



# United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex  
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## **2019-20 Hunting Program Changes & Highlights** **Updated September 19, 2019**

- I. Opening of hunting season for Sacramento, Delevan, and Colusa National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) will be Saturday, October 19, 2019. Last day of the regular season will be Wednesday, January 29, 2020. \*Goose season closes on the refuges on Sunday, January 26, 2020.
- II. Due to concerns of water availability, Sutter NWR will not be available for reservations for opening weekend until refuge staff are certain there will be enough wetland acres flooded to open for hunting on the opening weekend of waterfowl season. We will make this determination no later than September 26. It will be posted on the website.

### **III. In-season Junior Waterfowl Hunts**

- 1. Sacramento NWR – Saturday, December 14, 2019
- 2. Delevan NWR – Saturday, December 7, 2019

### **IV. Check Station Operation during Holidays**

- 1. Check stations and hunting areas will be closed on Wednesday, December 25.
- 2. Check stations will be open for the lottery on Tuesday, Dec 31.
- 3. Check stations and hunting areas will be open on Wednesday, Jan 1.

### **V. Special Hunts**

- 1. A Special Monday Pheasant Hunt will occur on November 11 at Sacramento, Delevan, and Colusa NWRs. The same hunter processing procedures from previous years will be followed. See the DFW hunting regulations booklet for details.
- 2. A special veteran hunt at Colusa NWR will be on January 4, 2020. Hunters can apply through California Waterfowl Association and will have use of assigned ponds. Regular reservation holders for that day will have access to the free roam area only.
- 3. Post season youth hunts through CDFW will be on February 8 and 9, 2020. Reservations can be made by putting in through the CDFW website.

### **VI. Quotas**

#### **Free Roam Hunting Quotas When Fully Flooded**

	<u>2019</u>
Sacramento NWR	54
Delevan NWR West	25
East	25
Colusa NWR West	14
East	34
Sutter NWR	25

## Number of Assigned Ponds and Blinds When Fully Flooded

	<u>AP</u>	<u>Blinds</u>
Sacramento NWR	21	29
Delevan NWR	11	18
Colusa NWR	13	
Sutter NWR	12	

### **VII. Daily Reservation Draws (RD)**

		<u># RD</u>	<u># RD for Hunters with Disabilities</u>
Sacramento NWR	<b>Fully flooded</b>	59	4
Delevan NWR	<b>Fully flooded</b>	39	3
Colusa NWR	<b>Fully flooded</b>	23	2
Sutter NWR	<b>Fully flooded</b>	17	1

### **VIII. Changes on the hunt areas of Sacramento NWRC**

#### 1. Colusa NWR:

- a. Additional cover was added to islands in T27.3
- b. Stand up blind constructed in AP 9
- c. XFowler floating blind installed at AP P2A

#### 2. Delevan NWR:

- a. Additional cover has been added to blinds 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 26, 27 and APs 15, 16, 23, 25, and 21 (tree blinds)
- b. Reservations will now be called 2 ½ hours before shoot time and lottery numbers will be called 1 ½ hours before shoot time.**

#### 3. Sacramento NWR:

- a. Large dirt work project to fill in deep areas in AP 12
- b. Started implementing native grass restoration in the pheasant only field

#### 4. Sutter NWR:

- a. Large wetland enhancement project took place in AP 16 and 17 removing dirt from high ground and filling in deep areas. Independent water delivery added to AP 16.

#### 5. Sacramento Complex

- a. Fall turkey hunting will be allowed on Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa, and Sutter NWR's on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays in the free roaming areas in accordance with State regulations.**

### **IX. Hunting Maps for Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa, Sutter NWRs:**

Visit the website to print the current hunting maps

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Sacramento/Hunting.html>