

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Refuges Chapter 41:05:02

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 9-10, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Public Hearing	March 6, 2014	Ft. Pierre
	Finalization	March 6-7, 2014	Ft. Pierre

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Reclassify Reid Lake State Game Refuge to Reid Lake Waterfowl Refuge.

41:05:02:12. Clark County refuges. Clark County refuges are as follows:

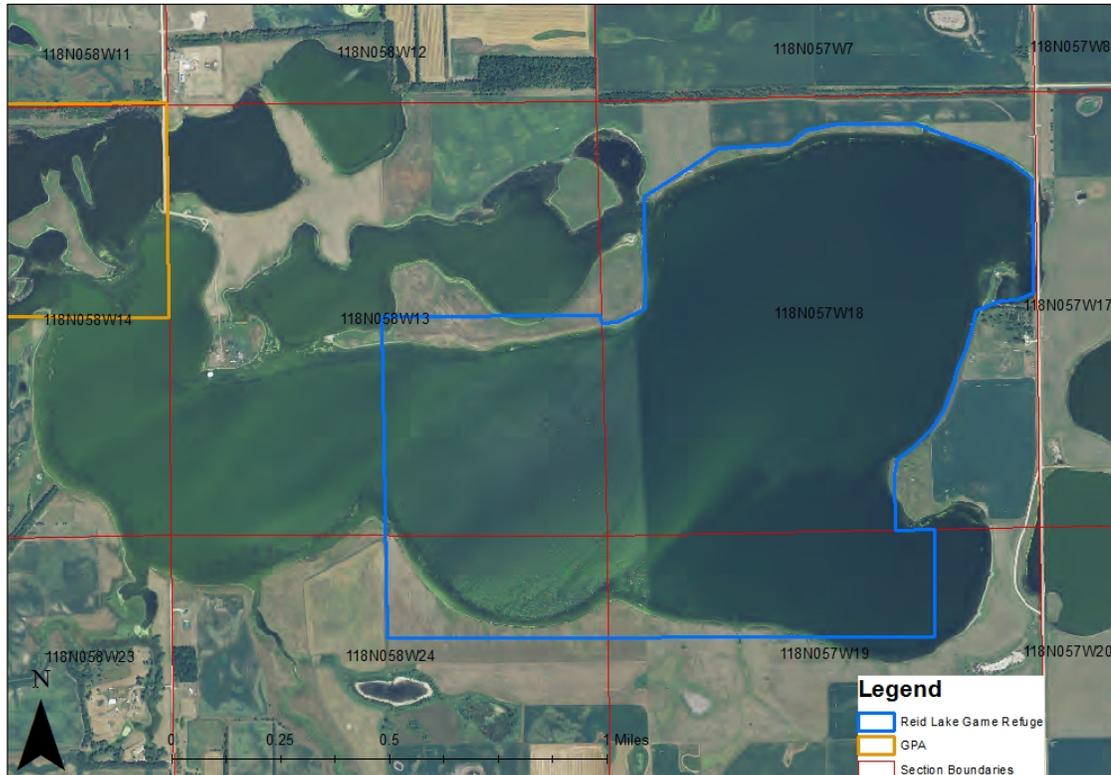
(1) The Reid Lake ~~State Game~~ Waterfowl Refuge comprises all of the land and water area within the meandered line around Reid Lake in section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west of the fifth principal meridian; in sections 13 and 24 in township 118 north, range 58 west; all of lots one, five, and six in section 19, township 118 north, range 57 west; all of lots one and two in section 24, township 118 north, range 58 west; all of lots one, two, and three in section 13, township 118 north, range 58 west; all of the land in section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west, between the meandered line and the following line: beginning at a point 2,984 and 52/100 feet, 45 and 22/100 chains, south from the northwest corner of section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west on the section line between section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west, and section 13, township 118 north, range 58 west; then 175 feet north along the section line between sections 18 and 13; then north 111 degrees east, 460 feet; then north 113 degrees east, 1,360 feet; then north 120 degrees east, 409 feet; then north 185 degrees east, 711 feet; then north 159 degrees east, 1,500 feet; then north 168 degrees east, 1,140 feet; then south 90 degrees east, 400 feet; then south 90 degrees east, 700 feet; then south 89 degrees west, 1,843 feet; then south 153 degrees west, 190 feet; then south 162 degrees 30 minutes west, 270 feet; then south 167 degrees west, 525 feet; then south 178 degrees west, 920 feet; then south 141 degrees west, 526 feet; then south 120 degrees west, 730 feet to a point on the section line between section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west and section 19, township 118 north, range 57 west, 1,755 feet west of the southeast corner of section 18, township 118 north, range 57 west;

STAFF COMMENTS

Though there are limited opportunities for upland and big game, reclassification of this refuge would increase hunter opportunity for this refuge. Landowners associated with this refuge feel the area is important for migrating waterfowl.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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Reid Lake Game Refuge - Clark County



DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

2. Reclassify White Lake State Game Refuge to White Lake Waterfowl Refuge and modify boundary description.

41:05:02:45. Marshall County refuges. Marshall County refuges are as follows:

Current

(1) The White Lake State Game Bird Refuge comprises the southeast quarter of section 25, and all of section 36, township 128 north, range 57 west of the fifth principal meridian;

Recommended

(1) The White Lake Waterfowl Refuge comprises the water area within White Lake in the southeast quarter of section 25, and all of section 36, township 128 north, range 57 west of the fifth principal meridian;

STAFF COMMENTS

This refuge currently includes 640 acres of White Lake Game Production Area and 40 acres of private land. Currently, this refuge is open to pheasant hunting the second Monday of December until the end of the season. Habitat enhancement for pheasants and other terrestrial wildlife has been completed and additional habitat management is planned for the near future. Private landowner is interested in reclassifying to waterline waterfowl refuge. This reclassification would provide additional upland hunting opportunities for the public.

APPROVE _____ **MODIFY** _____ **REJECT** _____ **NO ACTION** _____

Current Refuge

White Lake - Marshall Co.
Game Bird Refuge



Recommended Refuge

White Lake - Marshall County



APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

3. Remove the Stink Lake State Waterfowl Refuge.

41:05:02:45. Marshall County refuges. Marshall County refuges are as follows:

~~(2) The Stink Lake Waterfowl Refuge comprises the waters of East and West Stink Lake, including the island in West Stink Lake.~~

STAFF COMMENTS

Boating restrictions were removed on West Stink Lake several years ago and East Stink Lake in 2013. Canada goose feeding sites for crop depredation are no longer used on this particular location. With current water conditions, waterfowl have ample places to rest and this area is surrounded by Walk-In Areas and lands enrolled into the James River Watershed CREP.

Current Refuge

Stink Lake - Marshall Co.
Waterfowl Refuge



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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

- 4. Remove the Dry Lake State Waterfowl Refuge.

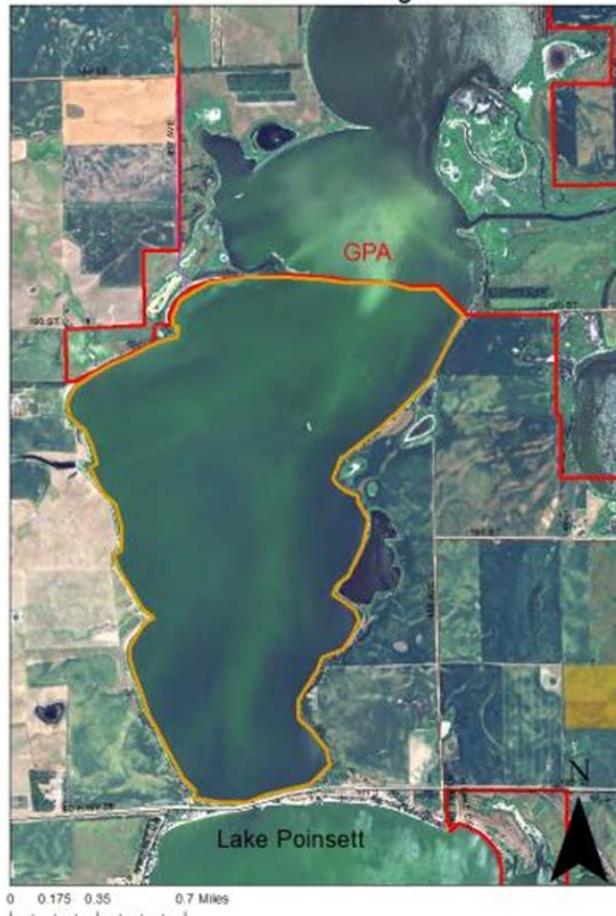
41:05:02:28. Hamlin County refuges. The following refuge is in Hamlin County: the Dry Lake State Waterfowl Refuge comprises the meandered area of Dry Lake.

STAFF COMMENTS

This refuge is surrounded by Game Production Areas and Lake Poinsett to the south. Pass shooting for geese does not occur like it did in the past, thus the refuge doesn't serve its intended purpose anymore. The current refuge area itself has not been a good fishery so there should be limited boating pressure on any waterfowl.

Current Refuge

Dry Lake - Hamlin Co.
Waterfowl Refuge



APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from last year:

5. Remove the Bullhead Lake State Waterfowl Refuge.

41:05:02:54. Roberts County refuges. Roberts County refuges are as follows:

~~(2) The Bullhead State Waterfowl Refuge comprises all of Bullhead Lake within the waters edge in sections 25, 26, 27, 34, and 35, township 123 north, range 49 west of the fifth principal meridian, including all islands and bars within the waters edge.~~

STAFF COMMENTS

Given current water conditions in general area for waterfowl use, this waterfowl refuge is no longer needed.

Current Refuge

**Bullhead Lake - Roberts Co.
Waterfowl Refuge**



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