The refuge provides valuable habitat for migratory birds as well as numerous species of resident mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. The predominant land uses are associated with refuge management actions that support the refuge's mission for the conservation of wildlife and provide recreational opportunities.

Efforts are made to balance competing demands for natural resources, wildlife, and the public. Refuge management has made significant progress in implementing planned activities over the years since establishment. Refuge planning and management, however, are a continual work in progress and evolve over time, depending on feedback and monitoring as well as changing values, needs, and priorities in wildlife management at the refuge, regional, and national scale.

The refuge's comprehensive conservation plan provides direction for refuge habitat management programs, visitor services activities, and wildlife management programs.

Administration

Alternative A:

No change from current management.

Alternative B:

Alternative A:

The refuge will continue to engage in current management activities during the hunt to ensure the refuge meets its other management objectives.. Impacts will be minimized by ensuring hunters, cooperators, visitors and partners are aware of each other's activities and timed to minimize conflict when possible. Management activities can generally be separated by time or area during the hunts.