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Florida Panther and Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuges

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Dear Hunter,

This 2015-2016 season, Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge has shifted its Hunting Regulations brochure and permit to a virtual format available online. This letter details how you can obtain your permit for the 2015-2016 season. Thank you in advance for helping us transition to this updated version of the Hunting Regulations.

The virtual brochure and permit is available on the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge website.

Type the following web address into your internet browser: www.fws.gov/refuge/Florida_Panther/

You will see links to the permit and this hunt letter on the website homepage as well as under Permits in the Visit section of the site. If you wish to obtain more than one copy of the permit, please print multiple copies from the web address. If you are unable to connect to the internet or print a copy of the permit, please contact our office for assistance.

Next year, for the 2016-2017 season, the Refuge will not be sending this letter or the Hunting Regulations via mail. **If you would like to add your email to a list of hunters to be emailed a copy of the brochure or to be reminded of next year's permit availability and where to print it, please send your email address to floridapanther@fws.gov.** Again, if you are unable to connect to the internet or print a copy of the permit, please contact our office for assistance.

Aside from changing to the virtual format, the most notable change for this season is in the Hunt Days and Youth Hunters sections. **We have designated Tuesday, December 22, 2015 as a youth-only hunt day.** We hope this will encourage the next generation of waterfowl hunters and will provide enjoyable experiences for families to share the outdoors together.

To hunt legally on the Refuge, you must have a Refuge permit completed, signed, and in your possession.

The permit is located on the front of the brochure and is not transferrable. Each hunter in your party is required to carry a Refuge permit in addition to all other state and federal licenses, stamps, and permits.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns. We thank you for your interest in Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you,

Kevin Godsea
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