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NEW HUNTING, FISHING PROGRAMS SLATED FOR FIVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Frank Dunkle today announced expanded recreational opportunities for hunters and fishermen on national wildlife refuges with the addition of five refuges to those offering hunting and fishing programs.

A final rulemaking, published in the September 6, 1988, Federal Register, will permit the hunting of migratory game birds, upland game, big game, and sport fishing on the Cache River National Wildlife Refuge in Arkansas. It also will enable the hunting of migratory birds and upland game on the Salt Plains Refuge and sport fishing on the Little River National Wildlife Refuge, both in Oklahoma. Finally, the rulemaking will allow big game hunting on Edwin B. Forsythe and Supawna National Wildlife Refuges in New Jersey.

In making the announcement, Dunkle said, "Adding hunting and fishing to the activities allowed on these refuges will help meet the ever-growing public demand for quality places to participate in these popular outdoor pursuits. Our refuge hunting and fishing programs also help us spread the word about overall conservation purposes of refuges and foster an appreciation of outdoor ethics."

The regulations governing administration of the National Wildlife Refuge System permit hunting and fishing on refuges if these uses are compatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established. The hunting and fishing programs reflected in this final rule have been found in accord with refuge purposes and will afford the general public expanded opportunities for these important recreational pursuits.

Persons interested in hunting or fishing on these areas should contact the individual refuges for information on what species can be taken, by what means, and when and where these activities will be allowed.

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