DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE RESERVED DEER HUNTS

Application Period July 15 – August 15

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (DRIWR) is a federal wildlife refuge managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and is located within Deer Management Unit (DMU) 082 in Wayne County. DMU 082 is defined in the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order (Chapter 12, Sec. 12.73b).

A limited number of archery-only hunting permits are available for ten antlerless deer hunts within the Humbug Marsh Unit of the Refuge. **Harvest is limited to antlerless deer only.** Hunt applicants will be selected by random drawing by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). After the drawing, any leftover hunting permits will be issued to hunters on a first-come, first-served basis until quotas are met.

You must have a DRIWR reserved deer hunting permit to hunt deer at DRIWR.

Please contact the USFWS office for specific concerns or questions, at **Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge,** 9311 Groh Road, Grosse Ile, MI 48138; Phone 734-692-7649; or online at https://www.fws.gov/refuge/detroit_river.

Note: Your reserved hunting permit is not a hunting license. Hunters must possess a DRIWR reserved hunting permit AND appropriate deer license(s) to harvest deer in DMU 082, and follow all 2016 statewide deer hunting regulations as well as local rules and regulations established for DRIWR.

How to Apply for a Reserved Deer Hunting Permit

- Applicants are able to choose their hunt date and hunt zone. Review the hunt choices and area map on pages 3 and 4 and choose a hunt number.
- **IMPORTANT: Hunt choices that begin with an asterisk (*) are reserved for applicants who meet specific eligibility requirements. See page 2 for details before applying for one of these hunts.**
- You may apply for one reserved deer hunting permit from July 15 – August 15 at any license agent, DNR Customer Service Center, or online at E-License. It costs $5 to apply. You will need one of the following forms of customer identification:
    - Valid Michigan driver's license
    - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
    - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or online at E-License).
- You may apply in a partnership with **one** other person. The first applicant of each partnership chooses a hunt date and receives a "party ID" number, which is printed on his or her receipt. A new party ID number is issued each year. The other person in the party will need this party ID when applying to complete the partnership. **Make sure the party ID numbers are identical. Applicants who apply with more than one partner will be ineligible for the drawing.**
- **You are responsible for obtaining a MDNR application receipt that correctly states your Customer ID and hunt choice**. Verify all information on the receipt and retain as proof that you applied. Ensure any application errors are corrected before the application deadline. Do not accept a receipt that is not legible. Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.
- **Applicants must obtain their drawing results online. Refuge-specific hunt information will be provided by Detroit River IWR to selected applicants through U.S. Mail after the drawing.**

Drawing results will be posted at DNR Hunt Drawings on Sept. 1.

For assistance, call DRIWR at 734-692-7649

Successful Drawing Applicants and Leftover Permits

Successful applicants may obtain their permit from any MDNR license agent or online at E-License. There is no fee for the permit.

Any hunter is eligible for one leftover reserved hunting permit including those who also obtained a permit as a successful applicant in the drawing. Leftover permits, if available, may be obtained on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. ET through Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. ET or until quotas are met. There is no fee for leftover permits.

Your reserved deer hunting permit is not a kill tag. Hunters must possess deer license(s) valid for DMU 082 and follow all 2016 statewide deer hunting regulations as well as the local rules and regulations established for DRIWR. Reminders:

- Antlerless deer may be taken during any DRIWR hunt with a DMU 082 public-land antlerless deer license, available through the statewide antlerless deer license drawing; see the Michigan Antlerless Deer Hunting digest for details. Antlerless deer may also be taken with a DRIWR Managed Deer Hunt permit (details below).
- During archery deer season (DRIWR hunts 0319 – 0330) antlerless deer may also be taken with a deer or deer combo license.
- Youths 10-16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. Youth less than 10 who are hunting under the Mentored Youth Hunting License must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. Additional restrictions apply; see Mentored Youth Hunting for details.

For more information, refer to the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest or the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge permits page. Hunters are also encouraged to review the Wildlife Conservation Order for a complete listing of hunting regulations and legal descriptions.

Antlerless-Only Managed Deer Hunt Permit

Licensed deer hunters who possess a DRIWR reserved deer hunting permit may purchase two “bonus” Managed Deer Hunt permits (antlerless deer kill tags) for $20 each. A Managed Deer Hunt permit is valid only for your reserved hunt period; be sure to purchase a Managed Deer Hunt permit that is valid for DRIWR.

Disability Criteria for Special Hunts

An individual wishing to participate in restricted hunting days shall be eligible to apply for a permit if one of the following applies:

a) The individual possesses a Michigan Department of State Disability Parking Placard.
b) The individual possesses a Michigan DNR permit to hunt from a standing vehicle.
c) The individual is a veteran with 100 percent disability as defined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating 100 percent disability shall be in the possession of a veteran participating in restricted hunting days.
d) The individual is a resident rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable. Documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating an individually unemployable rating shall be in the possession of a veteran participating in restricted hunting days.
e) The individual is blind as defined by section 1 of 1978 PA 260, MCL 393.351.
f) The individual possesses a Michigan DNR permit to hunt using a laser sighting device.

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Detroit River IWR Hunting Zones (See Figure 1, Color-Keyed Map)

Hunt Zone	Description of Area Open to Hunting
A*	**Education Triangle Area (Non-Ambulatory Accessible) - Reserved for hunters with disabilities.** Options include hunting from a personal vehicle, Education Shelter or Refuge-installed ground blind. Limited to one hunter or hunting pair. Leftover permits available for hunters with disabilities only.
B	**Mainland white-tailed deer hunt area, between Monguagon Drain and Handler Drain.** Limited to three hunters or hunting pairs. Hunting is only allowed from Refuge-installed ground blinds. Walking distance may be up to one mile between parking and blinds. Game retrieval may require a sled or cart.
C	**Mainland white-tailed deer hunt area, south of Handler Drain.** Limited to three hunters or hunting pairs. Hunting is only allowed from Refuge installed ground blinds.

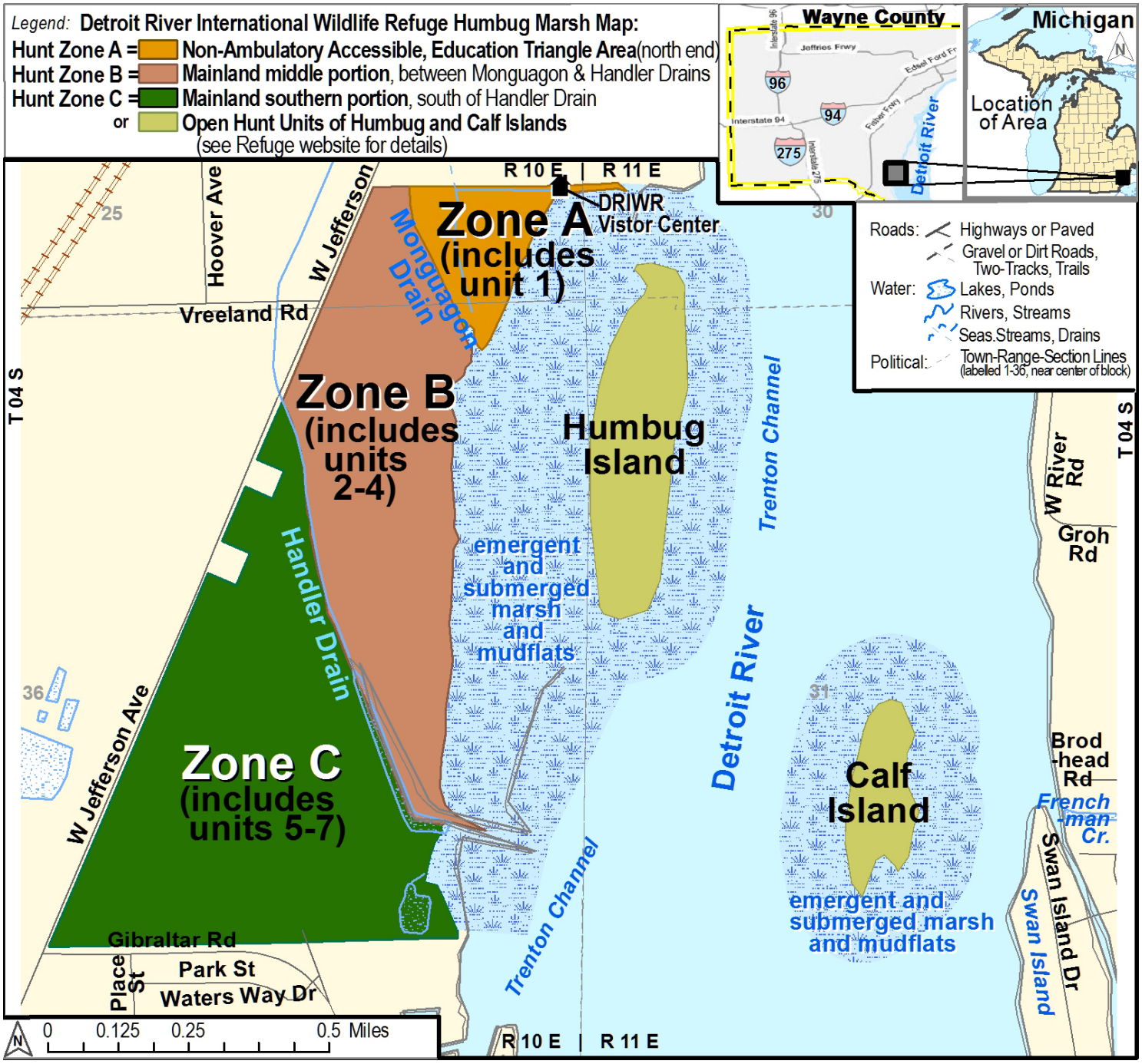

Figure 1: Hunting Zones, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (see hunt choices, page 4). Additional information and maps are available online. View office details and other information at Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

RESERVED DEER HUNT CHOICES

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Hunt Zone	Season Dates	Permits Available	Permit Type	Hunt Type	Hunt Number
A	Oct. 2-3	1	Antlerless	Archery	**0301*
B	Oct. 2-3	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0302*
C	Oct. 2-3	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0303*
A	Oct. 9-10	1	Antlerless	Archery	**0304*
B	Oct. 9-10	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0305*
C	Oct. 9-10	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0306*
A	Oct. 16-17	1	Antlerless	Archery	**0307*
B	Oct. 16-17	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0308*
C	Oct. 16-17	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0309*
A	Oct. 23-24	1	Antlerless	Archery	**0310*
B	Oct. 23-24	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0311*
C	Oct. 23-24	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0312*
A	Oct. 30-31	1	Antlerless	Archery	**0313*
B	Oct. 30-31	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0314*
C	Oct. 30-31	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0315*
A	Nov. 6-7	1	Antlerless	Archery	**0316*
B	Nov. 6-7	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0317*
C	Nov. 6-7	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0318*
A	Nov. 20-21	1	Antlerless	Archery	**0319*
B	Nov. 20-21	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0320*
C	Nov. 20-21	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0321*
A	Nov. 27-28	1	Antlerless	Archery	**0322*
B	Nov. 27-28	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0323*
C	Nov. 27-28	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0324*
A	Dec. 4-5	1	Antlerless	Archery	**0325*
B	Dec. 4-5	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0326*
C	Dec. 4-5	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0327*
A	Dec. 11-12	1	Antlerless	Archery	**0328*
B	Dec. 11-12	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0329*
C	Dec. 11-12	3	Antlerless	Archery	*0330*