

St. Vincent

National Wildlife Refuge
Hunting Regulations
2004-2005

Name (Hunter #3) _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____
Zip Code _____ Phone No. _____
Date of birth _____

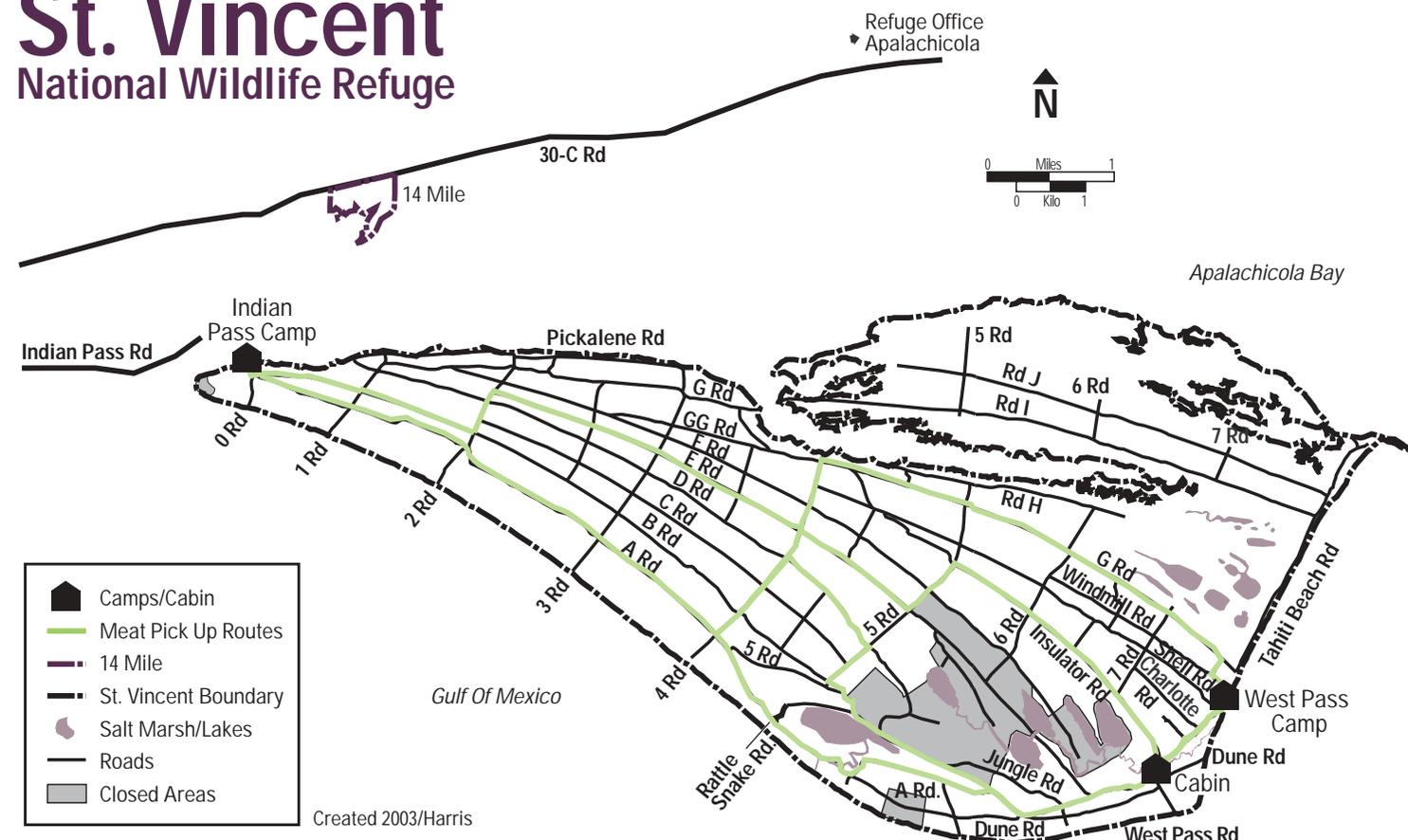
Name (Hunter #4) _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____
Zip Code _____ Phone No. _____
Date of birth _____

Name (Hunter #5) _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____
Zip Code _____ Phone No. _____
Date of birth _____

Deadline: August 13, 2004
Mail to:
St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge
P.O. Box 447
Apalachicola, FL 32329
Questions: 850/653 8808

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Specific Hunt Regulations
(All hunts require Florida hunting license.)

Sambar Deer Hunt (Primitive Weapons)
Season: November 18-20, 2004 (1/2 hour before sunrise until 3:00 pm)
Bag Limit: Two Sambar of either sex*
Additional Required Permits: State archery and/or muzzleloader permit

White-Tailed Deer (Archery)
Season: December 16-18, 2004 (1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset)
Bag Limit: One white-tailed deer either sex (no spotted fawns or spike bucks)*

White-Tailed Deer (Primitive Weapons)
Season: January 6-8, 2004 (1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset)

Becoming an outdoor women (Primitive weapons)
Hog hunt: call for more information.

Bag Limit: One white-tailed deer having one or more forked antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline with points greater than one inch in length* †

* Note:
Pigs and raccoons may also be taken during all hunts.

† Note:
A limited number of either sex permits for one deer (no spotted fawns or spike bucks) will be issued to youth hunters. Additional either sex permits may be randomly substituted for adult buck only permits.

Weapons:
Per regulations. Crossbows are prohibited; except by permit from the FWC.

Harvest Quotas:
Hunts may be terminated if harvest quotas are reached.

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1800/344 WILD
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

April 2004



This leaflet must be signed to be valid as the hunt permit. It must be carried by the hunter during the hunt.

I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations.

Permits are not transferable.

Signature _____

Permit# _____

General Provisions

St. Vincent Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 32. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations.

General Hunting Regulations

Public hunting of white-tailed deer, sambar deer, feral (wild) pigs, and raccoons is permitted on 11,400 acres of St. Vincent Island. A map of the area open to hunting is found on the reverse side.

Use of St. Vincent Island is restricted during the three hunt periods (November 17-21, December 15-19, 2004 and January 5-9, 2005) to hunters only, who must possess a refuge hunt permit and valid hunting license.

Game harvested during scheduled hunts must be checked and tagged by refuge personnel before leaving the refuge.

Pets are not permitted on the refuge.

No motorized equipment, generators, or vehicles (except bicycles) are allowed.

Littering and cutting of live trees is prohibited. Only dead and down wood may be cut.

It is unlawful to drive a nail, spike, or other metal object (including climbing or screw-type) into any tree or to hunt

from any tree in which a nail, spike or other metal object has been driven.

Only still and stalk hunting are permitted.

Flagging and/or bright eyes are prohibited.

Weapons must have caps removed or arrows un-nocked before and after legal shooting hours. No discharging of weapons (including cap firing) in campgrounds.

Access and Camping

Entry onto St. Vincent Island is restricted to the Indian Pass and West Pass campsites. Entry during the sambar deer hunt is restricted to the eastern end of the island at the West Pass campsite.

Camping and fires are restricted to the two designated camping areas. Campsites are unimproved.

Hunters must check in before setting up camp, starting on November 17, December 15 and January 5. Check stations will be open at sunrise on the first day and 5:00 am the remaining hunt days.

Only non-potable water will be available at the campsites. Campers must remove all personal equipment from St. Vincent Island by 11:00 am the last day of the hunt period. Check out with Refuge staff is required before leaving island.

Permit Information

Hunt brochures and applications can be obtained by sending a self addressed, stamped envelope and written request to the Refuge address. Permits are non-transferable and must be kept in the hunter's possession while hunting. Hunt participants are required to check in at the check stations before accessing hunt areas.

Permits will be issued at the campsite check station on the island beginning at sunrise one day prior to the white-tailed deer hunts.

Sambar Deer Hunt

Sambar deer special use permits (200) will be mailed to all successful applicants following a random drawing.

To apply, complete the separate Application Form attached to this leaflet and mail to the address on back of Application.

Applicants can apply singly or as a group of five or less. Hunters drawn last year (2003) will not be eligible for this drawing and should not apply.

Senior citizens, youths, and disabled sportsmen must apply to be eligible for the sambar drawing.

Applications must be received in the Refuge Office by 4:00 pm, Friday, August 13, 2004.

A computerized random drawing will be held at 11:00 am (EST) August 20, 2004.

Only successful applicants (those who have been drawn for the hunt) will be notified.

A fee system has been enacted for all quota hunts on national wildlife refuges. All successful applicants will be charged a \$15 non-refundable permit fee.

Youth hunters (younger than 16 years old) must be supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age, and must remain in sight and normal voice contact of the adult. Each adult may supervise only one youth.

Hunters who have a State disabled person hunting license or other proof of disability and are ambulatory, may contact the refuge office for assistance in getting to the hunt areas. No private motorized vehicles are allowed on the refuge.

A hunter safety orientation meeting will be conducted the first evening of each hunt period (5:00 pm. EST Wednesday). Non-movement stand hours for all hunts will be from one-half hour before sunrise until 9:00 am.

Youth Hunters

Disabled Sportsmen

Safety

Fluorescent Orange

Primitive Weapons Hunts (Sambar and white-tailed deer): All hunters, when outside the campsite area, must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of a solid, unbroken pattern of fluorescent orange-colored material visible above the waistline.

All hunters are encouraged to wear a fluorescent orange outer garment while hunting on the ground or walking to and from stands.

Signs Protect Visitors and Resources!

Millions of people visit national wildlife refuges every year. In order to both protect wildllands and wildlife and provide visitors with an enjoyable experience on refuges, certain regulations are necessary. Please respect the following signs and help us take care of your refuge.

This area closed to all public entry.

This sign delineates the refuge boundary.

This area closed to all public entry.

All equipment and garbage must be removed at the end of the hunt.



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2004-2005 Quota Sambar Hunt Application

Complete this section, remove it at the perforation, and return to St. Vincent NWR by 4:00 pm, (EDT), Friday, August 13, 2004.

Each hunter's name and address should be shown as on current driver's license.

200 permits will be issued by random drawing. Successfully-drawn hunters will be issued a notification card.

A maximum of five (5) hunters may apply as a group on this form. Duplicate, incomplete, illegible, or postage due applications will be rejected.

Print or type names

Name (Hunter #1) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone No. _____

Date of birth _____

Name (Hunter #2) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone No. _____

Date of birth _____

Prohibited Activities

General

White-tailed Deer Hunts