

THE AREA OF LAND OR WATER is suitable for wildlife protection and management. If the area of land or water is acceptable as a wildlife refuge, the Department shall notify the person of this fact. The person shall sign a lease, vesting the State with every hunting right in the area of land or water without charge. The lease also shall provide that [neither] the owner, [his] THE OWNER'S family, agents, tenants, [nor] AND any other person may NOT hunt on the area of land or water, and that [he] THE PERSON will make every effort to protect the refuge from forest fires, hunting, or any violation of any State conservation law. The lease or agreement shall continue in force for an uninterrupted period of at least [five] 5 years.

(c) If the person who owns or controls the area of land or water named in any lease on which there is no charge sells the area of land or water, the area is released from the operation of the lease unless the purchaser agrees to allow [it] THE AREA to remain under lease. [Either the] THE Department or the owner of the area of land or water may rescind any lease for which there is no charge made pursuant to this section after giving 90 days written notice to the other party of intent to terminate the lease.

10-807.

(A) A person may not enter in any manner on any State wildlife refuge without the consent of the Department or person in charge of the area of land or water.

(B) (1) A person may not allow any dog, domestic stock, or poultry to enter in any manner on any State-owned wildlife refuge.

(2) The Department may grant a special written permit, subject to revocation at any time, to any person regularly residing on lands included within any wildlife refuge to have any trap, dog, or gun on the refuge. However, the trap, dog, or gun may not be used in hunting wildlife unless done under special permit from the Department for propagating purposes.

(3) Where any portion of a State wildlife refuge is used for a State park, entry by any person within the refuge area for recreational pursuits may not be restricted on the portion used as a State park as long as the person does not carry any firearm or trap nor permit any dog to disturb or chase wildlife.

(C) The Department by written permission may grant to any responsible person the right to hunt for vermin and use any dog and gun in connection with hunting on State wildlife refuges. [It] THE DEPARTMENT also may grant permission to hunt wildlife to be used for propagation purposes.

10-808.

The Department may adopt[, promulgate,] and post [rules and] regulations for the proper use and administration of any State land or water [it] THE DEPARTMENT controls or owns.

10-901.

The General Assembly finds and declares that it is in the public interest to insure the conservation, preservation, and condition of wildlife native to Maryland, by strictly