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Dear Mr. Johnston

Here are some questions submitted by hunters of "A" and "B" zone in Rondeau. They are in no particular order. Thanks for your cooperation in doing this. Maybe we can clear up some discrepancies, rumours, and uninformed opinions.

- 1) Where is the delineation between B Zone and 93B - for example creeks that lead into Rondeau Bay vs. Rondeau Bay proper?

[There is no exact boundary, but the common practice is to go directly across at the creek mouths from the point of land. See attached document or the legal description for B Zone.](#)

Beginning at the northwesterly corner of Lot 2 according to a plan of survey of the tract of land known as the Rondeau Peninsula or Point aux Pins dated September 8th, 1864, prepared by Henry Lowe, Provincial Land Surveyor, of record in the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario; thence westerly along the production westerly of the northerly limit of that lot to the water's edge of Rondeau Harbour; thence in a general northerly, westerly, southwesterly, southerly and easterly direction following the water's edge on the easterly, northerly, westerly and southerly shores of that harbour to the intersection with the production northerly of the westerly limit of Lot 104 according to a plan registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Kent as No. 314; thence northerly along that production to a point distant 290 feet measured northerly thereon from the southwesterly corner of that lot; thence easterly parallel to the northerly limit of Bayview Alley according to that plan, 150 feet, more or less, to the intersection with the production northerly of the easterly limit of Lot 100 according to that plan; thence southerly along that production to the water's edge of Rondeau Harbour; thence in a general easterly direction following that water's edge to the most easterly extremity of Shirley Point; thence southeasterly in a straight line to the most northerly extremity of the east face of the west pier of the channel connecting Rondeau Harbour and Lake Erie; thence southerly along that easterly face to a point distant 421.18 feet measured northerly thereon from the production easterly of the southerly limit of Mariner's Road; thence south $77^{\circ}14'25''$ east, 100 feet; thence north $12^{\circ}45'35''$ east, 800 feet; thence south $77^{\circ}14'25''$ east, 700 feet; thence south $12^{\circ}45'35''$ west, 850 feet, more or less, to the water's edge of Lake Erie; thence in a general easterly direction following the water's edge of Lake Erie to the intersection with the north and south dredge cut; thence north $22^{\circ}30'$ east along the said dredge cut, 3,280 feet, more or less, to the intersection with the most southerly dredge cut; thence north $77^{\circ}30'$ west along the said dredge cut and its northwesterly production, a distance of 1 mile and 3,900 feet; thence north $38^{\circ}39'$ east, 5 miles and

1,196 feet, more or less, to the intersection with the westerly production of the north park boundary lying in an easterly and westerly direction at a bearing of north 76°50' east; thence easterly along that production and that park boundary 3,630 feet, more or less, to the intersection with the easterly limit of Lake Shore Road; thence southerly and westerly along the easterly limit of Lake Shore Road to the intersection with the easterly limit of Rondeau Park Road; thence southerly along the east limit of Rondeau Park Road and its production to the intersection with the water's edge of Lake Erie; thence in a general northeasterly and northerly direction following the said water's edge to the intersection with the production easterly of the northerly limit of Lot 2 aforementioned; thence westerly along that production and the northerly limit of that lot to the place of beginning, except the land described in paragraph 1.

- 2) How far from shore can you set up a blind in Rondeau Bay, vs. Lake St. Clair, vs. Lake Erie – Where would a new hunter find this information?

In Lake Erie there are no distance restrictions. In Rondeau Bay it is controlled by the B Zone permit and Federal regulation that does not allow hunting 300 metres from the natural rush bed or private property line. In Lake St. Clair it depends on where you are and whether the Federal or Provincial rules apply. For the area west of Duck Creek you need to be 200 meters off shore before hunting can begin, east of Duck Ck to the mouth of the Thames no distance requirements and from the mouth of the Thames north no hunting beyond 300 metres from the natural rush bed or private property line.

Does this limit apply equally for permanent blinds as well as boats that are anchored (or drifting)?

YES.

- 3) With lower lake levels, there are some new "hazards to navigation". What plans does the MNR have in mind to help maintain boater safety in A Zone and/or B Zone.

No specific plans expect that hunters are expected to remove their blinds from B Zone at the end of the hunting season.

- 4) What is the history of why the RBWA and the MNR are regulating B Zone above and beyond the general waterfowl and hunting regs?

The hunting regulation for B Zone was in place long before the MNR formed a partnership with the RBWA. The regulation continues to be in place until such time it is changed or revoked.

- 5) Why is there a difference in how hides are set up in B Zone vs. Lake St. Clair?

Because the B Zone is included in the regulation that deals with hunting in Provincial Parks and Designated Crown Land. Regulation 665/98 part XIV

- 6) Is there a "minimum safe distance" that we should be observing when we let B Zone hunters pick their blind locations?

Common sense applies here. There is no distance regulation.

- 7) Is "B" zone part of Rondeau Provincial Park?

No See attached file

8) Is Rondeau Bay part of Rondeau Provincial Park?

Yes a portion is. See attached file

9) Is it correct that the allocation of blinds in B Zone is managed by Rondeau Bay Waterfowlers but policed by the MNR?

Yes to the allocation of blinds. Enforced by MNR under the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act

10) Do farmers own land under Rondeau Bay?

The only water lots in Rondeau Bay are in the area of Shewsbury and Rondeau side of Erieau

11) Can one legally hunt the rock pile at the eastern side of the Erieau channel?

If you have permission from the landowner.

12) What are the regulations regarding hunting in Lake Erie east or south of Rondeau Provincial Park? (Distance from shore.)

Lake Erie East the crown land starts at the water's edge so therefore no distance requirements. The boundary of the Park extends 500 feet into Lake Erie so hunting can not start until then.

13) Can hunters legally hunt the line differentiating "A" Zone and "B" Zone in Rondeau Bay?

If you have a B zone permit and are not in an area more than 300 metres from a rush bed you can hunt in B Zone. A Zone hunting is only allowed from the provided blinds.

Well Fred, that's all I have for now. Thanks for answering these.
Best of the season to you!!

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