

SUBCHAPTER D—MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE RESEARCH AREAS

PART 60—PATUXENT WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER

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§60.1 Public use policy.

The primary purpose of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center is to provide an outdoor laboratory and other facilities for conducting investigations, tests, and experiments on wildlife diseases, populations, and habitat as a means of providing a sound basis for the administration and management of wildlife resources. In general, public uses of the research center are restricted to those which will contribute to the projects being conducted thereon. Public hunting, fishing, trapping, and recreational activities not provided for in §§60.9 and 60.10, are considered to be detrimental to the fulfillment of the objectives of the center.

§60.2 Emergency closure.

All or any part of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center may be closed to public access and use in the event of an emergency endangering life or property.

§60.3 Restricted or prohibited acts.

The restricted or prohibited acts enumerated in part 26 of this chapter are equally applicable to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center with the exception of §§26.5 and 26.6 of this chapter, relating to hunting and fishing,

which are treated separately in this part.

§60.4 Enforcement provisions.

The enforcement provisions set forth in part 27 of this chapter are equally applicable to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

§60.5 Public access and use.

The public access and use provisions set forth in part 28 of this chapter are equally applicable to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

§60.6 Land use management.

The land use management provisions set forth in part 29 of this chapter are equally applicable to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

§60.7 Range and feral animal management.

The range and feral animal management provisions set forth in part 30 of this chapter are equally applicable to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

§60.8 Wildlife species management.

The wildlife species management provisions set forth in part 31 of this chapter are equally applicable to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

§60.9 Public hunting in aid of research.

The research center may be opened to public hunting, under such conditions and restrictions as may be required, when public hunting activities will facilitate the collection of reliable data for investigations, tests, or experiments. The hunting provisions set forth in part 32 of this chapter are equally applicable to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

§60.10 Public sport fishing.

The research center may be opened to public sport fishing, under such conditions and restrictions as may be required, when public sport fishing activities will provide recreational and environmental opportunities for the

public, including persons with disabilities, and when these activities can be administered without affecting the primary mission of the Center. The sport fishing provisions set forth in part 33 of this chapter are equally applicable to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

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§60.11 Special regulations; hunting and sport fishing.

Controlled public sport fishing will be permitted on the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, Md. The open area is confined to Cash Lake, comprising 54 acres, as delineated on a map available at the Center. All of the fresh water fishing and boating laws of the State of Maryland apply except as further restricted below:

(a) Species permitted to be taken: Bass, pickerel, catfish, and sunfish.

(b) Open season: June 15 through October 15; 6 a.m. to legal sunset daily.

(c) Daily creel limits:

(1) Bass, catch and release only, except keeping of one bass greater than 15 inches in length is permitted.

(2) Pickerel, catch and release only, except keeping of one pickerel greater than 15 inches in length is permitted.

(3) Sunfish and catfish, 15 per day total fish limit.

(d) Methods of fishing:

(1) Hook and line tackle and baits permitted by Maryland law, except no live minnows or other fish may be used for bait.

(2) Boats may be used by permittees subject to the following conditions:

(i) No gasoline motors permitted.

(ii) Boats may not be trailered to the water.

(iii) Boats other than canoes may not exceed 14 feet.

(iv) Sailboats and kayaks are not permitted.

(e) Special provisions: A federal permit is required to fish, and a limit of 25 daily permits will be issued. Persons

may request a permit application by addressing: Fishing Program, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel-Bowie Rd., Laurel, Md. 20708. Each request must include the person's name, address, and phone number, and the model, year and license number of the vehicle that will drive to the Center. Requests will be accepted annually after May 1st. Requests should be made no later than 1 week prior to the requested fishing date. All requests will be filed. For dates where the number of requests exceeds the daily permit allocation, a random selection will determine successful permittees. Persons selected will be notified and the dates that they have been assigned will be listed. Each permit shall authorize the permit holder to be accompanied by one licensed angler or up to two children under the age of 16.

(f) The information collection requirements contained in §60.11(e) have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, and assigned clearance number 1018-0014. The information is being collected and used to determine eligibility for permit issuance. Response is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the requirements of the Refuge Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd). The public reporting burden for the permit application is estimated to average 6 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering, and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the forms. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, MS 224 ARLSQ, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240; or the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Act Project (1018-0014), Washington, DC 20503.

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