



## Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge

# 2013-2014 WATERFOWL HUNTING REGULATIONS



Northern shoveler/Photo Courtesy of Dr. Madeline Kalbach

Located in the Columbia River, the Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge is part of the largest marsh in northwestern Oregon. The refuge's estuary islands form a chain that begins at Tongue Point and follows the Oregon shore of the Columbia's main river channel east to Welch Island. The Refuge includes 33,000 acres of islands, sandbars, mud flats and tidal marshes which provide habitat for a variety of fish and waterfowl.

Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and snipe is permitted on the shorelines and interior sloughs of refuge islands in accordance with federal and state hunting regulations. The diked portion of Karlson Island and the interior embayment of Miller Sands are closed to hunting. In addition, all other Refuge lands outside the designated portions of the Refuge islands are also closed to waterfowl hunting, including the Tongue Point, Emerald Heights and Brownsmead Units. The hunting of all other species is prohibited.

## OREGON STATE HUNTING DATES

### 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)

## BOATING

The islands of Lewis and Clark refuge are accessible only by boat. Tidal flows and fluctuations, strong wakes from ships, and strong winds can make boating difficult and sometimes dangerous. Deep channels separate most islands at high tide, but tide tables and navigation charts should be consulted to avoid grounding on sandbars. If your boat becomes stuck in the mud, wait for the next high tide to float it free. In Oregon, boat launch sites are located at Aldritch Point near the Brownsmead area and at the John Day boat ramp east of Astoria. 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.

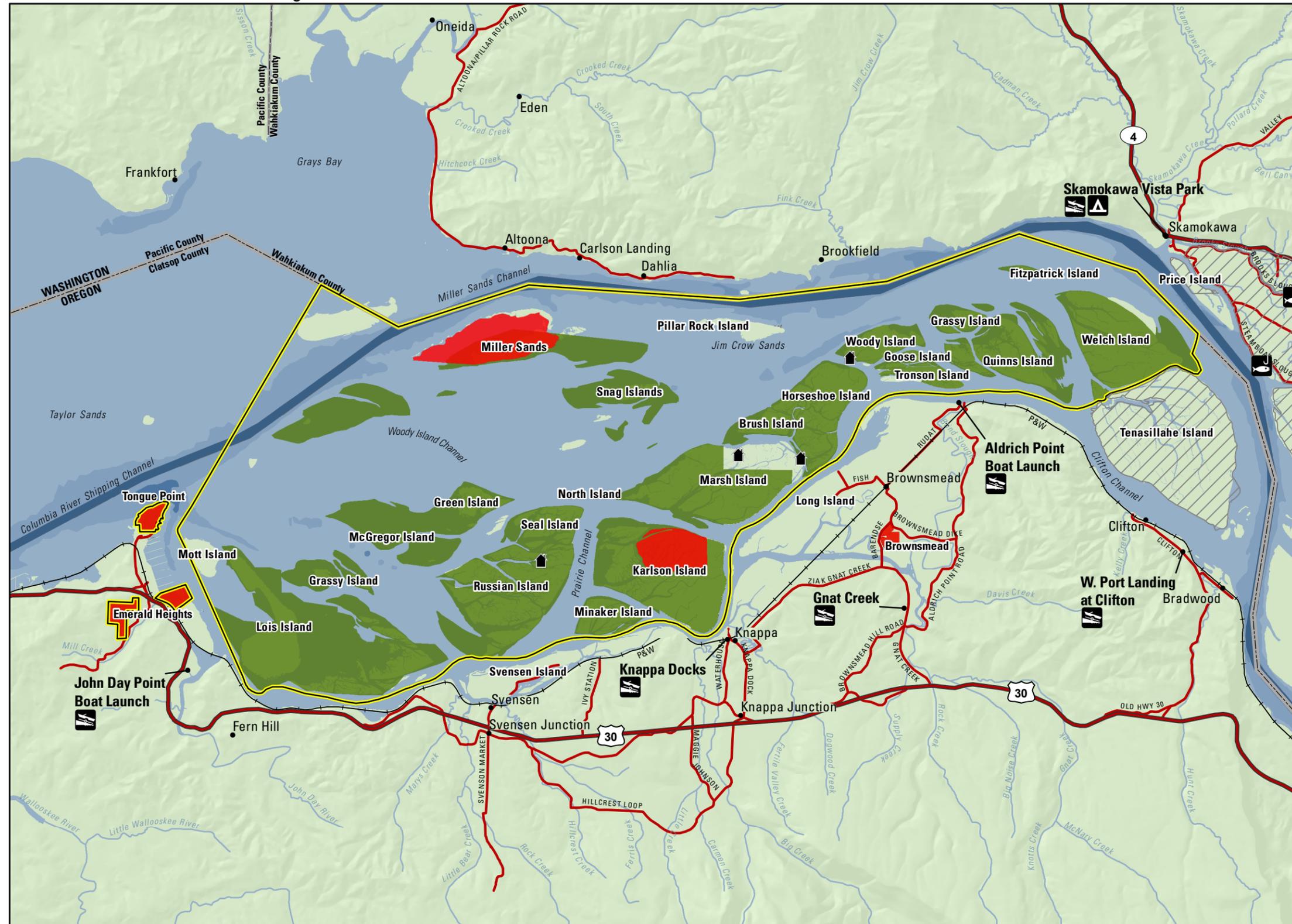
## ADDITIONAL REFUGE INFORMATION

- **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.
- **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.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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# Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge - Hunt Plan



## Legend

### Public Use

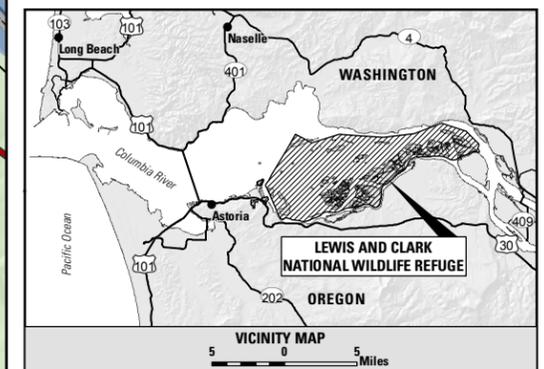
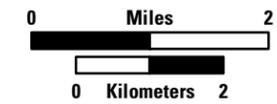
- Boat Launch
- Camping
- Fishing

Closed to Waterfowl Hunting

### Refuge Land Status

- Approved Refuge Boundary
- Refuge Managed Lands
- Easement (Tongue Point Road)
- Private Floathouses

All refuge lands are closed to hunting except for waterfowl hunting. Areas closed to waterfowl hunting include: the diked portion of Karlson Island, the Refuge-owned portion of Miller Sands Island, and all mainland units (Brownsmead, Tongue Point and Emerald Heights).



Data Sources: Refuge Boundaries from USFWS/R1; Boat Launches from Ducks Unlimited; Railroads from University of Oregon; Roads from ESRI; County and State Boundaries from BLM; Hydrology from NOAA and USGS; PLSS from WDNR and OR SSCGIS; Elevation from USGS