

News Release



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*Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge
Youth Waterfowl Hunt Plan
Available for public review and comments*

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking comments on a Draft Youth Waterfowl Hunt Plan and Environmental Assessment for Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge's Riverboat Unit in Oregon. The Service has examined the biological and human impacts of the proposed hunt.

The Youth Waterfowl Hunt was identified as an action in the Refuge's completed [Comprehensive Conservation Plan](#) (2013). Hunting is identified as a priority wildlife-dependent public use on national wildlife refuges and the proposed youth waterfowl hunt would provide a safe and quality recreational opportunity providing a reasonable opportunity to harvest game.

The Draft Youth Waterfowl Hunt Plan and Environmental Assessment will be available for public review and comments from September 1st through September 30th. These documents can be found on the refuge's website www.fws.gov/tualatinriver. Printed copies may be viewed or obtained, during office hours, at the Refuge's Administration Building at 19255 SW Pacific Hwy, Sherwood, OR 97140.

Comments are due to the Refuge by September 30th, 2014 and can be submitted using the following methods:

Email: tualatinriver@fws.gov
**include "Youth Hunt" in the subject line

Mail: Refuge Manager
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Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Complex is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System and is among a handful of urban refuges in the country. Situated within the floodplain of the Tualatin River, the refuge provides habitat for some of the most diverse and abundant wildlife in the river valley. Currently, the refuge manages 2,204 acres.

Since its establishment in 1992, refuge managers have been acquiring and restoring lands and waters for the benefit of native fish and wildlife. Native habitats include rivers and streams, seasonal and permanent wetlands, riparian areas, grasslands and savanna areas, and forested uplands. The refuge is now home to nearly 200 species of birds, over 50 species of mammals, 25 species of reptiles and amphibians, and a wide variety of insects, fish and plants.

The refuge also provides a variety of recreational and educational activities focused on fish and wildlife and their habitats. Visitor facilities include the Wildlife Center, environmental education shelter, trails, overlooks, observation deck, photography blind, environmental education study sites and exhibit panels. Current visitation is approximately 110,000 people per year.

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