

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**<http://www.dfg.ca.gov>

North Grasslands Wildlife Area
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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The enclosed Congratulations letter **must be exchanged** at the check station, located in the China Island Wildlife area main parking lot, for a permit to hunt on this unit opening day.

Congratulations letters will be exchanged for entry permits in the order they are numbered starting with #1. This reservation may not be transferred to another person; it is valid only for the persons and hunting license numbers listed on the letter. The entry permit issued will only be valid in the section (area 1 or free roam), for which it is issued. Section (or hunt area) selection will be made at the check station by the hunter. Entry permits will be issued from the check station starting **two hours before legal shoot time**. The persons named on the reservation letter may only hunt in the section they have chosen or are assigned. Entry permits are valid until 12 noon or until you leave the wildlife area.

Reservations are valid up to 1 hour before legal shoot time.

All permits must be returned to the check station, a Department of Fish and Wildlife employee, or a drop box upon leaving the area.

There is no shell restriction during the September dove season and lead shot may be used.

Adult hunters must have a 2013-14 Upland Game Bird Stamp affixed to their 2013-14 hunting license.

This hunting opportunity was funded primarily through Upland Game Bird Stamp funds, Fish and Game Preservation Funds (hunting license sales), and Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Funds (federal excise tax on firearms and ammunition).

Please be considerate and courteous to other hunters in the field and have a safe enjoyable hunt.

If you have any questions regarding opening day procedures, please call (209) 826-0463

Sincerely,

Steven T. Miyamoto
Wildlife Habitat Supervisor II

**State of California
Natural Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**China Island Unit
North Grasslands Wildlife Area**

Information for Dove Hunters

1. All hunters who participate in the morning (restricted access) hunt are required to obtain an entry permit before entering the wildlife area. At 12 noon the area becomes an uncontrolled/unrestricted area and no check-in is required.
2. All hunters who participate in the morning hunt are required to record all game taken and turn in permit before leaving the area.
3. Hunters must have in their possession valid hunting licenses, stamps and area permits while on the wildlife area.
4. Hunters must park in assigned parking lots. No camping is permitted on the wildlife area.
5. There area no shell restrictions for dove hunting. Lead shot is legal for the take of upland game birds and rabbits on the China Island wildlife area.

For more information, please call (209)827-6586

The Ten Commandments of Firearms Safety:

1. Watch that muzzle! Keep it pointed in a safe direction at all times.
2. Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun.
3. Be sure of your target and what is in front of it and beyond it.
4. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot .
5. Check your barrel and ammunition.
6. Unload firearms when not in use.
7. Point your firearm only at something you intend to shoot.
8. Don't run, jump, or climb with a loaded firearm.
9. Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.
10. Don't drink alcohol, use drugs or take medications that might impair your abilities and good judgment before or while handling firearms or archery equipment.





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Upland Game Bird Special Hunts Program
2013-2014 Liability Waiver: Adult Participants



READ, INITIAL AND SIGN BEFORE HUNT DAY

Waiver of Potential Claims and Release of Liability

I, _____, as a condition of my being able to participate in hunting activities on State property acknowledge and represent to the State of California each of the following:

1. Hunting is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injuries or death caused by myself or other people who are present, participating in or watching such activities._____
Initial

2. Hunting also includes an inherent risk of serious injury or death caused by conditions of the land, including both defects in or improvements thereto, or natural conditions including animals (whether those being hunted or not) on the property. The State has not made any representations that the conditions of the property are suitable for hunting or that the property is free from defects._____
Initial

3. I acknowledge that in allowing me to participate in hunting activities on State property, the State owes me no duty to supervise the activity or the persons participating in or watching the activity. I further acknowledge that by providing rules, signs, guides, chaperones or other volunteers to assist in hunting activities, neither the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers owe me any duty whatsoever to supervise or control the actions of myself or other persons participating in, watching the activity or on the property._____
Initial

4. Waiver And Release Of Claims: I hereby expressly waive any right that I might have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for any physical or emotional injuries, illnesses, death or other damages that I might suffer as a result of participating in hunting activities on State property._____
Initial

5. Waiver And Release Of Claims Based On Negligence: In addition to the inherent dangers involved in hunting on State property described above, I further acknowledge that serious injuries or death may be caused by the negligent acts of State employees, its agents, volunteers or other persons which increase the risk of injury beyond those normally anticipated while hunting. I hereby expressly agree to assume the risk that I may be seriously injured or killed through the negligent acts of others. I agree to waive any right I may have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for injuries or death that I may suffer arising out of participating in hunting or related activities including physical or emotional injuries, illnesses or death caused by the negligent acts of the State, its agents, employees, volunteers or other persons._____
Initial

Prior to executing this waiver and release of liability, I was given the opportunity to thoroughly read the entire document and to consult my own legal counsel regarding the potential effect of signing this agreement. I hereby consent to be bound by its terms and conditions.

PLEASE READ, SIGN AND BRING WAIVER TO CHECK IN ON THE DATE OF THE HUNT. YOU MUST SUBMIT A WAIVER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS UPLAND GAME BIRD HUNT

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____



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Upland Game Bird Special Hunts Program

2013-2014 Liability Waiver: Minor (under the age of 18) Participant



READ, INITIAL AND SIGN BEFORE HUNT DAY

Waiver of Minor's Potential Claims and Release of Liability

I, _____, am the legal parent/guardian of _____, a minor under the age of 18 years (the "Child"), as a condition of the Child being able to participate in hunting activities on State property, I hereby acknowledge and represent to the State of California each of the following:

1. Hunting is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injuries or death caused by myself, the Child or other people who are present, participating in or watching such activities. _____ Initial

2. Hunting also includes an inherent risk of serious injury or death caused by conditions of the land, including both defects in or improvements thereto, or natural conditions including animals (whether those being hunted or not) on the property. The State has not made any representations that the conditions of the property are suitable for hunting or that the property is free from defects. _____ Initial

3. I acknowledge that in allowing the Child to participate in hunting activities on State property, the State owes the Child no duty to supervise the activity or the persons participating in or watching the activity. I further acknowledge that by providing rules, signs, guides, chaperones or other volunteers to assist in hunting activities, neither the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers owe the Child any duty to supervise or control the actions of the Child or other persons participating in, watching the activity or on the property. _____ Initial

4. Waiver And Release Of Claims: I hereby expressly waive any right that the Child might have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for any physical or emotional injuries, illnesses, death or other damages that the Child might suffer as a result of participating in hunting activities on State property. _____ Initial

5. Waiver And Release Of Claims Based On Negligence: In addition to the inherent dangers involved in hunting on State property described above, I further acknowledge that serious injuries or death may be caused by the negligent acts of State employees, its agents, volunteers or other persons which increase the risk of injury beyond those normally anticipated while hunting. I hereby expressly agree that the Child assumes the risk that the Child may be seriously injured or killed through the negligent acts of others. I agree to waive any right the Child may have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for injuries or death that the Child may suffer arising out of participating in hunting or related activities including physical or emotional injuries, illnesses or death caused by the negligent acts of the State, its agents, employees, volunteers or other persons. _____ Initial

Prior to executing this waiver and release of liability, I was given the opportunity to thoroughly read the entire document and to consult my own legal counsel regarding the potential effect of signing this agreement. I hereby consent to be bound by its terms and conditions and consent to the Child being bound by its terms and conditions.

PLEASE READ, SIGN AND BRING WAIVER TO CHECK IN ON THE DATE OF THE HUNT. YOU MUST SUBMIT A WAIVER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS UPLAND GAME BIRD HUNT

Signature _____ Date _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Printed Name _____ (Parent Guardian)