

# Pointe Mouillee State Game Area August Update

## OVERVIEW:

The Pointe Mouillee State Game Area (PMSGGA) is located in Northeastern Monroe County at the confluence of the Huron River, Detroit River, and Lake Erie. PMSGGA is just east of I-75 in Rockwood Michigan. PMSGGA managed hunting consists of 21 managed zones issued through a draw system on opening day and every Sunday AM/PM, Tuesday AM and Thursday AM/PM thereafter. Open hunting is available every day of the week during any open season on almost 3,000 acres of the PMSGGA.

## CROPS/GROWING SEASON:

2016 was a lot better than last year. We had an early spring and were able to start working our fields in April. We have great corn production in the Nelson and Walpatich Units even with the extreme heat and very limited rainfall this summer. We also have great buckwheat and millet production in the Nelson, Walpatich and Bad Creek Units.

## MANAGED ZONES/HUNTING OUTLOOK: NO TEAL HUNTING IN MANAGED ZONES OR REFUGE

- 2-10 Long Pond Unit – Managed Cattail Marsh – same as last year, great cover, great potholes, and great marsh hunting opportunity.
- 11-14 Nelson Unit – Flooded Ag Fields – There is good buckwheat/millet production along with excellent corn cover; corn height 6-8ft.
- 15-19 and 21 Walpatich Unit – Ag fields and cattail marsh – Zones 15 & 16 have good corn cover with corn height 5-6’ tall. This year we planted soybeans in the middle of the corn strips to provide hunters with an opportunity for a dry hunt especially in zone 15. Zone 17 has excellent corn cover with corn height 5-6’ tall and good buckwheat production. Zones 19 & 21 have excellent corn cover with corn height 6-8’ tall and good buckwheat production.
- 20, 22 Walpatich Unit – Managed cattail marsh – 20 and 22 will be the same as last year, great cover, great potholes, great marsh hunting opportunity.

## OPEN HUNTING OUTLOOK:

- Humphries Unit Humphries Unit is currently very shallow due to evaporation from the extreme heat we have been experiencing this summer. We are in the process of hiring a contractor to fill the end tubes of the water control structure that are completely rusted and leaking. **It will still be shallow through the Teal Season.**
- Vermet Unit Vermet Unit was drawn down in June to promote the growth of vegetation on the north and east parts of the unit. The west and south parts of the unit will once again be very good marsh hunting. **It will still be drawn down through Teal Season**
- Bad Creek Bad Creek is a new unit in just its third season with water control. It is positioned on the west side of the Humphries off of Roberts Rd. It is still a work in progress but there will be flooded buckwheat and lots of opportunity for walk-in hunting.

**POINTE MOUILLEE OPEN HOUSE IS THURSDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 6PM**

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