

## **2019-2020 Station-Specific Hunting and Fishing Proposed Rule National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries Narratives**

- **Alabama**
  - **Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge:** Open snipe, woodcock, crow, fox, bobcat, coyote, white-tailed deer and feral hog hunting for the first time on 1,053 acres already open to other hunting.
  
- **Alabama/Mississippi**
  - **Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand season date ranges for existing migratory game bird hunting to align with state regulations on 10,236 acres.
  
- **Arizona**
  - **Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand method of take for existing migratory game bird hunting and upland game hunting to further align with state regulations.
  - **Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand method of take and season date ranges for existing upland game hunting and existing big game hunting on 104,986 acres to further align with state regulations.
  - **Cibola National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand method of take and hunting hours for existing migratory game bird hunting and expand method of take for existing upland game hunting to further align with state regulations. Expand existing big game hunting to 12,243 acres already open to other activities.
  - **Havasu National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand hours and season date ranges for existing migratory game bird hunting to further align with state regulations on 25,197 acres.
  - **Imperial National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand method of take for existing migratory game bird hunting and expand method of take and season date ranges for existing upland game hunting to further align with state regulations on 23,897 acres.
  - **Kofa National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand method of take and season date ranges for existing upland game hunting on 663,402 acres to further align with state regulations.
  - **San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand method of take for existing migratory game bird hunting on 1,303 acres to further align with state regulations.
  
- **California**
  - **Colusa National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to wild turkey hunting for the first time on 1,639 acres already open to other hunting.
  - **Delevan National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to wild turkey hunting for the first time on 1,696 acres already open to other hunting.
  - **Marin Islands National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to sport fishing for the first time.
  - **Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to wild turkey hunting for the first time on 1,371 acres already open to other hunting.
  - **San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand season date ranges and method of take for existing migratory game bird hunting on 9,726 acres to further align with state regulations.
  - **Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge:** Open sport fishing for the first time on acres already open to other activities.
  - **Sutter National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to wild turkey hunting for the first time on 839 acres already open to other hunting.
  
- **Colorado**
  - **Hotchkiss National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.

- **Leadville National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to migratory game bird (duck), upland game (grouse) and big game (mule deer and elk) hunting, and sport fishing for the first time on 3,072 acres.
- **Connecticut/Massachusetts**
  - **Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge:** Open migratory game bird (duck, geese, woodcock, snipe, rail and crow), upland game (squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, grouse, bobcat, fox, coyote, raccoon and opossum), big game (white-tailed deer, black bear, turkey) hunting on 1,818 acres, and sport fishing for the first time.
- **Florida**
  - **St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing upland game and big game hunting to 6,523 new acres.
- **Georgia**
  - **Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand season date ranges for existing upland game hunting to further align with state regulations and expand existing big game hunting by increasing quota numbers on 6,980 acres to increase access.
  - **Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand method of take and season date ranges for existing big game hunting on 3,822 acres to further align with state regulations.
  - **Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand season date range for existing raccoon, opossum and big game hunting on 33,744 acres to further align with state regulations.
- **Idaho**
  - **Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge:** Open big game hunting (elk) for the first time on 300 acres already open to other hunting. Expand existing sport fishing by extending the boating season.
- **Illinois**
  - **Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge:** Open coot, snipe, rail, woodcock, crow, mourning and white-winged dove, bobcat, skunk, woodchuck, Hungarian partridge and pheasant for the first time on acres already open to hunting. Expand existing migratory game bird, upland game and big game hunting to further align with state regulations and offer special opportunities for targeted demographics on 44,219 acres.
  - **Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge:** Open rail, crow, bobcat, skunk, woodchuck, Hungarian partridge and pheasant hunting for the first time on 76 new acres and acres already open to hunting. Expand existing migratory game bird, upland game and existing big game hunting to 15,751 new acres.
- **Illinois/Missouri**
  - **Great River National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand season date ranges and method of take for existing big game hunting and expand season date ranges for existing upland game hunting to align with state regulations on 4,217 acres.
  - **Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing upland game hunting and existing sport fishing to 884 new acres. Expand method of take for existing big game hunting to further align to state regulations on 1,885 acres.
- **Illinois/Wisconsin**
  - **Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge:** Open sport fishing for the first time on acres already open to other activities.

- **Indiana**
  - **Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing migratory game bird, upland game and big game hunting and sport fishing to 473 new acres.
- **Iowa**
  - **Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing migratory game bird, upland game and big game hunting to new 330 acres.
- **Iowa/Minnesota**
  - **Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge:** Open sport fishing for the first time on new acres and acres already open to other activities. Expand existing migratory game bird, upland game and big game hunting to new 774 acres.
- **Iowa/Nebraska**
  - **Desoto National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand season date ranges for existing big game hunting to further align with state regulations on 1,604 acres.
- **Kansas**
  - **Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing migratory game bird hunting to 902 acres already open to other hunting.
- **Kentucky**
  - **Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand season date range for existing coyote hunting on 8,716 acres to align with state regulations.
- **Maine**
  - **Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.
- **Maryland**
  - **Patuxent Research Refuge:** Expand existing big game hunting to 59 new acres.
- **Massachusetts**
  - **Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to migratory game bird (duck, geese, coot, snipe, rail, woodcock and crow), upland game (squirrel, pheasant, quail, grouse, fox, coyote, raccoon and opossum) and big game (white-tailed deer and wild turkey) hunting for the first time on 290 acres.
  - **Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to migratory game bird (duck, geese and coot) and upland game (coyote) hunting on 7,250 acres for the first time.
  - **Parker River National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to upland game hunting (squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, turkey, grouse, fox, coyote, raccoon and opossum) for the first time on 259 new acres and 1,783 acres already open to other hunting. Expand existing migratory game bird hunting and expand season dates for existing migratory game bird and big game hunting on the same acres.
- **Minnesota**
  - **Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge:** Open migratory game bird hunting (duck, geese, coot, merganser, moorhen, rail, snipe, mourning dove and crow) and upland game hunting (rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, fox, badger, pheasant, opossum, weasel, bobcat, grouse,

coyote and skunk) for the first time in alignment with state regulations on 932 new acres and acres already open to hunting. Expand existing big game hunting on those same acres.

- **Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge:** Open rail, crow, mourning dove, wild turkey and bobcat hunting on 42,314 acres already open to other hunting.
- **Montana**
  - **Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Open coot, crane and tundra swan hunting on 10,491 acres already open to other hunting. Expand season date range for existing sport fishing to further align with state regulations.
- **Nebraska**
  - **Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge:** Open wild turkey hunting for the first time on 290 acres already open to other hunting. Expand existing migratory game bird hunting to 2,348 acres already open to other hunting, and expand season dates for existing big game hunting on 14 acres.
  - **Valentine National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand the season date range for existing coyote hunting to further align with state regulations.
- **New Hampshire**
  - **Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge:** Open turkey hunting for the first time on 683 acres already open to other hunting. Expand method of take and season date ranges for existing white-tailed deer hunting to further align with state regulations on 943 acres.
- **New Mexico**
  - **Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand the method of take and season date ranges for existing migratory bird hunting and method of take for existing upland game hunting on 1,086 acres to further align with state regulations
  - **Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand method of take and hunting hours for existing migratory game bird hunting and existing upland game hunting to further align with state regulations, and expand number of tags for existing youth turkey hunting on 48,044 acres to increase access.
  - **Dexter National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to migratory game bird (duck, coot, sandhill crane and dove) and upland game hunting (Eurasian-collared dove and band-tailed pigeon) for the first time on 461 acres.
  - **Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand the bag limit for existing migratory game bird hunting on 506 acres to further align with the state.
- **North Carolina**
  - **Currituck National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand hunting hours for existing migratory game bird hunting and expand method of take and bag limits for existing big game hunting on 3,610 acres to further align with state regulations.
  - **Edenton National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.
  - **Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand season date ranges for existing big game hunting to further align with state regulations and offer youth hunt on 7,811 acres.
- **North Dakota**
  - **Valley City National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.
- **Ohio**
  - **Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing sport fishing to new areas.

- **Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing sport fishing to new areas.
- **Oklahoma**
  - **Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge:** Open geese, coot and merganser hunting for the first time on 7,034 acres already open to other hunting. Expand season date ranges for existing big game hunting to further align with state regulations.
  - **Little River National Wildlife Refuge:** Open coyote hunting for the first time on 13,938 acres already open to other hunting. Expand existing turkey hunting to include youth turkey hunting opportunities.
  - **Ozark Plateau National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to upland game (squirrel and rabbit) and big game (white-tailed deer and feral hog) hunting on 802 acres for the first time.
  - **Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge:** Open coot, white-winged dove, beaver, Eurasian-collared and rock dove, wild turkey and feral hog hunting on 9,555 acres for the first time. Expand existing migratory game bird, upland game and big game hunting to new acres.
  - **Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge:** Open wild turkey and feral hog hunting for the first time on 16,023 acres already open to other hunting.
  - **Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to migratory game bird (duck, geese and coot), wild turkey and feral hog hunting for the first time on 6,301 acres already open to other hunting and new acres. Expand existing white-tailed deer hunting to new acres.
  - **Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.
  - **Washita National Wildlife Refuge:** Open mourning and white-winged hunting for the first time on 2,637 new acres and acres already open to hunting, and expand Eurasian-collared dove hunting on those same acres.
  - **Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to migratory game bird (duck, geese, coot and merganser), upland game (coyote), wild turkey and feral hog hunting for the first time on 53,301 acres already open to other hunting.
- **Oregon**
  - **Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing sport fishing to new areas.
  - **McKay Creek National Wildlife Refuge:** Open mourning dove, wild turkey and big game (elk, white-tailed deer and mule deer) hunting for the first time on 620 acres already open to other hunting.
  - **Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge:** Open sport fishing for the first time on acres already open to other activities.
- **Pennsylvania**
  - **Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge:** Open sport fishing for the first time on acres already open to other activities.
- **South Carolina**
  - **Orangeburg National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.
- **South Dakota**
  - **Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand season date range for existing big game hunting on 19,745 acres to further align with state regulations.
- **Tennessee**

- **Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge:** Open coyote and beaver hunting for the first time on 8,180 acres already open to other hunting. Expand method of take and season date ranges for existing big game hunting to further align with state regulations.
- **Texas**
  - **Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing migratory game bird, upland game and big game hunting to 822 new acres.
  - **Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.
  - **Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand method of take for existing big game hunting on 27,100 acres to further align with state regulations.
  - **Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand method of take for existing big game hunting on 5,933 acres to further align with state regulations.
  - **Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand method of take for existing upland game hunting and season date ranges for existing big game hunting to further align with state regulations on 9,024 acres. Moving all refuge hunts, including existing migratory game bird hunting, to state lottery system.
- **Virginia**
  - **Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.
- **Washington**
  - **Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing waterfowl hunting to 1,142 new acres.
  - **Entiat National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.
  - **Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.
  - **Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.
  - **San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuge:** Open sport fishing for the first time on acres already open to other activities.
  - **Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to sport fishing for the first time.
- **Wisconsin**
  - **Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge:** Open big game hunting (white-tailed deer) and sport fishing for the first time.
  - **Iron River National Fish Hatchery:** Formally open to migratory game bird (duck, geese, coot, mourning dove, snipe, woodcock, rail and crow), upland game (rabbit, grouse, squirrel, fox, raccoon, pheasant, Hungarian partridge, quail, bobcat and coyote) and big game (white-tailed deer, black bear and turkey) hunting for the first time.
  - **Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge:** Open sport fishing for the first time on acres already open to other activities.
- **Wyoming**
  - **Hutton Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Open to migratory game bird hunting (duck, mergansers, geese and coot) for the first time.
  - **Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge:** Open white-tailed deer and elk hunting for the first time on 24,437 acres already open to other hunting.