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Rule**

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 20**

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Migratory Bird Hunting; Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule prescribes the hunting seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits of mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves; band-tailed pigeons; rails; moorhens and gallinules; woodcock; common snipe; sandhill cranes; sea ducks; early (September) waterfowl seasons; migratory game birds in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and some extended falconry seasons. Taking of migratory birds is prohibited unless specifically provided for by annual regulations. This rule permits taking of designated species during the 2001–02 season.

DATES: This rule is effective on September 1, 2001.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Andrew, Chief, or Ron W. Kokel, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (703) 358–1714.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Regulations Schedule for 2001**

On April 30, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 21298) a proposal to amend 50 CFR part 20. The proposal provided a background and overview of the migratory bird hunting regulations process, and dealt with the establishment of seasons, limits, and other regulations for migratory game birds under §§ 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. On June 14, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 32297) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations frameworks and the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2001–02 duck hunting season. The June 14 supplement also provided detailed information on the 2001–02 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee (SRC) and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 20–21, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council

Consultants at which the participants reviewed information on the current status of migratory shore and upland game birds and developed recommendations for the 2001–02 regulations for these species plus regulations for migratory game birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, special September waterfowl seasons in designated States, special sea duck seasons in the Atlantic Flyway, and extended falconry seasons. In addition, we reviewed and discussed preliminary information on the status of waterfowl as it relates to the development and selection of the regulatory packages for the 2001–02 regular waterfowl seasons. On July 24, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 38494) a third document specifically dealing with the proposed frameworks for early-season regulations and the final regulatory alternatives for the 2001–02 duck hunting season.

On August 1–2, 2001, we held a public meeting in Washington, DC, as announced in the April 30, and June 14 **Federal Registers**, to review the status of waterfowl. Proposed hunting regulations were discussed for late seasons. On August 21, 2001, we published a fourth document in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 44010) which contained final frameworks for early migratory bird hunting seasons from which wildlife conservation agency officials from the States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands selected early-season hunting dates, hours, areas, and limits. We published proposed frameworks for the 2001–02 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations on August 28, 2001, in the **Federal Register**.

The final rule described here is the sixth in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR 20. It sets hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves; band-tailed pigeons; rails; moorhens and gallinules; woodcock; common snipe; sandhill cranes; sea ducks; early (September) waterfowl seasons; mourning doves in Hawaii; migratory game birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; youth waterfowl hunting day; and some extended falconry seasons.

NEPA Consideration

NEPA considerations are covered by the programmatic document, “Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport

Hunting of Migratory Birds (FSES 88–14),” filed with the Environmental Protection Agency on June 9, 1988. We published a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 1988 (53 FR 22582). We published our Record of Decision on August 18, 1988 (53 FR 31341). Copies are available from the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

Endangered Species Act Consideration

We have considered provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543; hereinafter the Act) to ensure that hunting is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any species designated as endangered or threatened or modify or destroy its critical habitat and that the action is consistent with conservation programs for those species.

Executive Order (E.O.) 12866

This rule was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The migratory bird hunting regulations are economically significant and are annually reviewed by OMB under E.O. 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

These regulations have a significant economic impact on substantial numbers of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). We analyzed the economic impacts of the annual hunting regulations on small business entities in detail and issued a Small Entity Flexibility Analysis (Analysis) in 1998. The Analysis documented the significant beneficial economic effect on a substantial number of small entities. The primary source of information about hunter expenditures for migratory game bird hunting is the National Hunting and Fishing Survey, which is conducted at 5-year intervals. The Analysis was based on the 1996 National Hunting and Fishing Survey and the U.S. Department of Commerce’s County Business Patterns, from which it was estimated that migratory bird hunters would spend between \$429 million and \$1.084 billion at small businesses in 1998. Copies of the Analysis are available upon request from the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule is a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. For the reasons outlined above, this rule has an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more. However, because

this rule establishes hunting seasons, we do not plan to defer the effective date under the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 808(1).

Paperwork Reduction Act

We examined these regulations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. We utilize the various recordkeeping and reporting requirements imposed under regulations established in 50 CFR part 20, Subpart K, in the formulation of migratory game bird hunting regulations. Specifically, OMB has approved the information collection requirements of the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program and assigned control number 1018-0015 (expires 9/30/2001). This information is used to provide a sampling frame for voluntary national surveys to improve our harvest estimates for all migratory game birds in order to better manage these populations. OMB has also approved the information collection requirements of the Sandhill Crane Harvest Questionnaire and assigned control number 1018-0023 (expires 7/31/2003). The information from this survey is used to estimate the magnitude and the geographical and temporal distribution of harvest, and the portion it constitutes of the total population. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

We have determined and certify, in compliance with the requirements of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, 2 U.S.C. 1502 *et seq.*, that this rulemaking will not “significantly or uniquely” affect small governments, and will not produce a Federal mandate of \$100 million or more in any given year on local or State government or private entities. Therefore, this rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

Civil Justice Reform—Executive Order 12988

The Department, in promulgating this rule, has determined that this rule will not unduly burden the judicial system and meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988.

Takings Implication Assessment

In accordance with Executive Order 12630, this rule, authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, does not have significant takings implications and does not affect any constitutionally

protected property rights. This rule will not result in the physical occupancy of property, the physical invasion of property, or the regulatory taking of any property. In fact, this rule will allow hunters to exercise otherwise unavailable privileges, and, therefore, reduces restrictions on the use of private and public property.

Federalism Effects

Due to the migratory nature of certain species of birds, the Federal Government has been given responsibility over these species by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. We annually prescribe frameworks from which the States make selections and employ guidelines to establish special regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. This process preserves the ability of the States and Tribes to determine which seasons meet their individual needs. Any State or Tribe may be more restrictive than the Federal frameworks at any time. The frameworks are developed in a cooperative process with the States and the Flyway Councils. This allows States to participate in the development of frameworks from which they will make selections, thereby having an influence on their own regulations. These rules do not have a substantial direct effect on fiscal capacity, change the roles or responsibilities of Federal or State governments, or intrude on State policy or administration. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, these regulations do not have significant federalism effects and do not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Government-to-Government Relationship With Tribes

In accordance with the President’s memorandum of April 29, 1994, “Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments” (59 FR 22951), E.O. 13175, and 512 DM 2, we have evaluated possible effects on Federally recognized Indian tribes and have determined that there are no effects.

Energy Effects—E.O. 13211

On May 18, 2001, the President issued E.O. 13211 on regulations that significantly affect energy supply, distribution, and use. E.O. 13211 requires agencies to prepare Statements of Energy Effects when undertaking certain actions. While this rule is a significant regulatory action under E.O. 12866, it is not expected to adversely

affect energy supplies, distribution, or use. Therefore, this action is not a significant energy action and no Statement of Energy Effects is required.

Regulations Promulgation

The rulemaking process for migratory game bird hunting must, by its nature, operate under severe time constraints. However, we intend that the public be given the greatest possible opportunity to comment on the regulations. Thus, when the preliminary proposed rulemaking was published, we established what we believed were the longest periods possible for public comment. In doing this, we recognized that when the comment period closed, time would be of the essence. That is, if there were a delay in the effective date of these regulations after this final rulemaking, the States would have insufficient time to implement their selected season dates and limits and start their seasons in a timely manner.

We therefore find that “good cause” exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and these regulations will, therefore, take effect immediately upon publication. Accordingly, with each conservation agency having had an opportunity to participate in selecting the hunting seasons desired for its State or Territory on those species of migratory birds for which open seasons are now prescribed, and consideration having been given to all other relevant matters presented, certain sections of title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K, are hereby amended as set forth below.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20

Exports, Hunting, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Wildlife.

Dated: August 23, 2001.

Joseph E. Doddridge,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

PART 20—[AMENDED]

For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, Part 20, subpart K of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for Part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703–712 and 16 U.S.C. 742 a-j, Pub. L. 106–108.

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Note - The following annual hunting regulations provided for by § 20.101 through 20.106 and 20.109 of 50 CFR 20 will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations because of their seasonal nature.

2. Section 20.101 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.101 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

CHECK COMMONWEALTH REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Doves and Pigeons Zenaida, white-winged, and mourning doves	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 Sept. 1-Oct. 30	10 5	10 5
Ducks	Nov. 3-Dec. 10 & Jan. 12-Jan. 28	6 6	12 12
Common Moorhens	Nov. 3-Dec. 10 & Jan. 12-Jan. 28	6 6	12 12
Common Snipe	Nov. 3-Dec. 10 & Jan. 12-Jan. 28	8 8	16 16

Restrictions: In Puerto Rico, the season is closed on the ruddy duck, white-cheeked pintail, West Indian whistling duck, fulvous whistling duck, masked duck, purple gallinule, American coot, and Caribbean coot, white-crowned pigeon and plain pigeon. Hunting is closed in the area known as Caño Tiburones.

Closed Areas: Closed areas are described in the August 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010).

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Zenaida doves	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	10
Ducks	CLOSED		

Restrictions: In the Virgin Islands, the seasons are closed for ground or quail doves, pigeons, ruddy duck, white-cheeked pintail, West Indian whistling duck, fulvous whistling duck, masked duck, and purple gallinule.

Closed Areas: Ruth Cay, just south of St. Croix, is closed to the hunting of migratory game birds.

3. Section 20.102 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.102 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for Alaska

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Area Seasons	Dates	
North Zone		Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Gulf Coast Zone		Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Southeast Zone		Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Pribilof & Aleutian Islands Zone		Oct. 8-Jan. 22
Kodiak Zone		Oct. 8-Jan. 22

Daily Bag and Possession Limits

Area	Ducks(1)	Dark Geese(2)(3)	Light Geese (2)	Brant	Common Sandhill Snipe Cranes(4)	
North Zone	10-30	4-8	3-6	2-4	8-16	3-6
Gulf Coast Zone	8-24	4-8	3-6	2-4	8-16	2-4
Southeast Zone	7-21	4-8	3-6	2-4	8-16	2-4
Pribilof and Aleutian Islands Zone	7-21	4-8	3-6	2-4	8-16	2-4
Kodiak Zone	7-21	4-8	3-6	2-4	8-16	2-4

(a) Doves

Note: Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for mourning doves only.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<u>EASTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>				
<u>Alabama</u>				
North Zone	Sept. 15 only	15		15
	12 noon to sunset			
	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset			
South Zone	Sept. 16-Oct. 28 & Dec. 22-Jan. 6	15		15
	Oct. 6-Nov. 25 & Dec. 22-Jan. 9	12		12
	12 noon to sunset	12		12
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 22	12		24
	12 noon to sunset			
	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	12		24
	Oct. 15-Oct. 27 & Dec. 10-Jan. 12	12		24
<u>Florida</u> (1)	Oct. 6-Oct. 29	12		24
	12 noon to sunset			
	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	12		24
	Nov. 10-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Jan. 6	12		24
<u>Georgia</u>				
Zone 1	Sept. 1 only	12		24
	12 noon to sunset			
	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	12		24
	Sept. 2-Sept. 30 & Nov. 22-Nov. 24 & Dec. 10-Jan. 15	12		24
Zone 2	Sept. 22 only	12		24
	12 noon to sunset			
	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	12		24
	Sept. 23-Oct. 21 & Nov. 22-Nov. 24 & Dec. 10-Jan. 15	12		24
<u>Illinois</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 17 & Nov. 3-Nov. 15	15		30
	sunrise to sunset	15		30
<u>Indiana</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 16 & Nov. 9-Nov. 18 & Nov. 22-Nov. 25	15		30
		15		30

(1) The basic duck bag limits may include no more than 1 canvasback daily and 3 in possession, and may not include sea ducks. In addition to the basic duck limits, Alaska may select sea duck limits of 10 daily, 20 in possession, singly or in the aggregate, including no more than 6 each of either harlequin or long-tailed ducks. Sea ducks include scoters, common and king eiders, harlequin ducks, long-tailed ducks, and common and red-breasted mergansers. The season is closed for Steller's and spectacled eiders.

(2) Dark geese include Canada and white-fronted geese. Light geese include snow geese and Ross' geese. Separate limits apply to brant. The season for emperor geese is closed Statewide.

(3) In Units 5 and 6, the taking of Canada geese is only permitted from September 28 through December 16. In Unit 9(d) and the Unimak Island portion of Unit 10, the limits for dark geese are 6 daily and 12 in possession. In the Middleton Island portion of Unit 6, the taking of Canada geese is by special permit only, with a daily bag and possession limit of 1.

(4) In Unit 17, the daily bag limit for sandhill cranes is 2 and the possession limit is 4.

Falconry: The total combined bag and possession limit for migratory game birds taken with the use of a falcon under a falconry permit is 3 per day, 6 in possession, and may not exceed a more restrictive limit for any species listed in this subsection.

Special Tundra Swan Season: In Units 18, 22, and 23, there will be a tundra swan season from September 1 through October 31 with a season limit of 3 tundra swans per hunter. This season is by registration permit only; hunters will be issued 1 permit allowing the take of up to 3 tundra swans. Hunters will be required to file a harvest report after the season is completed. Up to 500 permits may be issued in Unit 18 and 300 permits each in Units 22 and 23. In Unit 17, there will be an experimental tundra swan season from September 1 through October 31, with a season limit of 3 tundra swans per hunter. This season is by registration permit only; hunters will be issued 1 permit allowing the take of up to 3 tundra swans. Hunters will be required to file a harvest report after the season is completed. Up to 200 permits may be issued. Season evaluation to adhere to guidelines for experimental seasons as described in the Pacific Flyway Management Plan for the Western Population of (Tundra) swans.

4. Section 20.103 is revised to read as follows:

§20.103 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for doves and pigeons.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

- (1) In Florida, the daily bag limit is 12 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate, of which not more than 4 may be white-winged doves. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.
- (2) In New Mexico, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.
- (3) In South Dakota, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.
- (4) In Texas, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be white-tipped doves. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit. During the special season in the Special White-winged Dove Area of the South Zone, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 5 may be mourning doves and 2 may be white-tipped doves. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit.
- (5) In Arizona, during September 1 through 15, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 6 may be white-winged doves. During November 23 through January 6, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning doves. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. See State regulations for restrictive shooting hours in certain areas.
- (6) In the areas of California and Nevada open to white-winged dove hunting, the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 20 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.
- (7) In Hawaii, the season is only open on the island of Hawaii. The daily bag and possession limits are 10 mourning doves, spotted doves and chestnut-bellied sandgrouse in the aggregate. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset. Hunting is permitted only on weekends and State holidays.

(b) Band-tailed Pigeons

	Season Dates	Bag	Possession
<u>Arizona</u>	Sept. 28-Oct. 8	5	10
<u>California</u> North Zone	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	2	4
South Zone	Dec. 15-Dec. 23	2	4
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10
<u>New Mexico</u> North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 20	5	10
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 20	5	10
<u>Oregon</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	2	4
<u>Utah</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10

	Season Dates	Bag	Possession
<u>North Dakota</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 28	15	30
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>South Dakota</u> (3)	Sept. 1-Oct. 19	15	30
<u>Texas</u> (4) North Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Central Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 28 & Dec. 26-Jan. 6	12	24
South Zone Special Area	Sept. 21-Nov. 4 & Dec. 22-Jan. 11	12	24
(Special Season) 12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Sept. 2 & Sept. 8-Sept. 9	10	20
Remainder of the South Zone	Sept. 21-Nov. 4 & Dec. 22-Jan. 15	12	24
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>WESTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>			
<u>Arizona</u> (5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 & Nov. 23-Jan. 6	10	20
<u>California</u> (6)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 & Nov. 11-Dec. 25	10	20
<u>Idaho</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Nevada</u> (6)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Oregon</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Utah</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Washington</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	10	20
<u>OTHER POPULATIONS</u>			
<u>Hawaii</u> (7)	Nov. 3-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Dec. 30 & Jan. 1-Jan. 21	10	10
		10	10

5. Section 20.104 is revised to read as follows:

420.104 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for rails, woodcock, and common snipe.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons may select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
<u>Rhode Island</u> (7)	Sept. 8-Nov. 16	Sept. 8-Nov. 16	Nov. 1-Nov. 30	Sept. 8-Nov. 14
<u>South Carolina</u>	Sept. 16-Sept. 23 & Oct. 15-Dec. 15	Sept. 16-Sept. 23 & Oct. 15-Dec. 15	Jan. 2-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Vermont</u>	Closed	Closed	Deferred	Deferred
<u>Virginia</u>	Sept. 11-Nov. 19	Sept. 11-Nov. 19	Nov. 3-Nov. 17 & Dec. 22-Jan. 5	Oct. 10-Oct. 13 & Oct. 22-Jan. 31
<u>West Virginia</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 13-Nov. 11	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Alabama</u> (8)	Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20	Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Arkansas</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 10-Dec. 9 & Dec. 29-Jan. 12	Nov. 3-Feb. 17
<u>Illinois</u> (9)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 20-Dec. 3	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Indiana</u> (10)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 5-Nov. 18	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Iowa</u> (11)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 19	Sept. 1-Nov. 30
<u>Kentucky</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 20-Dec. 3	Sept. 19-Nov. 4 & Nov. 22-Jan. 20
<u>Louisiana</u> (12)	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	Dec. 15-Jan. 28	Deferred
<u>Michigan</u> (13)	Sept. 15-Nov. 14	Closed	Sept. 22-Nov. 5	Sept. 15-Nov. 14
<u>Minnesota</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 4	Closed	Sept. 22-Nov. 5	Sept. 1-Nov. 4
<u>Mississippi</u>	Oct. 12-Dec. 20	Oct. 12-Dec. 20	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Missouri</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15-Nov. 28	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Ohio</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 12-Nov. 25	Sept. 1-Nov. 25 & Dec. 3-Dec. 23
<u>Tennessee</u>	Deferred	Closed	Oct. 27-Dec. 10	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Deferred	Closed	Sept. 22-Nov. 5	Deferred

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	25 (1)	30 (2)	6	16
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Connecticut</u> (3)	Sept. 1-Nov. 4	Sept. 1-Nov. 4	Oct. 27-Nov. 24	Oct. 27-Nov. 24
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Nov. 19-Dec. 7 & Dec. 19-Dec. 29	Nov. 19-Jan. 31
<u>Florida</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Dec. 15-Jan. 13	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
<u>Georgia</u>	Sept. 8-Nov. 16	Sept. 8-Nov. 16	Dec. 22-Jan. 20	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
<u>Maine</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 3	Sept. 1-Dec. 15
<u>Maryland</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Oct. 20-Nov. 10 & Jan. 12-Jan. 19	Sept. 19-Nov. 23 & Dec. 10-Jan. 19
<u>Massachusetts</u> (4)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Deferred	Sept. 1-Dec. 15
<u>New Hampshire</u>	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Sept. 15-Nov. 4
<u>New Jersey</u> (5) North Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Oct. 18-Nov. 10	Sept. 22-Jan. 6
South Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Nov. 10-Nov. 24 & Dec. 21-Dec. 29	Sept. 21-Jan. 5
<u>New York</u> (6)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Sept. 1-Nov. 9
<u>North Carolina</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Dec. 17-Jan. 15	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 20-Nov. 17	Oct. 20-Nov. 24

- (3) In Connecticut, the daily bag and possession limits may not contain more than 1 king rail. The common snipe daily bag and possession limits are 3 and 6, respectively.
- (4) In Massachusetts, the sora rail limits are 5 daily and 5 in possession; the Virginia rail limits are 10 daily and 10 in possession.
- (5) In New Jersey, the season for king rails is closed by State regulation.
- (6) In New York, the rail daily bag and possession limits are 8 and 16, respectively. Seasons for sora and Virginia rail: and common snipe are closed on Long Island.
- (7) In Rhode Island, the sora and Virginia rails limits are 5 daily and 10 in possession, singly or in the aggregate; the clapper and king rail limits are 5 daily and 10 in possession, singly or in the aggregate; the common snipe limits are 5 daily and 10 in possession.
- (8) In Alabama, the rail limits are 15 daily and 15 in possession, singly or in the aggregate.
- (9) In Illinois, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.
- (10) In Indiana, the sora rail limit is 25 daily and 25 in possession. The season on Virginia rails is closed.
- (11) In Iowa, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 12 daily and 24 in possession.
- (12) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late season selections.
- (13) In Michigan, the aggregate limits for sora and Virginia rails are 8 daily and 16 in possession.
- (14) In Nebraska, the rail limits are 10 daily and 20 in possession.
- (15) In South Dakota, the snipe limits are 5 daily and 15 in possession.

6. Section 20.105 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (f) to read as follows:

§20.105 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons may select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-seasons regulations for further information.

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
CENTRAL FLYWAY				
Colorado	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Kansas	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 12-Nov. 25	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Montana	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Nebraska (14)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 22-Nov. 5	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
New Mexico	Oct. 6-Dec. 14	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Jan. 20
North Dakota	Closed	Closed	Sept. 22-Nov. 4	Sept. 15-Nov. 25
Oklahoma	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 1-Dec. 15	Oct. 1-Jan. 15
South Dakota (15)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Oct. 31
Texas	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Oct. 27-Dec. 19	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Oct. 27-Dec. 19	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Oct. 20-Feb. 3
Wyoming	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
PACIFIC FLYWAY				
Arizona	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 12-Jan. 20
Colorado	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Idaho:				
Area 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Jan. 18
Area 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6 Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20
Montana	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
New Mexico	Oct. 6-Dec. 14	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Jan. 20
Wyoming	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16

NOTE: For all other States in the Pacific Flyway, snipe seasons have been deferred and no seasons are prescribed for woodcock and rails.

- (1) The bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails apply singly or in the aggregate of these species.
- (2) All bag and possession limits for clapper and king rails apply singly or in the aggregate of the two species and, unless otherwise specified, the limits are in addition to the limits on sora and Virginia rails in all States. In Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 20 in possession.

(a) Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Florida (1)</u>	Sept. 1-Nov.9	15	30
<u>Georgia</u>	Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Jan. 20	15	30
<u>Maine</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>New Jersey</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	10	20
<u>New York</u> Long Island Remainder of State	Closed Sept. 1-Nov. 9	8	16
<u>North Carolina</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>South Carolina</u>	Sept. 16-Sept. 23 & Oct. 15-Dec. 15	15	30
<u>Virginia</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>West Virginia</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Alabama</u>	Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20	15	15
<u>Arkansas</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Indiana</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Kentucky</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Louisiana (2)</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	15	30
<u>Michigan</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Minnesota</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Mississippi</u>	Oct. 12-Dec. 20	15	30

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>Ohio</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Tennessee</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>New Mexico</u> Zone 1	Oct. 6-Dec. 14	1	2
Zone 2	Oct. 6-Dec. 14	1	2
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Texas</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Oct. 27-Dec. 19	15	30
<u>Wyoming</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
All States	Deferred	--	--

(1) The season applies to common moorhens only.

(2) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late season selections.

(b) Sea Ducks (scoter, eider, and oldsquaw ducks in Atlantic Flyway).

Within the special sea duck areas, the daily bag limit is 7 scoter, eider, and oldsquaw ducks, singly or in the aggregate, of which no more than 4 may be scoters. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit. These limits may be in addition to regular duck bag limits only during the regular duck season in the special sea duck hunting areas.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>Connecticut</u>	Sept. 18-Jan. 19	7	14
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 20-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>Georgia</u>	Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>Maine</u>	Deferred	--	--

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Virginia (1)	Sept. 15-Sept. 25	4	8
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
Alabama	Sept. 8-Sept. 23	4	8
Arkansas (4)	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	4	8
Illinois (4)	Sept. 1-Sept. 16	4	8
Indiana (4)	Sept. 1-Sept. 16	4	8
Iowa (5)	Sept. 22-Sept. 26	--	--
North Zone	Sept. 22-Sept. 26	--	--
South Zone	Sept. 19-Sept. 23	4	8
Kentucky (6)	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	4	8
Louisiana	Sept. 8-Sept. 23	4	8
Mississippi	Sept. 8-Sept. 23	4	8
Missouri (4)	Sept. 1-Sept. 16	4	8
Ohio (4)	Sept. 8-Sept. 12	4	8
Tennessee (7)	Sept. 8-Sept. 16	4	8
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
Colorado	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	4	8
Kansas	Sept. 15-Sept. 22	4	8
Low Plains	Sept. 8-Sept. 16	4	8
High Plains	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	4	8
Nebraska (1)	Sept. 8-Sept. 23	4	8
New Mexico	Sept. 8-Sept. 16	4	8
Oklahoma	Sept. 8-Sept. 23	4	8
Low Plains	Sept. 8-Sept. 16	4	8
High Plains	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	4	8
Texas			

(1) Area restrictions. See State regulations.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Maryland	Deferred	--	--
Massachusetts	Deferred	--	--
New Hampshire (1)	Sept. 15-Dec. 30	7	14
New Jersey	Sept. 18-Jan. 19	7	14
New York	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14
North Carolina	Deferred	--	--
Rhode Island	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14
South Carolina	Deferred	--	--
Virginia	Deferred	--	--

NOTE: Notwithstanding the provisions of this Part 20, the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Delaware, Virginia and Maryland in those areas described, delineated, and designated in their respective hunting regulations as special sea duck hunting areas.

(1) In New Hampshire, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders, or 4 oldsquaws.

(c) Early (September) Duck Seasons:

Note: Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for teal only.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
Delaware (1)(2)	Sept. 6-Sept. 15	4	8
Florida (3)	Sept. 22-Sept. 26	4	8
Georgia	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	4	8
Maryland (1)	Sept. 13-Sept. 22	4	8
North Carolina (1)	Sept. 6-Sept. 15	4	8
South Carolina (4)	Sept. 22-Sept. 30	4	8

- (2) In Delaware, the shooting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 10:00 a.m.
- (3) In Florida, the daily bag limit is 4 wood ducks and teal in the aggregate, no more than 2 of which may be wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.
- (4) Shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.
- (5) In Iowa, the September season is part of the regular season, and limits will conform to those set for the regular season.
- (6) In Kentucky and Tennessee, the daily bag limit is 4 wood ducks and teal in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

(d) Special Early Canada Goose Seasons:

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Connecticut</u>				
North Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 25	5		10
South Zone	Sept. 17-Sept. 25	5		10
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5		10
<u>Maine</u>	Sept. 4-Sept. 25	3		6
<u>Maryland</u>				
Eastern Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5		10
Western Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5		10
<u>Massachusetts</u> (1)				
Central Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 25	5		10
Coastal Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 25	5		10
Western Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 25	5		10
<u>New Hampshire</u>	Sept. 4-Sept. 25	3		6
<u>New Jersey</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 29	5		10
<u>New York</u>				
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 25	2		4
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5		10
Western Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5		10
Montezuma Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5		10
Southeastern Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5		10
Long Island Zone (2)	Sept. 4-Sept. 30	5		10

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<u>North Carolina</u>				
Northeast Hunt Unit (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 20	5		10
Rest of State	Sept. 4-Sept. 29	5		10
<u>Pennsylvania</u>				
Southeast Hunt Area	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5		10
Rest of State	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5		10
<u>Rhode Island</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5		10
<u>South Carolina</u>				
Early-Season Hunt Unit	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	5		10
<u>Vermont</u>				
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 25	2		4
Interior Vermont Zone: Bennington, Rutland, & Windham Counties	Sept. 4-Sept. 25	5		10
Rest of Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 25	2		4
<u>Virginia</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5		10
<u>West Virginia</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 16	5		10
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Alabama</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5		10
<u>Illinois</u>				
Northeast Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5		10
North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2		4
Central Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2		4
South Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2		4
<u>Indiana</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5		10
<u>Kentucky</u>	Sept. 8-Sept. 12	2		4
<u>Michigan</u>				
Upper Peninsula	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	5		10
Lower Peninsula: Huron, Saginaw, and Tuscola Counties	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	2		4
Remainder	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5		10
<u>Minnesota</u>				
Twin Cities Metro Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 22	5		10
Southeast Goose Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 22	2		4
Five Goose Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 22	5		10
Northwest Goose Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2		4

	Limits		Season Dates
	Bag	Possession	
<u>Mississippi</u> (4)	5	10	Sept. 1-Sept. 15
<u>Ohio</u> (2)	5	10	Sept. 1-Sept. 15
<u>Tennessee</u> Middle Tennessee Zone East Tennessee Zone	3 5	6 10	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 Sept. 1-Sept. 15
<u>Wisconsin</u> Early-Season Subzone A Early-Season Subzone B	5 3	10 6	Sept. 4-Sept. 15 Sept. 4-Sept. 15
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Kansas</u> Sept. Canada Goose Units	3	6	Sept. 6-Sept. 15
<u>North Dakota</u>	5	10	Sept. 1-Sept. 21
<u>Oklahoma</u>	3	6	Sept. 15-Sept. 23
<u>South Dakota</u> (2): West Unit (5) North Unit South Unit	5 5 5	10 10 10	Sept. 1-Sept. 14 Sept. 1-Sept. 28 Sept. 15-Sept. 28
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>California</u> Humboldt County	2	2	Sept. 1-Sept. 9
<u>Idaho</u> Nez Perce County (1)(2)	4	8	Sept. 8-Sept. 14
<u>Oregon</u> Northwest Zone Southwest Zone East Zone	5 5 5	10 10 10	Sept. 8-Sept. 20 Sept. 8-Sept. 14 Sept. 8-Sept. 14
<u>Washington</u> Mgmt. Area 2B Mgmt. Areas 1 & 3 Rest of State	5 5 3	10 10 6	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 Sept. 8-Sept. 13 Sept. 8-Sept. 13
<u>Wyoming</u> (1)	3	6 per season	Sept. 1-Sept. 7

(1) State permit required.

- (2) See State regulations for additional information.
- (3) In North Carolina, in Currituck and Dare Counties, the daily bag and possession limits are 2 and 4, respectively.
- (4) In Mississippi, the season is closed on Roebuck Lake in Leflore County.
- (5) The West Unit includes Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson, Spink, and Walworth Counties.
- (e) Regular Goose Seasons.

Note: Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

	Season Dates
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Michigan</u> (1) Canada: MVP Zone SJBZ Zone	Sept. 17-Oct. 3 Sept. 17-Oct. 7 & Dec. 15-Dec. 23 Sept. 17-Dec. 2 Sept. 17-Dec. 2
White-fronted and Brant Light geese	
<u>Wisconsin</u> Horicon Zone Collins Zone	Sept. 17-Sept. 30 Sept. 17-Sept. 30

(1) In Michigan, season dates for the Muskegon Wastewater, Saginaw County, Allegen County, Tuscola/Huron Goose Management Units in the South Zone will be established in the late-season regulatory process.

(f) Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days

The following seasons are open only to youth hunters. Youth Hunters must be accompanied into the field by an adult at least 18 years of age. This adult can not duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons.

Definitions

Youth Hunters: Includes youths 15 years of age or younger.

The Atlantic Flyway: Includes Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The Mississippi Flyway: Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

The Central Flyway: Includes Colorado (east of the Continental Divide), Kansas, Montana (Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Judith Basin, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Wheatland, and all counties east thereof), Nebraska, New Mexico (east of the Continental Divide except that the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation is in the Pacific Flyway), North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming (east of the Continental Divide).

The Pacific Flyway: Includes the States of Arizona, California, Colorado (west of the Continental Divide), Idaho (including and to the west of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park Counties), Nevada, New Mexico (the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation and west of the Continental Divide), Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming (west of the Continental Divide including the Great Divide Basin).

Note: Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

	Season Dates		Season Dates
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Connecticut</u>	Deferred	Vermont	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>Delaware</u>	Oct. 20	Ducks, mergansers and coots	Deferred
Ducks, geese, and coots	Deferred	<u>Virginia</u>	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>Florida</u>	Nov. 10 & 11	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	
<u>Georgia</u>	Sept. 22	<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 29	<u>Alabama</u>	Feb. 9 & 10
<u>Maine</u>	Deferred	Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, moorhens and gallinules	Deferred
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 22 & 23	<u>Arkansas</u>	Deferred
<u>Maryland (1)</u>	Sept. 22	<u>Illinois</u>	Deferred
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and Canada geese	Sept. 22 & 23	<u>Indiana</u>	Deferred
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Sept. 22	<u>Iowa</u>	Oct. 6 & 7
<u>New Hampshire</u>	Sept. 22	Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 22	<u>Kentucky</u>	Oct. 13 & 14
<u>New Jersey</u>	Deferred	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Feb. 2 & 3
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 22 & 23	East Zone	Deferred
<u>New York</u>	Sept. 22 & 23	West Zone	Deferred
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and Canada geese (2)	Sept. 29 & 30	<u>Louisiana</u>	Sept. 15 & 16
Long Island Zone	Deferred	<u>Michigan</u>	Sept. 15
Lake Champlain Zone	Deferred	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Deferred
Northwestern Zone	Deferred	<u>Minnesota (4)</u>	Deferred
Southeastern Zone	Deferred	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Deferred
Western Zone	Deferred	<u>Mississippi</u>	Deferred
<u>North Carolina</u>	Sept. 22	<u>Missouri</u>	Deferred
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Nov. 3 & 4	Ducks, mergansers, coots and moorhens	Deferred
Ducks, mergansers, coots and moorhens	Deferred	<u>Ohio</u>	Deferred
<u>Rhode Island</u>	Deferred	<u>Tennessee</u>	Deferred
Ducks, mergansers and coots			
<u>South Carolina</u>			

	Season Dates
<u>Wisconsin</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 15 & 16
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Colorado</u> Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>Kansas (6)</u> Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots High Plains Low Plains Early Zone Late Zone	Sept. 29 & 30 Deferred Deferred
<u>Montana</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>Nebraska (6)</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>New Mexico</u> Ducks, mergansers, and coots North Zone South Zone	Sept. 29 & 30 Oct. 13 & 14
<u>North Dakota</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>Oklahoma</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots High Plains Low Plains	Sept. 29 & 30 Deferred
<u>South Dakota (7)</u> Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>Texas</u>	Deferred
<u>Wyoming</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	Sept. 22
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Arizona</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules North Zone South Zone	Oct. 6 Jan. 26
<u>California</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules Northeastern Zone Colorado River Zone Southern Zone Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone Balance-of-State Zone	Sept. 29 & 30 Jan. 26 Jan. 26 & 27 Jan. 26 & 27 Jan. 26 & 27
<u>Colorado</u> Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>Idaho</u> Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>Montana</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>Nevada</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules Clark and Lincoln Counties Rest of State	Jan. 26 & 27 Sept. 29
<u>Oregon (8)</u> Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>Utah</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 29
<u>Washington</u> Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 22 & 23
<u>Wyoming</u> Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 22

(1) In Maryland, the accompanying adult must be at least 21 years of age and possess a valid Maryland hunting license (or be exempt from the license requirement). This accompanying adult may not shoot or possess a firearm.

(2) In New York, the daily bag limit for Canada geese is 2.

(3) In West Virginia, the accompanying adult must be at least 21 years of age.

(4) In Minnesota, the Canada goose limit is 1, except that in the West Goose Zone, the limit is 5.

(5) In Kansas, the adult accompanying the youth must possess any licenses and/or stamps required by law for that individual to hunt waterfowl.

(6) In Nebraska, see State regulations for additional information on the daily bag limit.

(7) In South Dakota, the limit for Canada geese is 3, except in areas where the Special Early Canada goose season is open. In those areas, the limit is the same as for that special season.

(8) In Oregon, the Canada goose season is closed for the youth hunt in Western Washington Goose Management Area 2.

7. Section 20.106 is revised to read as follows:

§20.106 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for sandhill cranes.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are as follows:

Shooting and Hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons may select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>New Mexico</u>			
Regular Season Area (1)	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	3	6
Middle Rio Grande Valley Area (3)(4)(5)	Oct. 27-Oct. 28 & Nov. 17-Nov. 18 & Dec. 8-Dec. 9 & Jan. 12-Jan. 13	2	3
	Nov. 3-Nov. 4 & Jan. 5-Jan. 6	2	3
Southwest Area (3)(4)(5)	Oct. 27-Oct. 28	2	4
Estancia Valley (3)		2	4
<u>North Dakota</u>			
Area 1	Sept. 15-Nov. 11	3	6
Area 2	Sept. 15-Oct. 21	2	4
<u>Oklahoma</u> (1)	Deferred	--	--
<u>South Dakota</u> (1)	Sept. 22-Nov. 18	3	6
<u>Texas</u> (1)			
Zone A	Deferred	--	--
Zone B	Deferred	--	--
Zone C	Deferred	--	--
<u>Wyoming</u>			
Regular Season Area (1)	Sept. 15-Nov. 11	3	6
Riverton-Boysen Unit (3)	Sept. 15-Oct. 5	1	per season
Big Horn and Park Counties (3)	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	1	per season
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Arizona</u> (3)			
	Nov. 1-Nov. 3 & Nov. 5-Nov. 7 & Nov. 9-Nov. 11 & Nov. 13-Nov. 15 & Nov. 17-Nov. 19	2	2 per season
		2	2 per season
		2	2 per season
		2	2 per season
<u>Idaho</u> (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2	9 per season
<u>Montana</u>			
Special Season Area (3)	Sept. 8-Sept. 9 & Sept. 15-Sept. 16	1	per season
		1	per season
<u>Utah</u> (3)			
Rich County	Sept. 1-Sept. 9	1	per season
Cache County	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	1	per season
Box Elder County	Sept. 1-Sept. 9	1	per season

CENTRAL FLYWAY

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>Colorado</u> (1)	Oct. 7-Dec. 3	3	6
<u>Kansas</u> (2)	Nov. 3-Dec. 30	2	4
<u>Montana</u>			
Regular Season Area (1)	Sept. 29-Nov. 25	3	6
Special Season Area (3)	Sept. 8-Sept. 16	1	per season

further restricted by State regulations. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to regular season limits. Unless otherwise specified, extended falconry for ducks does not include sea ducks within the special sea duck areas. Only extended falconry seasons are shown below. Many States permit falconry during the gun seasons. Please consult State regulations for details.

For ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, and some moorhen seasons; additional season days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late-season selections. Some States have deferred selections. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

Extended Falconry Dates

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Delaware
 Mourning dove Sept. 24-Oct. 13 &
 Oct. 29-Nov. 8 &
 Jan. 28-Feb. 2
 Rail Nov. 10-Dec. 16
 Woodcock Oct. 1-Nov. 8 &
 Dec. 31-Feb. 6
 Snipe Feb. 2-Mar. 6

Florida
 Mourning and white-winged doves Oct. 30-Nov. 9 &
 Nov. 26-Dec. 7 &
 Jan. 7-Jan. 20
 Rails Nov. 10-Dec. 16
 Woodcock Nov. 24-Dec. 14 &
 Jan. 14-Mar. 10
 Nov. 10-Dec. 14

Georgia
 Moorhens, gallinules, and sea ducks Nov. 10-Nov. 16 &
 Nov. 26-Nov. 30 &
 Jan. 21-Feb. 15

Maryland
 Mourning doves Oct. 22-Nov. 12 &
 Dec. 9-Dec. 17 &
 Dec. 31-Jan. 5
 Nov. 10-Dec. 16

Rails Oct. 1-Oct. 19 &
 Woodcock Jan. 20-Mar. 10

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
Wyoming (3)				
Bear River Area	Sept. 1-Sept. 14		1 per season	
Salt River Area	Sept. 1-Sept. 7		1 per season	
Eden-Farson Area	Sept. 1-Sept. 7		1 per season	

(1) Each hunter participating in a regular sandhill crane hunting season must obtain and carry in his possession while hunting sandhill cranes a valid Federal sandhill crane hunting permit available without cost from conservation agencies in the States where crane hunting seasons are allowed. The permit must be displayed to any authorized law enforcement official upon request.

(2) In Kansas and North Dakota, each hunter participating in a regular sandhill crane hunting season must obtain and carry in his possession while hunting sandhill cranes a valid Federal sandhill crane hunting permit issued and validated by the State. The permit must be displayed to any authorized law enforcement official upon request.

(3) Hunting is by State permit only.

(4) In New Mexico, the seasonal bag limit is 3 in the Middle Rio Grande Valley Area and 8 in the Southwest Area.

(5) Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

8. Section 20.109 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.109 Extended seasons, limits, and hours for taking migratory game birds by falconry.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010). For those extended seasons for Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots, area descriptions were published in the September 28, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 58314) and will be published again in a September 2001 Federal Register.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Daily bag limit 3 migratory birds, singly or in the aggregate.

Possession limit 6 migratory birds, singly or in the aggregate.

These limits apply to falconry during both regular hunting seasons and extended falconry seasons -- unless

Extended Falconry Dates

Extended Falconry Dates

Minnesota
 Woodcock Sept. 1-Sept. 21 & Nov. 6-Dec. 16
 Rails and snipe Nov. 5-Dec. 16
Missouri
 Mourning doves Nov. 10-Dec. 16
 Ducks, mergansers, and coots Sept. 8-Sept. 23
Tennessee
 Mourning doves Sept. 27-Oct. 12 & Oct. 29-Nov. 27
 Ducks (1) Sept. 13-Sept. 30
Wisconsin
 Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules (1) Sept. 1-Sept. 28
 Woodcock Sept. 1-Sept. 21
 Ducks, mergansers, and coots Sept. 15-Sept. 16
CENTRAL FLYWAY
Montana (2) Sept. 19-Sept. 30
Nebraska
 Ducks, mergansers, and coots Sept. 8-Sept. 16 & Sept. 22-Sept. 23
 High Plains Sept. 8-Sept. 28
 Low Plains
New Mexico
 Doves Oct. 31-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Dec. 30
 North Zone Oct. 1-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Nov. 30
 South Zone
 Band-tailed pigeons Sept. 21-Dec. 16
 North Zone
 South Zone

Pennsylvania
 Mourning doves Oct. 6-Oct. 26 & Nov. 26-Dec. 11
 Doves Sept. 30-Oct. 12 & Dec. 15-Dec. 28 & Jan. 10-Jan. 19
 Woodcock Oct. 29-Nov. 2 & Nov. 18-Dec. 21 & Jan. 6-Jan. 31
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY
Illinois
 Mourning doves Oct. 18-Nov. 2 & Nov. 16-Dec. 16
 Nov. 10-Dec. 16
 Rails Sept. 1-Oct. 19 & Dec. 4-Dec. 16
 Woodcock
Indiana
 Mourning doves Oct. 17-Nov. 1 & Jan. 1-Jan. 31
 Woodcock Sept. 22-Oct. 4 & Nov. 19-Jan. 6
 Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1) Sept. 29-Sept. 30
 North Zone
Michigan
 Rails and snipe Sept. 7-Sept. 14 & Nov. 15-Dec. 10 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10
 Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens (1) Sept. 7-Sept. 28
 Woodcock Sept. 7-Sept. 21 & Nov. 6-Dec. 10 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>New Mexico</u>		
Doves North Zone	Oct. 17-Oct. 30	Oct. 31-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Dec. 30
Doves South Zone	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	Oct. 1-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Nov. 30
Band-tailed pigeons North Zone	Dec. 15-Jan. 20	Sept. 21-Dec. 16 Oct. 21-Jan. 15
Band-tailed pigeons South Zone	Sept. 17-Sept. 28	
<u>Oregon</u> (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 14	
Mourning doves		Oct. 1-Dec. 16
Band-tailed pigeons		Sept. 1-Sept. 14 & Sept. 24-Dec. 16
<u>Utah</u>		
Mourning doves and band-tailed pigeons	Sept. 4-Sept. 11	Oct. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Washington</u>	Sept. 4-Sept. 21 & Sept. 24-Sept. 28 Sept. 11-Sept. 21 & Sept. 24-Sept. 30	
Mourning doves		Oct. 1-Dec. 31
<u>Wyoming</u>		
Rails	Nov. 19-Dec. 25	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Mourning and white-winged doves	Dec. 20-Jan. 25	
Rails and gallinules	Nov. 24-Dec. 17 & Feb. 1-Mar. 10	
Woodcock		
<u>Wyoming</u>		
Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1) Zone 1 Zone 2	Sept. 22-Oct. 1 Sept. 19-Sept. 28	
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Arizona</u>		
Doves	Sept. 14-Oct. 30	
<u>Idaho</u>		
Mourning doves	Nov. 1-Jan. 16	
<u>New Mexico</u> (cont.)		
Sandhill cranes Regular Season Area		
Ducks and coots		
Moorhens and sora and Virginia rails		
<u>North Dakota</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		
Snipe		
<u>South Dakota</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1) High Plains Low Plains North & Middle Zones South Zone		
<u>Texas</u>		

(1) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late-season selections.
 (2) In Montana, the bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.
 (3) In Oregon, no more than 1 pigeon daily in bag or possession.