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OUTLINE PLAN FOR CONTROL  
OF WATERFOWL BAITING

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Details of a plan for eliminating abuses of waterfowl baiting were revealed August 13 in a statement by the Bureau of Biological Survey outlining a proposed addition to the hunting regulations now being prepared for consideration by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The proposed regulation would provide that waterfowl may not be shot or otherwise taken on baited premises except under seasonal permits issued without charge by the Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey. The permits will be issued to and in the name of the persons or clubs occupying the baited premises.

Permits, it is proposed, will be issued only after investigation shows that baiting will effectively supplement local natural food supplies that are deficient, or will serve to concentrate the birds under conditions conducive to safeguarding them from greater destruction. Issuance of permits will also be limited to cases in which it appears that baiting will result in more nearly equalizing hunting privileges in the various localities and sections of the United States.

The proposed regulation would prohibit the shooting of waterfowl on baited premises after 3 o'clock in the afternoon and would provide that no waterfowl be shot while resting on water or land on any premises where baiting is practiced.

Every permittee would be required, under the regulation, to send to the Biological Survey chief within one month after the close of the open season a report showing the following: The number of persons shooting on the baited premises during the open season; the species and the number of each species of waterfowl killed; the number of blinds; the bags per blind; the kinds of food used; and the intervals of feeding.