



**Horicon Marsh Joint Trapping Bid Procedures
2020-2021 Season**
*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Horicon National Wildlife Refuge
Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources-Horicon Wildlife Area*



1. The trapping season will follow Horicon National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area (SWA) Trapping Regulations. Details of the 2020-2021 trapping seasons, trapped species, trapping unit maps, and general rules and considerations for both Horicon NWR and the Horicon SWA will be provided to all interested trappers (Attached) and can also be found at:
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Horicon/visit/visitor_activities.html and
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/WildlifeAreas/horicon/recreation.html>
2. Twenty-one wetland trapping units will be available for bid on the Horicon NWR and the Horicon SWA.
 - a. Horicon NWR- 11 wetland units will be available for bid
 - b. Horicon Marsh SWA- 10 wetland units will be available to bid
3. Trappers must be at least 18 years of age to bid
4. A minimum bid of \$25 is required per unit, payment will be made only if successful.
5. All bids including "Horicon Marsh Trapping Bid" (Attached) must be sealed in an envelope and be returned to Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center Office via mail or delivered to a drop box marked "Trapping Bids" located under the carport **by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday October 7, 2020. Bids received by mail must be post-marked by Wednesday October 7, 2020 to be valid. Last day to receive mail is Tuesday, October 13.** Bids will not be accepted via email/phone/text/or fax.

**Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center
N7725 State Road 28 in Horicon, WI 53032**

For bids submitted via mail please note on envelope:

"Attention: Horicon Marsh Trapping Program"

6. As in previous years, trappers may bid on all trapping units but trappers can only win one of the trapping units on the Horicon Marsh (i.e., 1 trapper cannot win and trap units on both the NWR and SWA). Trappers are required to rank units in preference for which unit they want to trap. If there is a tie (i.e., highest bid and same ranked preference), a random drawing will determine who is awarded the trapping unit. If any unit(s) are not bid on, those unit(s) will not be trapped for the 2020-2021 season.
7. Opening of the bids will take place on **Wednesday October 14, 2020 at 9:00am**. A neutral party will be present to observe the bid opening. Successful applicants will be notified by phone call on the same day. Winning bids will be posted at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center (near drop box at carport) on the same day. Results can also be emailed upon request.
8. Information provided on the bid may not be altered once the bid has been submitted. Inaccurate, misleading, or missing information shall void the bid. Both the USFWS and the DNR reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

9. Successful applicants shall make a full bid payment **by 5:00pm on Friday October 16, 2020.**
Payments received by mail must be post-marked by this date.
- a. Horicon NWR- Payments will be accepted by check, money order, debit card, or credit card. No cash will be accepted. Checks and money orders shall be made payable to "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service." Credit/debit card payments will be accepted via phone. All payments and payment related questions can be directed to:
- Mandy Dorsch, Administrative Officer
W4279 Headquarters Rd. Mayville, 53050
Ph. 920-387-6501 Email. mandy_dorsch@fws.gov
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"Attention: Horicon NWR Trapping Program"*
- b. Horicon SWA- will only accept checks or money orders. Checks and money orders shall be made payable to the "Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources." Cash will not be accepted this year due to current safety precautions and changes in operational procedures. All payments and payment related questions can be directed to the Horicon SW trapping program contact noted below. *For bids submitted via mail please note on envelope:
"Attention: Horicon SWA Trapping Program"*
10. Neither the DNR nor USFWS will re-bid trapping units that do not receive full payments by the October 16th deadline. These units will be forfeited and will not trapped for the 2020-2021 season.
11. Trapping permits to successful bidders for both the Horicon NWR and Horicon SWA will be issued after payment is received. Due to current operational restrictions, permits will be issued preferably by email. In-person meetings to obtain trapping permits may be arranged directly with the respective Horicon NWR or Horicon SWA trapping program contacts.
12. Senior/Disabled Trapping Units:
- a. Horicon NWR- One unit will be set aside for seniors or trappers with a disability. Seniors must be 62 years of age or older and trappers with disabilities must have a valid disabled hunting/trapping permit from the State of Wisconsin-DNR. Two trappers will be randomly drawn for trapping in this area, at no charge. The drawing will be held on the same day of the bid opening and take place prior to the opening of bids. Selected trappers will be notified on the same day. All bids received from trappers selected for the senior unit will be removed from bidding.
- Trappers interested in the senior drawing shall fill out the "Senior/Disabled Trapping Unit Entry Form" (Attached). Entry forms must be returned to Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center Office drop box or postmarked by bidding deadline (**See 5**). You may also call or email to enter the drawing by the above date and time by contacting the Horicon NWR trapping program contact.
- b. Horicon SWA- One unit will be available at no charge to any interested disabled trapper (must possess a disabled hunting permit), or Senior Citizen (age 65 +). Trappers must obtain a permit by contacting the Horicon SWA trapping program contact.

13. Youth Trapping Units: One unit will be available at no charge to any interested youth between the ages of 12 to 17 on both the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area and Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. A free permit can be obtained by contacting the respective NWR or SWA trapping program contacts.
14. Upland Trapping Permits: Permits will be given free of charge to persons with a valid State of Wisconsin trapping license and are included with all wetland unit permits. Upland permits separate from wetland permits will be available beginning October 13 and can be obtained by contacting the respective NWR or SWA trapping program contact.
15. Interested trappers are encouraged to scout the trapping units prior to the auction
 - a. Horicon NWR: Scouting on the refuge areas that will be open to trapping will be allowed on Monday October 5 and Tuesday October 6, daylight hours only. Interested trappers must obtain a scouting permit at the Refuge Office/Visitor Center off of County Road Z (W4279 Headquarters Road, Mayville, WI 53050) before accessing the units. Scouting permits and bidding forms may be picked up outside at the main entrance to the Visitor Center on the scouting days. A scouting permit can also be obtained by emailing a request to the Horicon NWR contact beginning October 1.
 - b. Horicon SWA: Trappers may scout, by foot or boat, at any time.

Agency Trapping Program Contacts:

Horicon NWR

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Horicon SWA

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Horicon Marsh Trapping Bid

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 drop box located under the carport by
 6:00 p.m or post marked by Wednesday October 7, 2020
 (N7725 State Road 28 in Horicon, WI 53032)



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number:(_____) _____ - _____

 WI - DNR State Wildlife Area			 Horicon National Wildlife Refuge		
Unit Name	Preference Order Rank	Bid - Min \$25/unit Only bid on units of interest.	Unit Name	Preference Order Rank	Bid - Min \$25/unit Only bid on units of interest.
A&B		\$	T1 - Radke		\$
C,E,G		\$	1,17,18		\$
D		\$	2,3		\$
F		\$	4		\$
H&I		\$	5		\$
J		\$	6,7 NW		\$
K&L		\$	8,9 NE		\$
O&P		\$	10,12		\$
S		\$	13,14		\$
T		\$	15,16		\$
			19, T2 SE		\$

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Senior/Disabled Trapping Unit Entry Form

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Horicon National Wildlife Refuge

PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW

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You may also call or email to enter the drawing by the above date and time by contacting the refuge.

Refuge Contact:

Sadie O'Dell, Wildlife Biologist

Ph. 920-948-4336

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Senior/Disabled Trapping Unit Entry Form

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Horicon National Wildlife Refuge

Name:

Address:

City:

St.:

Zip:

Phone:

Email: