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"NO-HUNTING" ZONE DESIGNATED FOR SABINE REFUGE, LOUISIANA

A "no-hunting" area covering 4,613 acres of privately owned lands and State lands within and adjacent to the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, is being designated by publication in the Federal Register, the Department of the Interior announced today. It will become effective 30 days after publication.

The notice of intention to close the area was carried in the Federal Register July 3, 1962. The customary 30-day period for comment was provided, but none was received.

The areas covered by the closing order are surrounded or almost surrounded by refuge lands. Closing the lands to hunting will provide protection for important wintering flocks of blue, snow, and Canada geese, as well as other waterfowl.

The Sabine National Wildlife Refuge contains 139,307 acres of acquired lands and 3,408 acres of land under lease to the Government since May 1, 1943. The refuge was established in 1937 when 117,007 acres of Resettlement Administration lands were transferred for this purpose by Executive Order. It is in the coastal marshes of southwestern Louisiana.

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