

WALLISVILLE, Texas— The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District Wallisville Lake Project Office's Waterfowl Management Program is accepting seasonal duck blind applications from May 1 to June 30 for the upcoming 2023-24 waterfowl hunting season.

Applicants may only apply for the duck blind drawing by mailing or dropping off a 3 x 5 white notecard containing their **name, address, telephone number, and email**. Mailed applicants must be post marked no later than June 30, 2023, and mailed to:

Wallisville Lake Project

Attn: Duck Blind Drawing

P.O. Box 293 Wallisville, TX 77597

Applicants are encouraged to purchase delivery confirmation to ensure their application was received. Hand delivered applicants must arrive at the Project Office no later than 4:00 PM on June 30, 2023. All applicants must be at least 18 years old and only one application per household address will be accepted.

A random drawing will be held the first week in July to select 50 permit winners. The permit selectees will be notified in mid-July by email containing additional instructions for obtaining their official duck blind permits. A blind location selection meeting will be held in August 2023. All blind selectees **must** attend this meeting to select a blind location, be issued a duck blind permit, and USACE hunting permit.

The Wallisville Lake staff advises hunters to check with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department concerning state regulations, hunting seasons, and bag limits and to contact the Wallisville Lake Project Office at (409) 389-2285 or view the USACE regulations at <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/WallisvilleLakeProjectOffice.aspx> for more information.

Located 40 miles east of downtown Houston at the Trinity River and Interstate 10, the Wallisville Lake Project is designed to primarily prevent the intrusion of saltwater up the Trinity River in order to conserve fresh water and to protect freshwater intakes for local municipalities, including the City of Houston. In addition to protecting the fresh water supply, the project supports navigation of commercial and recreational boats, serves as a water supply, is a favorite recreational destination among Houstonians, and supports an array of fish and wildlife habitats.