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VEHICULAR REGULATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR
BACK BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Federal Regulations restricting vehicular use on the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Virginia Beach, Virginia, have been sent to the Federal Register and will become effective 30 days following publication.

These regulations by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, U. S. Department of the Interior, will prohibit vehicular traffic through the refuge except as authorized by permit.

It has been determined that continued unregulated vehicular use of the refuge beach is seriously damaging wildlife habitat and is detrimental to the primary objectives for which the refuge was established. The regulations were issued as a result of a detailed study, and information obtained from a public hearing and written comments regarding proposed actions to preserve the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The manager of the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge is authorized to issue free vehicular permits to residents and land-owners, and for transportation, utility and professional services

required in the area; and to commercial fishermen and visitors;
as provided for in the regulations.

A complete copy of the Regulations may be obtained from the
Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife,
John W. McCormack Post Office and Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts
02109, or the Refuge Manager, Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge,
Box 6128, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456.

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