2011 Special Controlled Dove Hunting Rules for District 5 Wildlife Areas

and St. Marys Fish Hatchery

Drawing Dates, Times, and Locations for 2011!

1. Controlled hunts on Fallsville, Indian Creek, Bott, Spring Valley, and Rush Run Wildlife Areas are open to dove hunters by permit only Sept. 1 and 2, 2011 (**See drawing dates, times, and locations below**). These areas will be open to all other dove hunters after the first 2 days of the season.

2. You may not enter any part of the wildlife area that is posted with signs stating: "Controlled Dove Hunting Area – No Trespassing without a Controlled Hunting Permit", without a special permit. Drawings for the permits will be at the wildlife area headquarters**. *Bott wildlife area will hold its drawings at the Indian Creek Headquarters**.

3. Hunting by permit is restricted to assigned stations in the Controlled Dove Hunting Areas. There is a limit of 2 hunters per party. The number of stations will be announced prior to opening day.

4. **Fallsville, Indian Creek, *Bott, Spring Valley, and Rush Run will hold drawings for "opening day" on August 27, 2011, 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the respective area headquarters (except *Bott Wildlife Area which will hold its drawings at the Indian Creek Headquarters).**

5. **Drawings for the Sept. 2nd hunt will be held the day of the hunt at 12:00 pm (noon). There will be no drawings held on Thursday, September 1!**

6. **Youth Priority Hunts (Youth are given drawing priority on selected dates):**

   - **St. Marys Fish Hatchery "opening day" hunt will be drawn on August 27, 2011, 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the St. Marys Fish Hatchery. Drawings for the 3rd, 6th, 10th, 13th, and 17th will be held at noon on the days of the hunts at the St. Marys Fish Hatchery. Youth will be given priority on the September 1st and 3rd hunts only.** An adult must be present with the youth(s).

   - Caesar Creek Wildlife Area will have 1 field designated for youth priority hunts for September 1 and 2. The youth priority hunt permits are available through the Spring Valley Wildlife Area controlled hunt drawings; the "opening day" drawing will be held on August 27, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. The September 2 drawing will be held at 12:00 p.m. at Spring Valley Wildlife Area.

7. Hunting hours for all hunts, controlled and non-controlled, are **noon to sunset from Sept. 1-10, 2011**. Then sunrise to sunset for the remainder of the dove hunting season.

8. Each hunter is limited to 75 shells. Lead shot is permitted.

9. **These activities are prohibited on the Controlled Dove Hunting Area:**

   - Hunting any game other than Mourning Doves
   - Hunting more than 10 feet from your assigned station
   - Leaving the Wildlife Area without returning the daily permit to the area headquarters within 2 hours of the conclusion of your hunt.
   - Cleaning doves in parking lots or at hunting stations.

10. **Hunters are required to pick up their empty shot shell hulls before leaving the field. (This applies to controlled and non-controlled dove hunts).**

Dove Hunting Permit Procedures:

- **Each individual will be required to present a 2011-2012 Hunting license and current Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification prior to the drawing in order to participate in any drawing. HIP certification is free and can be accomplished by calling 1-877-HIP-OHIO (1-877-447-6446). For more information about HIP please click on this link: http://www.fws.gov/hip/**

- For information on these controlled hunts hunters are encouraged to call the Wildlife Area headquarters: Bott, 513-875-2111; Fallsville, 937-987-2508; Indian Creek, 513-875-2111; Spring Valley, 937-488-3115 and Rush Run, 513-726-6795. Or the Wildlife District 5 office at (937) 372-9261, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For Dove field maps **click here.**

- Each hunter will have a choice of bringing a hunting partner (partner does not have to be at the drawing) or having another single hunter assigned to that station, every station will be filled. Youth must be accompanied by an adult, if two youth are hunting from one station they must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. There will be no more than 2 shooters at one station.

- Permits are transferable only with written permission from the Wildlife Area Manager or his designee. Two copies of the permit will be given to the permit holder. One copy must be kept with the hunter at all times, when in the field, and the other copy placed on the dashboard of the vehicle(s) with the permit number visible. A parking lot will be designated for each field.

- Each hunter selected in the drawing will have a choice of which field to hunt. The stations within each field will be assigned by the Division of Wildlife staff.

- Hunters must stay within 10 feet of their assigned station, except while retrieving downed doves.

- All hunters must check-in at the area headquarters at the completion of their hunt. All dove hunters must be out of the field by sunset and checked in to the headquarters by 9:00 p.m.

- No more than 75 shells (3 boxes) per dove hunter, 7 1/2 or 8 size shot is recommended. Lead shot is acceptable, guns must be plugged, and the bag limit is the same as during the regular Dove Season.

- Accommodations will be provided to handicapped dove hunters that are selected for the Controlled Dove Hunt. They should contact the staff at the wildlife areas.

Wildlife Areas, dove hunt dates and drawing dates are summarized in the table below:

Wildlife area	Controlled Hunt Dates	Drawing Dates
Fallsville Indian Creek *Bott Spring Valley Rush Run	Sept. 1, 2011	**"Opening day" drawings August 27, 2011 at 12:00 pm (noon) at respective Wildlife Area Headquarters**.
Fallsville Indian Creek *Bott Spring Valley Rush Run	Sept. 2, 2011	Hunts will be drawn the day of the hunts at 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the respective wildlife area headquarters.
1 field at Caesars Creek Wildlife Area - **Youth Priority Dove Hunt**	Sept. 1 and 2, 2011	**Drawing for Youth Priority Hunt will be at Spring Valley WA;** Aug 27, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) for Sept 1; 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Sept. 2
St. Marys Fish Hatchery **Youth Priority Dove Hunt**	Sept. **1, 3,** 6, 10, 13, and 17, 2011	*****Opening day drawing August 27, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. (noon).** Sept. 3, 6, 10, 13 and 17th hunts will be drawn the day of the hunt at 12:00 p.m. (noon). All drawings held at the St. Marys Fish Hatchery. **Youth will be given priority at this location for September 1 and 3 hunts only.**

***Bott wildlife area will hold its drawings at the Indian Creek Headquarters**