



## **Fishing Regulations**

### **Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge**



Fishing & crabbing on Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on areas designated by signs as open to fishing. **All State fishing regulations apply to Sport fishing on the refuge, including open seasons, limits, and permitted species.**

#### **Equipment**

Boats using Turtle and Fleetwood Ponds may be propelled manually or by electric motors only. State boating regulations are applicable. Air thrust boats and jet skis are not permitted anywhere on the refuge. There is a 25 horsepower limit for boats using Prime Hook Creek.

#### **Permit**

No Refuge-specific permits are required. **A valid State license is required for fishing or crabbing in all waters including both tidal and non-tidal waters designated by signs.** The license must be carried on the person at all times and must be exhibited to Federal and State officers upon request.

#### **General**

- Anglers are requested to remain at least 150 feet away from nesting boxes. The portions of Turtle and Fleetwood Ponds containing wood duck boxes are closed to the public.
- Pets are permitted if on a leash; one end of the leash must be secured to restrict movement of the animal.
- Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge is carry-in/carry-out facility. Please take all your trash with you including fishing line which is a hazard to wildlife.
- The destruction, disturbance or removal of nesting facilities, plants or animals is prohibited.
- Weapons and littering are prohibited.
- Camping and open fires are prohibited.

#### **Vehicles**

Motor vehicles are permitted on designated roads open to the public travel. Maximum speed is 25 MPH. Parking is permitted in designated parking area. All State regulations and laws are applicable.

#### **Boat Launching**

Boats must be launched from designated points of access.

#### **Hours**

The refuge is open from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. All boats must be off the water at sunset.

For further information contact Refuge Manager, Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, 11978 Turtle Pond Road, Milton, DE 19968. Telephone: (302) 684-8419.