# 2021-2022 Station-Specific Hunting and Fishing Proposed Rule National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries Narratives

#### Alabama

• Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge: Open raccoon, opossum, duck, dark goose, light goose hunting on acres already open to other hunting, which opens migratory bird hunting for the first time, and expand deer, feral hog, coyote, beaver, nutria, rabbit, and squirrel hunting.

#### Alabama/Mississippi

• **Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge**: Open coyote, rabbit, nutria, and white-winged dove hunting and sport fishing, which opens sport fishing for the first time.

#### Arizona

• Havasu National Wildlife Refuge: Open coyote, fox, feral swine, bobcat, jack rabbit, rabbit, quail, and certain dove species hunting on acres already open to other hunting; and expand existing dove species hunting.

#### Arkansas

- **Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge**: Open crow, rail, gallinule, dove, skunk, bobcat, fox, river otter, and mink hunting on acres already open to other hunting; extend hours for hunting of mourning dove and snipe; and expand Turkey hunting through a youth only hunt.
- **Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Open feral hog, bobcat, armadillo, fox, mink, skunk, turkey, river otter, muskrat, and quail on acres already open to other hunting, and expand existing deer hunting through a youth only hunt.
- Cache River National Wildlife Refuge: Open rail, dove, gallinule, crow, fox, mink, striped skunk, bobcat, and river otter, and expand existing snipe and deer hunting.
- Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge: Open dove, dark goose, light goose, and woodcock hunting on acres already open to other hunting.
- Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge: Open woodcock hunting on acres open to other hunting, and expand existing white-tailed deer, feral hog, turkey, coyote, raccoon, rabbit, opossum, quail, squirrel, beaver, nutria, coot, duck, light goose, dark goose, and teal hunting.
- Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge: Open black bear, fox, nutria, muskrat, skunk, river otter, quail, and mink hunting on acres already open to other hunting, and expand existing white-tailed deer, rabbit/hare, and squirrel hunting with youth hunts and extend the season for raccoon and opossum seasons.
- Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge: Open bobcat, fox, turkey, skunk, river otter, mink, armadillo, muskrat, and quail on acres already open to other hunting, and expand existing deer hunting with a youth hunt.

#### Arizona

• **Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge**: Open javelina, Eurasian collared dove, coyote, and fox hunting on new acres and acres already open to other hunting; expand existing quail, mourning dove, white-winged dove, and rabbit hunting to new acres; and expand methods of take for bighorn sheep hunting.

## California

- Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing goose, duck, and coot hunting.
- Kern National Wildlife Refuge: Expanding existing snipe hunting on acres already open to other hunting.

# Florida

- Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing hunting by allowing the incidental take of non-native migratory bird, upland game, and big game species, as defined by the State of Florida.
- Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge: Open turkey hunting and sport fishing, which opens upland game hunting and sport fishing for the first time.

# Georgia

- **Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing white-tailed deer, turkey, feral hog, squirrel, rabbit/hare, quail, duck, light geese, dark geese, and coot hunting to new acres.
- Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge: Open turkey, coyote, and armadillo hunting, which opens upland game hunting for the first time, and expand existing deer and feral hog hunting.

## Idaho

- **Camas National Wildlife Refuge:** Open dove and elk hunting on acres already open to other hunting, which opens big game hunting for the first time.
- Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing sport fishing.

# Illinois

- Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing sport fishing.
- **Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing deer, turkey, raccoon, opossum, rabbit/hare, squirrel, quail, fox, bobcat, skunk, woodchuck, coyote, partridge, pheasant, coot, duck, snipe, rail, woodcock, dark goose, light goose, dove, and crow hunting and sport fishing.
- Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing white-tailed deer, bear, coyote, bobcat, woodchuck, raccoon, skunk, opossum, furbearer, turkey, squirrel, rabbit/hare, partridge, grouse, pheasant, quail, duck, goose, crow, moorhen, snipe, coot, dove, and rail hunting to new acres and expand sport fishing to new waters.

# Indiana

• **Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge**: Expand existing white-tailed deer, turkey, fox, coyote, raccoon, opossum, skunk, rabbit, squirrel, quail, pheasant, crow, dove, goose, ducks, merganser, coot, gallinule, snipe, woodcock, and rail hunting and sport fishing on new acres and waters.

# Iowa

• Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing white-tailed deer, turkey, rabbit, pheasant, quail, squirrel, pigeon, dove, goose, duck, and crow hunting on new acres.

# Iowa/Minnesota

• Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing elk, bear, deer, bobcat, skunk, coyote, badger, fox, opossum, raccoon, groundhog, squirrel, hare, jack rabbit, rabbit, quail, prairie chicken, grouse, partridge, pheasant, turkey, sandhill crane, woodcock, crow, dove, snipe, rail, coot, gallinule, duck, and goose hunting.

# Kentucky/Pennsylvania/West Virginia

• Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge: Open turkey, black bear, coyote, weasel, bobcat, rabbit, fox, squirrel, skunk, opossum, raccoon, dark goose, light goose, duck, gallinule, crow, dove, coot, rail, snipe, and woodcock hunting on acres already open to other hunting.

# Louisiana

- **Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge:** Open white-tailed deer, feral hog, opossum, armadillo, rabbit/hare, nutria, coyote, raccoon, dove, gallinule, rail, and snipe hunting on acres already open to other hunting, which opens upland and big game hunting for the first time, and extend hours for existing migratory bird hunting and sport fishing.
- **Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge:** Open coyote, nutria, opossum, racoon, armadillo, rail, snipe, teal, coot, dove, gallinule, dark geese, and light geese hunting on new acres and acres already open to other hunting; expand acres for existing white tail deer, feral hog, rabbit/hare, squirrel, duck, and woodcock hunting; and extend hours for existing feral hog, duck, and squirrel hunting.
- **Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge:** Open coyote, nutria, armadillo, opossum, and dove hunting on new acres and acres already open to other hunting, and expand existing feral hog, raccoon, squirrel, duck, geese, coot, and teal hunting and sportfishing.
- **Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge:** Open nutria, armadillo, opossum, dove, gallinule, rail, and snipe hunting on acres already open to other hunting, and expand existing white-tailed deer, feral hog, rabbit, raccoon, coot, light goose, duck, and teal hunting.
- Delta National Wildlife Refuge: Opening coyote, armadillo, nutria, opossum, gallinule, rail, and snipe hunting on acres already open to other hunting, and expand existing deer, feral hog, rabbit, raccoon, duck, teal, coot, light goose, and dark goose hunting.
- **Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge:** Open coyote, armadillo, nutria, opossum, raccoon, rabbit/hare, rail, snipe, and teal hunting on acres already open to other hunting, which opens upland game hunting for the first time, and expand existing white-tailed deer, feral hog, coot, duck, dark goose, light goose, and gallinule hunting.
- **Red River National Wildlife Refuge:** Open coyote, beaver, rail, snipe, and gallinule hunting on acres already open to other hunting.
- **Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge:** Open feral hog, nutria, armadillo, gallinule, rail, dark goose, and light goose hunting on acres already open to other hunting.
- Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge: Open feral hog, coyote, beaver, gallinule, rail, and snipe hunting on acres already open to other hunting and extend season dates for dove hunting to align with State of Louisiana.

# Louisiana/Mississippi

• **Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge:** Open quail, nutria, opossum, armadillo, dove, gallinule, snipe, light geese, dark geese, and woodcock on acres already open to other hunting, and expand existing white-tailed deer, feral hog, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, duck, teal, coot, light geese, and dark geese hunting.

# Maine

- Franklin Island National Wildlife Refuge: Open duck, light goose, dark goose, coot, sea duck, rail, snipe, and woodcock hunting, which opens migratory bird hunting for the first time.
- Green Lake National Fish Hatchery: Formally open sport fishing for the first time.

- **Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing white-tailed deer, bear, moose, coyote, woodchuck, porcupine, squirrel, grouse, bobcat, hare, raccoon, skunk, snipe, woodcock, duck, sea duck, light goose, and dark goose hunting on new acres.
- **Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge:** Expanding existing deer, bear, coyote, bobcat, raccoon, fox, hare, skunk, squirrel, woodchuck, porcupine, grouse, snipe, woodcock, sea duck, duck, light goose, dark goose, and rail hunting on new acres.
- Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge: Extend season dates for existing groundhog and squirrel hunting.

# Maine/New Hampshire

• **Pond Island National Wildlife Refuge:** Open duck, sea duck, coot, light goose, and dark goose hunting on new acres, which opens the refuge to migratory bird hunting for the first time.

#### Michigan

• Harbor Island National Wildlife Refuge: Open coyote, ruffed grouse, porcupine, weasel, opossum, squirrel, rabbit/hare, house sparrow, skunk, woodchuck, Russian boar, pigeon, starling, turkey, bobcat, fox, raccoon, crow, ducks, coots, goose, snipe, rail, moorhens, and woodcock hunting and sport fishing, which opens migratory bird hunting, upland game hunting, and sport fishing for the first time, and expand existing deer and bear hunting to new acres.

#### Minnesota

- Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing white-tailed deer hunting onto new acres.
- **Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand season dates for an existing deer hunting method of take.
- Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge: Open gallinule, dove, and crow hunting on acres already open to other hunting; and expand existing deer and turkey hunting.

## Mississippi

• Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge: Open fox, skunk, goose, gallinule, snipe, and crow hunting on acres already open to other hunting and expand existing white-tailed deer, turkey, coyote, beaver, opossum, raccoon, rabbit, quail, squirrel, woodcock, coot, light goose, dark goose, and duck hunting.

## Missouri

- **Great River National Wildlife Refuge:** Close acres currently open for big game, upland game, and migratory bird hunting of 14 species.
- Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge: Open turkey, groundhog, pheasant, quail, rabbit/hare, skunk, squirrel, dove, snipe, rail, crow, merganser, goose, coot, and duck hunting on new acres and acres already open to other hunting, which opens upland game hunting for the first time, and expand existing white-tailed deer hunting on new acres.
- **Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing white-tailed deer, turkey, squirrel, rabbit/hare, quail, opossum, skunk, groundhog, coyote, raccoon, bobcat, fox, and pheasant hunting to new acres.

## Montana

• Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge: Open mountain lion hunting on acres already open to other hunting.

• UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge: Open mountain lion hunting on acres already open to other hunting.

# Nevada

• **Desert National Wildlife Refuge:** Open chukar, quail, and dove, which opens both migratory bird and upland game hunting for the first time.

# **New Hampshire/Vermont**

• Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge: Open opossum and furbearer hunting on new acres and acres already open to other hunting, and expand existing moose, deer, turkey, bear, coyote, fox, groundhog, grouse, pheasant, porcupine, raccoon, skunk, rabbit, squirrel, duck, dark goose, light goose, and woodcock hunting and sport fishing on new acres and new waters.

# **New Jersey**

- **Cape May National Wildlife Refuge:** Open coyote, fox, groundhog, grouse, pheasant, and crow hunting; expand existing deer, turkey, rabbit, squirrel, duck, light goose, dark goose, woodcock, snipe, coot, gallinule, and rail hunting; and both expand sport fishing to new waters and extend sport fishing hours.
- **Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge:** Open turkey, coyote, fox, and goose hunting, which opens migratory bird and upland game hunting for the first time, and expand existing white-tailed deer hunting.
- **Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge:** Open turkey, grouse, pheasant, coyote, fox, rabbit, groundhog, squirrel, snipe, rail, gallinule, and coot hunting on acres already open to other hunting, which opens upland game hunting for the first time, and expand existing deer hunting and sport fishing.

# New Jersey/New York

• Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing bear, dear, turkey, coyote, fox, raccoon, rabbit/hare, opossum, squirrel, woodchuck, pheasant, grouse, crow, rail, gallinule, woodcock, coot, duck, sea duck, dark goose, light goose, and snipe hunting on new acres.

# New Mexico

• Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge: Open elk, rabbit, dove, light goose, and dark goose hunting on acres already open to other hunting, which opens upland game and big game hunting for the first time.

# North Carolina/Virginia

• Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge: Open feral hog and coyote. Also open merganser, duck, sea duck, moorhen, swan, coot, gallinule, light goose, and dark goose, which opens migratory bird hunting for the first time, and expand existing deer hunting.

## North Dakota

- Audubon National Wildlife Refuge: Expand season date range for mule and white-tailed deer hunting opportunities.
- J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing moose, deer, pheasant, partridge, grouse, and fox hunting.
- Lake Alice National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing white-tailed deer, fox, rabbit/hare, pheasant, partridge, and grouse hunting.

## Ohio

• Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing deer, fox, opossum, woodchuck, pheasant, rabbit/hare, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, turkey, coot, duck, crow, dark goose, light goose, gallinule, moorhen, snipe, rail, woodcock, and dove hunting on new acres and expanding sport fishing.

## Oklahoma

- Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge: Expand sport fishing to new waters and allowing new methods of take.
- Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge: Expand sport fishing on new waters.

# Oregon

- Malheur National Wildlife Refuge: Expand mule deer hunting to new acres and extend partridge, pheasant, quail, coot, dove, duck, light goose, dark goose, and snipe hunting season dates to align with the State of Oregon.
- William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge: Open coot, duck, snipe, light goose, and dark goose hunting on acres already open to other hunting, which opens the refuge to migratory bird hunting for the first time; and expand existing black tailed deer hunting on new acres.

## **Oregon/Washington**

• Julia Butler Hanson Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer: Expand existing coot, duck, light goose, and dark goose hunting onto new acres.

## Pennsylvania

• Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge: Open porcupine and hare hunting on acres already open to other hunting, and expand existing bear, deer, turkey, bobcat, coyote, fox, woodchuck, grouse, opossum, pheasant, quail, rabbit, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel, snipe, sea duck, rail, gallinule, light goose, dark goose, duck, dove, crow, woodcock, and coot hunting.

## South Carolina

• Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge: Open turkey hunting on acres already open to other hunting.

## South Dakota

- Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing sport fishing to new waters.
- Waubay National Wildlife Refuge: Expand sport fishing on new waters.

## Texas

- **Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge:** Open rock pigeon, dove, and merganser on new acres and acres open to other hunting, which opens upland game hunting for the first time, and expanding sport fishing.
- Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge: Open squirrel hunting, which opens upland game hunting for the first time.
- **Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge:** Open white-tailed deer, mule deer, quail, and dove hunting, which opens big game, upland game, and migratory bird hunting on the refuge for the first time.
- Neches River National Wildlife Refuge: Open white-tailed deer, feral hog, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, beaver, coyote, and duck hunting, which opens big game, upland game, and migratory bird hunting on the refuge for the first time.

## Utah

• **Ouray National Wildlife Refuge:** Open pronghorn and sandhill crane hunting on acres already open to other hunting.

# Vermont

• Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge: Open coyote, skunk, opossum, weasel, fox, and raccoon hunting on acres already open to other hunting.

# Virginia

- Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge: Open turkey, rabbit, squirrel, quail, raccoon, opossum, fox, coyote, woodchuck, pigeon, European starling, English sparrow, duck, sea duck, light goose, dark goose, rail, snipe, gallinule, coot, woodcock, dove, crow hunting and sportfishing, which opens migratory bird and upland game hunting and sportfishing for the first time, and expand existing white-tailed deer hunting.
- Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge: Open sport fishing for the first time and expand existing deer hunting.
- Featherstone National Wildlife Refuge: Open duck, light goose, dark goose, brant, swan, merganser hunting and sportfishing, which opens the refuge to migratory bird hunting and sportfishing for the first time.
- **Fisherman Island National Wildlife Refuge:** Open sea duck, duck, light goose, dark goose, rail, snipe, gallinule, coot, woodcock, dove, and crow hunting, which opens the refuge to migratory bird hunting for the first time.
- **Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge:** Open turkey, coyote, and squirrel hunting, which opens upland game hunting for the first time, and expand white-tailed deer and black bear hunting.
- James River National Wildlife Refuge: Open turkey, coyote, rabbit, and squirrel hunting on acres already open to other hunting and open sport fishing, which opens upland game hunting and sport fishing for the first time, and expand existing turkey hunting.
- Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge: Open turkey, coyote, and fox hunting and sport fishing, which opens upland game hunting and sport fishing for the first time; and expand methods of take for existing deer hunting.
- **Plum Tree National Wildlife Refuge:** Expand existing light goose, dark goose, duck, merganser, coot, and brant hunting on new acres.
- **Presquile National Wildlife Refuge:** Open turkey and coyote hunting on acres already open to other hunting and opening freshwater sport fishing, which opens the refuge to upland game hunting and sport fishing for the first time; and expand existing white-tailed deer hunting.
- **Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge:** Open turkey, coyote, rabbit, and squirrel hunting on acres already open to hunting, which opens the refuge to upland hunting for the first time; and expanding existing white-tailed deer hunting.

## Wisconsin

• Necedah National Wildlife Refuge: Expand existing deer, turkey, grouse, squirrel, rabbit/hare, raccoon, woodcock, snipe, rail, moorhen, dove, coot, goose, and duck hunting.

## Wyoming

• National Elk Refuge: Open deer and pronghorn hunting on acres already open to other hunting.