



COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT HUNTING PLAN FOR DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BEGINS FEBRUARY 10TH

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GROSSE ILE, MICHIGAN – A 30-day public comment period on the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (DRIWR) Draft Hunting Plan begins today, February 10th, and runs through March 12, 2011. This Draft Hunting Plan and Environmental Assessment have been developed for providing hunting opportunities on land owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within the Refuge acquisition boundary in Wayne and Monroe Counties.

Copies of the Draft Hunting Plan and Environmental Assessment are available on-line at the Refuge website: www.fws.gov/midwest/detroitriver/index.html. Review copies are also available at:

- The Refuge Office (9311 Groh Road, Grosse Ile, MI 48138; 734.692.7600);
- The Dorsch Library (18 East Fist Street, Monroe, MI 48161; 734.241.7878);
- The Bacon Memorial Library (45 Vinewood, Wyandotte, MI 48192; 734.246.8357); and
- The Trenton Veterans Memorial Library (2790 Westfield, Trenton, MI 48183; 734.676.9777).

The public is invited to provide written comments to Steve Dushane, Assistant Refuge Manager of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (9311 Groh Road, Grosse Ile, MI 48138; steve_dushane@fws.gov) by 5 PM on March 12, 2011.

The DRIWR incorporates more than 5,700 acres along 48 miles of the lower Detroit River and western Lake Erie. The DRIWR focuses on conserving, protecting, and restoring habitat for 29 species of waterfowl, 23 species of raptors, 31 species of shorebirds, over 100 species of fish, and over 300 species of birds. It is the first international refuge in North America and one a few urban ones in the nation. Unique habitats being managed within the Refuge include islands, coastal wetlands, marshes, shoals and waterfront lands.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is, working with others, to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

For more information, contact Assistant Refuge Manager Steve Dushane (734.692.7604) or Refuge Manager John Hartig (734.692.7608).

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