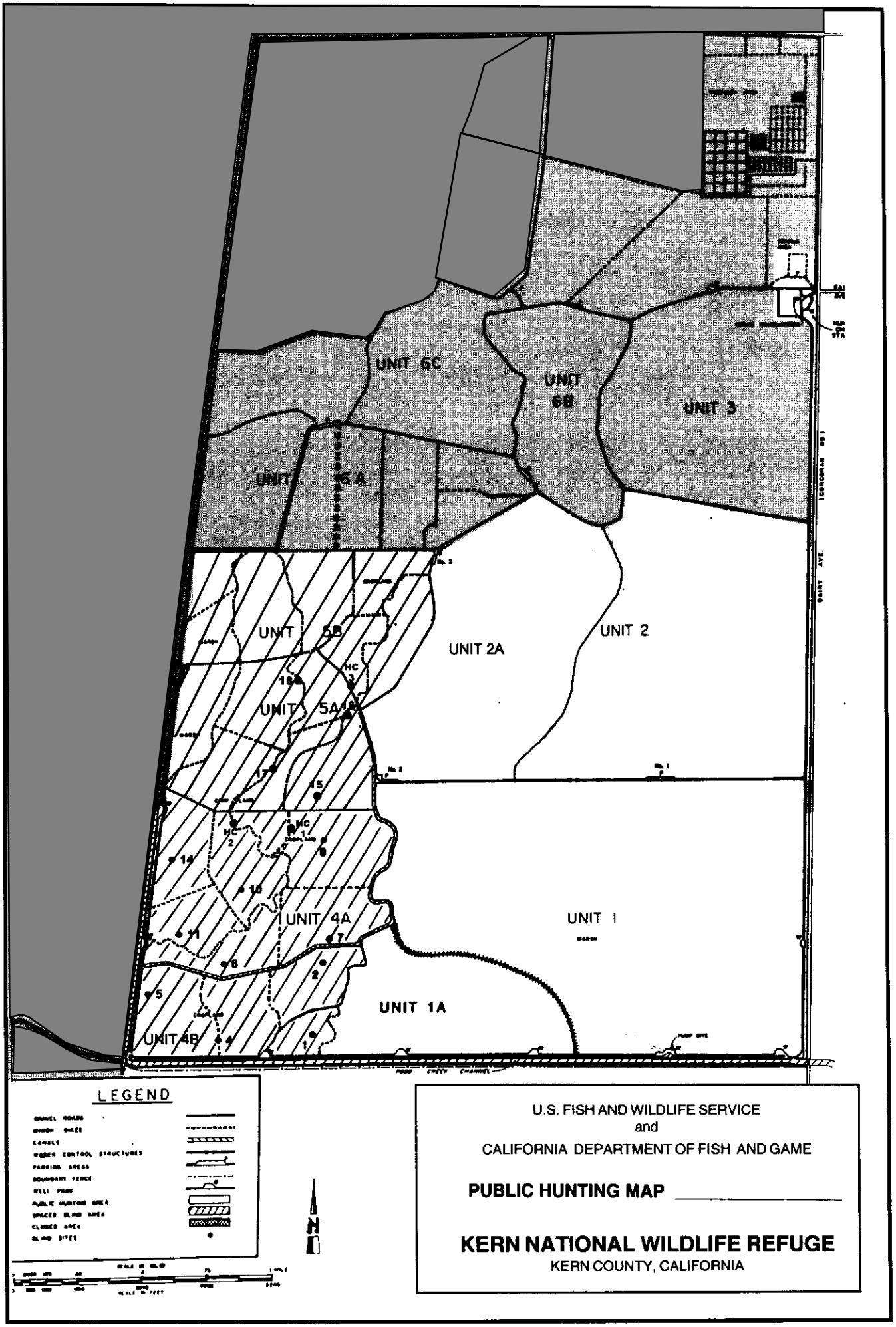
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GENERAL REGULATIONS

SPECIES AND HUNT DAYS- Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and common moorhens) hunting will be permitted each Saturday and Wednesday during the state waterfowl season. Hunting of all other species of wildlife is prohibited in the Spaced Blind Unit. Pheasant hunting is only permitted incidental to waterfowl hunting in the Free Roam Areas (Units 1, 1A, 2, and 2A) each Saturday and Wednesday during the pheasant season. Pheasant hunting is not permitted on Kern NWR unless the Free Roam Areas are open to waterfowl hunting.

SEASON LENGTH, BAG LIMIT AND HOURS- Season dates, bag limits and hunting hours will conform to all current state and federal regulations.

LICENSES AND PERMITS- All hunters must possess a valid state hunting license. Federal and state duck stamps are also required for all hunters 16 years of age and older. A daily, two-day or a seasonal state permit is required for entrance into the public hunting area for persons 16 years of age or older. Hunters under 16 years of age (juniors) are issued a free permit. All hunters must carry their permit at ALL times and surrender them it at the check station when leaving.

RESERVATION HUNTING- Reservation hunters will begin processing through the Hunter Check Station 2 ½ hrs before shoot time in numerical order. Each reservation card issued from Sacramento will have a number on it that will indicate what order the reservation holder will be allowed to enter the hunt area. However, if a reservation holder arrives after his number has been passed, he must go to the back of the reservation line. All reservation holders must present their reservation cards at the check station at least one and a half hours before shooting time on the designated hunt day.

STANDBY HUNTING- Each party of standby hunters must fill out a registration card. Cards must be deposited in the registration box located at the check station two hours prior to shooting time. **A hunter may only register on one card a day**. Two hours before shooting time hunt parties will be randomly selected by a lottery process to determine the order that parties will enter the area until all vacancies are filled. Each registration card can accommodate one to four hunters including juniors. If a party is not present when their registration card is pulled, they lose their place of order and must go to the back of the line. As each party is called, one person from that party will enter the check station with licenses and payments for all those in the party.

AREA CAPACITY AND REFILLS- Area capacity will be determined by total acreage of habitat flooded prior to the hunt day. Each hunter or party must select one hunting area only, i.e. either Unit 1, 1A, 2, 2A or a blind site. From 1 to 4 persons (including juniors and non-shooters) will be allowed to occupy a blind site. Refilling of vacancies in the Free Roam Area will occur as hunters leave the area, until 1:00 p.m. Refilling of vacancies in the Spaced Blind Unit will occur from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. only.

HANDICAPPED HUNTERS - **Three handicapped access blinds are available. If the handicap blinds have not been taken by reservation holders,the blinds will be filled by qualified hunters participating in the lottery drawing held 2 hours before shoot time.**

HUNTER INFORMATION- For current hunt information call (661) 725-6504.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

STEEL SHOT- Only approved non-toxic shot may be used or possessed in the field.

SHELL LIMITATION- Each hunter shall possess no more than 25 shells while in the field.

SPACED BLIND SITES- Each blind site will be marked by a numbered post. All persons assigned to a blind must remain within 100 feet of the numbered post. All shooting shall be done from this location except when pursuing cripples. This means that it is illegal to shoot at free-flying birds from outside of the 100 foot limit.

HUNTER MOVEMENT- Hunters may return to their vehicles at any time. However, hunters assigned to a spaced blind may return to that blind ONLY between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Hunters leaving the Spaced Blind Unit after 12:00 p.m. cannot return. Persons who are finished by 11:30 a.m. should leave the hunting area quickly and check out so other hunters have the opportunity to enter.

LOADED FIREARMS- Hunters must travel to and from assigned parking areas and assigned blinds with firearms unloaded. Shooting off of dikes should be avoided unless it is from a spaced blind located on a dike.

PARKING- Each hunter must be parked in either Lot 1 or Lot 2. Firearms must remain unloaded in all parking lots.

MINOR HUNTING- An adult hunter may be accompanied by 2 minors (under 18 years of age), however, a maximum of only 4 persons are allowed to occupy a spaced blind. Minors will be considered as hunters and will be counted along with adults as part of the hunter quota in all units. All minor hunters must be accompanied by an adult.

BOATS- The use of boats is recommended for hunting Unit 1. However, motors (electric or gas operated) are NOT allowed.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.