

News Release



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Compatibility Determination for Furbearer Trapping on Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Available for Public Comment

Cambridge, MD – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has announced the Compatibility Determination for Furbearer Management on Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge is available for public comment. The Service developed this compatibility determination to facilitate evaluation of the proposed refuge use, including anticipated impacts of the activity and stipulations to ensure compatibility.

Furbearer trapping, primarily for muskrat, has taken place on Blackwater NWR since its establishment in 1933. There have been no significant changes to the furbearer management program on the refuge since the last compatibility determination was completed in 2006.

The compatibility determination is available for viewing at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge headquarters, and on the refuge website at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Blackwater/>. Comments should be submitted in writing to the attention of Mr. Matt Whitbeck, Wildlife Biologist, at Chesapeake Marshlands NWRC, 2145 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613; or matt_whitbeck@fws.gov. Comments will be accepted until November 11, 2016.

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