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Open Houses Slated to Discuss Next Year's Hunting Changes in Pool 4

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge invites the public to attend informational open houses to preview maps and discuss changes in Pool 4 for the fall 2009 hunting season.

The changes were first proposed during the comprehensive conservation planning process for the entire refuge completed in 2006.

The open houses will be held Thursday, September 25 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the AmericInn, in Wabasha, MN and Saturday, September 27 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Nelson Community Center in Nelson, WI.

Information on Pool 4 including waterfowl numbers, aquatic vegetation, maps and aerial photos will be available for viewing and refuge staff will be on-hand to answer questions. No formal presentations will be made.

Following, the open houses, all information will be made available online at www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver.

Interested parties who are unable to attend the open houses may request the information by visiting the Winona District Office at 51 East 4th Street, Room 203, in Winona, MN or by calling 507-454-7351 after the open houses.