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(Neb.)-Intentional Baiting Closes Walgren Lake For Waterfowl Hunting



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(Hay Springs)-Officials with Nebraska Game and Parks have announced some temporary orders regarding Walgren Lake State Recreation Area. According to a press release on Wednesday, the facility has been temporarily closed to waterfowl hunting, effective immediately, because of the intentional placement of grain on private property, creating an area of influence for waterfowl.

Nebraska and federal laws do not allow the hunting of waterfowl on or over a baited area. Waterfowl hunting may resume 10 days after the bait is gone from the area.

Reports from local hunters indicate an adjoining landowner placed the grain, but no reason was given for the actions. Although it was placed on private property, since the land is adjoining the State Recreation Area, this interferes with waterfowl hunting, and even though the grain was not placed there by hunters, state law does not make any accommodations for those who were not involved in the act of the baiting.

As soon as the lake is open again for hunting, the Game and Parks will notify local authorities and media, and we will pass that along to our listeners.

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