

Special Notice: Open Hunting Days for the Deal Island and Fairmount WMA Impoundments
Announced for 2017-18 Hunting Season

The number of open hunting days will remain the same at the Deal Island WMA and Fairmount WMA impoundments for the 2017-2018 waterfowl hunting season. The management goal remains to improve the quality of duck hunting in the impoundments by increasing the number of days that ducks can utilize the impoundment habitats while minimizing unnecessary disturbances.

The Fairmount WMA impoundments will be open for hunting during the September Teal Season (September 16 – September 30, 2017).

The Fairmount WMA and Deal Island WMA impoundments will be open for hunting during the September Canada Goose Season (September 1 – September 15, 2017), and the following days during the Regular Duck Season:

- Junior Waterfowl Hunts: For persons aged 16 or younger (Nov. 4, 2017 & Feb. 10, 2018).
- First Waterfowl Split: Opening day (by permit) and Saturdays only.
- Second Waterfowl Split: Opening day (by permit), Saturdays, and Thanksgiving only.
- Third Waterfowl Split: Opening day (by permit), Fridays, Saturdays, Christmas Day, New Years Day, and Martin Luther King Day only.

Waterfowl hunting on both WMA's is restricted to the days / dates noted above *within* the managed impoundments only. **Motorized boats, except those powered by electric motors, are prohibited within the Deal Island and Fairmount WMA impoundments between October 1 and March 31.** Waterfowl hunting is allowed outside of these impoundments on the WMA's without restrictions during all open waterfowl seasons.

If you are interested in applying for a permit to hunt one of these impoundments on one of the opening days of the split duck seasons in 2017, please fill out the attached application and send to us as directed before September 11, 2017.

For additional information, or should you have any questions, please call our Wellington WMA office at 410-543-8223.

2017 Application for Deal Island and Fairmount WMA Impoundment Hunts

On the **opening day** of the first season for ducks and the **opening day** of any subsequent season for ducks, a person may not hunt in the Deal Island and Fairmount WMA impoundments unless he/she first obtains a permit. To apply for a permit through the lottery drawing, follow the directions below to complete this application:

- Print all information clearly and legibly. Any illegible, incomplete, duplicate, or faxed applications will be disqualified.
- **A.)** Indicate your choice of days in order of priority. In place of the actual dates, please write "first split", "second split", or "third split". Opposite each date choice, circle the area you would prefer to hunt - Deal Island or Fairmount.
- **B.)** If none of your date choices are available when your application is drawn, you may accept being assigned the first available open date still remaining by circling "Yes", and indicating the area(s) you would prefer, in the box provided.
- **C.)** Fill in your name, complete mailing address, hunting license number / DNR ID number, and driver's license number.
- **D.) Sign your application.**
- **E.) Attach a copy of your 2017-18 MD Hunting License and MD Migratory Game Bird Stamp.**
- Place your application in a legal sized envelope along with a self addressed stamped envelope and mail to:

IMPOUNDMENT HUNT, WELLINGTON WMA, 32733 DUBLIN RD, PRINCESS ANNE, MD 21853

ONE APPLICATION PER PERSON! If multiple applications are sent, all will be disqualified prior to the lottery. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017.

	<u>CHOICE OF OPENING DAYS</u>	<u>AREA</u> (Circle only one on each line)
A.)	1 st _____	Deal Island or Fairmount
	2 nd _____	Deal Island or Fairmount
	3 rd _____	Deal Island or Fairmount

B.)	If the above choices are not available, would you accept the first open date?	Yes	No	(Circle)
	Deal Island Only Fairmount Only Either Area			(Circle)

Name: _____

Address: _____

C.) City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Hunting License or DNR ID No: _____

Drivers License No: _____

I have read the rules and regulations governing the impoundment hunts and agree to abide by them. I acknowledge that DNR may revoke this permit if my guests or I fail to comply with any laws, regulations, area rules, or permit requirements.

D.) Signature of Hunter: _____

PERMIT VALID:

Do Not Write In This Box
DNR Use Only

AREA:	DATE:
DNR Authorized Signature:	

IMPOUNDMENT HUNT PERMIT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The person named on the permit must be present the day of the hunt. This permit is non-transferable.
2. The permit holder must have the permit on his/her person while hunting, and may bring two (2) other persons as guests while hunting. All persons must hunt together as one (1) party. All guests must sign the permit.
3. Hunters must fill out the sign-in sheet located at the impoundment parking lots at Deal Island and Fairmount, or see attendant before hunting on permit days.
1. Hunters may not enter the impoundments earlier than two and one half (2 ½) hours before sunrise and must be off the waters and dikes of the impoundments by one and one-half (1 1/2) hours after sunset.
2. The impoundments at Deal Island and Fairmount will be open to hunting during the 2017-18 hunting season as follows:

<u>September Resident Goose Season</u>	September 1 through September 15, 2017.
<u>Junior Waterfowl Hunts</u>	For persons aged 16 or younger.
<u>First Waterfowl Split</u>	Opening day (by permit) and Saturdays only.
<u>Second Waterfowl Split</u>	Opening day (by permit) , Saturdays, and Thanksgiving only.
<u>Third Waterfowl Split</u>	Opening day (by permit) , Fridays, Saturdays, Christmas Day, New Years Day, and Martin Luther King Day only.
3. Fairmount WMA impoundments will also be open during the September Teal Season.
4. **Motorized boats, except those powered by electric motors, are prohibited in the Deal Island and Fairmount WMA impoundments between October 1 and March 31.**