

## Subpart B—Refuge-Specific Regulations for Hunting and Fishing

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### §32.62 Texas

(h) *Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge—(1) Migratory game bird hunting.* We allow hunting of mourning dove on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

- (i) You must possess and carry a signed refuge tearsheet (signed brochure).
- (ii) Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.
- (iii) We require hunters to self-check-in and self-check-out (FWS Form 3-2405), with the exception of Nocona Unit.
- (iv) We prohibit falconry.
- (v) We allow the use of dogs to retrieve game.
- (vi) We allow only approved nontoxic shot (see §32.2(k)) for all hunts on the refuge.
- (vii) We prohibit hunting within 150 feet (45 meters) of any day use area or walking trail.

(2) *Upland game hunting.* We allow hunting of fox squirrel and eastern cottontail rabbit in the months of January, February, and September on designated areas of the refuge and subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(i) through (vii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting.* We allow hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

- (i) We require a limited hunt permit (name only) for controlled hunts for archery deer, hunts for feral hog, and spring wild turkey hunts.
- (ii) We require feral hog and turkey hunters to self-check-in and self-check-out (FWS Form 3-2405), with the exception of Nocona Unit.
- (iii) We require controlled deer hunters to check in and out (FWS Form 3-2405) at the refuge check station.
- (iv) We allow muzzleloaders, bow and arrow, and shotguns for feral hog and spring turkey hunts. You may possess only lead-free, approved nontoxic (steel, bismuth, copper, or tungsten; see §32.2(k)) bullets, slugs, and shot (00 buck for hogs, no shell larger than #4 shot size for turkey).
- (v) We require all hunters to check-in, show proof of personal identification, and produce a valid limited hunt permit (name only) prior to the hunt.
- (vi) We limit each hunter to one stand, which the hunter may place on the refuge during the day preceding each hunt. You must remove all stands by legal sunset on the last day of each hunt (see §27.93 of this chapter).

- (vii) Hunters must check all game harvested during limited hunts at the refuge check station the same day of the kill and prior to leaving the refuge for the day.
- (viii) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (h)(1)(ii) and (v) of this section apply.
- (ix) We require proof of completion of a bow hunter education course for all archery deer hunting.
- (x) We require annual successful completion of an archery proficiency test with a score of 80 percent or higher for all deer hunt permit holders.
- (xi) We allow hunting only from stands or blinds, or by stalking.
- (xii) We prohibit cutting of trees or limbs greater than 1 inch (2.5 centimeters).
- (xiii) We allow hunters with valid limited permits to place hunt stands on trees the day before their hunt segment begins, but they must first check-in at the hunter check station. They may not enter any hunt unit until 8 a.m., and they must leave the unit by 2 p.m. We will disqualify anyone in violation from hunting.
- (4) *Sport fishing.* We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge and subject to the following conditions:
- (i) We open Lake Texoma and connected streams to bank fishing with pole and line, rod and reel, or hand line year-round.
- (ii) We allow wade fishing from March 15 through October 1 annually from all areas except Refuge Road, Wildlife Drive, Plover Road, Tern Road, and Egret Road.
- (iii) We allow fishing in refuge ponds from March 15 through September 30 annually, with the exception of Refuge Road pond, which is open year-round.
- (iv) We prohibit the use of glass containers, plastic jugs, and/or plastic bottles as floats on trotlines.
- (v) You may only take bait for personal use while fishing in refuge waters as governed by Texas State law.
- (vi) We allow the use of bow and arrow to take nongame fish on refuge waters except from Refuge Road, Wildlife Drive, Plover Road, Tern Road, and Egret Road.
- (vii) We prohibit limb lines, throw lines, jug lines, seine nets, noodling, and yo-yos.
- (viii) We prohibit taking frog, turtle, and mussel from refuge lands and waters (see §27.21 of this chapter).