

parents accompanying the holder of a valid single visit permit, Federal Duck Stamp or Golden Eagle, Age, or Access Passport shall be entitled to general entrance.

### Subpart F—Concessions

#### §25.61 General provisions.

Public use facilities may be operated by concessionaires or cooperators under appropriate contact or legal agreement on national wildlife refuges where there is a demonstrated justified need for services or facilities including, but not limited to, boat rentals, swimming facilities, conducted tours of special natural attractions, shelters, tables, trailer lots, food, lodging, and related service.

### Subpart G—Safety Regulations

#### §25.71 Public safety.

Persons using national wildlife refuges shall comply with the safety requirements which are established under the provisions of this subchapter C for each individual refuge and with any safety provisions which may be included in leases, agreements, or use permits.

#### §25.72 Reporting of accidents.

Accidents involving damage to property, injury to the public or injury to wildlife that occur within the boundaries of any national wildlife refuge are to be reported as soon as possible, but in no event later than 24 hours after the accident, by the persons involved, to the refuge manager or other personnel on duty at the national wildlife refuge headquarters. This report does not relieve persons from the responsibility of making any other accident reports which may be required.

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### Subpart A—Introduction

#### §26.11 Purpose of regulations.

The regulations in this part govern the circumstances under which the public can enter and use a national wildlife refuge.

### Subpart B—Public Entry

#### §26.21 General trespass provision.

(a) No person shall trespass, including but not limited to entering, occupying, using, or being upon, any national wildlife refuge, except as specifically authorized in this subchapter C or in other applicable Federal regulations.

(b) No unconfined domestic animals, including but not limited to dogs, hogs, cats, horses, sheep and cattle, shall be permitted to enter upon any national wildlife refuge or to roam at large upon such an area, except as specifically authorized under the provisions of §26.34, §27.91 or §29.2 of this subchapter C.

#### §26.22 General exception for entry.

(a) Any person entering or using any national wildlife refuge will comply with the regulations in this subchapter C, the provisions of any special regulations and any other official notification as is appropriate under §25.31.

(b) A permit shall be required for any person entering a national wildlife refuge, unless otherwise provided under the provisions of subchapter C. The permittee will abide by all the terms and conditions set forth in the permit.

**§26.23 Exception for entry to the headquarters office.**

The headquarters office of any national wildlife refuge is open to public access and admission during regularly established business hours.

**§26.24 Exception for entry when accompanied by refuge personnel.**

A permit is not required for access to any part of a national wildlife refuge by a person when accompanied by refuge personnel.

**§26.25 Exception for entry to persons with an economic use privilege.**

Access to and travel upon a national wildlife refuge by a person granted economic use privileges on that national wildlife refuge should be restricted to a specified area in accordance with the provisions of their agreement, lease, or permit.

**§26.26 Exception for entry for use of emergency shelter.**

A permit is not required for access to any national wildlife area for temporary shelter or temporary protection in the event of emergency conditions.

**§26.27 Exception for entry on designated routes of travel.**

A permit is not required to enter, travel on, and exit from any national wildlife refuge on public waters and roads, and such roads, trails, footpaths, walkways, or other routes and areas which are designated for public use under the provisions of this subchapter C.

**Subpart C—Public Use and Recreation**

**§26.31 General provisions.**

Public recreation will be permitted on national wildlife refuges as an appropriate incidental or secondary use, only after it has been determined that such recreational use is practicable and not inconsistent with the primary ob-

jectives for which each particular area was established or with other authorized Federal operations.

**§26.32 Recreational uses.**

Recreational uses such as, but not limited to, sightseeing, nature observation and photography, interpretive centers and exhibits, hunting and fishing, bathing, boating, camping, ice skating, picnicking, swimming, water skiing, and other similar activities may be permitted on national wildlife refuges. When such uses are permitted the public will be notified under the provisions of this subchapter C.

**§26.33 Special regulations.**

(a) Special regulations shall be issued for public use, access, and recreation within certain individual national wildlife refuges where there is a need to amend, modify, relax or make more stringent the regulations contained in this subchapter C. The issued special regulations will supplement the provisions in this part 26.

(b) Special recreational use regulations may contain the following items:

- (1) Recreational uses authorized.
- (2) Seasons, period, or specific time of use.
- (3) Description of areas open to recreation.
- (4) Specific conditions or requirements.
- (5) Other provisions.

(6) Special regulations for public use, access, and recreation are published in the daily issue of the FEDERAL REGISTER and may be codified in the Code of Federal Regulations. They shall be issued in compliance with procedures contained in the Departmental Manual.

**§26.34 Special regulations concerning public access, use and recreation for individual national wildlife refuges.**

VIRGINIA

*Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge*

ACCESS

(a) *Access qualifications and specifications.* (1) As provided for in Pub. L. 96–315, permanent, full-time residents who can furnish to the refuge manager,