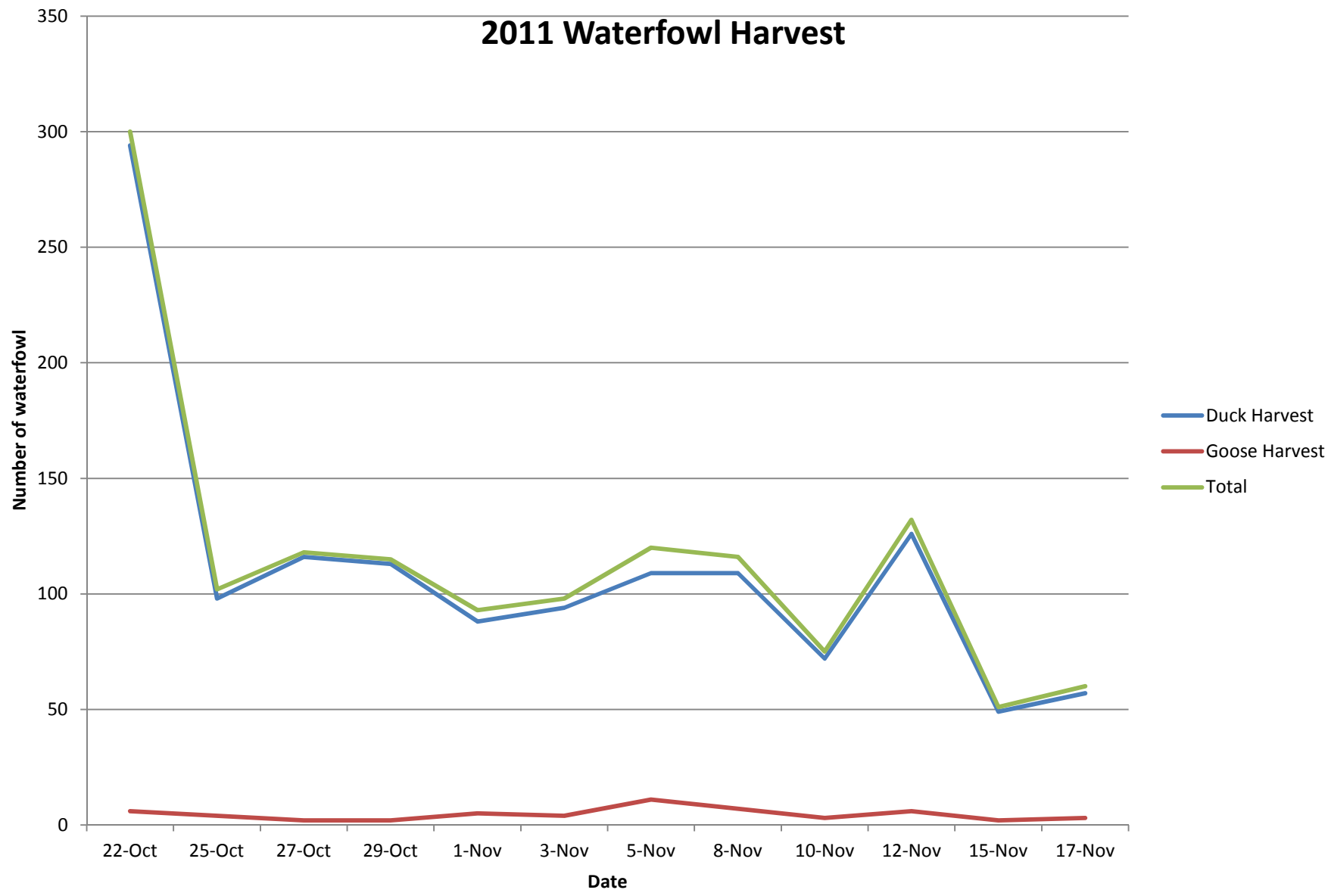


The 2011 waterfowl season showed a significant harvest increase over the 2010 season and had the highest birds harvested/hunter visit average in the history of the refuge hunt. The birds/hunter average of 2.44 was up from the 2010 average of 1.54 and was also significantly higher than the 37-year average. Habitat conditions in 2011 were generally excellent and the increase in harvest is likely due to the vegetation response to a drawdown in Oneida Pool and the continued opening up of the cattail in Mohawk South and North. The close proximity of the abundant food resources in Oneida and the hemi-marsh cover in Mohawk South and North provided the perfect habitat for ducks this fall. Weather during the season was generally fair for waterfowl hunting, although unseasonably warm temperatures and a general southerly wind stalled migration after late October. A strong harvest on opening day got the season off to a good start, but unlike other years that often see harvest figures reaching very low levels during the last half of the season, the daily harvest continued to be good through the end of the season. Water levels were generally high in all pools. This was by design as higher water levels help to control cattail in areas where vegetation is too dense. The only negative to this year's hunt was Cayuga Pool where a general lack of birds kept hunters focused on other impoundments. Cayuga is more open than last year but still relatively dense with vegetation. The total number of stands used this year was 38 (36 regular and 2 handicapped). New this year was a wooden blind added to the wheelchair accessible dock that was installed in 2010. This blind was constructed as an Eagle Scout project and was completed just prior to opening day. Several hunters used the blind this season although no birds were harvested. The area around the blind was very open and birds did not use it much. This blind should be more productive in 2012 as this area will be drawn down to stimulate vegetation growth. Five canoe only sites were provided this season. These sites are getting more popular with waterfowl hunters as they get used to having them available. These sites allow hunters to access areas that have generally been inaccessible in the past.

Harvest was spread out over all pools this season. Stand numbers 15 and 14 in Mohawk North and South, respectively, were the most productive, but other stands in the Mohawk Pools as well as Oneida Pool also had good production. Some of the stands in Mohawk West had become too open this year and production dropped significantly from last year's numbers. 2012 should provide good hunting conditions as habitat in Mohawk South continues to improve and a drawdown in Mohawk West should provide good foraging habitat in that area.

2011 Waterfowl Harvest



Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge 2011 Waterfowl Hunt Summary Data

DATE	# IN DRAW	# HUNTERS	HARVEST	BIRDS/HUNTER
22-Oct	39	79	300	3.80
25-Oct	66	64	102	1.59
27-Oct	48	50	118	2.36
29-Oct	32	59	115	1.95
1-Nov	39	39	93	2.38
3-Nov	41	42	98	2.33
5-Nov	47	46	120	2.61
8-Nov	36	37	116	3.14
10-Nov	36	34	75	2.21
12-Nov	59	61	132	2.16
15-Nov	23	24	51	2.13
17-Nov	31	30	60	2.00
TOTAL	497	565	1380	2.44
Youth (Oct 23)		21	38	1.81

Date	Duck Harvest	Goose Harvest	Total
22-Oct	294		6 300
25-Oct	98		4 102
27-Oct	116		2 118
29-Oct	113		2 115
1-Nov	88		5 93
3-Nov	94		4 98

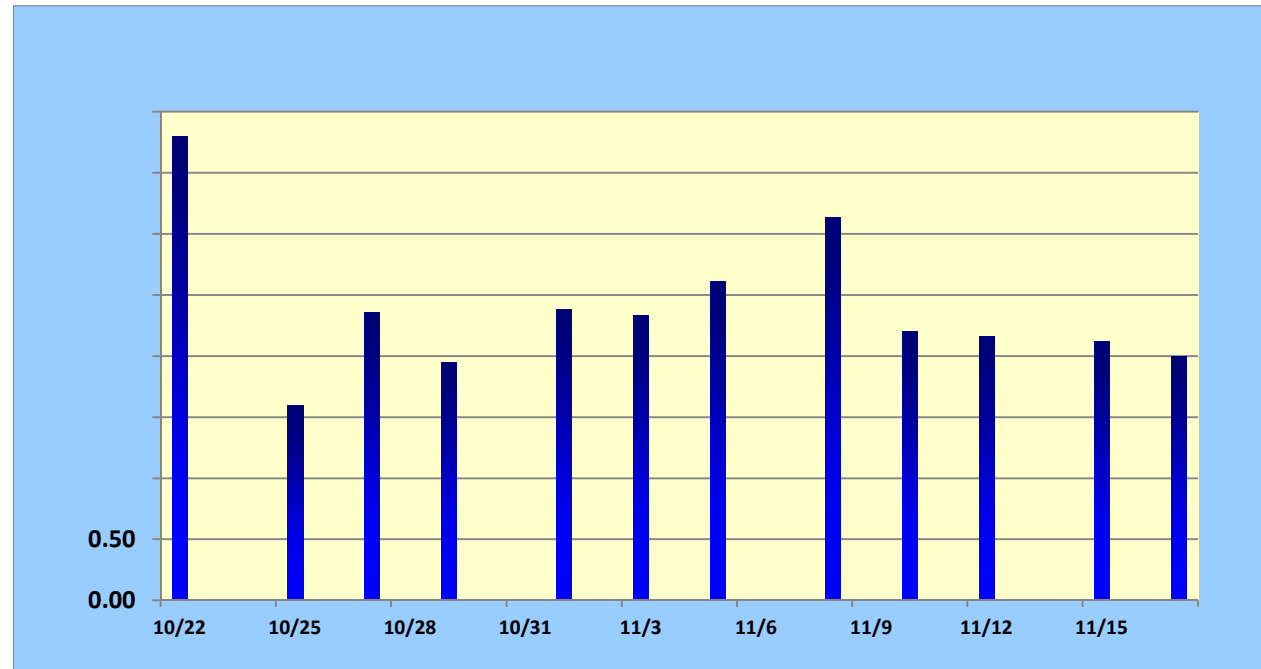
5-Nov
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12-Nov
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17-Nov

109
109
72
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49
57

11	120
7	116
3	75
6	132
2	51
3	60

1380

DATE	BIRDS/HUNTER
10/22	3.80
10/25	1.59
10/27	2.36
10/29	1.95
11/1	2.38
11/3	2.33
11/5	2.61
11/8	3.14
11/10	2.21
11/12	2.16
11/15	2.13
11/17	2.00



Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge 2011 Waterfowl Harvest By Species

Species	DATE												TOTAL	Youth*
	22-Oct	25-Oct	27-Oct	29-Oct	1-Nov	3-Nov	5-Nov	8-Nov	10-Nov	12-Nov	15-Nov	17-Nov		
Canada Goose	6	4	2	2	5	4	11	7	3	6	2	3	55	0
Mallard	98	31	54	42	35	53	42	60	33	50	25	40	563	12
Black Duck	2	0	1	4	1	1	3	4	3	4	0	3	26	1
N. Pintail	24	5	2	2	10	10	11	4	6	10	2	1	87	8
Am. Wigeon	52	21	21	8	4	1	7	12	2	4	0	0	132	9
Grn.-Winged Teal	58	17	11	31	25	20	40	23	20	42	18	11	316	6
Blue-Winged Teal	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1
Wood Duck	43	17	15	16	7	8	1	0	4	1	0	1	113	1
N. Shoveler	1	5	4	6	1	1	3	4	0	8	3	1	37	0
Hooded Merg.	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Gadwall	5	1	4	3	1	0	1	0	4	4	1	0	24	0
Bufflehead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Ringneck Duck	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	0
Scaup sp.	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Canvasback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruddy Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merganser Sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redhead	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Black x Mallard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Am. Coot	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0
Long-tailed Duck	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	300	102	118	115	93	98	120	117	75	132	51	60	1381	38

* Youth Hunt October 23, 2010

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Waterfowl Hunt Summary Data 1985-2011*

YEAR	SEASON	NUMBER OF HUNT DAYS	TOTAL HUNTERS	HARVEST	BIRDS/HUNTER	HUNTERS/DAY	NUMBER OF STANDS	MAXIMUM # OF HUNTERS/ DAY
1985	Oct 15 - Nov 12	13	1151	1604	1.39	88.5	40	120
1986	Oct 16 - Nov 13	13	1091	1222	1.12	83.9	40	120
1987	Oct 17 - Nov 14	13	914	1070	1.17	70.3	40	120
1988	Oct 22 - Nov 12	10	801	992	1.24	80.1	40	120
1989	Oct 21 - Nov 11	10	880	1183	1.34	88.0	40	120
1990	Oct 6 - Oct 13 Oct 27 - Nov 17	14	926	1531	1.65	66.1	30	90
1991	Oct 19 - Nov 9	10	494	767	1.55	49.4	20	60
1992	Oct 8 - Nov 15	10	641	972	1.52	64.1	30	90
1993	Oct 23 - Nov 14	10	579	664	1.15	57.9	30	90
1994	Oct 13 - Nov 13	14	694	721	1.04	49.6	25	75
1995	Oct 19 - Nov 11	11	646	884	1.37	58.7	35	105
1996	Oct 12 - Nov 16	16	862	1270	1.47	53.9	36	108
1997	Oct 16 - Nov 15	14	719	949	1.32	51.4	36	108
1998	Oct 10 - Nov 14	16	828	1320	1.59	51.8	36	108
1999	Oct 16 - Nov 20	16	765	1053	1.38	47.8	36	108
2000	Oct 14 - Nov 19	16	493	501	1.02	30.8	24	72
2001	Oct 20 - Nov 17	13	505	914	1.81	38.8	29	86
2002	Oct 19 - Nov 16	13	664	1569	2.36	51.1	36	107
2003	Oct 18 - Nov 15	13	473	697	1.47	36.4	25	75
2004	Oct 23 - Nov 20	13	467	637	1.36	35.9	25	74
2005	Oct 22 - Nov 17	12	517	955	1.85	43.1	25	74
2006	Oct 28 - Nov 16**	9	211	241	1.14	23.4	13	38
2007	Oct 23 - Nov 15	11	322	650	2.02	29.3	15	45
2008	Oct 25 - Nov 15	9	416	666	1.60	46.2	34	102
2009	24 Oct - 19 Nov	12	393	516	1.31	32.8	36	108
2010	Oct 23 - Nov 18	12	413	635	1.54	34.4	38	114
2011	Oct 22 - Nov 17	12	565	1381	2.44	47.1	38	114

* Does not include September Goose Season or Youth Hunt data

** First week of season closed due to storm damage

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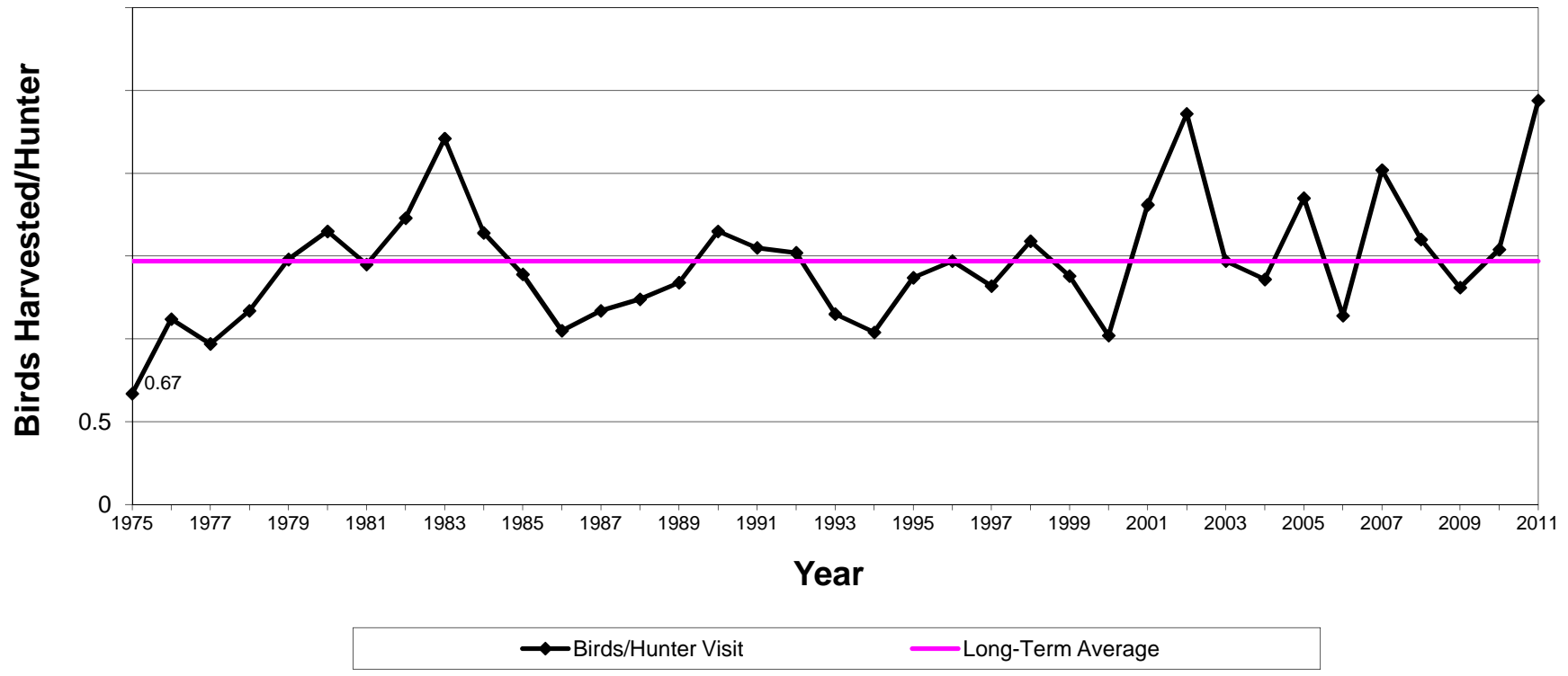
1975-2011 Waterfowl Harvest By Species

SPECIES	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	
Canada goose	54	96	96	109	96	106	131	167	102	210	223	219	132	153	160	104	55	46	78	27	0	0	0	0	31	12	32	57	20	62	66	13	6	28	31	33	
Mallard	309	335	242	423	417	480	517	697	813	715	560	345	394	457	466	728	342	462	314	306	347	478	327	402	318	148	337	761	257	295	326	64	235	286	179	193	
Black	37	71	50	87	61	91	93	97	104	135	99	104	69	71	75	92	84	75	45	38	46	18	10	7	30	15	36	80	26	13	20	3	44	21	16	16	
Pintail	45	46	58	51	44	76	72	85	66	74	54	54	27	14	29	76	9	23	24	40	31	49	69	100	41	27	46	160	51	45	61	17	16	38	25	50	
Wigeon	126	155	285	327	475	490	253	249	414	506	446	302	246	135	221	157	15	202	72	87	44	183	62	142	99	55	33	61	60	51	61	79	17	38	44	65	
G.W. Teal	65	54	60	129	103	65	54	97	46	136	118	91	80	60	102	140	152	46	66	76	255	267	291	414	313	134	328	299	215	115	304	19	191	184	148	131	
B.W. Teal	30	8	16	63	35	24	23	23	21	66	23	30	32	8	11	32	3	16	3	25	1	37	40	15	26	11	2	9	7	12	4	2	1	2	1	3	
Wood Duck	81	38	36	47	26	53	61	35	62	59	46	38	58	31	71	145	93	51	17	95	97	172	58	170	116	48	49	115	24	22	71	4	132	43	51	79	
N. Shoveler	9	28	13	19	13	61	15	26	12	11	10	17	3	23	12	27	0	3	8	8	16	26	52	45	29	15	0	8	11	2	6	7	2	4	7	17	
H. Merganser	18	22	31	18	3	13	25	9	2	2	10	7	9	15	15	16	8	12	22	1	14	12	15	6	2	8	23	3	2	9	6	2	1	2	1	0	
Gadwall	12	28	34	9	52	48	35	51	16	1	4	4	12	14	9	4	1	22	8	13	21	18	16	6	32	19	10	7	11	4	11	19	3	1	5	14	
Bufflehead	6	2	10	3	3	4	1	1	3	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	
Ringneck	3	8	7	1	5	4	9	4	1	0	6	1	5	2	2	4	1	2	0	2	5	2	2	6	8	5	4	8	7	2	16	3	1	12	5	31	
Scaup	2	7	3	0	1	0	2	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	2	1	0	
Canvasback	0	5	3	0	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ruddy	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	
Merganser (sp.)	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Redhead	2	3	1	1	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blk x Mall	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	3	4	1	7	6	3	4	2	1	0	4	1	5	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
other*	1	1	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	
TOTAL HARVEST	802	911	952	1290	1342	1520	1297	1547	1671	1922	1604	1222	1070	992	1183	1531	767	972	664	721	884	1270	949	1320	1053	501	912	1569	697	637	955	241	650	666	515	635	
TOT. HNTRS	1190	815	986	1104	907	921	892	893	757	1173	1151	1167	914	801	880	926	494	641	579	694	646	862	719	828	765	493	505	664	473	467	517	211	322	417	393	413	
BIRDS/HNTR	0.67	1.12	0.97	1.17	1.48	1.65	1.45	1.73	2.21	1.64	1.39	1.05	1.17	1.24	1.34	1.65	1.55	1.52	1.15	1.04	1.37	1.47	1.32	1.59	1.38	1.02	1.81	2.36	1.47	1.36	1.85	1.14	2.02	1.60	1.31	1.54	
STANDS AVAIL.	1320	1260	1260	1260	1320	1080	1080	960	800	1280	1560	1560	1560	1200	1200	1260	600	900	900	1050	1155	1728	1512	1728	1728	1152	1118	1404	975	962	962	342	495	918	1296	1368	

* Includes 1 brant (88), 7 long-tailed duck (2/77, 1/78, 2/81, 1/84, 1/11), 6 c. goldeneye (1/76, 2/80, 1/87, 1/89, 1/90), 4 scoter (1/75, 1/77, 1/78, 1/00), 6 Am. coot (1/00, 1/01, 1/06, 3/11), 4 mallard hybrid (2/98, 1/99, 1/04), 2 fulvous tree duck (86), and 2 unknow cinnamon teal (11/08)

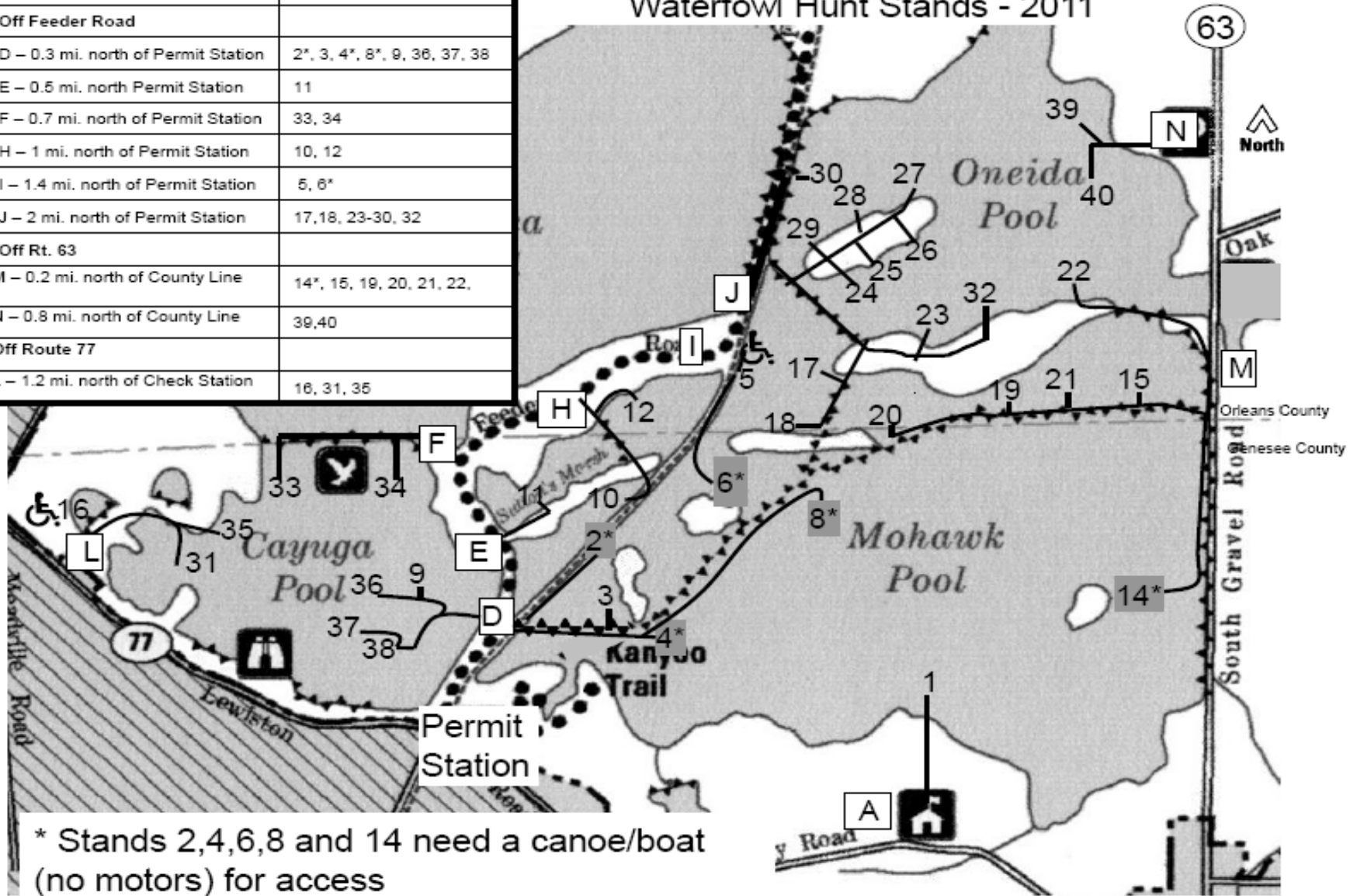
Stands available: # hunt days x # stands available x # spots available at each stand

11	TOTAL
55	2810
563	14838
26	2005
87	1880
132	6389
316	5664
12	677
113	2507
37	602
3	367
24	598
2	60
4	188
2	41
0	19
0	17
0	26
1	27
0	67
4	33
1381	38815
565	27145
2.44	1.47
1368	43621



Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Waterfowl Hunt Stands - 2011

Parking Area	Stand #'s
A – Refuge HQ rear lot	1
Off Feeder Road	
D – 0.3 mi. north of Permit Station	2*, 3, 4*, 8*, 9, 36, 37, 38
E – 0.5 mi. north Permit Station	11
F – 0.7 mi. north of Permit Station	33, 34
H – 1 mi. north of Permit Station	10, 12
I – 1.4 mi. north of Permit Station	5, 6*
J – 2 mi. north of Permit Station	17, 18, 23-30, 32
Off Rt. 63	
M – 0.2 mi. north of County Line	14*, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22,
N – 0.8 mi. north of County Line	39, 40
Off Route 77	
L – 1.2 mi. north of Check Station	16, 31, 35



* Stands 2, 4, 6, 8 and 14 need a canoe/boat (no motors) for access