

Regulatory Language

Section 552, Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

§552. Public Hunting Use Regulations for National Wildlife Refuges or Other Public Lands Where the Department of Fish and Game has Management Authority or Where Hunting Programs are Administered by the Department of Fish and Game.

(a) The power to control entry on the federally owned areas listed in subsection 551(a)(2)(c) is at the discretion of the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The following lands owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are open to hunting by the public under control of the California Department of Fish and Game.

(1) Colusa National Wildlife Refuge.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: Waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

(D) Camping and tents not allowed. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

(E) Bicycles: Not allowed.

(F) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(G) Nonreservation Drawing: Nonreservation hunters may enter the drawing for either Colusa, Delevan, or Sacramento, but for not more than one location on any single hunt date.

(2) Delevan National Wildlife Refuge.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: First Monday of pheasant season and on waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coot, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

(D) Nonreservation Drawing: Nonreservation hunters may enter the drawing for either Colusa, Delevan, or Sacramento, but for not more than one location on any single hunt date.

(E) Camping and tents not allowed. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

(F) Bicycles: Not allowed.

(G) Reservations: Each reservation assures entry of up to four individuals, whether adult hunters, junior hunters, or non-shooters.

(H) Special Restrictions: When assigned hunting sites, hunters shall hunt only within

100 feet of their assigned sites, except to retrieve downed birds. Pheasant hunting is not permitted in the assigned blind area except on the first Monday of the pheasant season.

(I) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(3) Kern National Wildlife Refuge.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens: Saturdays and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: Waterfowl hunt days during the regular pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and pheasants. There shall be no hunting of common snipe.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(4) Merced National Wildlife Refuge.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells per day.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays and Wednesdays during waterfowl season.

(C) Shooting Hours: Waterfowl shooting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon.

(D) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens. There shall be no hunting of common snipe.

(E) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(F) Bicycles: Allowed.

(G) Reservations: Each reservation assures entry of no more than three persons if three-person blinds are available, or no more than two persons, if two-person blinds are available. All person's entering on the same reservation will receive the same hunt assignment.

(H) Special Restrictions: Hunters must hunt from assigned blinds, except to retrieve downed birds.

(5) Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasants: The first Monday of pheasant season and on waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

(D) Nonreservation Drawing: Nonreservation hunters may enter the drawing for either Colusa, Delevan, or Sacramento, but for not more than one location on any single hunt date.

(E) Camping and tents not allowed. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

(F) Bicycles: Not allowed.

(G) Reservations: Each reservation assures entry of up to four individuals, whether

adult hunters, junior hunters, or non-shooters.

(H) Special Restrictions: When assigned hunting sites, hunters shall hunt only within 100 feet of their assigned sites, except to retrieve downed birds. Pheasant hunting is not permitted in the assigned blind area except on the first Monday of the pheasant season.

(I) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(6) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl season.

Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the West Bear Creek Unit prior to the third Saturday in November.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens. Hunting for pheasants will be allowed by permit only on designated days and areas at the Kesterson Unit on the first two days of pheasant season only, and at the San Luis Unit free roam area. Pheasant hunting is also allowed within the Kesterson Unit spaced blind area on the first Monday of the pheasant season only. Snipe hunting is allowed only within the San Luis Unit free roam area, and only on waterfowl shoot days when the area is open to hunting by adult license holders.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed on the San Luis, Blue Goose, and the west Bear Units of the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge.

(E) Bicycles: Allowed.

(F) Reservations: For the Kesterson and Blue Goose units, each reservation assures entry of no more than three persons if three-person blinds are available, or no more than two persons if two-person blinds are available. For the Freitas units (north and south), each reservation assures entry of one boat with up to four persons. All person's entering on the same reservation will receive the same hunt assignment.

(G) Special Restrictions: Hunters in the Kesterson and Blue Goose units must hunt from assigned blinds, except to retrieve downed birds. Hunters in free roam areas are not restricted to blinds. Freitas units are by boat only. Maximum boat speed may not exceed 5 mph. Inboard water thrust and air-thrust boats are prohibited. Construction of permanent blinds is prohibited. Cutting or breaking of woody vegetation is prohibited. All blinds and equipment must be removed following each day's hunt

(H) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(7) Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. Firearms must be unloaded when being transported between parking areas and blind sites.

(B) Hunt days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Not allowed.

(E) Special Restrictions: Hunters in the Hazard Unit shall hunt only from within 100 feet

of their assigned blind sites or stakes, except to retrieve downed birds. Hunters in the Union Tract shall hunt only from within their blinds, except to retrieve downed birds.

(F) Blind Limitation: Not more than four individuals may occupy a blind site.

(8) Sutter National Wildlife Refuge.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: Waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coot, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

(D) Camping and tents not allowed. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

(E) Bicycles: Not allowed.

(F) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(b) The power to control access on the national wildlife refuges listed in subsection 551(c) is at the discretion of the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The following lands owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are open to hunting by the public.

(1) Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge, including the La Barranca Unit, Blackberry Island Unit, Mooney Unit, Ohm Unit, Flynn Unit, Heron Island Unit, and Rio Vista Unit (Tehama Co.); Pine Creek Unit, Dead Man's Reach Unit, North Llano Seco Island 1 & 2 Units, and Llano Seco Riparian Sanctuary Unit (Butte Co.); and McIntosh Landing North and South Units, Capay Unit, Phelan Island Unit, Jacinto Unit, Ord Unit, Ord Bend Unit, South Ord Unit, Hartley Island Unit, Sul Norte Unit, Codora Unit, Packer Unit, Afton Unit, North Drumheller Slough Unit, and Drumheller Slough Unit (Glenn Co.).

(A) Method of Take Restrictions: Shotgun and archery only. Ammunition is restricted to only Federally approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k) of the CFR) except for shotgun slugs when hunting deer. No rifles, crossbows, air guns, or pistols may be used or possessed (see species specific restrictions below). Falconry is prohibited. Target shooting is prohibited.

(B) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species (see authorized species below).

(C) Units open to hunting of authorized species include: La Barranca, Mooney (no waterfowl hunting), Heron Island, Rio Vista, Pine Creek, Capay, Phelan Island, Jacinto, South Ord, Llano Seco Islands 1 & 2, Sul Norte, Afton, North Drumheller Slough, and Drumheller Slough. Refer to Refuge maps and signs for areas open to hunting. All other areas and species are closed to hunting. Commercial guiding is prohibited.

(D) Migratory Game Bird Hunting. Hunting is allowed for goose, duck, coot, moorhen, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Shotgun hunting only.

2. On Sul Norte and Drumheller Units, firearms must be unloaded (see § 27.42(b) of the CFR) before transporting them between parking areas and hunting areas. "Unloaded" means that no ammunition is in the chamber or magazine of the firearm.

3. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on the Mooney Unit.
 4. Ammunition is restricted to only Federally approved nontoxic shot while in the field (see § 32.2(k) of the CFR).
 5. Hunting is prohibited within 50 feet (15 m) of any landward boundary adjacent to private property.
 6. Hunting is prohibited within 150 yards (135 m) of any occupied dwelling, house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith.
 7. All units open to public hunting are boat accessible only, except on the Sul Norte and Drumheller Slough Units, access to the hunt area is by foot traffic or boat only. Bicycles or other conveyances are prohibited. Mobility impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.
 8. Fires on the refuge are prohibited, except for portable gas stoves on gravel bars (see § 27.95(a) of the CFR).
 9. Camping is allowed on gravel bars up to 7 days during any 30-day period. Camping on all other refuge lands is prohibited.
 10. The refuge is open for day-use access from 1 1/2 hour before legal shoot time until 1 1/2 hour after legal sunset. Access during other hours is allowed on gravel bars only (see condition A8).
 11. Dogs must be kept on a leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter or dog handler (see § 26.21(b) of the CFR).
 12. Permanent blinds are prohibited. All personal property, including decoys and boats must be removed by 1 1/2 hour after legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of the CFR).
 13. Cutting or removal of vegetation for blind construction or for making trails is prohibited (see § 27.51 of the CFR). Introduction or importation of non-native vegetation is prohibited except as authorized (see § 50CFR27.52).
- (E) Upland Game Hunting. Hunting is allowed for pheasant, turkey, and quail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. Shotgun and archery hunting only.
 2. Conditions D2 through D12 apply.
- (F) Big Game Hunting. Hunting is allowed for black-tailed/mule deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. Conditions D2, D4 through D12, and E1 apply.
 2. Construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, ladders or screw-in foot pegs is prohibited.
 3. All personal property, including stands, must be removed from the refuge by 1 1/2 hour after legal sunset (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of the CFR).
 4. Shotgun, firing single shotgun slugs, and archery hunting only. No rifles, air guns, or pistols may be used or possessed on the Refuge.
- (G) Sport Fishing. Sport fishing is allowed on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. Conditions D7, D8, D9, and D12 apply.

2. On Packer Lake, due to primitive access, only boats up to 14 feet (4.2 m) and canoes are allowed. Electric motors only.

~~(9)~~(2) Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service only. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12 noon.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens and snipe.

(D) Reservations only, no non-reservations accepted or backfill.

(E) Camping and tents: Not allowed. No person may build or maintain fires.

(F) Decoy carts: Allowed.

(G) Bicycles: Not allowed.

(H) Reservations: Each reservation assures entry of up to two individuals per blind, except for the youth draw blinds on Saturdays which may include two youth hunters accompanied by one adult (only youth may apply). The pontoon boat for persons with disabilities is for use by one disabled hunter and one able bodied companion.

(I) Special Restrictions: When assigned hunting sites, hunters shall remain in the assigned blind unless placing decoys, traveling to and from parking area, retrieving downed birds or when shooting and retrieving crippled waterfowl.

(J) Hunting dogs must remain under leash or voice control at all times.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 355, 710, 710.5, 710.7, 713, 1050, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1570-1572, 1580, 1581, 1583, 1761, 1764, 1765, 1907, 2118, 2190, and 10504, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 355, 711, 713, 1050, 1055.3, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1570-1572, 1585, 1590, 1591, 1764, 1765, 2006, and 10504, Fish and Game Code.