

## COMPATIBILITY DETERMINATION

Use: Public hunting of raccoon, opossum, beaver, nutria, and wild hogs.

Refuge Name: Wapanocca NWR

Establishing and Acquisition Authorities: Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

Refuge Purposes: "... for use as an inviolate sanctuary or for any other management purpose for migratory birds". 16 U.S.C. 715d (Migratory Bird Conservation Act)

Refuge System Mission: To administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generation of Americans.

Description of Use: Recreational public hunting of raccoon, opossum, beaver, nutria, and wild hogs.

Anticipated Impacts of the Use: Positive impacts will result in the protecting of habitat and other wildlife from destruction. Minor negative impacts are anticipated with the temporary disturbance to other wildlife due to presence of hunting dogs and hunters.

Availability of Resources: N/A

Stipulations Necessary to Ensure Compatibility: None.

Determination: Hunting will have a positive effect on refuge habitat and consequently desirable wildlife. See Environmental Assessment.

This use has been found to be compatible.

Justification: Public hunting will be used as a part of the wildlife and habitat management programs of the refuge thus is in line with the refuge system mission.

Refuge Manager:

Glen R Miller 2/25/00  
(Signature/Date)