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WATERFOWL HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Federal, State and Local laws, rules and regulations must be adhered to while hunting at the Wallisville Lake Project (WLP). The following rules and regulations shall govern waterfowl hunting on the Wallisville Lake Project, located in 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. All rules and regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 3, Rules and Regulations governing the use of water resource development projects administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers must be adhered to.

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 (512) 389-4848. For emergencies, dial 911.

Any drunkenness; drug-use; disorderly conduct; or violation of the following regulations, CFR Title 36 or Texas State and Federal game laws shall be sufficient cause to expel a hunter from the project and to revoke hunting and blind privileges at Wallisville Lake Project for his or her entire hunting party 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.

1. Waterfowl Hunting Permits will be available for general public issue following the Duck Blind Meeting, and during the waterfowl hunting season. Waterfowl Hunting Permits expire on March 1st of the following year.
2. All hunters, 17 years of age and older, must obtain a Wallisville Lake Project (WLP) Hunting Permit and vehicle hang tag. All hunters must place permit hang tags where they can easily be seen inside their vehicle at all times while hunting.

To obtain a permit: hunters must come in person to the Trinity River Island Recreation Area Visitor Center located near the saltwater barrier at 1140 U.S. Army Corps Rd, Wallisville TX, 77597. Visitor Center hours are Mon-Sun: 8am-4pm except holidays. Applicant must have proof of hunter education unless exempted by state law, valid photo identification, and current hunting license or a permit will not be issued.

3. Persons under 17 years of age may hunt without certification if accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older who is licensed to hunt in Texas in accordance with the Parks and Wildlife Code, is in compliance with applicable hunter education requirements, and has obtained a valid hunting permit from Wallisville Lake Project.
4. All hunters must have in their possession their issued WLP Waterfowl Hunting permit, a current Texas State Hunting License, Federal Duck Stamp, State Duck Stamp, and proper identification (driver's license, etc.). Hunters born after Sept 1, 1971 must have proof of hunters' education. Hunters are required to provide proof of applicable permits, licenses, and I.D. when asked by park rangers or law enforcement.
5. Hunters are responsible for knowing the hunting season, and applicable state game laws of the game in which they hunt. Hunters are allowed to take waterfowl species allowed by state law under the Waterfowl Hunting Permit from Wallisville Project Lands.
6. **Hunting in 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 or other hunters. Maps are available at the Wallisville Lake Visitor Center.

7. There should be no trespassing on private property to gain access to the project without the landowner's permission. Entry is by boat or foot, only. Motorized vehicles will not be allowed off of maintained roadways on any USACE property including Hugo Point and Trinity River Island boat ramps. Violators are subject to citations, fines, and impoundment of motor vehicles in violation.

NAME: _____ **INITIALS:** _____ **DATE:** _____

8. Hunting hours at the Wallisville Lake Project shall begin at ½ hour before sunrise and shall conclude at 12:00 noon, daily during state authorized hunting periods.

9. A WLP Hunting permit is required to legally possess a firearm or ammunition on WLP property. Shotguns are the only firearms allowed on the property under the Waterfowl Hunting Permit. Shotguns must be unloaded while in transit to the hunting location. This includes while walking or boating to a hunting location. “Sky busting” and “free shooting” is prohibited. All shotguns must be removed from the project by 1p.m. All ammunition must be legal for the game being taken. No lead shot is allowed on federal properties.

10. “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.

11. Trash dumping or bird cleaning on federal lands or waters is prohibited.

12. The construction of a semi-permanent or permanent blind is prohibited without a Seasonal Blind Permit. 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. 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. See Duck Blind Rules and Regulations for more details.

13. 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. The unauthorized occupation of a permitted blind at any time is prohibited.

14. Permit holder or Authorized Blind User must be present for blind to be occupied. No more than 5 hunters may occupy a blind at any time. Occupation of someone else’s blind is prohibited and subject to revocation of hunting privileges and/or fines.

15. All airboats are to cease operations on Wallisville Project lands and waterways by 1pm from Sept 1 until Feb 1 with the exception of the main waterways. These main waterways are: Trinity River, Old River, Lost River, and Lost Lake. Airboats may operate in the main waterways where they will not harass resting waterfowl during this time period. Using airboats to “roost” waterfowl is prohibited. Operation of airboats across land is prohibited. Only authorized airboats such as law enforcement, game warden, and USACE airboats are exempt. Airboats are prohibited from entering designated waterfowl conservations areas at any time from Sept 1 through Feb 1. Anyone requiring access to these areas with an airboat for official purposes must gain approval prior to conducting operations. From February 1 through September 1, airboats may operate within any waters located on the project.

16. Anyone taking vessels from boat ramps on Wallisville Lake Project to hunt areas off of Federal Property must apply for a WLP Waterfowl Hunting Permit in order to legally have a shotgun and ammunition in your possession on Federal Property including boat ramps and parking areas at Hugo Point and Trinity River Island Recreation Area. Failure to gain a permit prior to launching is a violation of **Title 36 CFR 327.13(a)**: *The possession of loaded firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons is prohibited unless:*

1. *In the possession of a Federal, state or local law enforcement officer;*
2. *Being used for hunting or fishing as permitted under 327.8, with devices being unloaded when transported to, from or between hunting and fishing sites;*
3. *Being used at authorized shooting ranges; or*
4. *Written permission has been received from the District Commander.*

Any questions about these restrictions and regulations should be directed to a USACE Park Ranger at the project office: (409) 389-2285.

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

Waterfowl Hunting on Wallisville Lake Project lands. Permit No.: **WLP-WFHP-**_____ - _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____