

2020 Hunting and Fishing Openings and Expansions in the Columbia Pacific Northwest Region

U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt announced on Aug. 18, 2020, the opening and expansion of more than 850 hunting and fishing opportunities across more than 2.3 million acres at 147 national wildlife refuges and national fish hatcheries.

This is a list of the additional opportunities at National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries in the Columbia Pacific Northwest region.

- News release – <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-bernhardt-announces-historic-expansion-hunting-and-fishing-opportunities>
- Final rule -- <https://www.fws.gov/home/feature/2020/2020-2021-Station-Specific-Hunting-and-Fishing-Final-Rule.pdf>

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- **Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge** – Expand ice fishing on Lake Lowell to allow anglers access to the entire lake when conditions permit.
- **Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge** – Open snipe hunting on 848 acres currently open to waterfowl hunting in alignment with state regulations; open sport fishing on Deep Creek in alignment with state regulations.
- **Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge** – Open 326 new acres to hunting for all state game species (elk, mule deer, duck, coot, light geese, dark geese, snipe, dove, crow, chukar, gray partridge, sage-grouse, ring-necked pheasant, cottontail rabbit, and bobcat) in alignment with state regulations; expand existing elk hunt area by an additional 665 acres (from the current 300 acres to 1,109 acres) and completely align elk hunting on the refuge with state regulations.

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- **Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge** – Open waterfowl, snipe, and quail hunting for the first time on the refuge (260,256 acres) in alignment with state regulation; expand existing chukar hunting from the current 29,536 acres to 260,256 acres in alignment with the state.
- **Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge** – Open to goose hunting for the first time on 137 acres that are currently open to waterfowl hunting, in alignment with state regulations.
- **Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuge** – Open the refuge to hunting for the first time; open waterfowl hunting on approximately 275 acres in alignment with state regulations.

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- **Abernathy Fish Technology Center** – Open sport fishing for the first time in alignment with state regulations.
- **Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery** – Open the hatchery for the first time to hunting including migratory birds, upland game birds, big game, and small game on 1,269 acres in alignment with state regulation.
- **Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery** – Open hunting on the hatchery for the first time including upland game birds, big game, and small game on 144 acres in alignment with state regulations.

- **Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery**- Open the hatchery for the first time to hunting including big game and turkey on 50 acres in alignment with state regulations.
- **Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge** – Expand the youth waterfowl hunt to align with the state season and allow adults to hunt when accompanying a hunting youth.
- **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge** - Open deer and elk hunting on 517 new acres, and expand elk hunting on 2,071 acres in alignment with state regulations.
- **Willard National Fish Hatchery** – Open the hatchery to sport fishing for the first time in alignment with state regulations.