
HUNTING BAITED WATERFOWL LEADS TO HEFTY FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

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Five Buckhorn men have been fined a total of \$8,000 and banned from hunting waterfowl for a year after being convicted of shooting ducks at a baited marsh.

Terry Lamshead, 47, John Clark, 56, Paul Clark, 60, Matthew Haylor, 25, and Miles Middleton, 20, pleaded guilty to hunting within 400 metres of a baited area and were each fined \$1,000. Lamshead and John Clark also pleaded guilty to placing the bait and were each fined an additional \$1,500.

The court heard that in the fall of 2008, Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers were working with Environment Canada's wildlife officers to monitor hunters and enforce the Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations. On September 23, 2008, conservation officers found the men hunting in a marshy area in Harvey Township that was baited with corn.

Placing bait to hunt migratory game birds is illegal because it attracts large numbers of birds and gives the hunter an unfair advantage.

Justice of the Peace Jason Mariasine heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Peterborough, on December 11, 2008.

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