

News Release



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IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE **ACCEPTING RESERVED HUNT CARDS FOR 2008 WATERFOWL SEASON**

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is now accepting cards for the Refuge's reserved waterfowl hunt days. Reservations are required for opening day, Saturday, (October 25) and the next Saturday, (November 1) of the New York State regular waterfowl season. These dates are tentative pending approval of the recommended waterfowl hunting season.

Interested hunters must include on a postcard or 3X5 card: their name, address, telephone number, and Waterfowl Identification Certificate number. List the two reserved days, in order of preference and then mail or hand carry it to: Iroquois NWR, 1101 Casey Road, Basom, New York 14013. Only one card will be accepted per hunter. More than one entry will result in removal from the drawing. No faxes, phone applications or e-mails will be accepted. Cards must be received by close of business Monday, September 22, 2008. Those selected will be notified by mail. The number of permits issued will be dependant on water levels in the hunt area. Reservations are non-transferable.

Those selected must be at the Waterfowl Check Station, located on Route 77, by 5:00 a.m. on their appointed day to select their hunt stand and obtain their permit.

Hunting will be permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays until the regular deer season begins. A permit is required each day. To get a permit, hunters must be at the Waterfowl Check Station, located on Route 77, by 5:00 a.m. to participate in a daily drawing. Permit fees are \$10 on Saturdays and \$5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Up to three hunters may share a permit and hunt stand. Waterfowl hunting on Iroquois NWR is from legal start time until 12:00 noon. All hunters must turn in their completed harvest report and present any harvested birds at the check station no later than 1:00 p.m.

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All hunters must have a valid New York State hunting license, valid Duck Stamp or e-stamp, Waterfowl Identification Certification card and Harvest Information Program (HIP) number.

Hunters are limited to no more than 20 shells per day, steel or approved non-toxic shot. Hunters must provide and use a minimum of six waterfowl decoys.

For a PDF copy of the section of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) pertaining to hunting on the refuge visit the web at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2005/octqtr/pdf/50cfr32.51.pdf. Refuge hunting regulations are also available on the refuge website: <http://iroquoisnwr.fws.gov>.

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For further information contact refuge staff at: Iroquois NWR, 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013 or call (585) 948-5445.

Individuals with disabilities and any other person who may need special assistance to participate in this program should contact Thomas Roster, Refuge Manager at 585/948-5445 Extension 202 or at the Federal Relay No. 1-800-877-8339.

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge is located midway between Rochester and Buffalo, NY and is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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