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Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge
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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Proposes to Expand Hunting at Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge in South Carolina

Hunting on national wildlife refuges (NWRs) is a tradition that dates back to the early 1900s. Today, more than 370 refuges are open to the public for hunting across the country. Here in the southeast, NWRs are a huge part of this tradition. We welcome sportswomen and sportsmen of all backgrounds and abilities to experience challenging hunting in amazing places.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service, USFWS) is seeking comments on the proposed hunt expansion at Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in South Carolina; the proposal was published in the Federal Register as part of the 2024-25 Hunting and Sport Fishing Rule. The Service is proposing to make minor changes to the existing hunting program by adding a youth waterfowl hunt on the Hasty Point Tract.

Additional information is available online at the refuge's website:

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/waccamaw>. Please let us know if you need documents in an alternative format. To ensure consideration of your comments in the development of final decisions, please submit comments by one of the listed methods below. Deadline to submit comments is August 30th, 2024.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov/>
- Email: marshall_sasser@fws.gov with "Waccamaw NWR Hunt Package" in the subject line
- Mail: Waccamaw NWR Hunt Package, 21424 N. Fraser St., Georgetown, SC 29440

Across the country, national wildlife refuges work closely with state and Federal agencies, Native American Tribes, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and private partners to expand access to hunting and fishing where it is compatible with refuge purposes. Hunting and fishing provide opportunities for families to enjoy the outdoors, create memories, and pass on family traditions.

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