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The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game

1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt Summary Report



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Introduction

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) in cooperation with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted a limited permit pheasant hunt on both Twitchell and Sherman islands during the 1995 pheasant hunting season. Funding for the 1995 pheasant hunt was provided through the Upland Game Bird Heritage Program with monies collected through the sale of Upland Game Bird Stamps. Division and Regional personnel within DFG such as Wildlife Management Division (Headquarters), Region 2 unit wildlife biologists and Wildlife Protection staff, Conservation and Education personnel, and Bay-Delta and Special Water Projects Division staff worked together to facilitate the pheasant hunt program. Our goal for this project was to provide a high quality wild bird hunting opportunity on state properties, in a safe setting and manner. In addition, Bay-Delta staff in cooperation with DWR implemented an on-line registration process that allowed hunters the opportunity to submit applications via the Internet. This report is designed to provide the reader with an overview of the methods we used to facilitate and organize the pheasant hunt program. It also presents data on hunter success, participation, and demand for other hunt programs on state holdings. We provide recommendations on how to improve and run next year's hunt program and suggest ways in which a hunt of this nature could be implemented with reduced staff involvement.

Methods

Hunt Area Description

This year was the first year that two parcels of land on different islands were opened up to hunting opportunities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. DWR aided in expanding our operations by allowing the use of their lands on both Sherman and Twitchell islands. All together this opened up an additional 2,000 acres for pheasant hunting opportunities.

Twitchell Island - Twitchell Island is located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta 19 miles west of Lodi and 4.5 miles southeast of Rio Vista off of Highway 12 (Figure 1). DWR owns approximately 85 percent of Twitchell Island with the remainder of the island owned by private parties and the Chevron Corporation. This year the hunt area was expanded to include an additional 1,000 acres of land on Twitchell Island, bringing the total hunting acreage to 2,000 acres (Figure 2). The entire hunt area was planted and harvested corn. The lessee, after harvesting the corn, was asked to leave the stubble standing until the conclusion of the pheasant hunt program. Some areas contained fallow areas that consisted of Johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*), blackberries, and thistle.

Sherman Island - Sherman Island is located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta about one mile north of Antioch along Highway 160 (Figure 1). DWR currently owns 60 percent of Sherman Island and is in negotiations to purchase another 30 percent, bringing their total ownership to 8,800 acres. The hunt area is approximately 1,100 acres located on the south-

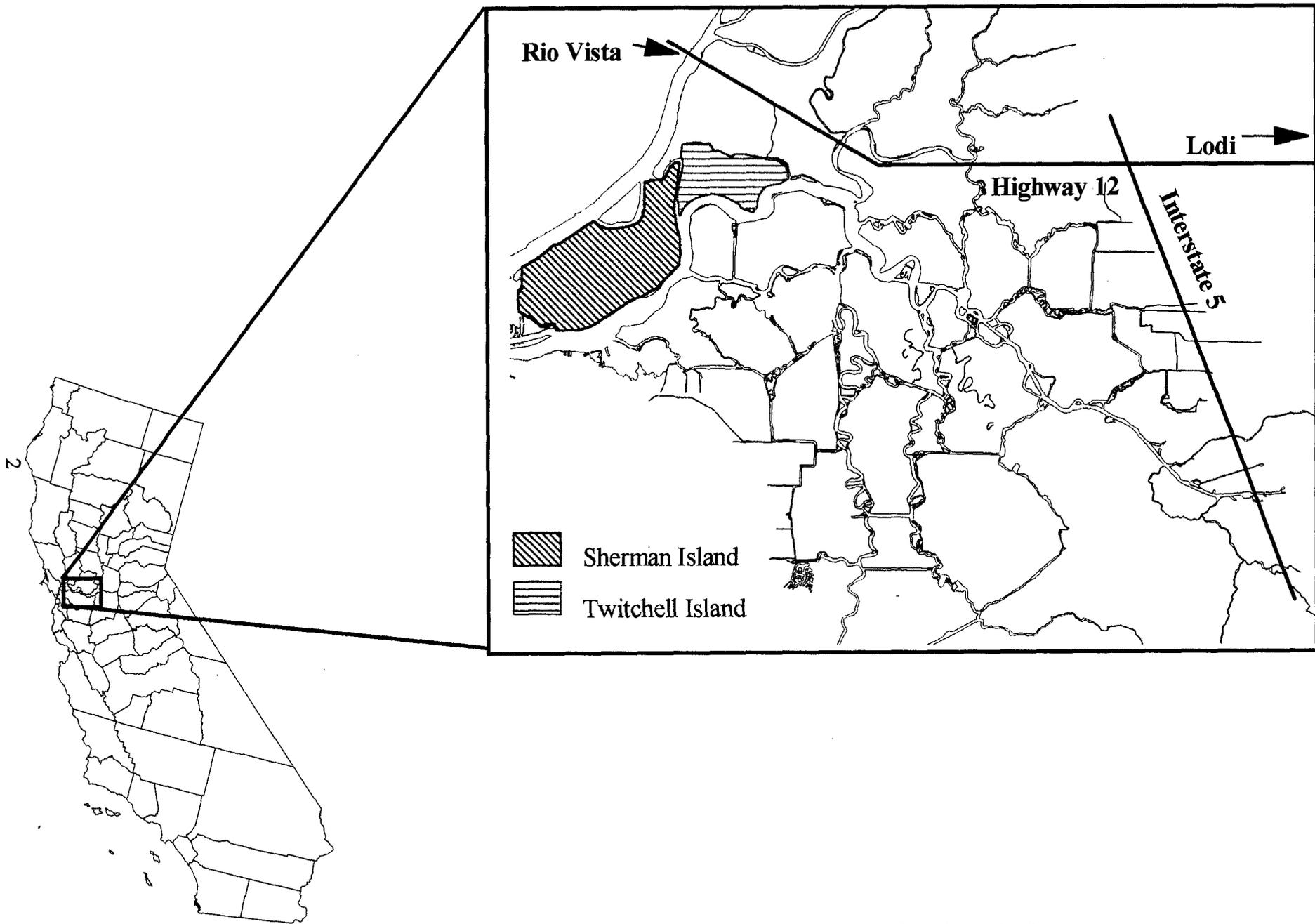


Figure 1. 1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt Summary Report. Twitchell and Sherman island location in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

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Twitchell Island Hunt Zones

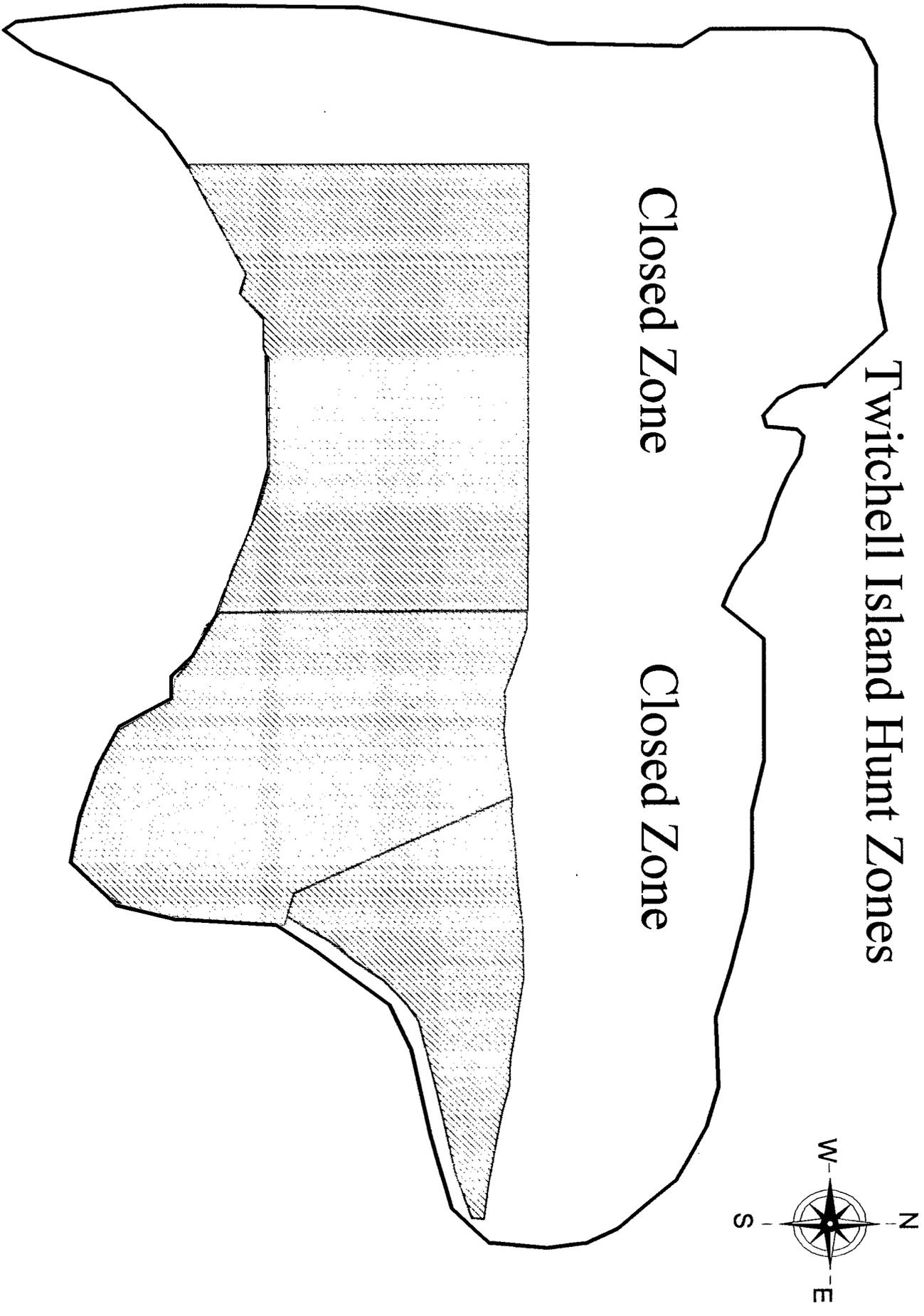


Figure 2. 1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt Summary Report. 1995 Twitchell Island hunt zone 1,500 acre core hunting area.

west corner of the island and is bordered on three sides by water (Figure 3). The hunt area consisted of disced fields with the majority of the vegetation (blackberries and tules) occurring along drainage ditches.

Hunt areas on both parcels of land were posted with signs created at the Bay-Delta Division and located at all land crossings and entrances to the hunt area. Other state and private properties on Twitchell and Sherman islands not open to hunting were posted by DWR.

Advertising

To publicize the Delta Island hunt the DFG's Conservation and Education section issued a state wide press release in early October 1995. In addition to the press release, fliers (Appendix A) were sent out to license agents within the central-region of the State. Additional exposure was achieved through a Region 2 and Game Bird Heritage Program press release that announced the times and locations of all special pheasant hunts to be held. Development of the Bay-Delta Internet Home-Page also provided additional exposure to parties that had access to the Internet.

Application Process

With the introduction of Internet registration individuals could apply for the pheasant hunt by filling out the registration form provided on the Bay-Delta Internet Home-Page or by mailing in an application. All applicants, both Internet or mail registrations, were required to submit the following information: name(s)(maximum of four hunters), hunting license number (of everyone in their party) and the address and phone number of one contact person, to the Bay-Delta Division office two weeks prior to the desired hunt date. This allowed time to process the applications and contact individuals whose applications were missing key information (i.e. address, lack of license number, or incorrect license number). A confirmation E-Mail was sent to all Internet registrations informing them that their application was received and had been processed. No confirmation was sent to postcard applicants. All applications were numbered from 1 to last entry after the close of the application due date and successful applications were drawn based on a random numbers list generated by computer. All successful applicants were notified by U.S. mail at least one week prior to the hunt date and were provided with a map and directions to their hunting location and general rules of conduct while hunting.

Hunt Operations

Junior Pheasant Hunt.

On November 11, 1995, a juniors only pheasant hunt was held on Sherman Island to start off the season (Figure 3). One-hundred and twenty pen-raised pheasants were purchased from a breeder by the Upland Game Bird Heritage Program and released on Sherman Island

Sherman Island Hunt Zone

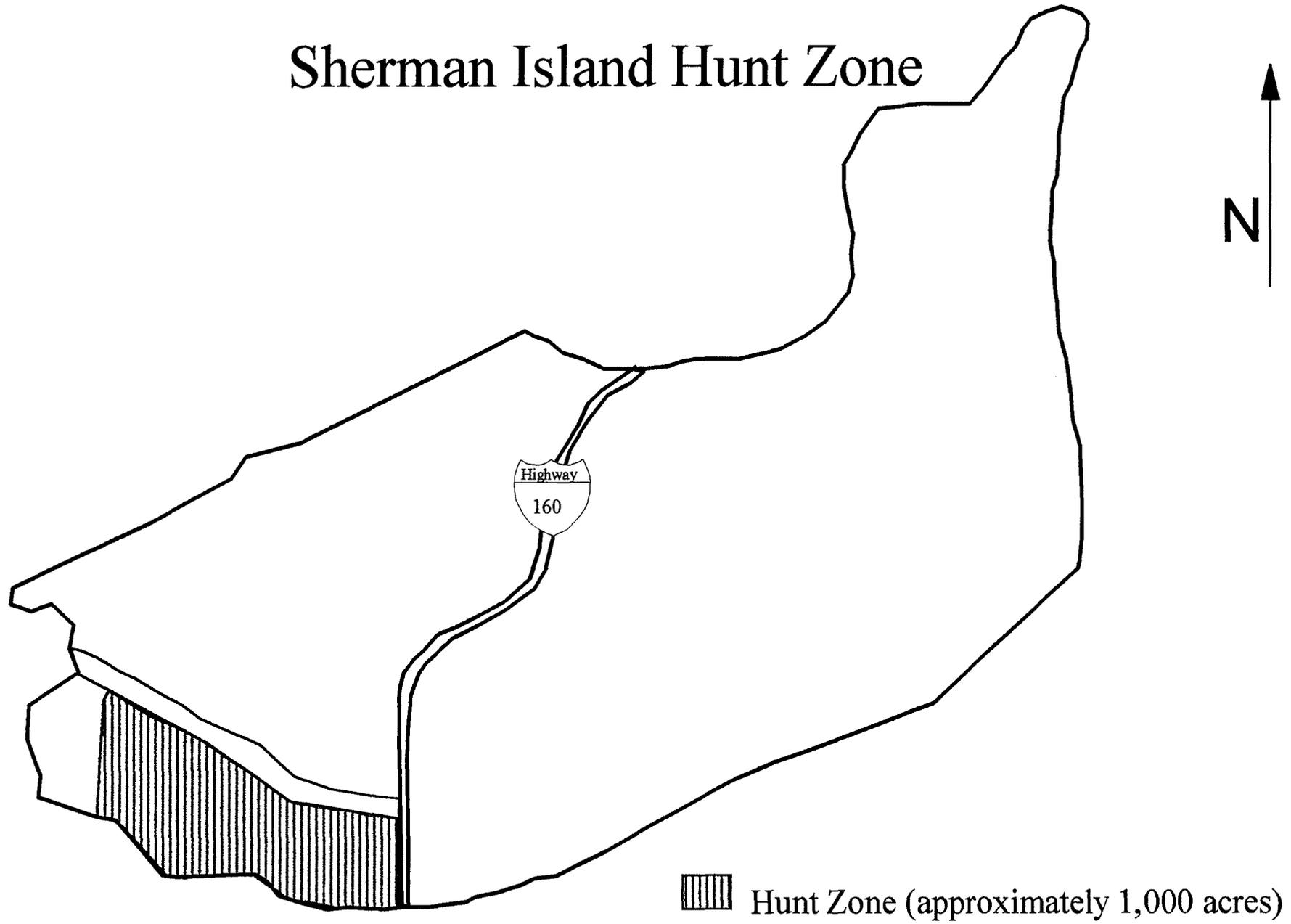


Figure 3. 1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt. 1995 Sherman Island hunt zone.

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the morning of the hunt. All junior hunters were given and required to wear a "Blaze Orange" hunter safety vest provided by the DFG's Hunter Safety Program. We took a Polaroid picture of all junior hunters and their hunting party leaving the field and presented it to them as a memento of their hunt day.

Game Bird Heritage Womans Pheasant Hunt.

On November 12, 1995, the DFG held a Game Bird Heritage Womans Pheasant hunt as part of a continuing program to promote outdoor activities for women. Eighty pen-raised pheasants were purchased and released the morning of the hunt. This hunt targeted woman however, any licensed hunter was allowed to apply and participate. In addition, two off duty DFG personnel assisted the hunters by providing pointing dogs and acted as hunting guides for the hunters. All hunters were given and required to wear a "Blaze Orange" hunter safety vest provided by the DFG's Hunter Safety Program. For all hunting parties a Polaroid picture of them was taken and presented to them as a memento of their hunt day.

General Hunt.

The remainder of the hunt season was open to any valid license holder that possessed an Upland Game Bird Stamp. Hunts were conducted twice a week, on Saturdays and Wednesdays on both islands.

Site Registration.

The hunter check station opened at 0700 on the day of the hunt. Hunters arriving at the check station were asked to show their hunting license. The license was examined to verify that it was current and that the adult hunters possessed an Upland Game Bird Stamp. After the hunter's name was verified as having been drawn for that particular hunt day, each hunter signed a waiver of liability form and received an entry permit.

Check-out Procedures.

Hunters leaving the field at the end of the hunt were asked to check out and return their permit cards.

Patrols

DFG hunt personnel were responsible for patrolling the hunt zone perimeter and state owned properties on both Sherman and Twitchell islands for all shoot days. On Sherman Island two individuals were caught trespassing by hunt personnel and a local area warden was notified. Individuals were not immediately cited, however, charges were filed later for trespassing after consulting DWR land management personnel.

Results

Applications

This year our office received a total of 2,436 valid and 364 invalid (rejected due to missing information or received late) applications from 42 different counties through out California (Figure 4). Applications were received from counties as far north as Siskiyou and Modoc and as far south as San Diego. The counties of Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Contra Costa had the greatest responses with 564, 352, and 231 applications respectively. County designation was determined by identifying the county where the contact person on each application resided.

During the 1995 season the number of applications received and hunters applying cycled over the season with applicants showing a preference to hunt on weekends (Figures 5 and 6). The average application success rate for the 1995 season was 13.6 percent (excluding special hunts) while the average application success rate for 1994 was 13.25 (Figure 7). In 1994 the no-show rate averaged 34 percent, however, this season that rate jumped to 48 percent.

Hunter Success

During the season 445 individuals participated in the general hunt (of a total 869 selected) and took 234 pheasants. The 1995 season hunters averaged 0.51 bird per hunter which was 11 percent lower than the 1994 season average of 0.62 bird per hunter (Table 1). The best bird/hunter ratio occurred on the Day - 1 of the general hunt, when 0.98 bird was taken per hunter (excluding special hunts).

Internet Registration

This year the DFG implemented an on-line registration via the Internet for those who were interested. We set a goal for having at least 5 percent of the applications submitted for the drawing be via Internet registrations. This application method, however, was significantly more popular than expected and averaged 23 percent of the general hunt applications (Table 2).

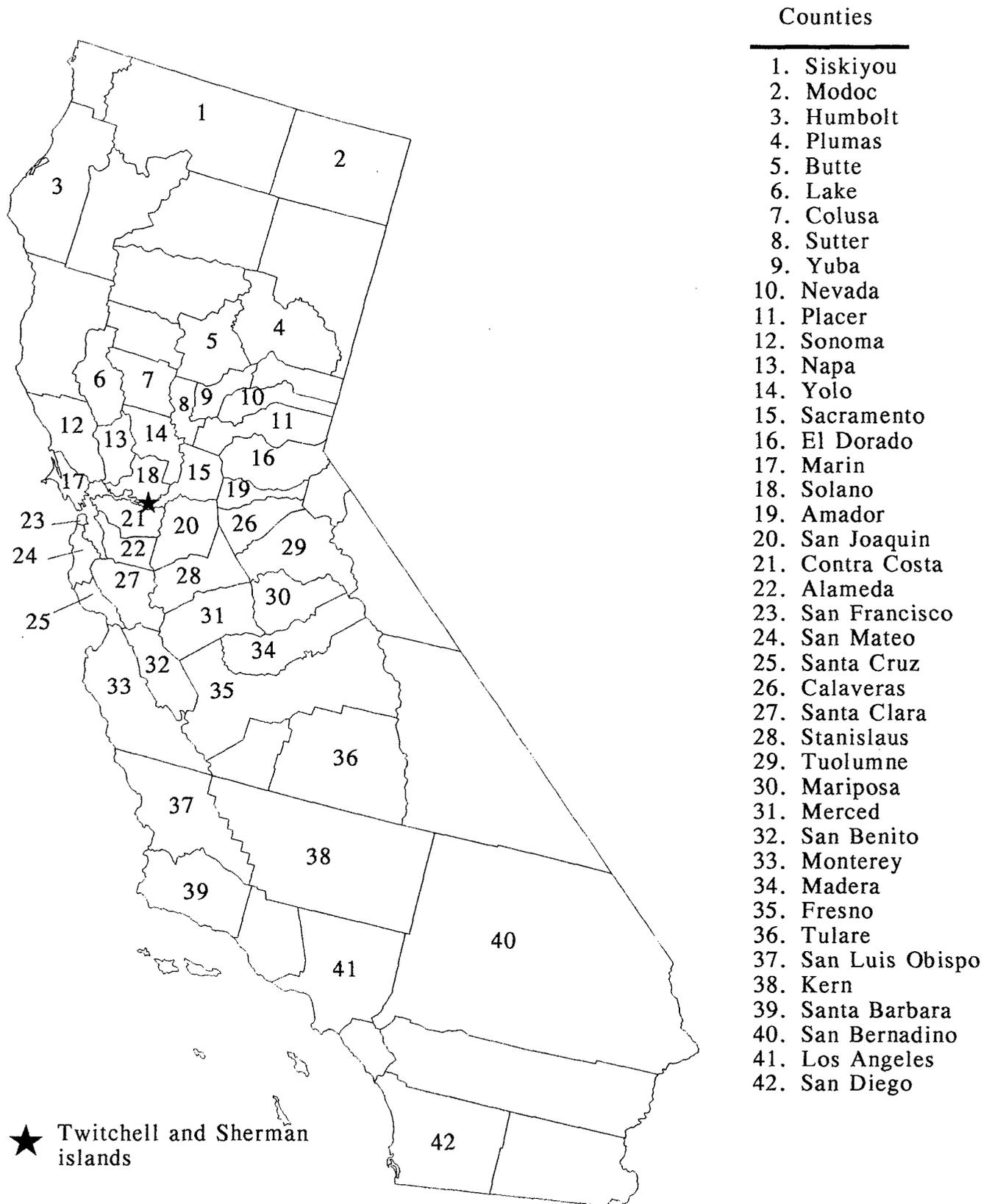


Figure 4. 1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt Summary Report. Counties that submitted applications to the Delta Island pheasant hunt (county response based on address of contact person).

Number of Applications

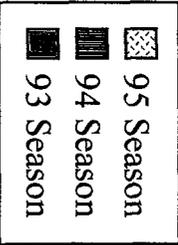
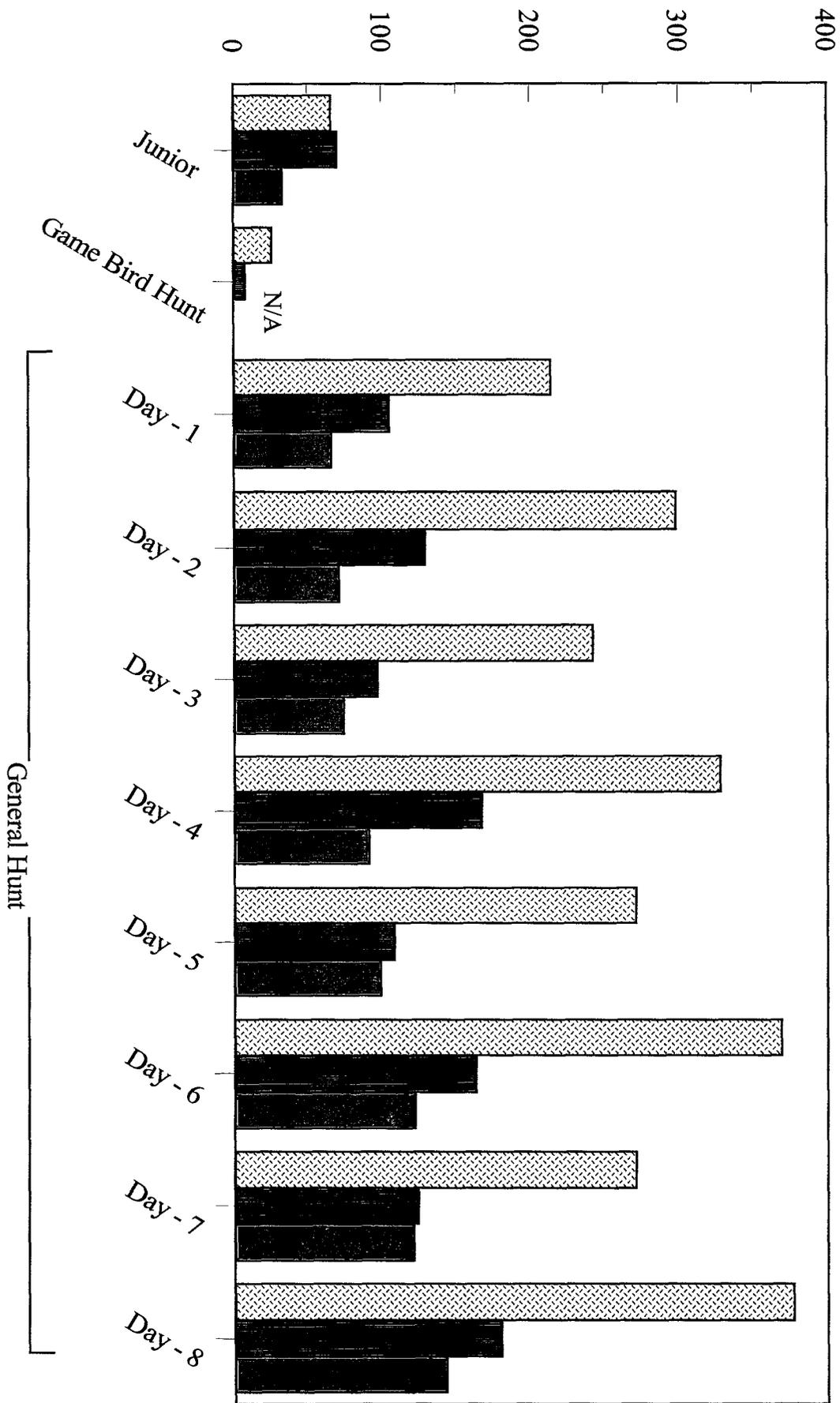


Figure 5. 1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt Summary Report. Number of applications received per hunt date and comparison to previous years.

1/ For a list of actual hunt dates refer to Appendix B

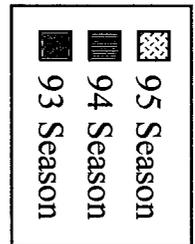
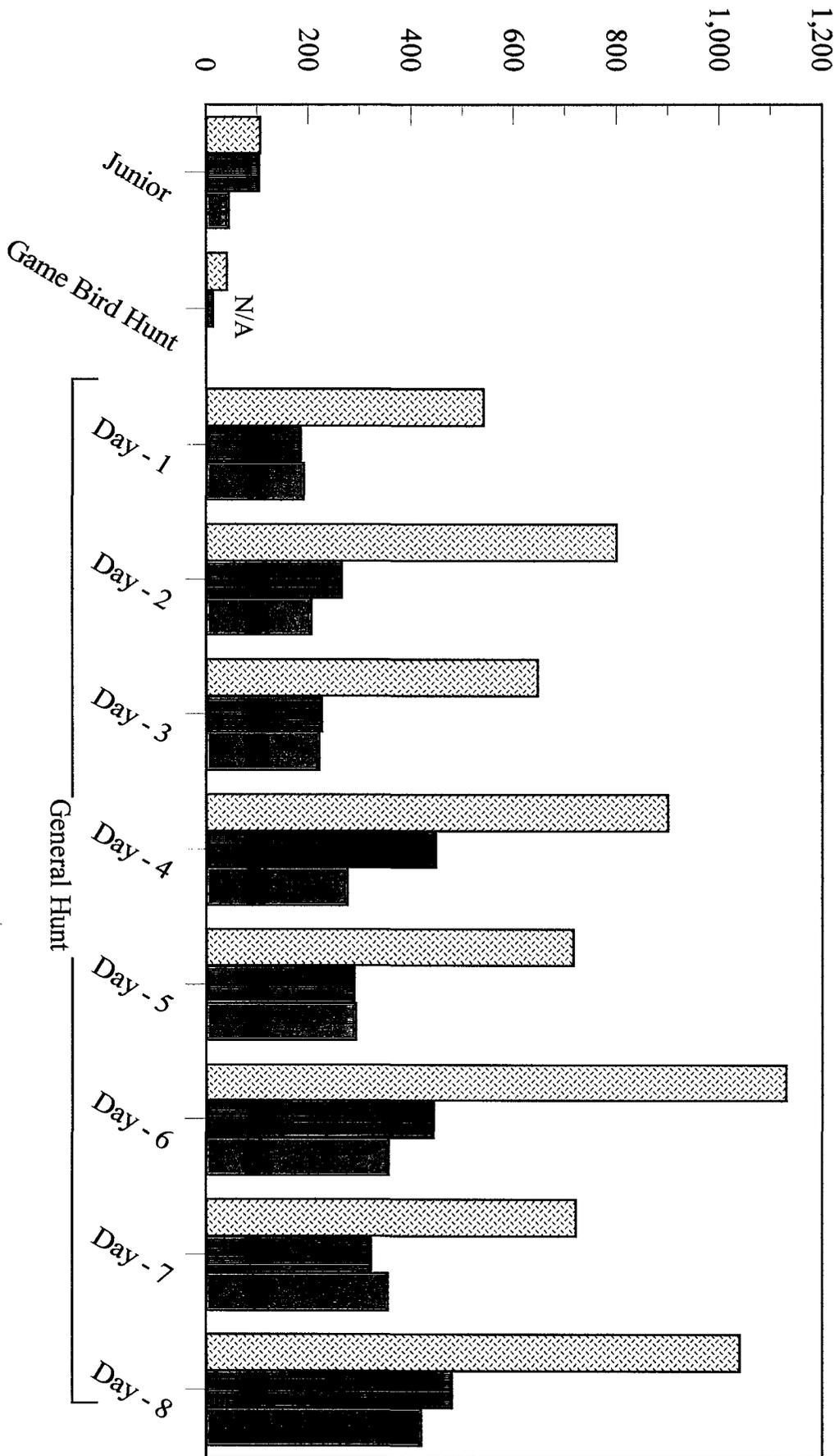


Figure 6. 1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt Summary Report. Number of hunters that applied per hunt date ^{1/} and comparison to previous years.

^{1/} For a list of actual hunt dates refer to Appendix B

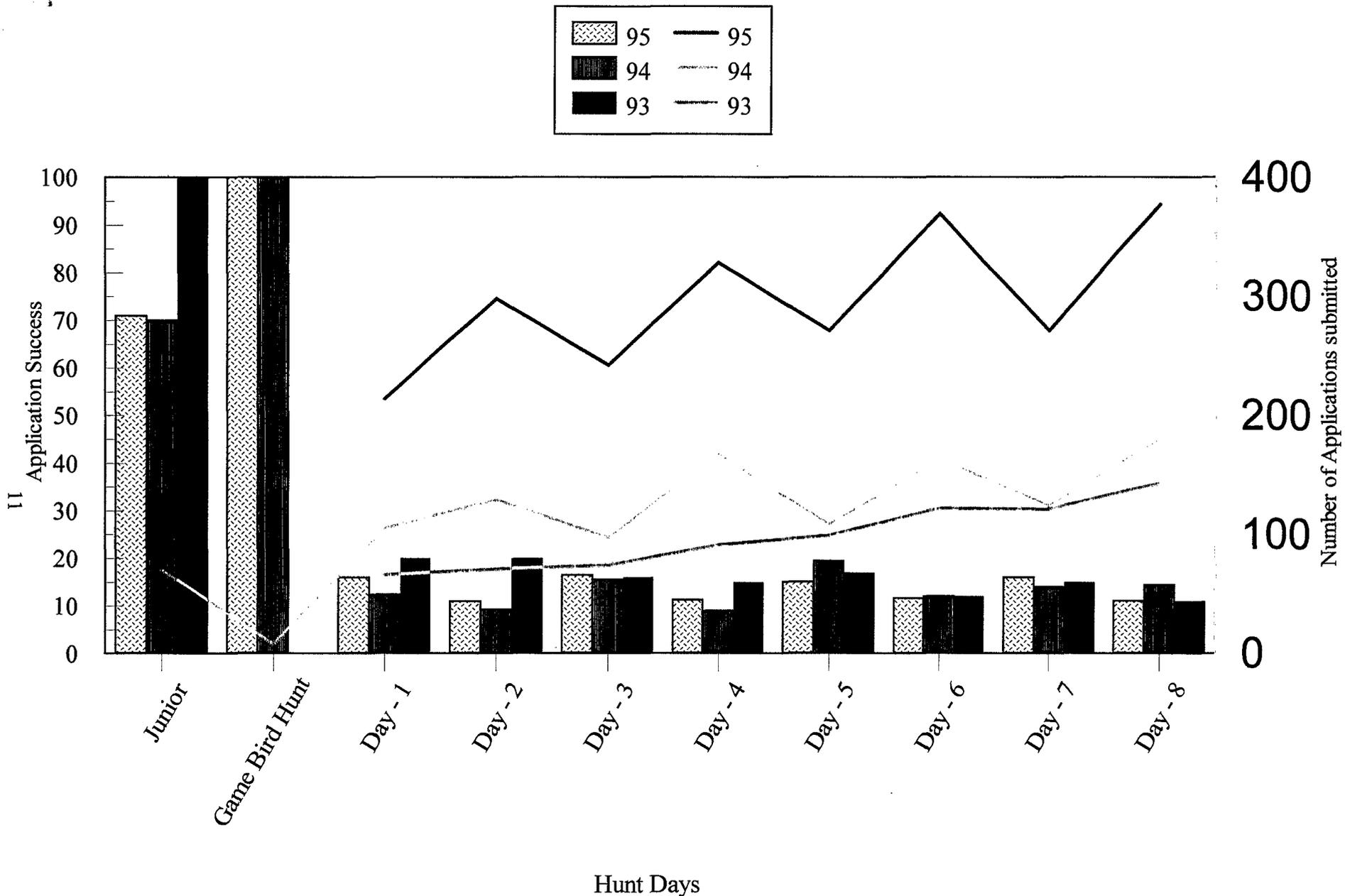


Figure 7. 1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt Summary Report. Applications success rate per hunt date (bars) and number of applications submitted per hunt date (lines) by year. Application success rate is combined for both islands.

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Table 1. 1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt Summary Report. 1995 birds collected and bird/hunter ratio. 1995 is combined for both islands.

	Birds Taken			Birds/Hunter		
	1995	1994	1993	1995	1994	1993
Junior	34	35	9	0.62	0.65	0.23
Game Bird Hunt	50	4	N/A	1.25	0.4	N/A
Day - 1	62	12	11	0.98	0.57	0.35
Day - 2	27	28	18	0.4	1.07	0.64
Day - 3	33	16	22	0.6	0.76	0.44
Day - 4	21	23	20	0.35	0.74	0.48
Day - 5	20	22	24	0.49	0.51	0.83
Day - 6	34	4	10	0.49	0.14	0.33
Day - 7	24	12	7	0.5	0.43	0.39
Day - 8	13	26	16	0.24	0.76	0.57

Table 2. 1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt Summary Report. Internet registration by hunt day for the 1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt.

	Junior Hunt	Day - 1	Day - 2	Day - 3	Day - 4	Day - 5	Day - 6	Day - 7	Day - 8	Average
Total Hunters Entered via Internet	8	142	91	173	199	212	231	215	256	170
Total Internet Applications per Hunt	8	53	70	63	71	75	80	74	88	65
Total Applications	66	214	298	242	328	271	369	271	377	271
Percent Internet Registration	12	25	23	26	22	28	22	27	23	23

Summary and Recommendations

The publicity campaign was considered successful in that it reached individuals in 42 of the 58 counties throughout California. It is believed that the majority of the responses from San Joaquin and Sacramento counties came from the fliers mailed to local license agents (Appendix A). The remainder of the counties received their information through word-of-mouth and local papers picking up the DFG press releases. In addition, the development of an on-line registration simplified the registration process for hunters who had access to the Internet. The registration via the Internet was so successful that we exceeded our goal of 5 percent.

This year our office made attempts to contact applicants whose applications were improperly filled out. The most common mistake, besides missing the application due date, was entering last year's hunting license number on the application. Some of the hunters admitted that they had confused last year's license with their current license, however, others entered the number knowing that they did not have a valid license and were planning on buying a current license when they were drawn for the hunt. These applicants, when contacted and advised that their application was invalid and that it would be withdrawn from the draw process, did purchase a valid hunting license and provided us with the current license number. This season we were able to invite an additional 80 hunters to participate in the hunt program with the addition of other state holdings on Twitchell and Sherman islands. Even with the additional hunter drawings we still experienced a 48 percent no-show rate.

Recommendations for 1996 Hunt

Due to the increased interest (applications received and low success rate for drawing applications) in public hunting opportunities of this nature in California, the DFG feels that making available state holdings in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta would be beneficial. This benefit would not only be to the hunter as a place to hunt, but also to the agency whose property is being utilized. DFG personnel will work with DWR to publicize that both DWR and the State Water Contractors are providing this limited-permit pheasant hunting opportunity by allowing DFG to conduct this hunt on their property. The DFG would provide extra patrols in those areas (by hunt coordinators) and hunters would be educated that these areas are not open to the general public except during these limited hunting opportunities.

To reduce the processing time of applications, future hunt applications that are improperly filled out could be considered for immediate disqualification. However, we will continue to contact hunters that are missing or have incorrect license numbers listed on the application.

Hunter Demand and Opportunities for 1996

Numerous hunters leaving the field thanked the DWR and DFG for allowing them the opportunity to hunt pheasants. Many also stated that as unattached hunters they were finding it more and more difficult to find accessible hunting areas. We received letters from individuals who were concerned that hunter access was declining in the state and wanted to voice their support for opening up other state owned properties to hunter access (Appendix C).

This season we were successful in holding a limited permit special hunt that targeted woman hunters. Additional hunts of this nature should be included in next year's plans for Twitchell Island as limited permit hunts targeting specific groups (i.e. single parent families, minority and ethnic groups, and handicapped individuals). Access to these groups could be accomplished by targeted advertising in their communities, social groups, and support organizations. Specialized hunting opportunities would be held on days other than those established for any licensed hunter. If these programs were found to be successful they would serve as a cornerstone for the development of a state wide program of attracting hunters into the tradition and heritage of hunting. We have scheduled two Junior hunts and one Game Bird Heritage Womans Pheasant Hunt in 1996 to accommodate the demand for special hunting events of this nature.

Acknowledgments

Special thank yous need to be extended to the following individuals and organizations for their help in making the Delta Island pheasant hunt a success: Mr. Robert Potter, Chief Deputy Director of DWR for initiating the idea of a controlled hunt on DWR owned properties on Twitchell Island and his continued support; Ms. Kate Hansel, of Mr. Potter's staff; Mr. Ron Boeck, DWR Land and Right of Way; DWR, Division of Planning Staff, Mr. Dave Brown for his assistance in coordinating and expanding the use of DWR's lands in the Delta; other Division of Planning staff, Mr. Rich Breuer; Region 2, Mr. Richard Engelsen, Wildlife Protection Division for the loan of DFG hand-held radios; Mr. Dan Connelly and Ms. Karen Fothergill, Wildlife Management Division and the Game Bird Heritage Program for providing the funds to operate the hunt; DFG Conservation and Education Personnel; and a thanks to the biologist and scientific aid staff of the Bay-Delta and Special Water Projects Division who helped operate the hunter check station. Ms. Carolyn Murata, Inland Fisheries Division, Urban Fishing Program for providing leaflets and other handout materials for the special hunt. Mr. Martin Maxwell and Mr. Brian Geiger, Bay-Delta and Special Water Projects Division, deserve a round of applause for developing and implementing the on-line registration page on the Internet. A special thanks to the front office secretarial staff who handled the many calls and inquiries that we received concerning this hunt. Thanks to Ms. Jeanne Wallen and her dog Sadie for giving us permission to use her photo on the cover of this report.

Appendix A

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1995 Delta Island - Game Bird Heritage Women's Pheasant Hunt

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG), in an effort to promote and expand hunting opportunities is pleased to announce that a limited-permit pheasant hunt will be held on State holdings located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Lands used for this hunt were purchased with State Water Project Contract Funds and are available through the cooperation of the Department of Water Resources. Funding for this hunt is through the DFG's Upland Game Bird Heritage Program.

The special "Game Bird Heritage Women's" hunt will be held on Sunday November 12, 1995. This hunt is open to any licensed hunter who possess a valid hunting license and an Upland Game Bird Stamp.

All applicants may apply on a standard postcard, with no more than FOUR licensed hunters per card or via the Internet at <http://www.delta.dfg.ca.gov>. The following information must be included to be considered for the hunt:

- Names and 1995 Hunting License numbers of ALL hunters in the party.
- Desired hunt date; ONE date per card and only ONE card per hunt date.
- Address and Phone Number of ONE CONTACT person in the hunting party to be notified if successfully drawn.

Susan Public 1234 Main Street Anytown, CA. 01234 Phone Number Hunt Lic.# H123456-78 Jane Public Hunt Lic.# H123456-79 Hunt Date 12 Nov.	 Pheasant Hunt Department of Fish and Game 4001 North Wilson Way Stockton, CA. 95205 SAMPLE
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Besides the special hunt additional hunting opportunities will be available. Hunt days will be every Saturday and Wednesday starting on November 15, 1995 and continuing through the pheasant season for all hunters. A "Juniors Only" hunt will be held on November 11, 1995. Individuals interested in applying must submit a postcard to the address above and it MUST be received on or before the appropriate application due date as listed below.

<u>Hunt Date</u>		<u>Application Due Date</u>	
11	November 1995*	27	October 1995
12	November 1995#	27	October 1995
15	November 1995	1	November 1995
18	November 1995	3	November 1995
22	November 1995	8	November 1995
25	November 1995	11	November 1995
29	November 1995	15	November 1995
2	December 1995	17	November 1995
6	December 1995	22	November 1995
9	December 1995	27	November 1995

Successful applicants will be selected by random drawing and notified approximately one week before their hunt date.

*On November 11, 1995 A Junior Pheasant Hunt will be held. only hunters who possess a valid junior hunters license may apply. All Junior Hunters must be accompanied by an adult when in the field.

#On November 12, 1995 A "Game Bird Heritage Women's Hunt" will be held for any licensed hunter.



For additional information, call (209) 948-7800

Appendix B

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Hunt Date and Figure Reference

Figure Reference	Hunt Date
Junior Hunt	November 11, 1995
Game Bird Heritage Hunt	November 12, 1995
Day-1	November 15, 1995
Day-2	November 18, 1995
Day-3	November 22, 1995
Day-4	November 25, 1995
Day-5	November 29, 1995
Day-6	December 2, 1995
Day-7	December 6, 1995
Day-8	December 9, 1995

Appendix C

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Dear Mr. Starr,
I was selected for
the Delta Island
Junior hunt on
11/11/95.



I had a good time
and I look forward
to coming again.

This is an
excellent
program for us.
Thanks again.

John Regis

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I have information for a lead hunt
 and only 2 of us are able
 to go, and all are dead end
 "push backs" but still had
 great times! Thanks again
 for getting me back to work
 I'll see you soon
 Thanks for letting us back
 to get the fire back but
 only needed the rest
 best or meet or say

Thanks & Appreciation



LIFE MEMBER

JAMES MINEAR
10408 AUTUMN BREEZE WAY
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA. 95670-5707

Dear Mr. Starr,

We enjoyed the hunt we participated in on Dec 2nd @ Twitchell Island. My Boys and myself would like to thank you and the state of California for putting on these hunts. We didnt get a shot but the conditions were there to be successfull. We think we were going to invest in a dog. Anyway we didnt catch no fish @ the Rancho Sew. Denny either, maybe we just wernt 'Lucky' that day. But we still enjoyed ourselves

Thankyou.

JM

Martin Maxwell, 10:51 AM 11/28/9, Recent Pheasant Hunt

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X-POP3-Rcpt: jstarr@darkstar
Return-Path: <maxwell@delta.dfg.ca.gov>
Date: Tue, 28 Nov 95 10:51 PST
X-Sender: maxwell@darkstar.delta.dfg.ca.gov
To: jstarr
From: Martin Maxwell <maxwell@delta.dfg.ca.gov>
Subject: Recent Pheasant Hunt
Cc: pherrges

>X-POP3-Rcpt: maxwell@darkstar
>Return-Path: <Tony_Kasovich@san-bernardino.sterling.com>
>Date: Tue, 28 Nov 95 10:27:37 PST
>From: Tony_Kasovich@san-bernardino.sterling.com
>To: web@delta.dfg.ca.gov
>Subject: Recent Pheasant Hunt

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> To whom it may concern:
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> I would like to send my thanks to your department for
organizing the
> pheasant hunts on Sherman and Twitchell Islands. My party was
drawn
> for the first general weekend at Sherman Island and were
marginally
> successful, through no lack of birds, rather a lack of accurate

> shot patterns.

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> I especially appreciated the availability of registration via
the
> Internet. Your web site is wonderful. My first question, as Mr.
Starr
> can attest, is "When are you going to make registration for
duck hunts
> on the state refuges available via the WWW?" I find this medium
an
> excellent and convenient way to make registrations as well as
to look
> for the current information that I need.

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> Your department has done a great job in the creation of this
site.

> Please keep up the good work.

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> Sincerely,

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> Tony Kasovich

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> Tony_Kasovich@san-bernardino.sterling.com
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Martin Maxwell, 09:01 AM 11/27/9, Junior Pheasant Hunt

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X-POP3-Rcpt: jstarr@darkstar
Return-Path: <maxwell@delta.dfg.ca.gov>
Date: Mon, 27 Nov 95 09:01 PST
X-Sender: maxwell@darkstar.delta.dfg.ca.gov
To: jstarr
From: Martin Maxwell <maxwell@delta.dfg.ca.gov>
Subject: Junior Pheasant Hunt
Cc: pherrges

>X-POP3-Rcpt: maxwell@darkstar
>Return-Path: <earlec@water.ca.gov>
>From: Earle Cummings <earlec@water.ca.gov>
>Date: Mon, 27 Nov 95 08:48:30 -800
>To: web@delta.dfg.ca.gov
>Subject: Junior Pheasant Hunt

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>Just a note to thank you for offering the Sherman Island
>junior hunt on the pheasant opener. I went with my son
>Bennett, who got his first pheasant (or any other game,
>for that matter.)

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>I really appreciate the extra effort all the people involved
>>went through to make that a success. Every once in a while
>a good deed goes unpunished, but not this time!

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<http://www.delta.dfg.ca.gov>

Support your local Benthic community

Printed for jstarr@delta.dfg.ca.gov (Jim Starr)

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This in from the Internet via the DFG Home Page in Sacramento:

username: timcasey@cwo.com
realname: Tim Casey
Server protocol: HTTP/1.0
Server port: 80
Remote host: pm16.cwo.com
Remote IP address: 205.162.123.46

comments: I recently participated in the Delta Island Pheasant Hunt on November 15, 1995.

This had to be one of the best hunts I have been on. From the time that I received the confirmation letter to the end of the hunt DFG did a masterful job of engineering this hunt. All literature that I received was informative and the map guiding my wife and my self to the area was very helpful.

Once we arrived we found the hunt area to be clearly marked and several DFG employees were on hand to assist in processing the hunters. All of your employees were FRIENDLY and HELPFUL! DMV could use some of them! The actual hunt area was harvested corn, a pleasant surprise, with plenty of game.

All in all this was an excellent hunt! My hats off to James Starr and the rest of DFG employees who made this hunt possible for my wife and myself!

November 13, 1995

James A. Starr
Fishery Biologist
Bay-Delta and Special Water Project Div.
4001 North Wilson Way
Stockton, CA 95205
(209) 948-7800

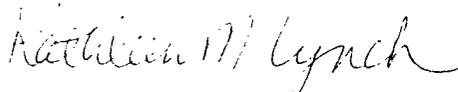
Dear Mr. Starr,

I am writing in response to the 1995 Delta Island - Game Bird Heritage Women's Pheasant Hunt which I attended on Nov. 12. It is a breath of fresh air to see two government agencies working together to provide the land and the opportunity for the hunters of this region to hunt pheasant. I will be happy to spend the extra money now for the Upland Game Bird Stamp knowing that it is coming directly back to me and other fortunate hunters through such a program.

It was an enlightening experience not only to be able to hunt but to feel a genuine concern, interest and support from yourself and the Dept. of Fish and Game personnel in attendance at the hunts for both the youth and women who came to partake.

Thank you for your time and efforts in providing me with the opportunity and the experience I will never forget.

Sincerely,



Kathleen M. Lynch
P.O. Box 78
Amador City, CA 95601

November 13, 1995

Dear James A. Starr,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to hunt at the Delta Island Junior Pheasant hunt on Nov. 11, 1995. It was a terrific experience for me. Even though I did not get anything I still had fun. I enjoyed talking to you after the hunt. I'm sorry I could not make it to the women's hunt. Thank you for putting together the hunt. I think everybody enjoyed it even the parents who could not hunt, (especially my mother.)

Sincerely,



Ashley I. Lynch

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PENNYDAD@aol.com, 06:00 PM 11/14/9, Comments concerning pheas 1

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Return-Path: <PENNYDAD@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 14 Nov 1995 18:00:18 -0500
From: PENNYDAD@aol.com
To: jstarr@delta.dfg.ca.gov
cc: Gemlake@jps.ns.net
Subject: Comments concerning pheasant hunt

Jim

Your information flyer regarding the 1995 Delta Island Pheasant Hunt stated that successful applications would be notified approximately one week before the hunt date. I must report to you that my notification of a successful drawing was recieved by me at 1700 on Monday the 13th of November for a hunt on this Wednesday. Unfortunately my son David and I had made other plans as we had assumed that we were not chosen in the drawing for this date. My suggestion would be that for Wednesday hunts if the notification is sent at least a day earlier it would get to the hunter by Saturday, leaving sufficient time for planning. My son Mark and brother Ed (Gemlake) will be making the hunt and I have asked them to say hello to you. Sorry I will miss the hunt, but I may get successful on another draw and have a chance to try out this program.

Tom Boudinot

Printed for jstarr@delta.dfg.ca.gov (Jim Starr)

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4016 Canon Avenue
Oakland, CA 94602-2226

November 20, 1995

Mr. James A. Starr
Department of Fish and Game
4001 North Wilson Way
Stockton CA 95205-2486

Re: Upland Game Bird Heritage Program

I wanted to express how much I enjoyed the opportunity to hunt during the Women's Pheasant Hunt 11-12-95 at Sherman Island. Because I had only hunted on one private hunting club since I began hunting 3 years ago, I appreciated the recent event as an excellent introduction into pheasant hunting on public lands.

Your crew were very helpful and conducted the hunt in a very professional and friendly way. As a woman hunter, I certainly appreciated being acknowledged as an important participant in the sport. I urge your department to continue and possibly expand this program.

I look forward to future opportunities to expand my hunting horizons.

Cordially,



Diane Tebault

David LaBrie, 10:49 AM 10/30/9, Re: Pheasant Hunt Registrati 1

X-POP3-Rcpt: phunt@darkstar
Return-Path: <labrie@water.ca.gov>
X-Sender: labrie@doppop2
Date: Mon, 30 Oct 1995 10:49:04 -0500
To: phunt@delta.dfg.ca.gov (Pheasant Hunt Registration Account)
From: labrie@water.ca.gov (David LaBrie)
Subject: Re: Pheasant Hunt Registration

>Your applications (November 15 and 18) for the 1995 Delta Island
Pheasant

>Hunt have been received and processed. Good Luck!

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Thank you for the confirmation. Can you explain how the
registrations by
internet and by postcard will be incorporated? What method of
selection is
used? What is the status of Sherman Island - will it be hunted?
What
restrictions, if any, are placed on the "Women's Hunt" (Nov. 12) and
why
wasn't it included in the internet selections or on the flyer?

Any answers that you can provide will be appreciated and I will share
them
with others who are interested in the continued success of this
project. My
partner and I were lucky enough to be drawn in the past, and though
we
hunted the last days of the season, we've had two excellent hunts.

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Martin Maxwell, 09:13 AM 10/25/9, 1995 Bay-Delta Pheasant Hunt 1

X-POP3-Rcpt: jstarr@darkstar
Return-Path: <maxwell@delta.dfg.ca.gov>
Date: Wed, 25 Oct 95 09:13 PDT
X-Sender: maxwell@darkstar.delta.dfg.ca.gov
To: jstarr
From: Martin Maxwell <maxwell@delta.dfg.ca.gov>
Subject: 1995 Bay-Delta Pheasant Hunt

>X-POP3-Rcpt: maxwell@darkstar
>Return-Path: <FromBeany@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 25 Oct 1995 01:42:53 -0400
>From: FromBeany@aol.com
>To: web@delta.dfg.ca.gov
>Subject: 1995 Bay-Delta Pheasant Hunt

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>Thanks for the opportunity to register on the computer. We didn't
know you
>folks had a website and there is a lot of other interesting
information on
>this website. We look forward to seeing more....
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| rehbock@cats.ucsc.e, 09:50 AM 11/2/95, Re: Pheasant Hunt Reg 1

X-POP3-Rcpt: phunt@darkstar
Return-Path: <rehbock@cats.ucsc.edu>
From: rehbock@cats.ucsc.edu
Date: Thu, 2 Nov 1995 09:50:39 -0800
To: phunt@delta.dfg.ca.gov, rehbock@cats.ucsc.edu
Subject: Re: Pheasant Hunt Registration

Many thanks for the confirmation of my applications for the Delta Island Pheasant hunts, and above all for letting me know that they arrived for all the dates I had selected. During the process I forgot to check off each date, and was unsure whether I had hit them all (or, god forbid!, had filed more than one application for a single date!).

This has been a VERY useful procedure, and I would certainly support its implementation for other such hunts orchestrated by DF&G (e.g. sage hen hunt, etc.)

As to luck, I recall the old saw about wishing to be the luckiest hunter in the world rather than the best. But there's never enough to go around ...

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