

Hi folks,

See the article below regarding changes to this year's quota application dates (including waterfowl quotas) and a table with this year's specific application dates.

As the article outlines, this change is necessary during the transition to FWC's new license vendor (effect 1 October) and changes in application periods are for THIS YEAR ONLY. Sorry that the waterfowl application periods are simultaneous this year, but we wanted to be sure and issue all permit prior to using the new system in case there are issues with the transition.

Let Tony (contact info below) or I know if you have questions and feel free to forward/ post this information. Thanks and happy hunting!

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Big changes to some quota permit application dates (including waterfowl quotas) (an excerpt from <http://www.myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2012/june/01/outta-june/>)

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If you hunt public land, you should know that many of Florida's wildlife management areas (WMAs) require a quota permit to hunt during archery, muzzleloading gun and all or part of the general gun season. Take note that this year, there have been some major changes to some of the application periods.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) contract with our current license/permit vendor is about to expire, and the agency has signed a new deal with Brandt Information Services of Tallahassee. This new contract begins on Oct. 1, 2012, and there's going to be a month-long transition period between systems.

What this means to you is this: Some of the quota application periods that previously occurred in October are going to be moved up earlier, and others are going to be pushed back later.

For this year only, the application periods for these waterfowl permits – Merritt Island, Goodwin/Broadmoor, Ocklawaha Prairie, September waterfowl and the STAs – will be in July and August (see table below). The application period for Youth Waterfowl hunts is January 2013. For a list of all quota/limited entry hunt application periods visit: <http://www.myfwc.com/license/limited-entry-hunts/application-periods/>

As some of you may recall, we've had a couple hiccups in the past with our current vendor, regarding some of our first-come, first-served permits. That is one of the reasons why the agency wanted to partner with a new vendor – one that

is using cutting-edge technology, so that Florida’s hunters can receive the best possible service and product in the near future.

We ask you to please be patient with us, while we make this challenging transition from old to new vendor. In the end, we feel this change will be well worth it and greatly benefit our valued customers – Florida’s hunters – who deserve the best we can provide.

(for the rest of the article that describes FWC’s Quota Hunt Program in more detail visit:

<http://www.myfwc.com/news/news-releases/2012/june/01/outta-june/>).

Here’s wishing you good luck in drawing one of these great permits. To see an updated list of all the limited entry/quota permit application dates, go to MyFWC.com/License, and please help us spread the word about these upcoming changes. Remember to introduce someone new to hunting when you can. As always, have fun, hunt safely and ethically, and we’ll see you in the woods!

Table 1. Application periods for 2012-13 Waterfowl Quota Hunts. Note: Youth Application Dates are in **January 2013**.

Waterfowl & Snipe Hunts		from	thru
Goodwin/Broadmoor Waterfowl Period #1	Phase I Applications	8/7/2012	8/20/2012
	Permit Pickups	8/27/2012	9/28/2012
	Phase II FCFS Leftovers	8/30/2012	9/28/2012
Goodwin/Broadmoor Waterfowl Period #2	Phase I Applications	11/13/2012	11/27/2012
	Phase II FCFS Leftovers	12/4/2012	end of hunt
Ocklawaha Prairie Waterfowl and Snipe	Phase I Applications	7/20/2012	7/30/2012
	Permit Pickups	8/2/2012	9/28/2012
	Phase II FCFS Leftovers	8/6/2012	9/28/2012
September Waterfowl	Phase I Applications	7/20/2012	7/30/2012
	Permit Pickups	8/2/2012	9/28/2012
	Phase II FCFS Leftovers	8/6/2012	9/28/2012
STA 3/4 Waterfowl - Saturday & Sunday	Phase I Applications	8/7/2012	8/20/2012
	Permit Pickups	8/27/2012	9/28/2012
	Phase II FCFS Leftovers	8/30/2012	9/28/2012
STA 2 Waterfowl	Phase I Applications	8/7/2012	8/20/2012
	Permit Pickups	8/27/2012	9/28/2012
	Phase II FCFS	8/30/2012	9/28/2012

STA1W Waterfowl - Saturday & Sunday	Phase I Applications	8/7/2012	8/20/2012
	Permit Pickups	8/27/2012	9/28/2012
	Phase II FCFS Leftovers	8/30/2012	9/28/2012
STA5 Waterfowl	Phase I Applications	8/7/2012	8/20/2012
	Permit Pickups	8/27/2012	9/28/2012
	Phase II FCFS Leftovers	8/30/2012	9/28/2012

Merritt Island Waterfowl	Phase I Applications	8/7/2012	8/20/2012
	Permit Pickups	8/27/2012	9/11/2012
	Phase II FCFS Leftovers	9/13/2012	9/28/2012

Youth Waterfowl	Phase I Applications	1/4/2013	1/14/2013
	Phase II FCFS Leftovers	1/22/2013	2/3/2013

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