Service staff and our partners through a mentored hunt program. The program not only provides the necessary hunting experience, but it also teaches the hunters about a variety of hunting topics, from ethics to shooting proficiency to wildlife ecology.

The program provides a great introduction to the rules and regulations that govern access, which can be a little overwhelming to new hunters. The Service’s partnership with the NWTF helps new hunters to better understand access, rules, regulations, and setting up on public land. The program provides applicants with an opportunity to start a new family tradition, harvest their own food in a sustainable manner, or enjoy the outdoors in a new manner which is a safe, inclusive, and fun way to enjoy their public lands.

The Service requires all participants to sign the Service’s “USFWS Release and Waiver of Liability,” as well as a Form 3–2260, “Agreement for Use of Likeness in Audio/Visual Products,” when they are on the Refuge. The New Jersey Chapter of the NWTF solicits and registers participants via the mentored hunt application. The application collects the following information:

- Basic contact information, to include name, address, phone number, and email address;
- Age at time of hunt;
- Customer Identification number (CID);
- Emergency contact (name and phone number);
- Applicant hunting history, such as:
  - Whether applicant has completed a basic hunter education course;
  - Whether applicant has purchased a hunting license, and if yes, when;
  - Previous hunting experience;
  - Previous participation in a mentored hunt program;
- Interest in hunting;
- Family history of hunting;
- Whether applicant owns equipment and if yes, type of equipment; and
- Medical conditions/allergies for program staff to be aware of in the event of an emergency.

The public may request copies of the application form contained in this information collection by sending a request to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer in December 30, 2022. BOEM will publish the Final NOS in the Federal Register at least 30 days prior to the date of public bid opening. Bid opening is currently scheduled for December 30, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The Proposed NOS for Cook Inlet Sale 258 and other information essential to potential bidders may be obtained from the Leasing Section, Alaska Region, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, AK 99503; telephone: 907–334–5200. The Proposed NOS and other related information also are available for downloading or viewing on BOEM’s website at https://www.boem.gov/ak258.

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