The Texas Point NWR hunting unit is made up of one large hunting unit with two main hunter access points; the Cattle-walk and the Texas Bayou boat ramp. The hunting unit is open on varied days of the week; see specific details below for information on open hunting days and locations of hunter access points. All hunting units are CLOSED on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. We ask that hunters be good sportsmen and respect the rights of other hunters afield. Sky-blasting flares game, leaves cripples and disrupts other hunters. Allowing birds to decoy increases your hunting success. Hunting of ducks, geese and coots on Texas Point NWR is ONLY permitted in accordance with all federal, state and local laws; in addition to, signs designating open hunting areas and refuge specific hunting regulations outlined in this hunting permit brochure below.

Open for Hunting: Special Teal Season 7 days a week. Regular Waterfowl season dates: open Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. Closed for Hunting: Regular Waterfowl season dates: closed on Sundays, Thursdays and Fridays. Closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Closed during the Light Goose Conservation Order and Early Canada Goose season.

• Access is by foot and boat. Walk-in access is located at the cattle-walk, located off of Hwy 87, west of Sabine Pass. Boat access through Texas Bayou and ramps are located off of Dowling Street and 1st Avenue in Sabine Pass. The hunting unit is made up of one large hunting unit with two main hunter access points; the Cattle-walk and the Texas Bayou boat ramp.

• All hunters entering a hunting unit must be legally licensed to hunt waterfowl.

• Scouting will only be allowed from sunrise to sunset during October 19-25, 2018, prior to the state Youth Waterfowl Hunt on October 27, 2018.

• Hunters are prohibited from entering hunting units prior to 3:00 A.M. and no later than ½ hour before legal shooting time. Hunting starts at legal shooting time and closes at 12:00 P.M. Hunters must be off the refuge by 12:30 P.M.

• Hunters age 17 and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older.

• To participate in the state designated Youth Waterfowl Hunt, hunters must be 15 years of age or younger and under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older. Adults are prohibited from hunting during the Youth Waterfowl Hunt.

• 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.

• Permitted hunters must unload and encase permanent hunting blinds is prohibited. Hunting from a roadway is prohibited; use or introduction of invasive species 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. All hunting is prohibited beyond this sign.

• Airboats, marsh buggies, ATV’s / UTV’s and personal watercrafts are prohibited.

• Use, possession or being under the influence of alcoholic 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 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.

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*The regulations listed above are a supplement to the general regulations set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations which govern all activities on National Wildlife Refuges.

Please respect all refuge signs whenever you see them as you travel throughout the refuge.