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September 6–21, 2014

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Wednesday, October 15, 2014

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A Message from Director Marc Miller

IDNR Inside 8/8/2014

With squirrel season open as of August 1, dove and early Canada goose seasons opening September 1, and teal season opening September 6, the busy fall hunting seasons in Illinois are just beginning. Deer, fall turkey, upland game, and the regular duck and goose seasons will be here soon.

If you're a hunter, novice or experienced, as you plan your time afield this fall, please make hunting safety part of your plan.

Hunting is one of our safest forms of outdoor recreation, but last year there were 27 hunting incidents reported in Illinois. The most frequent incidents involved elevated tree stands.

Hunters were injured in 16 tree stand incidents last year, with 11 of them resulting in serious injuries. Broken ankles, broken legs, broken backs, broken wrists, broken ribs, concussions, liver and kidney lacerations, and a torn aorta were among the injuries sustained by hunters ranging in age from 23 to 75, all involving getting into, out of, or using tree stands.

When using a tree stand, hunters should make sure they are using a full body safety harness, also known as a Fall Arrest System or FAS. When hunting with a firearm, hunters should follow some basic rules:

- Handle your firearm safely, and never assume it is unloaded. Last year, a turkey hunter in Calhoun Co. leaned his firearm against a truck, the gun slipped, discharged, and the hunter was wounded in the thigh.
- Know your target. Last year in Brown Co., a man was carrying a turkey decoy when another hunter thought he saw a turkey through the brush, fired, and shot and wounded the other man.
- Be aware of others hunting nearby. Last year in Will Co., a pheasant hunter was struck by pellets when another hunter in his group swung his firearm in his direction.

The IDNR provides Hunter Safety Education courses throughout the state, providing instruction on hunter responsibility, wildlife conservation and identification, firearms and ammunition, field safety, tree stand safety, first aid, archery, muzzleloading, and state regulations. Find course schedules and more information at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/Pages/HunterSafety.aspx>

Hunters are our valued partners in their support of conservation, wildlife management, and Illinois' hunting heritage. The fees hunters pay for licenses and permits, and the excise taxes they pay when they purchase hunting equipment, provide the funding needed for science-based conservation programs and wildlife management.

Thanks again to Illinois hunters for the important role you play in wildlife management efforts – and play it safe while hunting in Illinois this fall.

Yours in Conservation,

2014-15 Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Digest PDF will be posted on the website soon by the webmaster, but it is available at this link:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/news/Documents/2014-15HuntingDigestWeb.pdf>

Legislation

John Popov

The November 2014 elections are not far off. The people who are in office now, who are anti-gun and anti-2nd Amendment, can have their way if voters stay home like they did in 2012.

The younger men and women in the hunting community have the most to lose. This is no time for complacency. Silence is consent.

So get prepared for the November 2014 election; do your own homework and you will be amazed what you can learn. All you have to lose is your freedom.

With all of the gun violence in Chicago and throughout our country, we have people in our government who seem to care less about who and how many people come across our borders, illegally.

My grandfather's immigration I.D. Card, which has his fingerprint on it, is part of the 1940 Immigration Act. He was under penalty of law if he broke it. He respected the law. The MS13 gang from El Salvador is in 28 American cities. I know people are busy, but not that busy to care about their own families and friends. I'll say it again, do your own homework.

One more thing: Your Federal Duck Stamp is going from \$15.00 to \$25.00. The Federal Suck Stamp Act of 2014 has been introduced in the House and the Senate. It hasn't been raised since 1991.

Some of the Bills passed this year:

Hunt/Fish Licenses Fee

Bill: HB4329

About the bill: Allows Illinoisans older than 75 to get a fishing license or a hunting license for \$1. The normal fees are 414.50 for a fishing license and \$12 for a hunting license. There already is a half-price discount for people 65 or older.

How they voted:

Clayborne – Yes
Haine – Yes
Luechtefeld – Yes
McCarter – Yes
Beiser – Yes
Cavaletto – Yes
Costello – Yes
Hoffman – Yes
Jackson – Yes
Kay – Yes
Meier – Yes

Status: Passed Senate 55-0, passed House 113-0. Goes to governor.

Dispatching Trapped Animals

Bill: HB5514

About the Bill: Allows the use of a .22 caliber rifle or smaller caliber weapon to dispatch and remove trapped beavers, otters, weasels, minks and muskrats.

How they voted:

Clayborne – Yes
Haine – Yes
Luechtefeld – Yes
McCarter – Yes
Beiser – Yes

Cavaletto – Yes

Costello – Yes

Hoffman – Yes

Jackson – Yes

Kay – Yes

Meier – Yes

Status: Passed Senate 57-0, passed House 112-0. Goes to Governor.

Boater Education Mandate

Bill: SB3433

About the bill: Beginning in 2016, people born on or after Jan. 1, 1998 would be required to obtain a boating safety certificate in order to operate a boat on an Illinois lake. Businesses that rent boats to individuals would be required to provide an abbreviated course to renters. An early version of the bill would have put the requirement on anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1991, but that version lacked support. A person born Jan. 1, 1991, is currently 23.

How they voted:

Clayborne – Yes

Haine – Yes

Luechtefeld – Yes

McCarter – Didn't vote

Beiser – No

Cavaletto – No

Hoffman – No

Jackson – Yes

Kay – No

Meier – No

Status: Passed Senate 54-0, passed House 71-42. Goes to governor.



ISRA Thursday Bulletin August 14, 2014

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The interest in firearm ownership continues to grow throughout the United States. The way to measure firearm purchases is by checking the National Instant Background Check System (NICS) for the number of purchases. While 2014 is not as good as the blockbuster year 2013, the end of July this year promised to be the second best in a decade. Gun sales are tracking slightly above the 2012 and 2011 levels - both of which were record breakers in their time. The anti-gunners are saying that people have lost interest in firearms because sales are down from 2013. As usual, nothing could be further from the truth.

The ISRA Academy is working on a catalog of shooting classes for you to choose from. As gun ownership has risen so are the number of people interested in advanced classes. Right now we are working on classes for the year 2015. I will tell you that if you are interested in training, the ISRA will be the place to come to.

Tonight we have an ISRA Town Hall Meeting at the Diplomat West Banquet Hall in Elmhurst, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn what you can do to protect your gun rights from gun grabbers. We are planning a similar meeting in the Rock Island area but have not yet secured a location; this will be later in the fall.

Thank you for being a member.

Richard Pearson
ISRA Executive Director

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IDNR Announces 2014-15 Waterfowl Season Dates

IDNR News Release 8/7/2014

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) today announced proposed waterfowl season dates and bag limits for the 2014–15 seasons. The recommendations include 60-day duck seasons in each of the state’s four waterfowl hunting zones, along with Canada goose hunting seasons of 90 days in the North and Central zones, an 85-day Canada goose season in the South Central Zone, and a 66-day Canada goose season in the South Zone. Goose season lengths are shorter in the South Central and South zones to coincide with duck season dates and match hunter preferences.

The Illinois seasons are based on a five-year plan for waterfowl hunting season dates that was developed in 2011 and continues through the 2015–16 season. For 2014–15, Illinois will open the regular duck, Canada goose, and snow goose seasons on Oct. 18 in the North Zone, Oct. 25 in the Central Zone, Nov. 8 in the South Central Zone, and Nov. 27 in the South Zone. White-fronted goose seasons open Nov. 3 in the North Zone, Nov. 19 in the Central and South Central zones, and Nov. 27 in the South Zone.

The proposed daily duck bag limit is six (6) and may include no more than four (4) mallards (two hens), three (3) wood ducks, three (3) scaup, two (2) redheads, two (2) pintails, one (1) canvasback, one (1) black duck, and one (1) mottled duck. The proposed daily bag limit of mergansers is five (5), only two of which may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit for ducks and mergansers is three times the daily bag limit by species and sex.

Canada and white-fronted goose daily bag limits will be two (2) with a possession limit of six (6). The snow goose daily bag limit is 20 birds, with no possession limit.

Illinois’ regulations are subject to final approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service later this summer.

The IDNR 2014–15 season dates are outlined below.

Illinois Waterfowl Regular Season Dates - 2014–15

North Zone Youth Hunt Duck Canada Goose
2014–15 Oct. 11 – 12 Oct. 18 – Dec. 16 Oct. 18 – Jan. 15

Central Zone
2014–15 Oct. 18 – 19 Oct. 25 – Dec. 23 Oct. 25 – Nov. 16
and Nov. 26 – Jan. 31

South Central Zone
2014–15 Nov. 1 – 2 Nov. 8 – Jan. 6 Nov. 8 – Jan. 31

South Zone
2014–15 Nov. 15 – 16 Nov. 27 – Jan. 25 Nov. 27 – Jan. 31

Illinois Snow Goose and White-Fronted Goose Season Dates – 2014--15

North Zone Snow Geese
Regular Season: Oct. 18 – Jan. 15
White-fronted Geese: Nov. 3 – Jan. 15

Central Zone Snow Geese
Regular Season: Oct. 25 – Jan. 31
White-fronted Geese: Nov. 19 – Jan. 31

South Central Zone Snow Geese
Regular Season: Nov. 8 – Jan. 31
White-fronted Geese: Nov. 19 – Jan. 31

South Zone Snow Geese
Regular Season: Nov. 27 – Jan. 31
White-fronted Geese: Nov. 27 – Jan. 31

The Illinois waterfowl zone maps are available on the IDNR website at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/waterfowl/Pages/MapsApprovedWaterfowlZoneLines.aspx>

The September 2014 early Canada goose season is Sept. 1–15, with a daily limit of five (5) and a possession limit of 15 geese in the North and Central zones, and a daily limit of two (2) and a possession limit of six (6) geese in the South Central and South zones. Illinois’ 16-day 2014 statewide teal hunting season is Sept. 6–21, with a daily limit of six (6) and a possession limit of eighteen (18). Shooting hours for the September teal season are different from the regular season, starting at sunrise (½ hour later than regular season) until sunset.

Spring Conservation Order snow goose season will begin the day after the close of regular goose season in each zone and run through March 31. There is no daily bag limit on snow, blue, and Ross’ geese during this season.

Additional details on the duck, goose, and other migratory bird hunting seasons will be available on the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov and in the 2014 Illinois Digest of Waterfowl Hunting Regulations, available in September.

Illinois will begin to develop a new five-year plan for waterfowl zone lines and season dates for the 2016–2020 seasons following the 2014–15 waterfowl season. Hunters should look for opportunities to engage with the Department to help identify hunters’ preferences for season dates and zones.



RESULTS FROM 2013 ONLINE ILLINOIS DEER MANAGEMENT SURVEY 10/29/13

IDNR constructed an online opinion survey about Illinois deer management issues and made it available so that interested persons would have an opportunity to provide input. It should be noted that participants in this survey are not representative of deer hunters (or the general public) as a whole, but will be biased toward those hunters or other constituents who are most opinionated regarding deer management.

The survey was completed by 7,477 individuals. Deer hunters comprised 96% of respondents, while non-hunters made up only 4%. Respondents were screened based on (1) whether they had attended one of the 2013 Open House meetings, and (2) whether they had completed one of the 2012 Deer Surveys administered by the Illinois Natural History Survey. Removing these individuals from the following summary prevented duplication of responses, since they had already participated in one of the input processes. This resulted in a total of 6,697 usable responses.

RESULTS FROM DEER HUNTERS

Respondent characteristics. Participating hunters were overwhelmingly male (98%) with a mean age of 50, and had a mean of 27 years of deer hunting experience. Sixty-four percent of hunters reported harvesting one or more deer during the 2012-13 Illinois deer seasons, considerably higher than the 42% success rate based on actual reported harvest for those seasons. Successful hunters also reported a higher rate of harvesting multiple deer (51%) than occurred in the statewide harvest (35%). Interestingly, 38% of hunters claimed to have harvested one or more trophy bucks (B&C or P&Y class) during their hunting careers, but 87% of those hunters indicated they did not enter any of their trophies into the record books.

Status of the herd. In spite of their high success rates, respondent hunters reported harvesting less deer (60%) and seeing less deer (68%) than 5 years ago, and they described deer populations as "low" or "too low" (52%). However, hunters were divided as to whether current deer population goals were acceptable or not (43% "low" or "too low"; 40% "about right"; 17% "high" or "too high"). The most commonly selected reason for the decline in the deer herd was "EHD or Bluetongue" (41%), followed by "too many hunting permits issued" (36%), "loss of habitat" (29%), and "planned reduction to meet deer population goals" (27%). A plurality of hunters (48%) described the quality of deer as "average," with the remainder equally divided between below-average categories ("low" and "very low") and above-average categories ("high" and "very high"). The number one concern about the Illinois deer herd expressed by hunters was that there are not enough deer (31%), followed by "I have no concern" (20%).

Recommendations for change. By a wide margin, hunters considered the amount of disease in the deer herd and the overall health of the deer herd the most important considerations for IDNR when setting goals for the size of the deer population. Most hunters (61%) considered the current harvest sex ratios to be acceptable and recommended they remain the same, while 31% of hunters felt that female deer should make up an even higher percentage of the harvest. Likewise, 57% of hunters believed that current harvest levels were acceptable and should remain the same, with the remaining hunters relatively divided as to whether harvest should increase or decrease.

Chronic Wasting Disease. If scientists concluded that focused sharpshooting was the most effective method for controlling CWD, most hunters (61%) agreed that IDNR's sharpshooting program should stay as is or be increased. However, hunters were equally split as to whether sharpshooting actually is the most effective approach. In general, deer hunters say that they trust the IDNR's deer management program, that it is unacceptable to not manage CWD, and that we should use all methods necessary to manage CWD. On the other hand, they maintain that sharpshooting in known CWD locations is unacceptable and would prefer to manage CWD using only hunting. We do note, however, that there is no scientific evidence to date that any State has been successful in controlling CWD while using hunting programs as the only management tool.

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RESULTS FROM NON-HUNTERS

Non-hunters that participated in the survey were generally male (76%) with a mean age of 54. They supported hunting as a population control tool (86%), and were likely to have been directly impacted by deer in the recent past. Forty-seven percent of respondents indicated damage from deer in the past 12 months, and 39% reported a deer-vehicle collision by themselves or a family member within the past 5 years.

Few non-hunters (29%) believed that the deer herd decreased during the past five years, and most (58%) described the deer population as "high" or "too high." A plurality of non-hunters (42%) believed that current deer population goals were about right. They did not place much importance on the number of deer desired by hunters, nor the number of trophy-sized bucks, as considerations when setting goals. Slightly more than half of respondents would like to see an increase in deer harvested in the future, and the #1 concern with the Illinois deer herd was "too many deer" (46%). Compared to hunters, non-hunters believed more strongly that IDNR should use all methods necessary to manage CWD (68%), that sharpshooting was the most effective method for controlling CWD (75%), and they had a higher level of trust in the Department (79% chose "average" to "very high" trust).

Bill to Increase Duck Stamp Price Passes House Natural Resources Committee Two Rivers Outdoors, Posted 8.15.14.

Ducks Unlimited officials praised the House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee's passage by voice vote Wednesday, July 30, of the Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014. The measure is now headed to the House floor for consideration.

The Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014, a bill introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate would raise the price of the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (duck stamp) to \$25 from its current level of \$15 and dedicate the amount of the increase to conservation easements with private landowners.

"Ducks Unlimited appreciates the support of House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (R-Washington) and Ranking Democrat Peter DeFazio (D-Oregon) in moving quickly to report HR 5069 to the House floor," said Ducks Unlimited CEO Dale Hall. "We also appreciate the leadership of Subcommittee Chairman John Fleming (R-Louisiana) and the bipartisan co-sponsors in bringing the bill to the Committee for consideration. The price of the duck stamp was last adjusted 23 years ago. Since then, the price of land has tripled and conservation buying power has diminished greatly. Once again, sportsmen and women are willing to lead in funding conservation that benefits all of our citizens."

Since its enactment in 1934, the federal duck stamp program has protected nearly 6 million acres of habitat through expenditures of more than \$900 million. The price of the duck stamp has been raised only seven times. The last price increase raised the price of the stamp to \$15 — the single longest period without a price increase in the program's history. The Congressional Budget Office found that because the federal duck stamp is a user fee, such a price increase would have no net impact on federal spending.

Sponsored by Chairman Fleming, HR 5069 is originally co-sponsored in the House by Congressmen Ron Kind (D-Wisconsin), Jason Smith (R-Missouri) and Rob Wittman (R-Virginia).



Tips on Taking Kids Hunting

U. S. Sportsmen's Alliance, August 8, 2014

Getting the next generation of hunters into the field should be a top priority this season for each and every license buying sportsmen. If you're not already taking a child with you then please consider it for at least a few hunts this fall. It's not only an investment in the future of our outdoor pursuits, but you'll come to find out it's even more rewarding than you can imagine. The experience can literally change the way you and that child approach the outdoors. Here are 10 tips to keep in mind when you're planning to take a youth hunting.

1. **Safety.** This should go without saying, but I'm going to say it anyway. Safety is first and foremost above everything else. My children have been taught from an early age there are three rules to everything we do outdoors and we discuss them while we're riding in the truck before each outing. Our entire outing is filled with teaching moments focused on safety. As long as we follow the first two rules then rule three is always automatic.
 - Rule #1 – Safety first!
 - Rule #2 – Listen to Dad.
 - Rule #3 – Have fun.
2. **Make it fun.** Establish the mindset that when you're taking a youth into the field it is about them and not about you. Don't push them to hunt as hard as you normally would, or pressure them into situations because of your own drive. Step back and see the big picture from the child's perspective. Let them progress at their own pace and they'll take ownership of the situation.
3. **Weather.** Some of the best hunting can be in tough weather, but since we're making this all about the child, optimize the experience by taking them out in pleasant conditions. Early season bow hunts from a ground blind overlooking a field or mid-October walks through the squirrel woods are perfect ways to get youth outdoors.
4. **Patience.** Don't lose it. Children are going to make noise and squirm in their chairs. Find ways to guide their energy while creating teaching moments. Bring along a bird ID book and see how many types of birds you can find together. Collect leaves, acorns and pine cones to match them up to pictures in a tree ID book. If necessary you can even break out an iPod and let them play games for a while.
5. **Snacks.** This item could easily be listed as #2 because it is almost as important as safety. Bring along some snacks and drinks to share with the child when you can see their attention starting to fade. Let them pick out the snacks at home or even better yet, support your local economy by giving the child a few bucks then stopping at the convenience store. Find a way to make it special or maybe start a pre-hunt tradition here.
6. **Exposure.** The outdoors can easily be a year-round activity to involve children in. Take them out to help train your duck dog. Involve them in the training by having them give the dog commands or throw out bumpers for the dog to fetch. Invite them to hike into the woods to monitor trail cameras or establish mineral sites. Let them be the first to look through the trail camera pictures when you get them uploaded, and if you're into naming target deer then let the child pick the names this season.
7. **Not for everyone.** Don't put any pressure on a child to take up hunting. Let them come along at their own pace and develop through their own curiosity. When a child sees their parent involved in an activity they will be naturally inclined to want to learn more about that activity. Embrace and encourage that but only at the appropriate pace for that individual child. Pushing them too fast can ruin the experience. Ultimately they may still choose not to hunt anyway, but allow them the opportunity to make that decision. Taking this approach will still leave them with a favorable impression of hunting and our role in conservation.
8. **Discuss.** One of the things I love most about hunting is that it is an endless learning process. You'll never know everything there is to know about monster bucks, for example. Quite frankly, even though I'm always thirsty for knowledge, I don't want to know everything. That just adds to the allure. Hunting creates an infinite amount of

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teaching moments as you're introducing children to the outdoors. They're naturally inquisitive so this opens up a fantastic set-up for you to talk through the what, where, when, why and how's of hunting.

9. **Participate.** A big component of a successful youth hunt is letting them actually play a role in the experience. Let them help get decoys out of the bag, pack their own backpack to carry into the woods or follow deer tracks to where they think a good spot to hunt might be. This not only helps make them feel like they're part of the team but also promotes active learning through your careful guidance.
10. **Timing.** From late October to mid November I'm happily perched in a tree stand from before the sun comes until after it has gone down (as long as I have my snacks). However, there is absolutely no way I'd expect my children to be able to endure the same bowhunting marathon. Keep your youth hunts short in duration, maximized with activity and custom tailored to the individual. Just like training a good retriever you always want to finish on a high note. Find that happy medium of just before they're too tired and bored yet still left wanting more!

This is a subject near and dear to me with two hunting up-and-comers in the family. While there could easily be a list of 100 items to keep in mind, my hope is that these 10 tips touch on some of the main points of introducing our hunting heritage to today's youth. Above and beyond everything else, just make sure to keep the experience fun for them. The days spent afield have a special way of creating some of the strongest bonds we will experience in life. When put into that perspective, who better to introduce to our hunting heritage than your own children, relatives or family friends.

IDNR Newsbits 8/5/2014

Pere Marquette State Park Rendezvous: Visitors can step back in time, to the days when frontier fur trappers met with fur traders and buyers, during a reenactment festival at Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton, IL on Sept. 6-7. The second annual Pere Marquette State Park Rendezvous will be a traditional Pre-1840 Rendezvous, with buckskinned re-enactors portraying primitive traders and campers. There will be period demonstrations, black powder and longbow shoots, tomahawk throwing, camp music, and food common to days on the Illinois frontier. The public is invited and admission is free to the Pere Marquette State Park Rendezvous, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 6 and 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 7. For more information, contact Pere Marquette State Park at 618-786-3323.

MRA News Release

Kim Postlewait, IDNR Site Superintendent, August 19, 2014

With the pending October 25 opening day for waterfowl seasons the following dates will be worth remembering.

1st official blind inspection will be September 27th. We will do a preliminary inspection in the prior week and will re-inspect those blinds that had not passed the preliminary, September 29th and September 30th. Blinds with deficiencies will be mailed letters at that time and will have until October 7th to make the necessary repairs

2nd inspection is October 8th blinds failing at this point will be notified and will be placed in the RED tag drawing.

RED TAG Drawing will be Sunday October 12th. Blinds allocated that day will have until Oct. 19th to be completed or will be unavailable for the 2014 season

Youth Season will be Oct 18th and 19th.

Last day to enter waterfowl rest areas will be October 10th

The last day you can be on any waterfowl area is Oct. 19th

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- Dwight Hagen - January gun (T/C Venture 22-250)**
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- Rick Bach - June gun (Ruger Mini 14)**

