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INTERIOR RELEASES MAP OF CHINCOTEAGUE REFUGE "NO HUNTING" ZONES

Believing the old adage that one picture is worth a thousand words, the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has prepared a map showing areas adjacent to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Virginia, that may be closed to migratory bird hunting.

A proposal to establish the "no hunting" areas was recently published in the Federal Register. Some confusion has resulted, however, because certain map names and local names differ. An example of this is an area described as Toms Cove in the Federal Register but which is known locally as Fykes Cove. To the local residents, Toms Cove is a much larger area which is shown on the map as Assateague Anchorage. Assateague Anchorage is not affected in any way by the closing proposal.

Because the 6-acre Popes Island Coast Guard Station near the northern end of the refuge is also included in the proposed designation, a number of people assumed that Popes Bay and Popes Island might also be closed. This, however, is not the case.

The attached map shows the proposed closed areas in black with the refuge indicated by shading. The refuge is already closed to migratory bird hunting.

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