



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Hunting at Pintail Slough

## *Havasu National Wildlife Refuge*

2020-2021 Season

Pintail Slough, located in Arizona, is comprised of all refuge lands north of the North Dike and west of Mohave Co. Rd. 1.

This leaflet contains hunting regulations for the Pintail Slough only. Consult the general hunting leaflets for regulations governing public use and hunting on all other areas of the refuge.

### General Regulations

1. We only allow take of those species specifically listed. We allow hunting of mourning and white winged dove, duck, coot, moorhen, goose, common snipe, quail, cottontail rabbit, and desert bighorn sheep on designated areas of the refuge. All other species are prohibited.
2. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of federal, state and local law.
3. Havasu NWR is a non-toxic shot zone, use or possession of toxic ammo (lead), is prohibited. We allow shotgun, muzzleloader, pistol, pneumatic gun, crossbow, and archery equipment for hunting.
4. Use of rifles is prohibited (with the exception of Desert Bighorn Sheep hunts).
5. Target shooting or the discharge of a weapon except to hunt is not permitted.
6. Motorized vehicles may operate on designated public roadways only and must be "street legal" i.e. licensed, insured and equipped to operate on highways according to Arizona state laws.
7. Pits, permanent blinds and stands, trail or scouting cameras, and baiting are prohibited.
8. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
9. Temporary blinds, boats, hunting equipment, and decoys must be removed following each day's hunt.
10. Guide service providers must obtain a Special Use Permit from the refuge on which they provide services.
11. No fires.
12. No camping.
13. No falconry.
14. Air-cooled outboard motors (surface-drive) are allowed, but all air-thrust boats including floating aircraft are prohibited.

### Species, Dates and Hours

Dove, rabbit, and Gambel's quail may be taken during the state specified seasons in all areas open to hunting, except in the Pintail Slough Quota Hunt permit area. During waterfowl season, only hunters with valid quota hunt permits to hunt ducks, geese, coots, and moorhens from a blind or goose field may incidentally take cottontail rabbit and Gambel's quail only. Hunt hours are from legal sunrise to 2:00PM MST.

### *Daily bag and possession limits*

In accordance with Arizona State regulations: info available at: [azgfd.gov](http://azgfd.gov).

### *Hunting Days (In-state season)*

#### *Dove, Cottontail, and Gambel's Quail:*

Is permitted on all open refuge areas and any designated dove and small game fields (A-3 and A-4) in Pintail Slough in accordance with state regulations. Hunting for these species will not be permitted in the Pintail Slough Quota Hunt permit area.

### Quota Hunt Permit Area Regulations

1. Hunters must carry their quota hunt permit and hunt licenses while hunting.
2. Hunters are required to hunt within 25 feet of the numbered post of their assigned blind location or goose field.
3. We limit the number of persons at each blind to (4), including observers. Observers cannot hold shells or guns unless in possession of valid state license and stamps.
4. All hunters must possess at least 4 decoys per blind location (We recommend the outer decoy be placed no more than 75 feet from the blind to reduce cripples).
5. Use of retrieving dogs is encouraged. Dogs must always be kept under control.
6. All personal items must be removed at the end of each day's hunt, including all trash.
7. Hunting weapons must be unloaded except when at designated blinds/goose field or when retrieving birds.
8. Completed hunt data form must be turned in after the completion of a quota hunt. Failure to report hunt data can affect future eligibility.

### Quota Hunt Permit

Individuals wishing to hunt waterfowl in the Pintail Slough Quota Hunt permit area must submit an application for a quota waterfowl hunt. Applications are available on-line (<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Havasu/activities/hunting.html>) or at the Havasu NWR office in Needles, CA. Applications will be accepted by mail or e-mail ([lakehavasurefuges@fws.gov](mailto:lakehavasurefuges@fws.gov)) from September 1 to September 14, 2020. Quota permits will be selected by random drawing that will be posted on-line or on social media around September 16, 2020. The drawing order will determine permit number priority. Once the \$25 slot fee is collected from a drawn applicant, a quota permit number will be issued. Preferred hunt date and blind location (hunt slot) will be filled by ascending permit order. Successful applicants will have 7 business days to secure a permit number with payment by CASH, personal check or money order payable to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Each drawn hunter may purchase up to (4) hunt slots through the quota hunt permit system. Any un-selected hunt slots remaining after the drawing based selections will be filled on a first come, first serve basis until the end of waterfowl season. Each hunter can only obtain a maximum of 10 quota hunt permits per season. Quota hunt permits can only be issued by Refuge staff at the Needles office during normal business hours. Call ahead.

### Quota Hunt Locations

Hunt blinds will be available during AZ Desert zone waterfowl season on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays only, from 4:00am to 2:00pm MST. All hunt locations (blinds) are reserved the first weekend of January for Youth Hunt Camp.

### Goose Field

The goose field (A-1) will be partially planted and irrigated. The field is hunt-able on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Hunting is allowed across the entire field. Hunt slots for this location will be filled by quota permit first. Any un-selected hunt slots remaining after the drawing, will be filled on a first come, first serve basis until the end of waterfowl season.

### Hunt Vacancies/ No Shows

An estimated 42 hunt-able days with 10 hunt locations will be available at Pintail Slough this waterfowl season. If a quota permit hunter can not show up for their designated hunt, they must notify the Refuge prior to the hunt date to prevent cancellation penalties.

## Youth Hunters

Havasu NWR in partnership with Arizona Game & Fish Dept. will be conducting a youth hunter education hunt/camp January 1-3, 2021. Blind reservations will not be available for those dates. For further information about youth participation or opportunities to volunteer as a mentor, contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department Kingman office at 928/692-7700.

## Quota Hunt Fee

A \$25.00/ per hunt slot payable by cash, personal check or money order.

## Hunt Times/ Check-Out

It is recommended that all hunters occupy their designated hunt blind locations 30 minutes before legal shooting time, but no earlier than 4:00am. Hunting in the Pintail Slough Quota Hunt permit area is allowed until 2:00PM MST. Quota permit holders and guests can end their hunt and leave the area at anytime, but must minimize disturbance to other hunting parties. All hunters and equipment must be out of Pintail Slough by 3:00PM MST. Each migratory bird hunter must fill out and deposit a Migratory Bird Hunt Report (FWS form 3-2361) accounting for all birds harvested and/or not retrieved. Failure to return a Migratory Bird Hunt Report after a quota hunt will result in disqualification in the next following year's quota hunt drawing.

## Gate/ Parking

The Pintail Slough gate will remain closed to public entry during waterfowl season, but quota hunt permit holders will be given access to the area via gate lock code. The entry gate must not be left open to the general public to minimize waterfowl disturbance to the area. Vehicle access will be limited to the refuge road and to parking areas. The gravel road adjacent to blind locations will be limited to walking access.

## Closed to Hunting

*(Noted on the Pintail Slough Management Map)*

Areas with one line crossed through them are closed to all hunting. Hunters may retrieve downed birds in this area as long as they leave their method of take (shotguns, pistol, crossbow, and bow) in the open area. Dogs may retrieve in these areas.

## Closed to All Entry

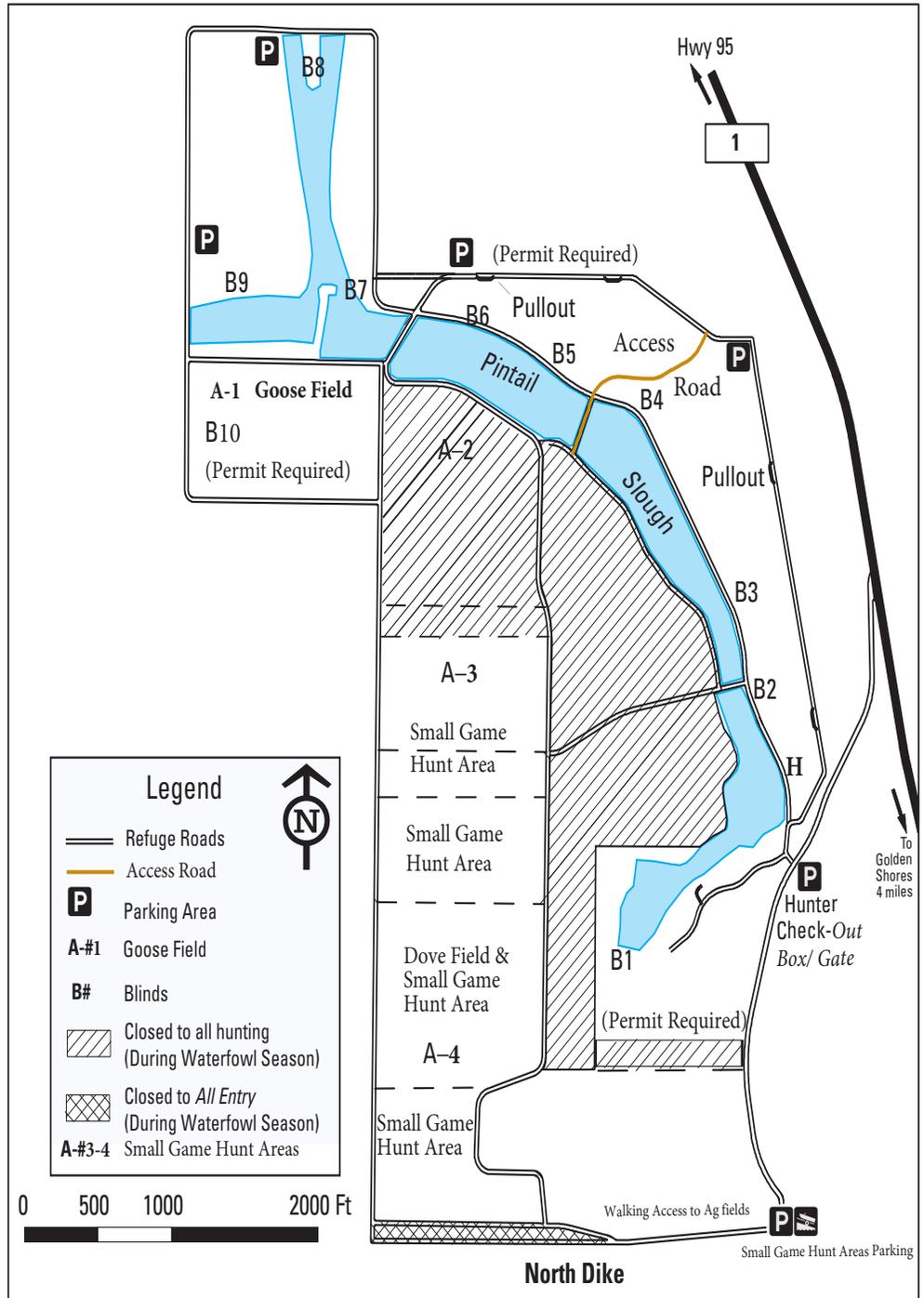
*(Noted on the Pintail Slough Management Map)*

Areas with cross hatches are closed to all entry, including hunting, from beginning of the state waterfowl season to the end of January. Entry to retrieve downed birds in this area is prohibited.

## Hunters with Disabilities

Hunters with disabilities who hold a CHAMP permit will get preference to the handicap blind adjacent to the Hunter's gate.

# Pintail Slough Management Unit



## Conduct

Each hunter is expected to respect the rights of others. Interference with another's hunting, long range shooting or unsportsmanlike behavior, or failure to follow refuge hunt regulations may result in revocation of quota permit and hunting privileges for the remainder of the season and disqualification in the next season's quota hunt drawing.

## Littering

Hunters are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Shell casings and associated debris must be picked up and packed out. All blinds must be left clean.

## Accidents or injury

Accidents involving damage to property, injury to the public or injury to wildlife that occur within the boundaries of any national wildlife refuge are to be reported as soon as possible. To report incidents or illegal activities after hours and weekends call 1-800/637-9152 for law enforcement dispatch office.

Injuries or accidents occurring on the refuge during normal business hours, must be reported immediately to the Refuge Manager at 760/326-3853, ext 123.