that hunters be good sportsmen and respect the rights of other hunters alike. Sky-blasting flares game, leaves
triples and disrupts other hunters. Allowing birds to
decoy increases your hunting success. Hunting of ducks,
goose and coots on McFaddin NWR is ONLY permitted
in accordance with all federal, state and local laws; in
to, signs designating open hunting areas and
refuge specific hunting regulations outlined in this
hunting permit brochures below.
Refuge Specific Hunting Regulations
All hunters entering a hunting unit must be legally
licensed to hunt waterfowl. A maximum of 4 licensed,
adult hunters per area is permitted.
Hunting parties must remain a minimum of 200 yards
from other hunting parties and spaced ponds. Individual
hunters within a party must remain within 50 feet from
other hunters.
All hunting shotguns must be unloaded and encased
while traveling in vehicles and boats on the refuge.
Possession of firearms is in accordance with federal
regulations and state laws. Discharge of a firearm for
purposes other than hunting is prohibited.
Hunters must ONLY use or possess shotgun shells
containing approved non-toxic shot, (Use or Possession
of lead shot is prohibited).
Hunters may only possess 500 approved non-toxic
shot on shells while hunting, this includes shotgun shells
within vehicles.
Vehicle travel is permitted on designated roads and
parking areas only. Do not block roads, gates, trails, boat
ramps or any other facility at any time. Hunting from a
roadway is prohibited.
Operation of motorized boats or on through emergent
vegetation and mudflats is prohibited.
All motor boats greater than 25 HP are prohibited in
the hunting units.
Motorized boats powered by air-cooled or radiator-
cooled engines are restricted to utilizing a propeller
9 inches in diameter or less.
Airboats, marsh buggies, ATVs’ / UTV’s and personal
watercrafts are prohibited.
Use, possession or being under the influence of
alcohol beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. Use or
possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited.
Campfires, charcoal and wood grills are prohibited.
Gas grills may be utilized.
Construction, use or occupancy of permanent hunting
blinds is prohibited. Portable blinds or native vegetation
are permitted and must be removed from the refuge
daily. Cutting, use of or introduction of Phragmites (Giant cane) onto the refuge is prohibited; use or
introduction of invasive plants is prohibited and should
NOT be used for blind building.
Use of plastic flagging, reflectors or reflective tape is
prohibited on the refuge.
Use of retriever dogs is encouraged however, when
not engaged in authorized hunting activities all dogs
must be under the control of their handlers at all times or
on a leash.
All refuge lands must be kept clean during the period
of use or occupancy. You must keep all refuse, trash and
other litter contained in bags or other suitable containers
and not left scattered on the ground or in the water
at any time. All personal property, refuse, trash,
SPENT SHELLS, marsh chairs and other equipment
must be removed from the refuge daily.
*Failure to abide or exceed violations of
these refuge specific hunting regulations, federal
regulations or state laws may result in revocation
of your hunting privileges on McFaddin National
Wildlife Refuge by the refuge manager.
The regulations listed above are a supplement to
the general regulations set forth in Title 56, Code
of Federal Regulations which govern all activities
on National Wildlife Refuges.

Spaced Blind Hunt Unit (Fee Area)
Open for Hunting: Regular Waterfowl Season dates;
Closed for Hunting: During Special Teal Season:
Open for Hunting:
Regular Waterfowl Season dates: closed on Mondays,
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
Closed during the split and closed during Thanksgiving
Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.
Closed during the Light Goose Conservation
Order.
Hunters are required to check-in and check-out of
the check station at the entrance to McFaddin NWR.
Check-in begins at 4:00 A.M. and all hunters must check-
out by 12:30 P.M. Hunters 16 years of age and older are
required to purchase a $10.00 day use hunt permit.
There are 28 Spaced Blind Hunt Areas. A maximum of
four hunters per area is permitted.
Hunters will designate a Spaced Blind Hunt Area
based on a reservation system. Reservations will be taken
between 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 M. The Friday prior to the
hunt weekend. Reservations can be made in person at
the check station or via telephone at 409-971-2155.
There will be a limit of 1 reservation per vehicle present at the
check station. No unattended vehicle allowed overnight in
the reservation line. Hunters will be required to remain in
their reserved area for that day’s hunt.
Permits will be issued to registered hunters
beginning at 4:00 A.M. the day of the hunt at the check
station. Spaced Blind Hunt Area reservations not
claimed by 5:00 A.M. will be issued to stand-by hunters
on a first-come, first-served basis.
Hunter access points via boat are at boat ramps located
on the South-East end of Clam Lake, the North-
East End of Clam Lake and the East End of Star Lake.
Walk-in access points are located off of McFaddin Beach
at Perkins Levee and the Brine Line. See map for details.

Central Hunt Unit (Non-Fee Area)
Open for Hunting: Special Teal Season will be open
7 days a week. Regular Waterfowl Season dates will
be open on Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays. If the
Light Goose Conservation Order is in effect during 2017,
the Central Hunt Unit will be open on Saturdays,
Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until
February 26, 2017. Note: This may change depending
on weather and marsh conditions.
Closed for Hunting: Regular Waterfowl Season
dates: closed on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and
Fridays. Closed during the split and closed during
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.
Hunters 16 years of age and older are required to
purchase a $10.00 day use hunt permit.
Hunters are required to check-in and check-out of
the check station at the entrance to McFaddin NWR,
including those hunters accessing the hunt unit from
the beach at the Brine Line or Perkins Levee. Check-in
begins at 4:00 A.M. and all hunters must check-out by
12:30 P.M.
Hunters will designate their hunting area on a
first come, first served basis on a sign-in sheet as well as
by placing a sticker on the hunt map in the check station.
Hunters will be required to remain in that area for
that day’s hunt.
Hunter access points via boat are at boat ramps
located on the South-East end of Clam Lake, the North-
East End of Clam Lake and the East End of Star Lake.
Walk-in access points are located off of McFaddin Beach
at Perkins Levee and the Brine Line. See map for details.

Star Lake / Clam Lake Hunt Unit (Fee Area)
Open for Hunting: Special Teal Season will be open
7 days a week. Regular Waterfowl Season dates will
be open on Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays. The Light
Goose Conservation Order is in effect during 2017, the
Star Lake / Clam Lake Hunt Unit will be open on
Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays. If the Light Goose
Conservation Order is in effect during 2017, the Star Lake
Clam Lake Hunt Unit will be open on Saturdays, Sundays
and Tuesdays. The Light Goose Conservation Order is in
effect during 2017, the Star Lake / Clam Lake
Hunt Unit will be open on Saturdays, Sundays and
Tuesdays. This may change depending on weather and
marsh conditions.

Star Lake / Clam Lake Hunt Unit
Open for Hunting: Special Teal Season will be open
7 days a week. The Light Goose Conservation Order
is in effect during 2017.

Waterfowl Hunting Regulations 2016-2017
McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge

McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge Waterfowl Hunting Permit 2016–2017
When signed and in your possession, this
permit will serve as your general
permits for all refuge hunts for this
season. It acknowledges your understanding of
the refuge regulations contained in this brochure.
The Spaced Blind Hunt Units and Clam
Lake Star Lake Hunt Units also require a daily hunt
fee permit.
Central Hunt Unit is available off the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Use of a winch or boat rollers is necessary for access to the Central Hunt Unit off of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Access to the interior of the Central Hunt Unit prior to 4:00 A.M. is prohibited. Considerable amounts of silt can accumulate quickly within the West End Cut Access. These conditions will vary over the hunting season. Use extreme care and personal light sources when entering into this area. Hunting closes at 12:00 P.M. and hunters must be out of the hunt unit by 12:30 P.M. 

Mud Bayou Hunt Unit (Non-Fee Area) 

Closed for Hunting: Regular Waterfowl Season dates will be closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Closed during the split and closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. 
- The Mud Bayou Hunt Unit is located on the West End of McFaddin NWR near High Island, TX. Walk-in access off of McFaddin Beach is located at three hunter access points: Middleton Levee, Mud Lake Levee and the Brush Line. See map for details. Driving accessibility on McFaddin Beach is very remote and uncertain. Navigation hazards exist. Use extreme caution!

This sign marks the boundary of no hunting areas on the refuge. All hunting is prohibited beyond this sign.

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