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Corps accepting applications for seasonal blind permits

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District's Wallisville Lake Project Office is now accepting applications for seasonal blind permits in its Waterfowl Management Program through the end of June for the upcoming 2009-10 waterfowl hunting season. Applicants should submit their full name as it appears on their driver's license, including driver's license number, complete mailing address, a daytime phone number and a home and evening phone number clearly printed on a white 3" X 5" index card.

Cards should be mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wallisville Project Office, Attention: Duck Blind, P.O. Box 293 Wallisville, TX 77597 or hand delivered to the office at 20020 I-10 East Feeder Road in Wallisville. All applicants must be at least 18-years old and only one application per person will be accepted.

"We didn't have much of a season last year due to Hurricane Ike, but we're hoping for better weather conditions this year," said Ruth Millsaps, a park ranger at the Wallisville Lake Project. "For those who have hunted with us in the past, you will be pleased to learn we have very little to no water hyacinth this year, one of the few benefits from Hurricane Ike. This means there's much more open water for the birds to find as well."

A random drawing for permits will be held early in July after which winners will be notified by mail. The Blind Location Selection meeting will be held Aug. 9 at the project office. Applicants who are chosen for a blind and cannot make the meeting should call one of the park rangers for an appointment to make your location selection during the two weeks after the Aug. 9 meeting.

"Debris left from Hurricane Ike will be removed by the time the season rolls around for us to be in much better shape for a great hunting season," said Millsaps. "Cross your fingers that the weather will hold and the ducks will come."

If you have any questions or want to do some scouting ahead of time, visit the Wallisville Lake Project Office or call (409) 389-2285. For more information on the Wallisville Lake Project, visit www.swg.usace.army.mil and click on Recreation. Get ready to start calling those ducks!