Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-tailed Deer

2013-2014 WATERFOWL HUNTING REGULATIONS

Common goldeneye/Photo courtesy of Dr. Madeline Kalbach

The Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-tailed Deer (JBH Refuge) contains over 6,000 acres of pastures, forested tidal swamps, brushy woodlots, marshes and sloughs along the Columbia River in both Washington and Oregon State. It was established in 1971 specifically to protect and manage the endangered Columbian white-tailed deer.

Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and snipe is permitted in specific units of the refuge in accordance with federal and state hunting regulations. Areas open to hunting include the shorelines, tidelands and sloughs of Hunting Island in Washington State and Wallace and Crims Islands in Oregon State. All other refuge units including the Mainland and Tenasillahe Island Units are closed to waterfowl hunting.

HUNTING ISLAND UNIT

The Refuge owned portion of the Hunting Island Unit is open to waterfowl hunting, in accordance with Federal and Washington State Regulations. All refuge-owned shorelines, tidelands and interior sloughs are open to hunting. The eastern tip of the island of approximately 150 acres is held in private ownership. Please check Refuge map for approximate boundaries. Access to the Hunting Island Unit is by boat only.

WALLACE ISLAND UNIT

The Refuge owned portion of the Wallace Island Unit is open to waterfowl hunting, in accordance with Federal and Oregon State Regulations. All refuge-owned shorelines, tidelands and interior sloughs are open to hunting. Access to the Wallace Island Unit is by boat only.

CRIMS ISLAND UNIT

The Refuge owned portion of the Crims Island Unit is open to waterfowl hunting, in accordance with Federal and Oregon State Regulations. All refuge-owned shorelines, tidelands and interior sloughs are open to hunting. Please note that several parts of the island are in private ownership including the western tip of the island (approximately 90 acres) and a 40 acre section of the north part of the island. Please check the Refuge map for approximate boundaries. Access to the Crims Island Unit is by boat only.

WASHINGTON STATE HUNTING DATES (Hunting Island)

WATERFOWL HUNTING DATES

-SEPT 21 - 22 (YOUTH HUNTING ONLY)
-OCT 12 – 16 & OCT 19 - JAN 26, Closed for scaup OCT 12 – NOV 1

GOOSE HUNTING DATES (Zone 2A)

NOV 9 – DEC 1 & DEC 11 - JAN 26, CLOSED DEC 25 & JAN 1
Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday only

Goose Hunt Check Station
Located at the JBH Refuge Headquarters Open 10am – 6pm

OREGON STATE HUNTING DATES (Crims\Wallace Islands)

WATERFOWL HUNTING DATES

SEPT 21 - 22 (YOUTH HUNTING ONLY)
OCT 12 – 20 & OCT 23 - JAN 26, Closed OCT 20 – 22
Snipe Season NOV 2 – FEB 16

GOOSE HUNTING DATES (NW Goose Permit Zone)

NOV 2 – 10, NOV 23 – JAN 12, & FEB 1 – MAR 10
Saturday – Wednesday (except DEC 25 & JAN 1)

ADDITIONAL REFUGE INFORMATION

- **Nontoxic Shot Required:** All hunters are required to use only federally approved nontoxic shot while waterfowl hunting. Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited while hunting waterfowl.
- **Littering** is unlawful. Take your spent shells and litter home.
- **Motorized equipment:** including all - terrain vehicles (ATV's), dirt bikes and chain saws are prohibited on Refuge lands.
- **Boating:** Hunting, Wallace and Crims Island are accessible only by boat. Tidal flows and fluctuations, and strong winds can make boating difficult and sometimes dangerous. In Washington, launch ramps are located at the Cathlamet Marina, at mile marker 30 off of State Highway 4, adjacent to Skamokawa Vista Park and at Willow Grove west of Longview. In Oregon, boat launch sites are located at Aldritch Point near the Brownsmead area and at the John Day boat ramp east of Astoria.
- **Removal of Items Prohibited:** Collecting and removing ANY archeological, historical, or natural material such as plants, mushrooms, berries, or antler sheds is prohibited.
- **Blinds and Personal Property:** Temporary blinds may be constructed, but they must be available to everyone on a first-come, first-served basis. We prohibit permanent blinds. You must remove all personal property, including decoys and boats, one hour after legal sunset.
- **Camping:** Camping, overnight use and fires are prohibited on all refuge lands.
- **Foot traffic only:** All island units of the Refuge are open to foot traffic only unless otherwise specified.
- **Dogs:** Dogs are prohibited on all Refuge units except certified assistance animals and dogs used for hunting waterfowl. Dogs must remain in the control of their handlers at all times. Dogs should be tagged with owner's name and contact information.
- **Alcohol:** The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- **Caution:** Hunters should examine their own abilities and limitations before using the Refuge. Hunters are cautioned to pay close attention to tidal fluctuations when hunting tidal areas.

Contact JBH National Wildlife Refuge for more information:
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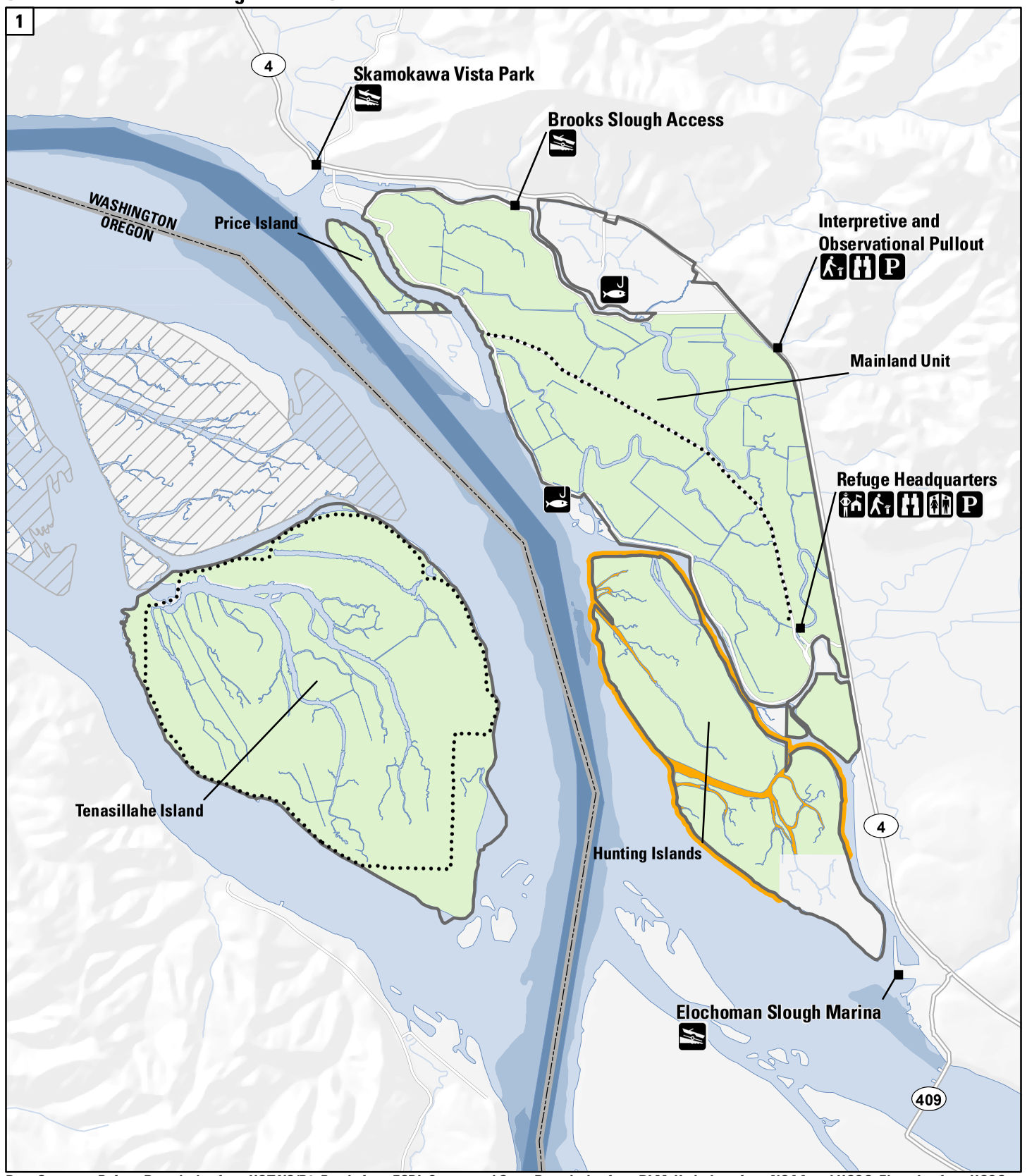
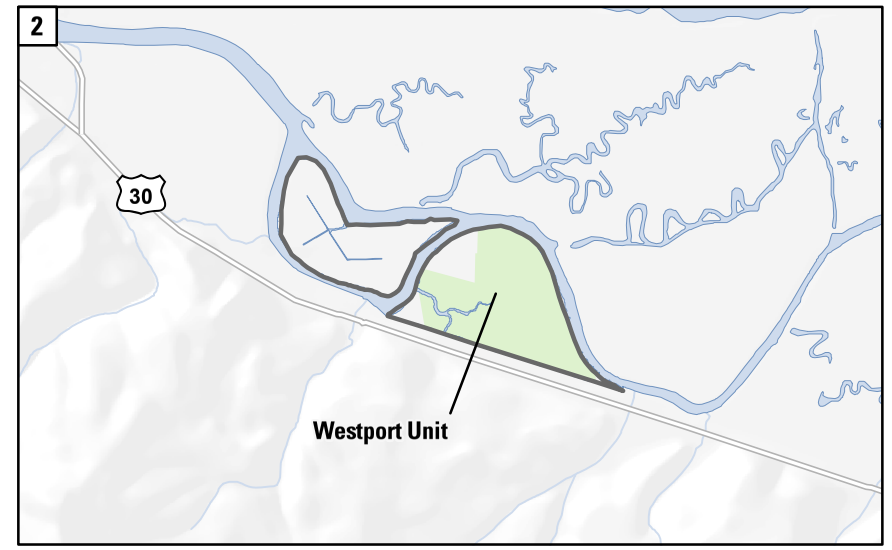
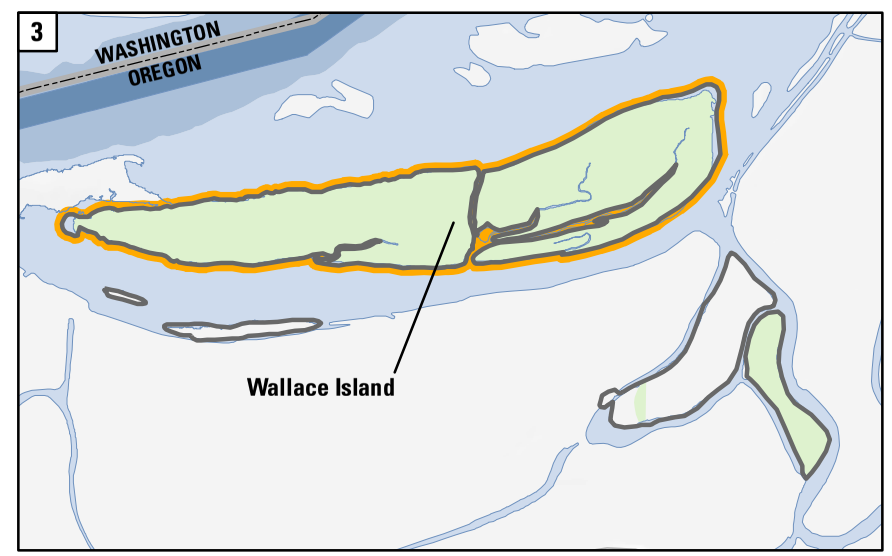
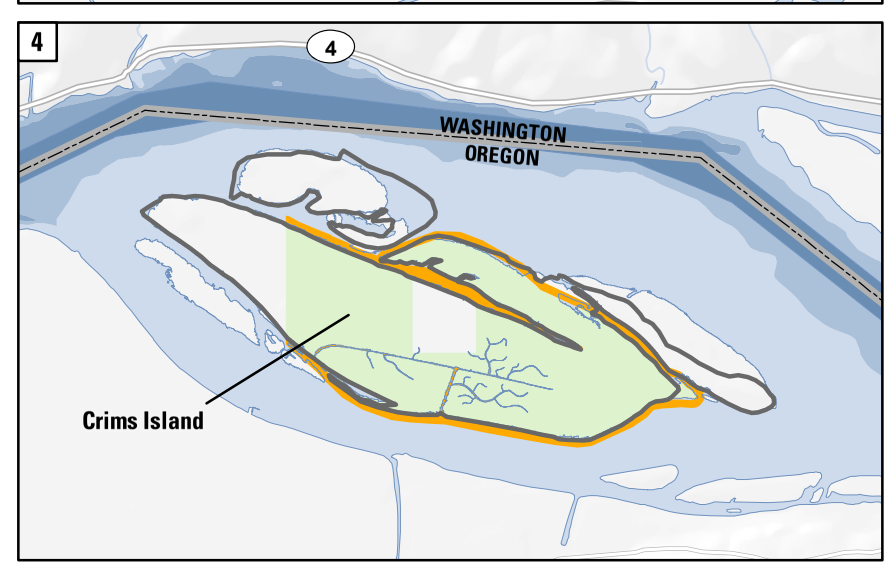
Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-tailed Deer - Waterfowl Hunt Plan









Legend

Public Use

- Waterfowl Hunting Along Shoreline
- Walking Trail (Seasonally Closed)
- Refuge Headquarters
- Interpretive Kiosk
- Wildlife Viewing Area
- Restroom
- Parking
- Fishing Access
- Boat Launch

Refuge Land Status

- Approved Boundary
- Refuge Managed Lands
- Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge

Waterfowl hunting is permitted on the open shorelines of Hunting, Crims, and Wallace Islands.

Waters around the refuge are open to fishing in accordance with state regulations. Bank fishing is permitted along open shorelines. Interior sloughs in all refuge units are closed to fishing.

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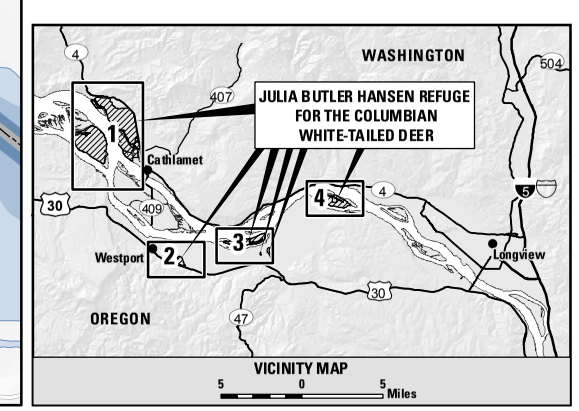

Data Sources: Refuge Boundaries from USFWS/R1; Roads from ESRI; County and State Boundaries from BLM; Hydrology from NOAA and USGS; Elevation from USGS