Lack of Rainfall May Hamper Waterfowl Hunting at Horseshoe Lake SFWA and Union County SFWA

South Zone Waterfowl Seasons Open November 25

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is advising waterfowl hunters who plan to hunt in southern Illinois at Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area in Alexander County and at Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area that dry weather during the late summer and this fall is affecting waterfowl hunting conditions at those sites.

The 2010-2011 waterfowl seasons open in the south zone in Illinois next Thursday, Nov. 25.

IDNR Land Management staff reports that despite continuous pumping this fall, only 19 of 35 blind areas at Union County SFWA’s public duck hunting area have water as of this week. As of Nov. 19, all blinds at the Horseshoe Lake SFWA’s controlled duck hunting area have water. However, other open public hunting areas at both Union County SFWA and Horseshoe Lake SFWA (Alexander Co.) have no water at this time.

For more information on hunting opportunities and conditions at these sites, contact the site offices at Horseshoe Lake SFWA (618/776-5689) and Union County SFWA (618/833-5175).

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