

§32.4 Opening of wildlife refuge areas to fishing.

Wildlife refuge areas may be opened to sport fishing only after a determination is made that this activity is compatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established. In addition, the sport fishing program must be consistent with principles of sound fishery management and otherwise be in the public interest. The opening or closing of wildlife refuge areas to fishing is subject to the rulemaking requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*). Lands acquired as “waterfowl production areas” are open to sport fishing subject to the provisions of State laws and regulations and the pertinent provisions of parts 25 through 31 of this subchapter: *Provided*, that fishing or entry on all or any part of individual areas may be temporarily suspended by posting upon occasions of unusual or critical conditions of, or affecting, land, water, vegetation or fish and wildlife populations.

§32.5 General provisions regarding fishing on wildlife refuges.

The following provisions shall apply to each person while engaged in public sport fishing on a wildlife refuge area:

- (a) Each person shall secure and possess the required State license.
- (b) Each person shall comply with the applicable provisions of Federal law and regulation including this subchapter.
- (c) Each person shall comply with the applicable provisions of the laws and regulations of the State wherein any area is located unless the same are further restricted by Federal law or regulation.
- (d) Each person shall comply with the terms and conditions authorizing access and use of the wildlife refuge area.
- (e) Each person shall comply with the provisions of any refuge-specific regulation governing fishing on the wildlife refuge area. Regulations for a particular wildlife refuge are available at its headquarters office. In addition, refuge-specific fishing regulations appear in §§ 32.20 through 32.71.

§32.6 Procedures for publication of refuge-specific fishing regulations.

- (a) Refuge-specific fishing regulations are issued only at the time of or after the opening of a wildlife refuge area to sport fishing.
- (b) Refuge-specific fishing regulations may contain the following items:
 - (1) Fish species that may be taken;
 - (2) Seasons;
 - (3) Creel limits;
 - (4) Methods of fishing;
 - (5) Description of areas open to fishing; or
 - (6) Other provisions as required.
- (c) Refuge-specific fishing regulations will not liberalize existing State laws or regulations.
- (d) Refuge-specific fishing regulations are subject to change and the public is invited to submit suggestions and comments for consideration at any time.
- (e) Refuge-specific fishing regulations are initially published in the daily issue of the FEDERAL REGISTER and appear subsequently in §§ 32.20–32.71 of this part.
- (f) Refuge-specific fishing regulations may be amended as needed when unpredictable changes occur in fish and wildlife populations, habitat conditions or in other factors affecting a refuge’s fish and wildlife resources.

§32.7 List of refuge units open to hunting and/or fishing.

Refuge units open to hunting and/or fishing in accordance with the provisions of subpart A of this part and §§ 32.20–32.71, inclusive, are as follows:

ALABAMA

Blowing Wind Cave National Wildlife Refuge
 Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge
 Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge
 Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge
 Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge
 Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge

ALASKA

Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge
 Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge
 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
 Becharof National Wildlife Refuge
 Innoko National Wildlife Refuge
 Izembek National Wildlife Refuge
 Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge
 Kenai National Wildlife Refuge
 Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge