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"NO-HUNTING" ZONE PROPOSED FOR SABINE REFUGE, LOUISIANA

Designation of a "no-hunting" area covering 4,613 acres of private and State lands in and adjacent to the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, has been recommended to the Department of the Interior by its Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service.

The lands included under the proposed closing order are almost surrounded by the refuge.

The Sabine National Wildlife Refuge contains 139,307 acres of acquired lands and 3,408 acres of land under lease to the Government since May 1, 1943. The refuge was established in 1937 when 117,007 acres of Resettlement Administration lands were transferred for this purpose by Executive Order. It is in the coastal marshes in southwestern Louisiana, essentially between Calcasieu and Sabine Lakes. The refuge is an important wintering area for waterfowl, including blue, snow, and Canada geese.

The closing action would further the conservation program as provided by Migratory Bird Treaties with Great Britain and Mexico. These treaties obligate the United States to take measures insuring the preservation of migratory birds and to provide the establishment of refuge zones where the taking of migratory birds would be prohibited.

Notice of intention to close the area is being published in the Federal Register. A 30-day period for public discussion is provided in the official notice. Final decision and action by the Department will follow that waiting period.

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