UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Columbia National Wildlife Refuge Othello, Washington

INFORMATION FOR HUNTERS - 1958-59 SEASON

AREA OPEN TO PUBLIC HUNTING

Waterfowl and Coots - All Refuge lands north of the Adams-Grant County Line, EXCEPT those shown as closed to hunting on the map. This public hunting area, covering 7,164 acres, is clearly defined by red metal signs.

Deer - All Refuge lands.

SEASONS

Waterfowl - October 12 thru January 14. Goose hunting permitted ONLY on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, November 11 and 27, December 25 and January 1. No open season on Ross's Geese and Swan.

Coot - October 12 thru January 24. Coot is very tasty if properly prepared - try a few.

Deer - October 26 thru November 30. Special either sex season-management Unit No.2-C.
HUNTING OF ALL OTHER GAME SPECIES AND OTHER ANIMALS IS PROHIBITED

HUNTING HOURS One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

- Geese The daily bag and possession limit is 4 provided that not more than 3 of the dark species may be included in such limits.
- Ducks The daily bag limit is 5 and the possession limit is 10. These limits may be increased to 9 and 14 respectively, provided such limits contain not less than 4 pintails, 4 widgeons, or 4 of these species in the aggregate. Daily bag and possession limits may not include more than 1 wood duck and 1 hooded merganser.
- American and Redbreasted Mergansers The daily bag limit is 5, possession limit 10, singly or in aggregate of both kinds.

Coots - The daily bag and possession limit is 25.

PERMITS All hunters must possess a valid State (Washington) hunting license, and all hunters who have attained the age of 16 years must possess a signed (validated) migratory waterfowl stamp to hunt waterfowl. No other permit is required. All hunting is to be conducted in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations.

REFUGE REGULATIONS

- Dogs Hunting dogs, not to exceed two per hunter, may be used for the purpose of retrieving dead or wounded birds, but shall not be permitted to run at large on the public hunting area or elsewhere on the Refuge.
- Boats- The use of boats without motors for the purpose of hunting is permitted.
- Blinds Temporary blinds only may be erected. The digging of a pit for use as a hunting blind, or any other purpose, is prohibited.
- Car Travel Car travel is restricted to established roads, and parking is permitted only on designated parking areas.
- Camping No overnight camping of any kind, or parking of trailers, is permitted.

 Fires No warming or cooking fires are allowed. Be careful with burning tobacco and matches.
- Hunting Privileges All hunters have equal rights on a first come-first served basis to hunt in any area within the public hunting grounds, which will not be affected by the erection of temporary blinds by others during the preceding day.

READ AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ON SIGNS. THEY ARE FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND PROTECTION.

Further information is available at headquarters in Othello on 8th Street behind the Bureau of Reclamation Building, or write to: Refuge Manager, Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, Othello, Washington.

