

# News Release

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## **National Wildlife Refuge 2014-15 Hunting Regulation/Permit Brochures Available Now, Printed Supply Limited**

Federal Wildlife officers have documented an increase in safety violations due to non-compliance with published regulations. Many hunters are not reading the refuge hunt regulations and have been misinformed through social media. It is imperative that hunters ensure they are aware of current regulations prior to entering and hunting on National Wildlife Refuges.

In an effort to improve regulation compliance during the 2014-15 hunt season a few changes will be implemented. Most notable is that the Regulation/Permit brochures will no longer be available from waterfowl hunt access areas at Sabine Refuge. This will require hunters to obtain or print the permit prior to accessing the hunt area and will allow them plenty of time to familiarize themselves with the regulations. Other changes include earlier availability of the regulation/permit brochures, eleven community distribution sites where regulation/permits may be obtained, and access to a new online version of the regulation/permit through our web site.

The 2014-2015 Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Complex Hunting Regulation/Permit is available to download and print from our website at <http://www.fws.gov/swlarefugecomplex> by clicking on the Hunt Regulations link found in the list on the left side of the home page. Then click on the hunt regulations/permit link at the top of the Hunting Information page. There is a limited supply of printed brochures which may be obtained from Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Visitor Center, Sabine NWR office, Lacassine NWR office, the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries office in Lake Charles, Academy Sports and Outdoors in Lake Charles, Walmart Sporting Goods section in Sulphur, Cajun Grocery in Hayes, Gary's Landing in Lowry, Cajun Fast Mart and Fisherman's Headquarters in Carlyss, and Brown's Grocery in Hackberry.

September hunt opportunities coming up include: Dove hunting at Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge during the first split of the Louisiana (south zone) dove hunting season (September 6-14, 2014) and Teal hunting at Sabine and Lacassine National Wildlife Refuges on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the Louisiana Teal season (September 13-28, 2014). Additionally, applications for the Cameron Prairie and Lacassine youth and senior lottery waterfowl hunts are accepted September 1-30.

More detailed information about refuge dove and teal hunts, as well as how to apply for lottery waterfowl hunts will be sent out in mid to late August.

For additional information regarding your Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuges please call 337-598-2216.

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that encompasses more than 540 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands, and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 78 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. The agency also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

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