

social and economic disadvantage (SED) affirmatively based on their own experiences and circumstances within American society, and without any presumptions based on race or sex.

(1) To satisfy the SED requirement and ensure all determinations of disadvantage are not based in whole or in part on a presumption of disadvantage based on race or sex, an owner must provide the certifier with a Personal Narrative (PN) that establishes the existence of disadvantage by a preponderance of the evidence based on individualized proof regarding specific instances of economic hardship, social barriers, or denied opportunities that impeded the owner's progress or success in education, employment, or business, including obtaining financing on terms available to non-disadvantaged individuals with comparable qualifications.

(2) The PN must identify at least one objective basis for the owner's disadvantaged status. The basis may be any identifiable status or condition. The PN must describe this objective distinguishing feature (ODF) in sufficient detail to justify the owner's conclusion that it prompted economic hardship, social barriers, or denied opportunities that the owner experienced.

(3) The PN must state how and to what extent the impediments caused the owner economic harm, including a full description of the type and magnitude.

(4) The owner must attach to the PN a current PNW statement and any other financial information he considers relevant. If a certifier has a reasonable basis to believe that an owner who submits a PNW statement that is below the current PNW cap is not economically disadvantaged, the certifier may determine that the individual is not economically disadvantaged in fact under paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Economically disadvantaged in fact.* The certifier may conclude that a reasonable person would not consider the owner economically disadvantaged in fact (EDIF) compared to non-disadvantaged individuals with comparable qualifications.

(1) *Evidence to consider.* There are no limitations or exclusions. The certifier may consider individual's assets, income, access to credit and capital. (e.g., disproportionately expensive homes; premium luxury personal property; high-value stocks or retirement funds; unearned assets; substantial trust holdings). This includes avoiding the free use of, or ready access to, the benefits of such wealth. The certifier need only

demonstrate "ballpark" values based on available evidence.

Example 1 to paragraph (b)(1): An owner of an engineering firm has, or enjoys the benefits of, excessively high income of \$X; an exorbitant home worth approximately \$Y; substantial interests in outside businesses Q, R, and S; four rental properties of aggregate value \$Z; holds a high-value retirement account worth approximately \$V.

(2) [Reserved]

■ 9. Amend § 26.111 by:

- a. Adding a heading to paragraph (a);
- b. Revising paragraph (a)(4);
- c. Adding a heading to paragraph (b);
- d. Revising paragraph (c); and
- e. Adding paragraph (d).

The additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 26.111 The DBE reevaluation process

(a) *Reevaluation.* * * *

(4) Issue a written decision to each firm reevaluated pursuant to paragraph (a)(3) of this section, stating either that it has been retained as a DBE or has been disqualified from the DBE program. For disqualified firms, the decision must follow the requirements of § 26.86(a).

(b) *Relationship to § 26.87.* * * *

(c) *Deadline for completion.* Each UCP must complete the reevaluation process required under this section no later than December 24, 2026.

(1) *Extension.* A UCP may request a one-time extension of up to 90 days to complete the reevaluation process. The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) may grant this extension if it determines that good cause exists. UCPs must request extensions in advance of the reevaluation deadline.

(2) *Notice of completion.* Following the completion of the reevaluation process, each UCP must promptly email the Department's OSDBU at DBEreevaluations@dot.gov. The email must clearly state that the reevaluation process is complete for all UCP members, not just a subset of certifiers. Within three business days of emailing OSDBU, the UCP must send a copy of the email to all recipients of DOT funding (certifying and non-certifying agencies) within its jurisdiction. The email must provide the following data:

(i) *Total DBEs that remain certified.* The number of DBEs that remained certified following the reevaluation, including a certification that the UCP is the Jurisdiction of Original Certification (JOC) that certified the DBEs;

(ii) *Total DBEs disqualified.* The number of DBEs disqualified because an owner failed to meet the requirements of § 26.67; and

(iii) *DBEs not processed due to nonresponse.* The number of DBEs that the UCP did not reevaluate because the owner failed to respond to the notice requiring the submission of Personal Narratives (PNs) and Personal Net Worth (PNW) statements.

(3) *Right of review.* The Department reserves the right to review the UCP's reevaluation process and the underlying documentation for any firm reported under paragraph (c)(2) of this section.

(d) *Non-responsive firms.* Any DBE that fails to submit its owner's PN and PNW statement by the date the UCP completes its reevaluation process, as reported to the Department under paragraph (c)(2) of this section, must be issued a written notice of nonresponse by the UCP. The DBE has until March 24, 2027 to submit the PN and PNW statement to the UCP. If the UCP is granted an extension under paragraph (c)(1) of this section, the DBE must submit the PN and PNW statement within 90 days of the UCP's extended deadline. Any firm that fails to submit the required documentation by the applicable deadline provided in this paragraph (d) will be automatically disqualified by the UCP without further administrative proceedings. The UCP need only issue a NOD, under § 26.86(a), informing the firm that it has been disqualified for failure to meet the requirements of § 26.67.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–NWRs–2026–1223; FXRS1261090000–267–FF09R20000]

RIN 1018–BI71

National Wildlife Refuge System; 2026–2027 Station-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations; Correction

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS or Service), are correcting a final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** on September 1, 2026. The rule opened or expanded hunting opportunities on 111 field stations, including 107 units of the National Wildlife Refuges System (Refuge System or NWRs) and 4 units of the National Fish Hatchery System (Hatchery System or NFHS).

DATES: This rule is effective September 25, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Henning, Branch Chief of Conservation Planning and Policy, julie_henning@fws.gov, 571-389-3584. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are correcting the final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** on September 1, 2026, at 91 FR 56290 (FR document 2026-17895). The rule opened or expanded hunting opportunities on 111 field stations, including 107 units of the National Wildlife Refugees System (Refuge System or NWRs) and 4 units of the National Fish Hatchery System (Hatchery System or NFHS). The September 1, 2026, final rule included erroneous paragraph designations for NFHS units as part of amendatory instruction 33 on page 56365 which resulted in incorrect paragraph designations for several new entries. This document corrects paragraph designations and cross references for regulations in title 50 Code of Federal Regulations part 71 at § 71.11 National fish hatcheries open for hunting. For clarity, we revise and republish § 71.11 with this document.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 71

Fish, Fishing, Hunting, Wildlife.

Regulation Promulgation

Accordingly, part 71, subchapter E of chapter I, title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 71—HUNTING AND SPORT FISHING ON NATIONAL FISH HATCHERIES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 4, Pub. L. 73-121, 48 Stat. 402, as amended; sec. 4, Pub. L. 87-714, 76 Stat. 654; 5 U.S.C. 301; 16 U.S.C. 460k, 664, 668dd, 1534.

■ 2. Revise and republish § 71.11 to read as follows:

§ 71.11 National fish hatcheries open for hunting.

The following hatcheries are open for hunting as governed by applicable Federal and State regulations, and are

listed in alphabetical order with additional hatchery-specific regulations.

(a) *Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow the hunting of migratory game bird species authorized by the State on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following conditions:

- (i) We prohibit night hunting.
- (ii) Hunters may enter the hatchery 1 hour before legal sunrise and must leave no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.
- (iii) We allow only portable stands and blinds for hunting, and they must be removed at the end of each day's hunt.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of upland game species authorized by the State on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of big game species authorized by the State on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the conditions set forth at paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section.

(b) *Green Lake National Fish Hatchery*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow the hunting of migratory game bird species, authorized by the State on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following conditions:

- (i) We prohibit night hunting.
- (ii) Hunters may enter the hatchery 1 hour before legal sunrise and must leave no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.
- (iii) We allow only portable stands and blinds for hunting, and they must be removed at the end of each day's hunt.

(iv) Trapping, baiting, or hunting over bait is prohibited for all species.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of upland game species authorized by the State on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of big game species authorized by the State on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the conditions set forth at paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section.

(c) *Iron River National Fish Hatchery*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow duck, goose, coot, rail, snipe, woodcock, dove, and crow hunting on designated areas of the hatchery.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow pheasant, bobwhite quail, ruffed and sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, rabbit/hare, squirrel, coyote, fox, bobcat, raccoon, opossum, skunk,

weasel, and woodchuck hunting on designated areas of the hatchery.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow white-tailed deer, turkey, and bear hunting on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must label tree stands and ground blinds with the owner's State hunting license number. The label must be readable from the ground.

(ii) You may place tree stands and ground blinds on the hatchery only from September 1 to December 31 annually.

(d) *Jordan River National Fish Hatchery*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow the hunting of migratory game bird species authorized by the State on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow entry into the hatchery 1 hour before legal sunrise and require hunters to leave the hatchery no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit shooting on or over any hatchery road and shooting within 50 feet (15 meters) from the centerline.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iv) We allow the harvest of pigeon during any open season.

(v) You must remove all personal property, including but not limited to boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, platforms, and cameras, brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of upland game species authorized by the State, except hunting of English sparrow and European starling, on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit night hunting of upland game from 30 minutes after legal sunset until 30 minutes before legal sunrise the following day.

(iii) We allow the harvest of feral hogs, including Russian boar, during big game hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of bear, elk, white-tailed deer, and turkey on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the conditions set forth at paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (v) of this section.

(e) *Leadville National Fish Hatchery*—(1) *Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the hatchery.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the hatchery.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following conditions:

(i) You must label tree stands and ground blinds with the owner's State hunting license number. The label must be readable from the ground.

(ii) You may place tree stands and ground blinds on the refuge only from September 1 to December 31 annually.

(4) *Sport fishing*. See § 71.12(l) for hatchery-specific fishing regulations for this hatchery.

(f) *Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow migratory game bird hunting on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs for hunting in accordance with State of Washington hunting regulations.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow upland game hunting on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs for hunting in accordance with State of Washington hunting regulations.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow big game hunting on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following condition: We allow the use of dogs for hunting in accordance with State of Washington hunting regulations.

(4) *Sport fishing*. See § 71.12(m) for hatchery-specific fishing regulations for this hatchery.

(g) *Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery—(1) Migratory bird hunting*. We allow hunting of crow on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. Hunters must remove all equipment at the end of each day's hunt.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of bobcat, grouse, partridge, and porcupine on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of bear, elk, black-tailed deer, mule deer, and turkey on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the conditions set forth at paragraphs (g)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section.

(4) *Sport fishing*. See § 71.12(n) for hatchery-specific fishing regulations for this hatchery.

(h) *Southwest Native Aquatic Resources and Recovery Center—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow the hunting of sandhill crane, light and

dark goose, duck, merganser, coot, mourning and white-winged dove, and band-tailed pigeon on designated areas of the center.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow the hunting of Eurasian collared-dove; dusky (blue) grouse; pheasant; scaled quail; and Abert's, red, gray, and fox squirrel on designated areas of the center.

(3) [Reserved]

(i) *Pendill's Creek National Fish Hatchery—(1) Migratory game bird hunting*. We allow hunting of migratory game bird species authorized by the State on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following conditions:

(i) We allow entry into the hatchery 1 hour before legal sunrise and require hunters to leave the hatchery no later than 1 hour after legal sunset.

(ii) We prohibit shooting on or over any hatchery road and shooting within 50 feet (15 meters) from the centerline.

(iii) We allow the use of dogs while hunting, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

(iv) We allow the harvest of pigeon during any open season.

(v) You must remove all personal property, including but not limited to boats, decoys, blinds, blind materials, stands, platforms, and cameras, brought onto the refuge at the end of each day's hunt (see §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of this chapter).

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow the hunting of upland game species authorized by the State, except for English sparrows and European starlings, on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following conditions:

(i) The conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (v) of this section apply.

(ii) We prohibit night hunting of upland game from 30 minutes after legal sunset until 30 minutes before legal sunrise the following day.

(iii) We allow the harvest of feral hog, including Russian boar, during big game hunting.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow white-tailed deer, turkey, and bear hunting on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the conditions set forth at paragraphs (i)(1)(i) through (v) of this section.

(j) *Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery—(1) Migratory bird hunting*. We allow hunting of crow on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following conditions:

(i) We only allow portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of nonliving natural materials. Hunters

must remove all equipment at the end of each day's hunt.

(ii) We allow the use of dogs when hunting.

(2) *Upland game hunting*. We allow hunting of bobcat, grouse, partridge, and porcupine on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(3) *Big game hunting*. We allow hunting of bear, elk, black-tailed deer, mule deer, and wild turkey on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following condition: The conditions set forth at paragraphs (j)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section apply.

(4) *Sport fishing*. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the hatchery subject to the following condition: We only allow fishing from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

[Docket No. 260813–0186; RTID 0648–XG056]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the General Category September Fishery for 2026

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS closes the General category fishery for Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) for the remainder of the September time period. The General category may only retain, possess, or land large medium and giant (*i.e.*, measuring 73 inches (185 centimeters (cm) curved fork length (CFL) or greater) BFT when the fishery is open. This action also waives the previously scheduled restricted-fishing days (RFDs) for the remainder of the September time period. With the RFDs waived during the closure, fishermen aboard General category permitted vessels and HMS Charter/Headboat permitted vessels may tag and release BFT of all sizes, subject to the requirements of the catch-and-