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FILING CAPTION: Procedures for Issuance and Enforcement of Sauvie Island Beaches Pass

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**NEED FOR THE RULE(S):**

This temporary rule is needed to modify regulations for parking at Sauvie Island Wildlife Area beaches and to add the requirement to possess a free pass issued by ODFW in order to park on the wildlife area to access nearby beaches during periods of high usage. A limited number of Sauvie Island Beaches Passes will be issued to limit the number of vehicles accessing beach parking lots. This will improve management of the property in a manner more consistent with the wildlife area's purpose, and will improve human safety and allow for emergency vehicle access.

**JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:**

Due to safety concerns, ODFW believes time is of the essence in making changes to the parking situation at Sauvie Island. However, this change may be viewed as significant by visitors to the wildlife area and those who live near the beaches on Reeder Road. ODFW is implementing this change through a temporary rule as a pilot effort to inform long-term solutions, which would be undertaken under the permanent rule process.

High traffic volumes can occur on high temperature summer days, particularly on weekends and holidays. The intense traffic creates significant safety concerns due to potential restrictions of emergency services access, as well as pedestrian/vehicle safety concerns. Because parking is on the west side of the road and the beach is on the east side of the road, conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians is common and can be dangerous. At periods of high use, ODFW staff have observed limitations on emergency vehicles being able to timely access the beach areas to respond to emergencies.

Access to these parking areas is currently not constrained beyond the requirement to purchase a wildlife area parking permit (unlimited in number issued). At periods of high use, intense traffic, illegal parking – including blockages of traffic flow, are common. The new pass and this regulation will allow ODFW to limit access into the parking areas to a specific number of vehicles in order to alleviate traffic and parking congestion in the parking areas.

The primary objective is protecting and improving waterfowl habitat and providing a public hunting area, though access to beaches has become an increasingly popular additional use. In addition to public safety concerns, the high traffic of vehicles and people raises concerns over impacts to wildlife habitat and disturbance of wildlife.

Adoption of the temporary rule will allow ODFW to conduct a pilot effort to limit the total number of vehicles legally allowed to access Sauvie Island beach areas on weekends and holidays through Labor Day. Limiting the number of vehicles will also limit the number of beachgoers, which will allow for more safe conditions.

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DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

A copy of the rules and the other documents relied upon for this rulemaking are available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Division, Second Floor, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon 97302-1142, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on normal working days, Monday through Friday.

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AMEND: 635-008-0147

RULE SUMMARY: Rule amendments require a date-specific Sauvie Island Beaches Pass when parking within a designated parking lot at Willow Bar Beach, Walton Beach, Collins Beach and North Unit Beach on weekends and state-observed holidays from July 4, 2025, through September 1, 2025. These rules detail the procedures for issuance and enforcement of the pass.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-008-0147

Rules Regarding Public Use for Sauvie Island Wildlife Area ¶¶

The Sauvie Island Wildlife Area is open to wildlife-oriented public use compatible with the goals and objectives contained in the 2012 Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Management Plan unless otherwise excluded or restricted by the following rules:¶¶

- (1) Hunting is prohibited except by daily hunt permit. The permit must be possessed at all times by users and must be completed and returned at the end of the day.¶¶
- (2) Discharging firearms is prohibited except for shotguns on designated Dog Training Areas, Trapshooting Areas, or as authorized during game bird and game mammal season.¶¶
- (3) The wildlife area is closed to the public between 10 pm and 4 am.¶¶
- (4) Camping is prohibited.¶¶
- (5) All dogs must be on leash, except:¶¶
  - (a) While accompanied by a licensed hunter when being used to hunt during authorized seasons on Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, including while going to or coming from hunting locations, or;¶¶
  - (b) Pursuant to a valid "Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit" or "Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Individual Dog Training Permit."¶¶
- (6) Domestically-raised game birds may only be released, pursued or taken pursuant to:¶¶
  - (a) A valid "Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit" or;¶¶
  - (b) A valid "Game Bird Release Permit for Hunting Dog and Raptor Training" and a "Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Individual Dog Training Permit" or;¶¶
  - (c) As authorized by the Department.¶¶
- (7) Open fires are prohibited.¶¶
- (8) Any vehicle found parked or unattended on the Wildlife Area between the hours of 10 pm and 4 am, or obstructing public access, may be towed at the expense of the registered owner or owners.¶¶
- (9) No person shall possess or use lead shot at any time.¶¶
- (10) Horses and bicycles are restricted to roads open to vehicles.¶¶
- (11) Portions of Sauvie Island Wildlife Area are closed to all entry except by hunting permit during authorized waterfowl hunting seasons.¶¶
- (12) Portions of Sauvie Island Wildlife Area will be closed from the end of waterfowl hunting season through April 30 each year.¶¶
- (13) The use of air guns, BB guns and paintball guns is prohibited.¶¶
- (14) Operation of boats in Sturgeon Lake Refuge is prohibited from Oct. 1 to April 15. Operating boats over 5 mi per hour is prohibited on all area lakes. Sturgeon Lake Refuge is closed to all hunting year-round.¶¶
- (15) Closed to hunting of furbearers, predators, unprotected and protected wildlife (except black-tailed deer, rabbit, crow, Eurasian collared-dove and game birds).¶¶
- (16) Trapping is prohibited.¶¶

(17) ODFW Wildlife Area Parking Permit required.¶

(18) In addition to an ODFW Wildlife Area Parking Permit, vehicles parking in designated beach parking lots at Willow Bar Beach, Walton Beach, Collins Beach and North Unit Beach must obtain a free Sauvie Island Beaches Pass on weekends and state-observed holidays from July 4, 2025 through September 1, 2025. See 635-008-0147(19).¶

(19) Procedures for Issuance and Enforcement of Sauvie Island Beaches Pass: The following procedures relating to issuance and enforcement of a Sauvie Island Beaches Pass ("pass") apply to vehicles parking in designated beach parking lots:¶

(a) In addition to a Wildlife Area Parking Permit, a limited entry, date-specific Sauvie Island Beaches Pass is required when parking within a designated parking lot at Willow Bar Beach, Walton Beach, Collins Beach and North Unit Beach on weekends and state-observed holidays from July 4, 2025, through September 1, 2025.¶

(b) Parking areas are designated by ODFW signs.¶

(c) Passes are issued by agents, Department offices that sell licenses and the Department's Electronic Licensing System. No more than 1,500 passes will be made available each day, with the exact number to be determined by the Department. These passes are free of charge. Customers are limited to one pass per date.¶

(d) Vehicles entering the beach area north of Rentenaar Road must show both a valid parking permit and the Sauvie Island Beaches Pass to ODFW staff or contractor at the Sauvie Island East Side Check Station on Reeder Road. A printed pass, a pass visible on the visitor's myODFW phone application, a digital screen shot or pdf of a valid pass are considered a valid permit. An ODFW ID number will not permit a visitor to pass the ODFW checkpoint.¶

(e) No pass will be required for those vehicles which are owned or operated by government agencies, owners or residents of private property off Reeder Road north of Rentenaar Road or their guests, delivery services, or for licensed anglers and other members of the public accessing the Gilbert River. Notwithstanding paragraph (c), the Department and its designees reserve the right to issue free administrative passes for vehicles accessing these areas for Department-related or other approved activities. Passes will not be required for individuals arriving in private vehicles to address fire, health or safety emergencies.¶

(20) No person shall possess or use alcoholic beverages or consumable products containing alcohol from May 1 through September 30 on the Wildlife Area except ODFW employees, family members and guests of the employee may possess and use alcohol on agency owned residential property leased by the employee.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146