

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: I see there are maps with some yellow areas that are on the website. Are those yellow areas definitely Plaquemines Parish Land?

A: No. Those maps show areas that are believed to be parish land, but they have not been surveyed and no title opinions exist for the majority of those areas. The maps are provided as a starting point for parties that are interested in hunting, trapping, or pursuing other recreational activities in those areas to make their own independent research with regard to what is private and what MAY be public.

Q: I want to take my kids out to Plaquemines Parish land with the Agreement and Hold Harmless that I paid for. Do they have to sign these same documents?

A: No, your kids don't have to sign and return those documents. The listed USER has the responsibility of making sure their guests, including children, understand that being good Stewards of the property while doing recreational activities is part the agreement. The USER may not drop kids or guests off to fish, hunt or trap areas without supervision and outside of the presence of the USER.

Q: My buddies and I don't have a lot of money, so I was thinking about collecting \$500 from 20 of my friends and getting the "guide user agreement". That way I can drop all of them off in their own blinds and all of us can hunt parish lands for a much cheaper price. Is that permissible?

A: No, it is not. Any USER, commercial entity or non-commercial individual, must have guests with him or her while accessing Parish Property. That means, "in the presence of" the USER and not a couple of hundred yards away. And even if the USER adheres to that rule, the user must also have all of the necessary occupational licenses and state licenses necessary for such an enterprise.

Q: I'm a duck hunting guide, and I make my living bringing folks hunting and fishing. Why can't I take out multiple groups and maximize my profits?

A: This is a user agreement that has the best interests of the entire parish in mind. PPG doesn't want to force a grandfather out of hunting or fishing with his grandson or granddaughter because parish lands are inundated with hunters coming from all over, and being ferried in by a guide with a single \$500 user agreement. If a commercial guide wants to maximize profits, there are many private land lease options available which are more suitable to a commercial guide situation.

Q: I was out hunting/trapping this weekend and a guy came up to me and my friend and said I was on his private property. Can I show him those maps I found on the website and tell him that I'm on Parish land and that he is wrong?

A: No. Those maps are "informational" only, and they give the user a starting point where he or she can go to the assessor's office and research title and boundaries. If that task is too difficult for the USER, there are many surveyors and appraisers that can be hired to render an opinion as to what is public, what is private, and what servitudes or other encumbrances may be tied to a particular piece of property. It is the USERS responsibility to do the research, not PPG.

Q: I was out hunting nutria on parish land and this guy was out there, running around in his air boat, tossing beer cans everywhere, and shooting egrets with a .22 rifle. He pulled up to me and asked where the nearest marina was so that he could get more beer. He appeared to be intoxicated. I told him that I didn't know and while he pulled away, I snapped a picture of the boat and registration numbers with my phone. What should I do with that info?

A. Call any and all of the authorities listed at the bottom of your user agreement. If the operator of that vessel was intoxicated and operating that vessel, that is a crime. So is littering. And shooting wildlife for fun is considered "wanton waste" and is likely to be one of several wildlife violations, including harassing/killing protected wildlife. Notify the authorities. And finally, if the identify of that individual is determined via any one of several likely criminal investigations, and that person is an "agreement" holder, his agreement may be revoked due to failure to act as a good steward of PPG lands and property. The person observing poor behavior may mail or email prosecution information to the same address that payments and documents are accepted (PPG, Attn: M.A. Webster, 333 F. Edward Hebert Blvd, Building 100, Belle Chase LA 70037; or via email with attachments to mare@ppgov.net). Any person prosecuted for a crime or violation of parish ordinance may be listed as "revoked" and/or ineligible for future agreements with PPG for use of Public lands."

Q: How do I legally trap and/or hunt nutria in Plaquemines Parish.

A: First, the person must download and complete a Nutria specific user Hold Harmless agreement from the PPG website. [Click here to View](#)

Second, There is a packet of forms that are mailed by Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries (hereafter WLF) to the established nutria hunter that must be signed in addition to the application and PPG Hold Harmless Agreement.

(i.e. A completed W-9 form for new trapper/hunter, receipt of regulations form, a designated assistant form (if applicable), and maps which depict hunting areas.)

The trapper/hunter must have a parish seal affixed to both the application and HH agreement. The trapper/hunter must carry the HH agreement on his person. WL&F requires that the hunter/trapper send the original completed application with parish seal to WLF along with the required forms. PPG does not handle this part of the procedure, the trapper/hunter does.

For those established trappers/hunters who don't receive their packet, or new trappers/hunters, they may visit www.nutria.com and get all information as well as the required WLF forms regarding nutria hunting.

When the hunter comes in to PPG with these documents, all WLF paperwork must be completed prior to visiting. PPG staff is not here to assist the trapper/hunter with his or her forms.

PPG will maintain copies of everything and give originals back to the trapper/hunter, which ends PPG involvement.