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CAROLINE BROUWER HIRED AS NEW DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON D.C., March 9, 2015 - The National Wildlife Refuge Association is overjoyed to announce that Caroline Brouwer has joined the National Wildlife Refuge Association as the new Director of Government Affairs. Based in Washington, D.C. Brouwer will advance federal conservation policies in Congress and with the Administration, focusing on federal conservation funding and legislation affecting the National Wildlife Refuge System. She will also help lead the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement (CARE).

"Caroline has years of experience working with Congressmen and women on Capitol Hill and with members of the Administration," said David Houghton, President of the Refuge Association. "Her experience and motivation will be an excellent addition to the Refuge Association team."

Before accepting this position with the Refuge Association, Brouwer was with Ducks Unlimited (DU) where she worked as a Governmental Affairs Representative for seven years. She led DU's advocacy on the appropriations process to increase funding for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service programs such as the National Wildlife Refuge System, North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). She also lead DU's effort to increase the price of the Federal Ducks Stamp. Caroline was also the CARE representative for DU.

Brouwer earned her law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law and a Bachelor's in anthropology from the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. She is licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia and South Carolina. Before going to Ducks Unlimited, she worked as a community economic development volunteer for the Peace Corps in Ukraine, a private attorney, and family court prosecutor.

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