enclosure

WATERFOWL HUNTING APPLICATION

Fee Hunt Unit, McNary National Wildlife Refuge

Reservation applications for the **ENTIRE STATE WATERFOWL SEASON** must be included on one application. Applications will be accepted starting July 7 and must be received by **September 5, 2008**. A reservation date and a number designating the order of blind selection will be mailed to successful applicants. Submission of the application **does not** guarantee selection. Applications are computer processed and selections are made randomly. This application form may be reproduced.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Print your name, address and telephone # completely and clearly in the boxes on the application below.
- Print your Washington hunting license number or hunter safety card number in the boxes below (permanent license and hunter safety card numbers should start after the first "-").
- Write in your choice(s) of reservation dates (up to ten dates). Use only day and month.
- **REMEMBER, hunt days are only Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, Thanksgiving Day, and New Years Day**. No adult reservations are accepted for December 6, 2008, which is Youth Hunt Day.
- Each hunter may submit only **ONE** application. Applications after the first one received will be rejected.
- All applications **must** be submitted with the \$5.00 non-refundable application fee, via check or money order and made payable to the **U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**. **Applications received with cash enclosed will be returned to sender without being processed.**
- Detach the completed application block, place in an envelope, affix postage, and send to:

McNary Fee Hunt
Mid-Columbia River NWRC
64 Maple Street
Burbank, WA 99323

Important: Check your application over carefully. Duplicate applications, incomplete applications, and those with errors will be rejected. Hunting reservations are NOT TRANSFERRABLE. Good luck!

2008-2009 Waterfowl Season Reservation Application for McNary Fee Hunt Unit

Last Name:	First Name:
Mailing Address:	City:
State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number: ()	Hunting License/Safety Card #:

I am applying to hunt on one or more days listed below (e.g., October 19 shown as 10/19)

Requested Waterfowl Hunt Dates

<u>1</u> ____/____	<u>2</u> ____/____	<u>3</u> ____/____	<u>4</u> ____/____	<u>5</u> ____/____
<u>6</u> ____/____	<u>7</u> ____/____	<u>8</u> ____/____	<u>9</u> ____/____	<u>10</u> ____/____