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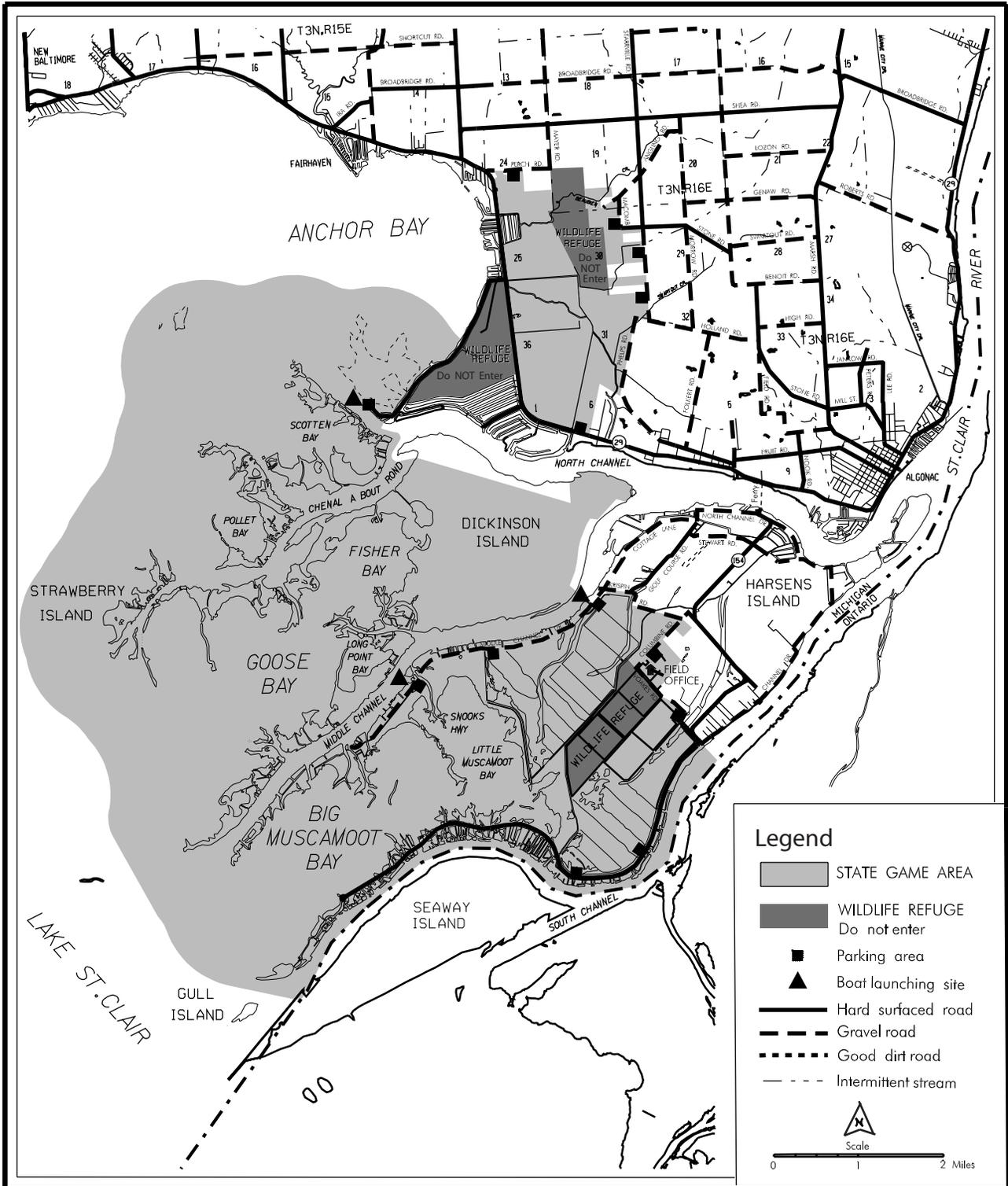
ST. CLAIR FLATS STATE WILDLIFE AREA

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ST. CLAIR FLATS STATE WILDLIFE AREA SPECIAL USE AND HUNTING RULES

(All other applicable State Land Use rules and regulations apply, unless modified by the text below. To review the standard "Wildlife and Game Area - State Land Rules" (IC 2598, rev. 2/07/2006), see the back of most State Game/Wildlife Area maps (except those with Special Use and Hunting Rules); the maps, rules and regulations plus additional details, and more information on this and other areas are available at DNR Offices or on the internet at: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>)

NOTE: It is your responsibility as a user of public lands, to ensure you are informed of all current rules and regulations relevant to your activities. The information presented here represents some details relevant to land use, but this is not a complete list of all rules and regulations, and may not be as immediately updated as current legislation and rules. This product is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed tool issued for convenience on this specific subject. Contact your local DNR office if you have questions, or to verify regulations relating to possible activities before engaging in those activities. The DNR is on the internet at "<http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>".

If you have questions or comments about the area or its management, please contact the St. Clair Flats State Wildlife Area Office is at: 1803 Krispin Road, Harsens Island, MI, 48028, and phone: (810) 748-9504. -or- Department of Natural Resources District Office in Livonia at phone 734-953-0241; or the Mt. Clemens Office at phone 586-465-7214.

The islands, marshes, and bays at the mouth of the St. Clair River are collectively known as the St. Clair Flats. The coastal wetlands of this area consist of several natural communities found at or near the Great Lakes. Historically, this area has been a traditional migration area for waterfowl and other migratory birds. The open waters of Lake St. Clair are used by thousands of lake (diving) ducks.

Much of Harsens and Dickinson Islands, and the adjacent marshes and bays, are in public ownership and open to hunting. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has developed a portion of its ownership on Harsens Island. Water regulated impoundments have been developed to help provide additional food and cover for the thousands of migrating waterfowl that use the area.

The marshes and uplands of St. Johns Marsh and Algonac State Park provide the public with a variety of wildlife recreational opportunities. The St. Johns Marsh area offers good hunting, trapping, fishing, and birdwatching experiences. Nearby, the Algonac State Park also provides some hunting opportunities, and excellent opportunities for people to observe rare natural Great Lakes marsh communities.

If you are interested in hunting and/or observing waterfowl, the fields and marshes of Harsens and Dickinson Islands, and the St. John's Marsh offer excellent opportunities. Limited upland game hunting opportunity also exists for pheasants, rabbits, squirrels, and deer in the upland fields and woods of these areas.

Reminders:

1. You may not enter, for any purpose, those areas posted "WILDLIFE REFUGE - DO NOT ENTER."
2. You will need both federal and state duck stamps to hunt waterfowl if you are 16 years of age or older.
3. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft within the marshy areas of the St. Clair Flats. This area represents the largest deltaic wetland system in the Great Lakes and is recognized as one of the state's most valuable resources. Due to the sensitive nature of this wetland system, personal watercraft will be allowed to operate only in compliance with wake laws in the open channels of the area, but are banned from areas where emergent aquatic vegetation is visible.
4. Because the Harsens Island Wildlife Area is part of the Great Lakes Coastal Marsh ecosystem, water levels fluctuate within the Great Lakes, and consequently affect the wildlife area. With lower lake water levels, the marsh areas become pools of very shallow water and mudflats. These periodic and natural low water conditions are healthy for the ecosystem, but may be a temporary inconvenience for recreational users.
5. Other Rules and Regulations for the State Game Area may be posted in the area; look for additional signs or notices to insure you have a safe hunt. When in doubt about rules or regulations concerning your planned activity, please call the game area office before activity (contact info is above).

CAUTION: Use care near all open water areas; some of areas may contain deep water, depending on season and recent rainfall.

BE A SAFE HUNTER - A safe hunter obeys laws governing hunting and boating, is alert to any conditions hazardous to personal safety of the hunter and others.

RULES AND REGULATIONS EXTRACTION - Under authority of Act 17, Public Act of 1921, the Commission of Natural Resources has made and adopted the following rules and regulations governing the use and occupancy of state lands, other than state parks and recreation areas, administered by or under the control of the Department of Natural Resources.

GENERAL RULES - It is prohibited:

- (1) To enter, use or occupy the lands for any purpose when they are posted against such entry, use or occupancy, as ordered by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.
- (5) To move, remove, destroy, mutilate, or deface posters, notices, signs, or markers of the Department of Natural Resources or of any other agency of government.
- (8) To destroy, damage, or remove any state property, any living tree or shrub, planted grasses, or other vegetation without proper written permission. This provision does not apply to the picking and removal of mushrooms, berries, and other edible fruits and nuts and those wildflowers the removal of which is not made unlawful by statute.

IN STATE GAME AREAS IN ZONE 3, IN ADDITION TO ABOVE RULES - It is prohibited:

- (1) To camp between April 1 and October 1, except in areas specifically designed for such use.
- (2) To operate a self-propelled motor or mechanically driven vehicle on other than a designated established road open to the public or a parking lot or to park such vehicles more than 50 feet from an established road open to the public or a parking lot designed to such use, without proper written permission.
- (3) To ride or lead a horse, other riding animal or pack animal on, or to allow such animal or any animal-drawn vehicle to use or travel on any areas other than established public roads or trails designated for such use, without proper written permission.

"Proper written permission: as used in these rules means a written permit issued by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources or a representative authorized by him to do so.

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Equal Rights for Natural Resources Users

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For information or assistance on this publication, or for information about other State land areas, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944, -or- through the internet at "<http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>". TTY / TTD (teletype): 711 (Michigan Relay Center). This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.