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## **Comment Period on Draft Hunting Plan for Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Open Until Jan. 11, 2012**

A 30-day comment period for the Refuge's Draft Hunting Plan begins today and will end January 11, 2012. Migratory game bird, big game, and upland game hunting are allowed on most areas of the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge during state seasons.

The hunting plan is being developed to include land owned or managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 10 separate units along the Missouri River between Kansas City and St. Louis Missouri, totaling 16,473 acres.

The hunt plan considers restricting a few areas to archery deer hunting only and or shot gun/archery only to provide for safety. Overall the Hunt Plan dictates that the refuge primarily will be open to all state seasons, legal harvest methods and limits allowed through Missouri state hunting regulations.

Copies are available at the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge office or online at [www.fws.gov/midwest/bigmuddy](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/bigmuddy).

Written comments will be accepted at the refuge office at this address:

Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge  
c/o Hunt Plan  
4200 New Haven Rd.  
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Comments will also be collected by email at [dean\\_bossert@fws.gov](mailto:dean_bossert@fws.gov).

For more information on the Draft Hunting Plan, please call Dean Bossert Assistant Refuge Manager at (573) 441-2787.

For more information on the Midwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service visit <http://midwest.fws.gov>.

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