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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex
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2021-22 Hunting Program Changes & Highlights **Updated October 4, 2021**

- I. Opening of hunting season for Sacramento, Delevan, and Colusa National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) will be Saturday, October 23, 2021. Last day of the regular season will be Sunday January 30, 2022
 - a. **Sutter NWR will be closed** due to drought conditions and the lack of available water to flood-up. Refuge staff will begin flood-up once water is available.

II. In-season Junior Waterfowl Hunts

1. Sacramento NWR – Saturday, December 18, 2021
2. Delevan NWR – Saturday, December 11, 2021

III. Check Station Operation during Holidays

1. Check stations will be closed on Saturday, December 25 for Christmas Day. Check stations will open at 6 pm on the 25th to conduct the lottery for Dec. 26th shoot day.
2. Check stations will be open on Friday, December 31 to conduct the lottery for the Jan 1 shoot day.

IV. Special Hunts

1. A Special Monday Pheasant Hunt will occur on November 15 at Sacramento, Delevan, and Colusa NWRs. **All three check stations will close at 3 pm.** See the DFW hunting regulations booklet for details.
2. A special veteran hunt at Colusa NWR will be on January 8, 2022. 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 5 and 6, 2022. Reservations can be made by putting in through the CDFW website.
4. Post season veterans and active duty military hunts through CDFW will be on February 12 and 13, 2022. Reservations can be made by putting in through the CDFW website. Only veterans and active duty military are able to hunt.

V. Quotas

Free Roam Hunting Quotas When Fully Flooded

	<u>2021-22</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	

VI. Daily Reservation Draws (RD)

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

VII. Changes on the hunt areas of Sacramento NWRC

1. Colusa NWR:
 - a. APs 7 and 8 are in a permanent water. Expect very thick emergent vegetation (tule, cattail) and little open water.
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 continue to be called 2 ½ hours before shoot time and lottery numbers will be called 1 ½ hours before shoot time.**
3. Sacramento NWR:
 - a. Dirt work project around blind 15. Expect muddy conditions.
 - b. Continued implementing native grass restoration in the pheasant only field
4. Sutter NWR:
5. Sacramento Complex & Pandemic
 - a. Hunters are permitted to enter only one lottery for one Type A wildlife area each Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday for the 2021-22 waterfowl season. This includes refuges and state wildlife areas. Hunters in violation of this regulation are subject to citation and a seasonal ban from National Wildlife Refuge hunting areas.
 - b. Hunters are permitted to enter only one lottery whether you are personally entering the lottery or someone is putting your name in the lottery. If a hunter's name appears on more than one lottery list, they will be removed and are subject to citation and a seasonal ban from National Wildlife Refuge hunting areas.
 - c. Hunters can sign up for the lottery between 6-8 p.m.**
 - d. Safety and distancing precautions will be in place at the check stations. For all details, refer to the [pandemic procedures document](#) on the website. Stay home if you are sick or have a fever.
 - e. Groups of hunters will be called into the patio area of the check stations. If overcrowding occurs at the check station, check station windows will close.
 - f. The health and safety of staff and visitors are our highest priority.

VIII. Hunting Maps for Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa, Sutter NWRs:

Visit the website to print the current hunting maps

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Sacramento/visit/hunting/maps.html>