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WATERFOWL BLIND RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations shall govern waterfowl blind construction and use at the Wallisville Lake Project, Chambers and Liberty Counties, Texas. Texas state laws and local ordinances for Chambers and Liberty counties apply on the Wallisville Lake Project. These include but are not limited to fishing and hunting laws and regulations. Please, report violations by contacting a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Park Ranger or the Park Manager at 409-389-2285 and/or contact a Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden at (281) 931-6471. For emergencies, dial 911. Failure to comply with any of these regulations may result in immediate withdrawal of the blind permit and/or issuance of federal citation up to \$5000.00.

1. All Federal, State and Local laws, rules and regulations must be adhered to while hunting at the Wallisville Lake Project. In addition all rules and regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327, Rules and Regulations governing the use of water resource development projects administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers must be adhered to. Drunkenness, drug-use, disorderly conduct, or violation of the following regulations, CFR Title 36 or Texas State game laws shall be sufficient cause to expel a hunter from the project and revoke future hunting privileges.
2. The Blind Permit Holder shall be responsible for ensuring that all regulations governing the construction, use, and removal of a duck blind at the Wallisville Lake Project are adhered to.
3. Seasonal duck blind drawing applications will only be accepted between May 1 and June 30 of each year. Duck blind applications may be obtained online and must be sent using the form available in its original format. Instructions are on the application. Send blind applications to HuntWallisville@USACE.army.mil. Applications sent in any other formats will not be accepted at any time. Only one application will be accepted per person/per household. Application must obtain all requested information to be accepted.
4. Construction of semi-permanent blinds may begin upon receiving your placard and completion of all pertaining paperwork on or around 30 days prior to early teal season opening day.
The construction of a semi-permanent or permanent blind is prohibited without a Seasonal Blind Permit.
Blinds may not be located on top of any shell area, attached to any live or dead tree, and must not be constructed of nearby vegetation.
 - a. Construction of a semi-permanent blind may not exceed 64 square feet.
 - b. The Blind must be free-standing or floating. Posts may be inserted into the ground or a body of water.
 - c. The blind and the area around the blind must remain neat and clean throughout the construction and occupation of the blind.
 - d. Construction waste shall be removed from the project on a daily basis.
 - e. The Blind Permit Holder is responsible for ensuring the blind is safe for occupants. If found unsafe by USACE representatives, the blind will not be allowed to be occupied until it is made safe.
5. The permit placard with the seasonal blind permit number must be attached directly to the blind and displayed so that it can be easily seen above surrounding vegetation at the blind location at all times throughout the season. If you use a boat blind, you must still place the placard on a free-standing post at a height above the surrounding vegetation.
6. Report unauthorized blinds immediately. All blinds must have a placard posted. Unreported blinds in your permit area will be treated as the property of the Blind Permit Holder. Removal will be the responsibility of the Permit Holder if not reported prior to USACE personnel conducting the end-of-season blind removal inspection.
7. Floating blinds and temporary blinds are permitted but must be removed at the conclusion of each days hunt. A floating or temporary blind may not be placed closer than 200 yards from an occupied permitted blind.

Name (print): _____ Blind Permit No. _____ Hunting Permit No. _____

8. Hunters may hunt within 200 yards of an unoccupied permitted blind. However, if the blind becomes occupied at any time by an authorized blind user, the day-use hunter must move away at least 200 yards, immediately. Failure to move away, will result in the revocation of hunting privileges and possibly state and federal fines. The unauthorized occupation of a permitted blind is prohibited. Report unauthorized occupation to TX Game Gardens and USACE Park Rangers immediately.

9. Permit Holder or Authorized Blind User must be present for blind to be occupied.

- a. Authorization Cards must present with hunter to occupy that blind. Authorization cards are marked by the Blind Number printed on back of the card in the Holder/User's possession.
- b. The Authorized Blind User may be held responsible for all activities which occur in that blind while they are present.
- c. No more than 5 hunters may occupy a blind at any time.
- d. Report unauthorized blind occupation to TPWD Game Wardens and USACE Park Rangers immediately.

10. Construction of blinds within 200 yards of restricted areas is prohibited. These areas include, but are not limited to any areas within 200 yards of any parks, day-use areas, hiking trails, roadways, parking lots, residential areas, boat ramps, the Lost Lake Oil Field, water bird conservation areas. **Hunters shall not discharge firearms in the direction or within 200 yards of restricted areas.** Maps are available at the Wallisville Lake Visitor Center. Blinds shall not be constructed in Lake Miller as water may be too low to retrieve blind by March 1.

11. "Pack it in – Pack it out." Any waste generated as a result of a hunt must be removed when the hunter leaves the project, at the end of each day's hunt. Waste is any litter including but not limited to: food waste, dog waste, and shotgun shells. Any items left at a blind that can be washed away by rising water may be impounded for no more than 120 days, after which USACE will dispose of any unclaimed items. Trash dumping or bird cleaning on federal lands or waters is prohibited.

12. All duck blinds must be removed by 1 March following the conclusion of the hunting season. Failure to remove blinds may result in forfeiture of hunting privileges and fines.

- a. The Authorized Blind Permit Holder shall be responsible for the total removal of the blind.
- b. The entire blind structure, including the support structure; must be removed from the project.
- c. Do not use Wallisville Lake Project dumpsters to dispose of blind material. Violators are subject to citation.
- d. Failure to remove the blind by March 1, may result in forfeiture of future hunting privileges, citations, and fines.

Any questions about these restrictions and regulations should be directed to a USACE Park Ranger at the project office.

A violation of any of the above rules and regulations or any state or federal hunting laws may subject the violator to a revocation of hunting privileges at the Wallisville Lake Project and/or a citation from the US Army Corps of Engineers for a violation of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327, Rules and Regulations Governing Public Use of USACE Water Resources Development Projects; which may carry a fine of up to \$5,000.00 and/or six month imprisonment. In addition, violators may be subject to citations, fines and penalties from other Federal, State and Local enforcement agencies having authority over hunting activities at the Wallisville Lake Project.

In early April (not Easter Weekend), Wallisville will hold a Volunteer Blind Removal weekend. Please ask about details, sign-up, and how to participate. Participants that remove left-over blinds will be allowed an additional entry in the following year's blind selection process.

I, _____, agree to all of the above rules and regulations governing

Waterfowl Hunting on Wallisville Lake Project lands.

Hunting Permit No.: WLP-HP-_____ - _____ Blind Permit No: _____

Signature: _____, Date: _____