

## **Changes and Highlights to the 2009-10 Sacramento NWR Complex Hunting Program**

### **I. Number of people per reservation**

- A. Sacramento and Delevan Refuges assures entry for up to 4 individuals whether adult hunters, junior hunters, or non-shooters per adult hunter, as long as they do not exceed the adult hunter to junior ratio.
- B. Colusa and Sutter Refuges assures entry for up to 3 adults; each adult may bring up to 2 juniors or non-hunters, or 1 of each, so long as they do not exceed 6 individuals and the adult to junior ratio.
- C. Adult to Junior Ratio is no more than 2 junior hunters or 2 non-shooters or 1 of each per adult hunter.

### **II. Lottery Procedures**

#### **A. Lottery Entry**

Non-reservation hunters may only enter the drawing for one of the following: Sacramento, Delevan, or Colusa Refuges, on any hunt date. Additionally, non-reservation hunters may also enter the Sutter Refuge draw. Lottery procedures are posted at the check station and on-line at [www.sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov](http://www.sacramentovalleyrefuges.fws.gov).

#### **B. Sutter Refuge Lottery Draw Procedures**

Same as the other refuges: Non-reservation hunters may enter the drawing at the checking station between 6-8 p.m. on the evening before each hunt day. The drawing results will establish the order of entry permit sales, which fill existing vacancies in the hunter quota. The draw will be held at 8 p.m.

#### **C. Sutter Refuge Lottery Purge**

A “lottery purge” will be implemented on an experimental basis at Sutter Refuge. The purge will be conducted the morning of the hunt by check station personnel. The process will be monitored by Refuge staff and re-evaluated at the end of the season.

**D. Number of people per lottery card**

Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa and Sutter Refuges: 4 people per lottery card. Each non-reservation hunter may not be listed on more than 1 lottery card for the same refuge, on any single hunt day. (See II. A. for the number of lotteries a hunter may enter on any hunt day.)

**III. Junior Waterfowl and Pheasant Hunts**

**E. In-season Junior Waterfowl Hunts**

Sacramento Refuge – Saturday, December 12, 2009

Delevan Refuge – Saturday, December 19, 2009

**F. Llano Seco Ranch Junior Pheasant Hunt (LSR JPH)**

The LSR JPH will not be conducted this year.

**IV. Refuge Specific Regulations**

**A. Alcohol**

The consumption or possession of an open container of alcohol, within public areas of the refuge, is prohibited. Note – this does not apply to vehicles or trailers.

**B. Party size**

1. Sacramento and Delevan Refuges: up to 4 people
2. Colusa and Sutter Refuges: up to 6 people; a party may consist of no more than 3 adult hunters; adult hunters may bring up to 2 juniors or non-hunters, or 1 of each, so long as they do not exceed the party size of 6 and the adult to junior ratios (no more than 2 juniors per adult hunter).

**C. Assigned Ponds**

Hunters are restricted to within the boundary of the assigned ponds, which are posted with “Assigned Pond” signs. Hunting on or from the assigned pond levee roads is prohibited.

## **V. New Facilities and Daily Hunter Capacity**

### **A. Sacramento:**

1. 39 blinds (4 people/blind), 7 assigned ponds (4 people/pond) with a maximum capacity of 184 including juniors, 75 maximum free roam
2. New Assigned Ponds 26, 30, 38, and 40A; 1 party in each pond
3. 42 and 39 will remain as blinds this year, due to a concern they may have a negative impact to the surrounding blinds if they were assigned ponds. They are currently listed incorrectly in the DFG regulation booklet as Assigned Ponds. The blinds will be monitored by Refuge staff and re-evaluated at the end of the season.

### **B. Colusa:**

1. 12 Assigned Ponds with a maximum capacity of 48, not including juniors; 30 eastside free roam; 14 westside free roam
2. New Assigned Ponds: P5, T19.1, T19.2, and T19.3; 1 party in each pond
3. Assigned Pond P1; up to 3 parties

### **C. Sutter:**

1. 6 Assigned Ponds with a maximum capacity of 36, not including juniors; 28 free roam
2. New Assigned Ponds 4 and 5; 1 party in each pond
3. New Assigned Ponds 15, 16, and 17; 3 parties in each pond
4. New Assigned Pond 6D 1 party including at least 1 disabled hunter

### **D. Disabled accessible access**

The section in the DFG regulation booklet that addresses additional areas with access to ponds for hunters with disabilities will be updated to include Pond 6D at Sutter Refuge.