RECIPROCAL HUNTING LICENSE AGREEMENT

between

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

and

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The undersigned find and determine that it is in the best interests of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to enter into the following reciprocal agreement concerning hunting privileges along the Ohio River. This agreement only pertains to migratory bird hunting. The Departments do hereby agree as follows:

- Each state will recognize the license and appropriate stamp(s) and/or permit(s) of the other state on the main stem of the Ohio River, excluding embayments and tributaries. Embayments and tributaries, as used in this agreement, shall be defined as a straight line between opposite points where the tributary or embayment connects with the main body of the Ohio River.
- 2. Residents of either Ohio or Kentucky must hold any applicable licenses and stamps from their state of residence.
- 3. Each hunting licensee shall abide by the seasons and regulations of the state in which they are licensed.
- 4. Hunters may tie up and/or anchor within the mainstem of the Ohio River while in the act of hunting as long as they have permission from the landowner(s).
- 5. Hunters will be able to retrieve fallen game from the shoreline of the reciprocating states while engaging in legal hunting activities within the mainstem of the Ohio River.
- 6. Ohio and Kentucky fish and wildlife law enforcement officials shall have the right to inspect the licenses, bag limits, and equipment of any person on the Ohio River, subject to the jurisdiction and authority granted by their state.
- The reciprocal agreement may be cancelled by either the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources or by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources upon thirty (30) days written notice.

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Rich Storm, Commissioner	Date
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources	

Signed by:	And Ohio Department of Natural Resou ODNR Contract # 2025-0	
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Mary Mertz, Director	Date	
Ohio Department of Natural Resources		
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Kendra Wecker, Chief	Date	
Ohio Department of Natural Resources,		
Division of Wildlife		
Signed by:		
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Ohio Attorney General	Date	

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