BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

    Article – Natural Resources

    Section 10–604 through 10–606

    Annotated Code of Maryland

    (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Natural Resources

10–604.

(a)   A person may hunt wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural bottom only in the waters of the Susquehanna Flats, the nontidal waters of the Potomac River, and in other waters of the State in areas and on days the Department prescribes by regulation.

(b)   A person may hunt wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural bottom at a licensed offshore stationary blind or blind site.

(c)   A person hunting wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural bottom shall remain at least 250 yards from all offshore stationary blinds or blind sites or another person hunting wild waterfowl offshore.

(d)   (1)   A person hunting wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural bottom shall be at least 800 yards from shore including shore emerging at mean low water except in nontidal waters of the Potomac River, IN THE WATERS OF THE SUSQUEHANNA FLATS, or while hunting at a licensed stationary blind or blind site.

(2)   IN THE WATERS OF THE SUSQUEHANNA FLATS, A PERSON HUNTING WILD WATERFOWL WHILE STANDING IN WATER ON THE NATURAL BOTTOM SHALL BE AT LEAST 400 YARDS FROM SHORE INCLUDING SHORE EMERGING AT MEAN LOW WATER.

(e)   A person may not hunt wild waterfowl while standing in State waters on the natural bottom when the natural bottom is privately owned, unless the hunter has the written permission of the landowner.

(f)   Except at a licensed stationary blind or blind site, a nonresident may not hunt wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural bottom unless accompanied by a Maryland resident.

10–605.

(a)   A person may hunt wild waterfowl from a boat that is drifting or being sculled, only in:

(1)   The nontidal waters of the Potomac River, Conococheague Creek, and the Monocacy River;