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**Migratory Bird Hunting; Late Seasons and
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Migratory Game Birds; Final Rule**

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

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Migratory Bird Hunting; Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule prescribes the hunting seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits for general waterfowl seasons and those early seasons for which States previously deferred selection. Taking of migratory birds is prohibited unless specifically provided for by annual regulations. This rule permits the taking of designated species during the 2009–10 season.

DATES: This rule is effective on September 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may inspect comments received on the migratory bird hunting regulations during normal business hours at the Service's office in room 4107, Arlington Square Building, 4501 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia. You may obtain copies of referenced reports from the street address above, or from the Division of Migratory Bird Management's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/>, or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Blohm, Chief, or Ron W. Kokel, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (703) 358-1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Regulations Schedule for 2009**

On April 10, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 16339) 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 hunting migratory game birds under §§ 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. Major steps in the 2009–10 regulatory cycle relating to open public meetings and **Federal Register** notifications were also identified in the April 10 proposed rule. Further, we explained that all sections of subsequent documents outlining hunting frameworks and guidelines were organized under numbered headings. Subsequent

documents will refer only to numbered items requiring attention. Therefore, it is important to note that we will omit those items requiring no attention, and remaining numbered items will be discontinuous and appear incomplete.

On May 27, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 25209) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations. The May 27 supplement also provided detailed information on the 2009–10 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee (SRC) and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 24 and 25, 2009, 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 2009–10 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 2009–10 regular waterfowl seasons. On July 24, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 36870) a third document specifically dealing with the proposed frameworks for early-season regulations. On August 25, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 43008) a rulemaking establishing final frameworks for early-season migratory bird hunting regulations for the 2009–10 season. Subsequently, on August 31, 2009, we published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 45032) amending subpart K of title 50 CFR part 20 to set hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for early seasons.

On July 29–30, 2009, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council Consultants, at which the participants reviewed the status of waterfowl and developed recommendations for the 2009–10 regulations for these species. On August 13, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 41008) the proposed frameworks for the 2009–10 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations. We published final late-season frameworks for migratory game bird hunting regulations, from which State wildlife conservation agency officials selected late-season hunting dates, hours, areas, and limits for 2009–

10, in a late September 2009 **Federal Register**.

The final rule described here is the final in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations for 2009–10 and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR part 20. It sets hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for species subject to late-season regulations and those for early seasons that States previously deferred.

National Environmental Policy Act (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). In addition, an August 1985 environmental assessment entitled "Guidelines for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands" is available by writing to the street address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

In a notice published in the September 8, 2005 **Federal Register** (70 FR 53376), we announced our intent to develop a new Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the migratory bird hunting program. Public scoping meetings were held in the spring of 2006, as detailed in a March 9, 2006 **Federal Register** (71 FR 12216). A scoping report summarizing the scoping comments and scoping meetings is available by either writing to the street address indicated under **ADDRESSES** or by viewing our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/>.

Endangered Species Act Consideration

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543; 87 Stat. 884), provides that, "The Secretary shall review other programs administered by him and utilize such programs in furtherance of the purposes of this Act" (and) shall "insure that any action authorized, funded or carried out * * * is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of [critical] habitat * * *". Consequently, we conducted consultations to ensure that actions resulting from these regulations would not likely jeopardize the continued

existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat. Findings from these consultations are included in the Section 7 Consultation on the Proposed 2009–10 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations (dated August 24, 2009). The consultation concluded that the 2009–10 regulations are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of either the whooping crane or Steller's eider. To prevent take of whooping cranes, the Contingency Plan for Federal-State Cooperative Protection of whooping cranes provides a protective program in 13 States. In addition, the State of Kansas will implement specific restrictions to avoid accidental shootings. To prevent take of Steller's eiders, the 2009–10 regulations include the continued implementation of measures initiated and outlined under the 2009 Alaska migratory bird subsistence regulations. These measures include Service initiated conservation measures that increase migratory bird hunter outreach prior to the opening of the hunting season, increased Service enforcement of migratory bird regulations, and conducting in-season harvest verification of Steller's eider mortality and injury. Additionally, any modifications resulting from this consultation may have caused modification of some regulatory measures previously proposed. The final frameworks reflect any modifications. Our biological opinions resulting from this section 7 consultation are public documents available for public inspection in the Service's Division of Endangered Species and Division of Migratory Bird Management, at the street address indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget has determined that this rule is significant and has reviewed this rule under Executive Order 12866. OMB bases its determination of regulatory significance upon the following four criteria:

(a) Whether the rule will have an annual effect of \$100 million or more on the economy or adversely affect an economic sector, productivity, jobs, the environment, or other units of the government.

(b) Whether the rule will create inconsistencies with other Federal agencies' actions.

(c) Whether the rule will materially affect entitlements, grants, user fees, loan programs, or the rights and obligations of their recipients.

(d) Whether the rule raises novel legal or policy issues.

An economic analysis was prepared for the 2008–09 season. This analysis was based on data from the 2006 National Hunting and Fishing Survey, the most recent year for which data are available (see discussion in Regulatory Flexibility Act section below). This analysis estimates consumer surplus for three alternatives for duck hunting (estimates for other species are not quantified due to lack of data). The alternatives are (1) issue restrictive regulations allowing fewer days than those issued during the 2007–08 season, (2) issue moderate regulations allowing more days than those in alternative 1, and (3) issue liberal regulations identical to the regulations in the 2007–08 season. For the 2008–09 season, we chose alternative 3, with an estimated consumer surplus across all flyways of \$205–\$270 million. For the upcoming 2009–10 season, we again considered these three alternatives and again chose alternative 3 for ducks. We made minor modifications to the season frameworks for some other species, but these do not significantly change the economic impacts of the rule, which were not quantified for other species. For these reasons, we have not conducted a new economic analysis, but the 2008–09 analysis is part of the record for this rule and is available at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/NewReportsPublications/SpecialTopics/SpecialTopics.html#HuntingRegs> or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The 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 as part of the 1981 cost-benefit analysis. This analysis was revised annually from 1990–95. In 1995, the Service issued a Small Entity Flexibility Analysis (Analysis), which was subsequently updated in 1996, 1998, 2004, and 2008. 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 2008 Analysis was based on the 2006 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 approximately \$1.2 billion at small businesses in 2008. Copies of the Analysis are available upon request

from the street address indicated under **ADDRESSES** or from our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/NewReportsPublications/SpecialTopics/SpecialTopics.html#HuntingRegs> or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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.

Paperwork Reduction Act

We examined these regulations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). The various recordkeeping and reporting requirements imposed under regulations established in 50 CFR part 20, subpart K, are utilized in the formulation of migratory game bird hunting regulations. Specifically, OMB has approved the information collection requirements of our Migratory Bird Surveys and assigned control number 1018–0023 (expires 2/28/2011). 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 Alaska Subsistence Household Survey, an associated voluntary annual household survey used to determine levels of subsistence take in Alaska, and assigned control number 1018–0124 (expires 1/31/2010). 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 impose a cost 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 it will not unduly burden the judicial system and that it 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, these rules allow hunters to exercise otherwise unavailable privileges and, therefore, reduce restrictions on the use of private and public property.

Energy Effects—Executive Order 13211

Executive Order 13211 requires agencies to prepare Statements of Energy Effects when undertaking certain actions. While this rule is a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 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.

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), Executive Order 13175, and 512 DM 2, we have evaluated possible effects on Federally-recognized Indian tribes and have determined that there are no effects on Indian trust resources. However, in the April 10 **Federal Register**, we solicited proposals for special migratory bird hunting regulations for certain Tribes on Federal Indian reservations, off-reservation trust lands, and ceded lands for the 2009–10 migratory bird hunting season. The resulting proposals were contained in a separate August 11, 2009, proposed rule (74 FR 40138). By virtue of these actions, we have consulted with Tribes affected by this rule.

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 regarding the hunting of migratory birds, and we 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 Indian 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 process 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.

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. 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,

States would have insufficient time to select season dates and limits; to communicate those selections to us; and to establish and publicize the necessary regulations and procedures to implement their decisions. 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 frameworks will, therefore, take effect immediately upon publication. Therefore, under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (July 3, 1918), as amended (16 U.S.C. 703–711), we prescribe final frameworks setting forth the species to be hunted, the daily bag and possession limits, the shooting hours, the season lengths, the earliest opening and latest closing season dates, and hunting areas, from which State conservation agency officials will select hunting season dates and other options. Upon receipt of season selections from these officials, we will publish a final rulemaking amending 50 CFR part 20 to reflect seasons, limits, and shooting hours for the conterminous United States for the 2009–10 season.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20

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

Dated: September 16, 2009.

Thomas L. Strickland,

Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

■ 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:

PART 20—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 40 Stat. 755, 16 U.S.C. 703–712; Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, 16 U.S.C. 742a–j; Pub. L. 106–108, 113 Stat. 1491, Note Following 16 U.S.C. 703.

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Note - The following annual regulations provided for by §§20.104, 20.105, 20.106, 20.107, and 20.109 of 50 CFR part 20 will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations because of their seasonal nature.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY ON FEDERAL AND STATE PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS AND FEDERAL INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

2. Section 20.104 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order to read as follows:

§20.104 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 restricted by State regulations.

Area descriptions were published in the August 13, 2009 (74 FR 41008) and August 25, 2009 (74 FR 43008), Federal Registers.

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2009, Federal Register (74 FR 45032).

| | Sora & Virginia Rails | Clapper & King Rails | Woodcock | Common Snipe |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Daily bag limit | 25 (1) | 15 (2) | 3 | 8 |
| Possession limit | 25 (1) | 30 (2) | 6 | 16 |

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

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|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Massachusetts</u> (5) | Sept. 1-Nov. 7 | Closed | Oct. 15-Oct. 31 & Nov. 2-Nov. 14 | Sept. 1-Dec. 16 |
| | | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Vermont</u> | Closed | Closed | Oct. 8-Nov. 6 | Oct. 10-Dec. 18 |
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MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Louisiana</u> | Sept. 12-Sept. 27 & Nov. 14-Jan. 6 | Sept. 12-Sept. 27 & Nov. 14-Jan. 6 | Dec. 18-Jan. 31 28 | Nov. 7-Dec. 11 Dec. 19-Feb. |
| | | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Tennessee</u> Reelfoot Zone | Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Dec. 5-Jan. 31 | Closed | Oct. 31-Dec. 14 | Nov. 14-Feb. 28 |

| | Sora & Virginia Rails | Clapper & King Rails | Woodcock | Common Snipe |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Tennessee (cont.)</u> | | | | |
| State Zone | Nov. 28-Nov. 29 & Dec. 5-Jan. 31 | Closed | Oct. 31-Dec. 14 | Nov. 14-Feb. 28 |
| <u>Wisconsin</u> | | | | |
| North Zone | Sept. 26-Nov. 24 | Closed | Sept. 19-Nov. 2 | Sept. 26-Nov. 24 |
| South Zone | Oct. 3-Oct. 11 & Oct. 17-Dec. 6 | Closed | Sept. 19-Nov. 2 | Oct. 3-Oct. 11 & Oct. 17-Dec. 6 |
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| <u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u> | | | | |
| <u>Arizona (18)</u> | | | | |
| North Zone | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 9-Jan. 17 |
| South Zone | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 23-Jan. 31 |
| | | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Idaho</u> | | | | |
| Zone 1 & 2 | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 3-Jan. 15 |
| Zones 3 | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 10-Jan. 22 |
| | | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Nevada</u> | | | | |
| Lincoln and Clark Counties | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 17-Jan. 29 |
| Rest of State | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 17-Jan. 30 |
| | | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Oregon</u> | | | | |
| Zone 1 | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 17-Oct. 25 & Oct. 28-Jan. 31 |
| Zone 2 | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 10-Nov. 29 & Dec. 2-Jan. 24 |
| | | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Washington</u> | | | | |
| East Zone | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 17-Oct. 21 & Oct. 24-Jan. 31 |
| West Zone | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 17-Oct. 21 & Oct. 24-Jan. 31 |
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- (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 Delaware, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 20 in possession. In Connecticut and Maryland, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 10 in possession.

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- (5) In Massachusetts, the sora rail limits are 5 daily and 5 in possession; the Virginia rail limits are 10 daily and 10 in possession.

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- (18) In Arizona, Ashurst Lake in Unit 5B is closed to common snipe hunting.

3. In §20.105, paragraphs (a), (b), and (f) are amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order and paragraph (e) is revised 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 restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 13, 2009 (74 FR 41008) and August 25, 2009 (74 FR 43008), Federal Registers.

- (a) Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules
(Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways)

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 45032). The zones named in this paragraph are the same as those used for setting duck seasons.

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u> | | | |
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| | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Georgia</u> | Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 31 | 15 | 30 |
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| | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Virginia</u> | Oct. 8-Oct. 12 & Nov. 21-Dec. 5 & Dec. 12-Jan. 30 | 15 15 15 | 30 30 30 |
| <u>West Virginia</u> | | | |
| Zone 1 | Oct. 1-Oct. 14 & Dec. 16-Jan. 30 | 15 15 | 30 30 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>West Virginia (cont.)</u> | | | |
| Zone 2 | Oct. 1-Oct. 14 & Dec. 9-Jan. 23 | 15 15 | 30 30 |
| | * * * * * | | |
| <u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u> | | | |
| | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Louisiana</u> | | | |
| | Sept. 12-Sept. 27 & Nov. 14-Jan. 6 | 15 15 | 30 30 |
| <u>Michigan</u> | | | |
| North Zone | Sept. 26-Nov. 20 & Nov. 26-Nov. 29 | 1 1 | 2 2 |
| Middle Zone | Oct. 3-Nov. 29 & Dec. 5-Dec. 6 | 1 1 | 2 2 |
| South Zone | Oct. 10-Dec. 6 & Jan. 2-Jan. 3 | 1 1 | 2 2 |
| <u>Minnesota (3)</u> | | | |
| | Oct. 3-Dec. 1 | 15 | 30 |
| | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Tennessee</u> | | | |
| Reelfoot Zone | Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Dec. 5-Jan. 31 | 15 15 | 30 30 |
| State Zone | Nov. 28-Nov. 29 & Dec. 5-Jan. 31 | 15 15 | 30 30 |
| <u>Wisconsin</u> | | | |
| North Zone | Sept. 26-Nov. 24 | 15 | 30 |
| South Zone | Oct. 3-Oct. 11 & Oct. 17-Dec. 6 | 15 | 30 |
| <u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u> | | | |
| | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Wyoming</u> | | | |
| | Closed | | |
| | * * * * * | | |
| <u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u> | | | |
| All States | Seasons are in aggregate with coots and listed in paragraph (e). | | |
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(3) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 coots and moorhens in the aggregate.

(b) Sea Ducks (scoter, eider, and long-tailed ducks in Atlantic Flyway)

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 45032).

Within the special sea duck areas, the daily bag limit is 7 scoter, eider, and long-tailed ducks 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 | Limits | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Georgia</u> | Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & | 7 | 14 |
| | Dec. 12-Jan. 31 | 7 | 14 |
| | * * * * * | | |
| <u>Maryland</u> | Oct. 3-Jan. 30 | 5 | 10 |
| <u>Massachusetts</u> (4) | Oct. 10-Jan. 30 | 7 | 14 |
| | * * * * * | | |
| <u>North Carolina</u> | Oct. 1-Jan. 30 | 7 | 14 |
| | * * * * * | | |
| <u>South Carolina</u> | Oct. 17-Jan. 31 | 7 | 14 |
| <u>Virginia</u> | Oct. 8-Jan. 30 | 7 | 14 |

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.

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(4) In Massachusetts, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 eiders (only 1 of which may be a hen) and 4 long-tailed ducks.

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(e) Waterfowl, Coots, and Pacific-Flyway Seasons for Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules

Definitions

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, Montana (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).

Light Geese: Includes lesser snow (including blue) geese, greater snow geese, and Ross' geese.

Dark Geese: Includes Canada geese, white-fronted geese, emperor geese, brant (except in California, Oregon, Washington, and the Atlantic Flyway), and all other geese except light geese.

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (2 hen mallards), 2 scaup, 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, and 1 fulvous tree duck. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Harlequin Ducks: All areas of the Flyway are closed to harlequin duck hunting.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit is 5 mergansers with 10 in possession and may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers daily and 4 in possession. In States that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 2 daily and 4 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Connecticut</u> | | | |
| Ducks and Mergansers: | | 6 | 12 |
| North Zone | Oct. 14-Oct. 24 & Nov. 13-Jan. 9 | | |
| South Zone | Oct. 14-Oct. 19 & Nov. 21-Jan. 23 | | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| AFRP Unit | Oct. 1-Oct. 27 & Nov. 13-Dec. 3 & Jan. 1-Feb. 15 | 5 5 5 | 10 10 10 |
| NAP H-Unit | Oct. 1-Oct. 17 & Nov. 24-Jan. 14 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| AP Unit | Nov. 2-Nov. 7 & Nov. 26-Jan. 9 | 3 3 | 6 6 |
| South Zone (special season) | Jan. 15-Feb. 10 | 5 | 10 |
| Light Geese: | | | |
| North Zone | Oct. 1-Jan. 14 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10 | 15 15 | -- -- |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Connecticut (cont.)</u> | | | |
| South Zone | Oct. 1-Nov. 30 & Jan. 6-Mar. 10 | 15 15 | -- -- |
| Brant: | | | |
| North Zone | Nov. 13-Jan. 9 | 2 | 4 |
| South Zone | Nov. 27-Jan. 23 | 2 | 4 |
| <u>Delaware</u> | | | |
| Ducks | Oct. 30-Nov. 11 & Nov. 23-Dec. 5 & Dec. 19-Jan. 30 | 6 | 12 |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese | Nov. 23-Dec. 5 & Dec. 19-Jan. 26 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| Light Geese (1) | Oct. 1-Jan. 30 | 15 | -- |
| Brant | Dec. 4-Jan. 30 | 2 | 4 |
| <u>Florida</u> | | | |
| Ducks | Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 31 | 6 | 12 |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese | Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & Dec. 1-Jan. 30 | 5 5 | 10 10 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Ducks | 15 | -- |
| <u>Georgia</u> | | | |
| Ducks | Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 31 | 6 | 12 |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese (special season) | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Brant | Closed | -- | -- |
| <u>Maine</u> | | | |
| Ducks (2): | | 6 | 12 |
| North Zone | Sept. 28-Dec. 5 | | |
| South Zone | Oct. 1-Oct. 24 & Nov. 9-Dec. 23 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| North Zone | Oct. 1-Dec. 9 | 2 | 4 |
| South Zone | Same as for Ducks | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 1-Jan. 31 | 15 | -- |
| Brant: | | | |
| North Zone | Oct. 13-Dec. 9 | 2 | 4 |
| South Zone | Oct. 13-Oct. 24 & Nov. 9-Dec. 23 | 2 2 | 4 4 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
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| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Maryland</u> | | | |
| Ducks and Mergansers (3) | Oct. 17-Oct. 24 & Nov. 14-Nov. 27 & Dec. 15-Jan. 30 | 6 | 12 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| RP Zone | Nov. 16-Nov. 27 & Dec. 17-Mar. 6 | 5 5 | 10 10 |
| AP Zone | Nov. 21-Nov. 27 & Dec. 17-Jan. 30 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 10-Nov. 27 & Dec. 8-Jan. 30 | 15 15 | -- -- |
| Brant | Nov. 21-Nov. 27 & Dec. 11-Jan. 30 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| <u>Massachusetts</u> | | | |
| Ducks (4): | | 6 | 12 |
| Western Zone | Oct. 14-Nov. 28 & Dec. 11-Jan. 2 | | |
| Central Zone | Oct. 15-Nov. 28 & Dec. 17-Jan. 9 | | |
| Coastal Zone | Oct. 16-Oct. 24 & Nov. 18-Jan. 16 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| NAP Zone | | | |
| Central Zone: | Oct. 15-Nov. 28 & Dec. 17-Jan. 9 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| (special season) | Jan. 15-Feb. 15 | 5 | 10 |
| Coastal Zone: | Oct. 16-Oct. 24 & Nov. 18-Jan. 16 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| (special season) (5) | Jan. 18-Feb. 15 | 5 | 10 |
| AP Zone | Oct. 20-Nov. 28 & Dec. 11-Dec. 22 | 3 3 | 6 6 |
| Light Geese: | | | |
| Western Zone | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Central Zone | Same as for Ducks & Jan. 15-Feb. 15 | 15 15 | 30 30 |
| Coastal Zone | Same as for Ducks & Jan. 18-Feb. 15 | 15 15 | 30 30 |
| Brant: | | | |
| Western & Central Zone | Closed | -- | -- |
| Coastal Zone | Nov. 18-Nov. 28 & Dec. 16-Jan. 30 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| <u>New Hampshire</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 6 | 12 |
| Inland Zone | Oct. 6-Nov. 8 & Nov. 25-Dec. 20 | | |
| Coastal Zone | Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Nov. 25-Jan. 11 | | |

| | | Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession |
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| <u>New Hampshire (cont.)</u> | | | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese: | | | | |
| | Inland Zone | Same as for Ducks | 2 | 4 |
| | Coastal Zone | Same as for Ducks | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese: | | | | |
| | Inland Zone | Oct. 6-Dec. 20 | 15 | -- |
| | Coastal Zone | Oct. 7-Jan. 11 | 15 | - |
| Brant: | | | | |
| | Inland Zone | Oct. 6-Nov. 24 | 2 | 4 |
| | Coastal Zone | Oct. 7-Nov. 25 | 2 | 4 |
| <u>New Jersey</u> | | | | |
| Ducks: | | | | |
| | North Zone | Oct. 10-Oct. 31 & Nov. 17-Jan. 2 | 6 | 12 |
| | South Zone | Oct. 17-Oct. 31 & Nov. 14-Jan. 7 | | |
| | Coastal Zone | Nov. 7-Nov. 14 & Nov. 26-Jan. 26 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 15 |
| Canada and White-fronted Geese: | | | | |
| | North Zone | Nov. 14-Nov. 28 & Dec. 12-Jan. 18 | 3 | 6 |
| | South Zone | Same as North Zone | 3 | 6 |
| | Coastal Zone | Nov. 26-Dec. 5 & Dec. 8-Jan. 18 | 3 | 6 |
| season) | Jan. 19-Feb. 15 | 5 | 10 | 6 (special |
| Light Geese: | | | | |
| | North Zone | Oct. 15-Feb. 15 | 15 | -- |
| | South Zone | Oct. 15-Feb. 15 | 15 | -- |
| | Coastal Zone | Oct. 15-Feb. 15 | 15 | -- |
| Brant: | | | | |
| | North Zone | Oct. 10-Oct. 29 & Nov. 26-Jan. 2 | 2 | 4 |
| | South Zone | Oct. 17-Oct. 31 & Nov. 26-Jan. 7 | 2 | 4 |
| | Coastal Zone | Nov. 7-Nov. 14 & Nov. 26-Jan. 14 | 2 | 4 |
| <u>New York</u> | | | | |
| Ducks and Mergansers: | | | 6 | 12 |
| | Long Island Zone | Nov. 25-Nov. 29 & Dec. 8-Jan. 31 | | |
| | Lake Champlain Zone | Oct. 10-Oct. 13 & Oct. 24-Dec. 18 | | |
| | Northeastern Zone | Oct. 3-Oct. 11 & Oct. 23-Dec. 12 | | |
| | Southeastern Zone | Oct. 10-Oct. 18 & Nov. 7-Dec. 27 | | |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
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| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>New York (cont.)</u> | | | |
| Western Zone | Oct. 24-Dec. 6 & Dec. 26-Jan. 10 | | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| Western Long Island (AFRP) | Nov. 25-Nov. 29 & Dec. 2-Feb. 14 | 5 | 10 |
| Central Long Island (NAP-L) | Nov. 25-Nov. 29 & Dec. 7-Feb. 9 | 3 | 6 |
| (Special season) | Feb. 10-Feb. 15 | 5 | 10 |
| Eastern Long Island (NAP-H) | Nov. 25-Nov. 29 & Dec. 8-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Lake Champlain (AP) Zone | Oct. 20-Dec. 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Northeast (AP) Zone | Oct. 24-Dec. 7 | 3 | 6 |
| East Central (AP) Zone | Oct. 24-Nov. 20 & Nov. 28-Dec. 14 | 3 | 6 |
| Hudson Valley (AP) Zone | Oct. 24-Nov. 20 & Dec. 18-Jan. 3 | 3 | 6 |
| West Central (AP) Zone | Oct. 24-Nov. 21 & Dec. 26-Jan. 10 | 3 | 6 |
| South (RP) | Oct. 24-Dec. 16 & Dec. 26-Jan. 10 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10 | 5 5 5 | 10 10 10 |
| Light Geese (6): | | | |
| Long Island Zone | Nov. 24-Mar. 10 | 15 | -- |
| Lake Champlain Zone | Oct. 1-Dec. 29 | 15 | -- |
| Northeastern Zone | Oct. 1-Dec. 31 & Feb. 24-Mar. 10 | 15 | -- |
| Southeastern Zone | Oct. 10-Jan. 14 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10 | 15 | -- |
| Western Zone | Oct. 24-Dec. 16 & Dec. 26-Jan. 10 & Feb. 2-Mar. 10 | 15 15 15 | -- -- -- |
| Brant: | | | |
| Long Island Zone | Nov. 25-Nov. 29 & Dec. 18-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Lake Champlain Zone | Oct. 10-Nov. 28 | 2 | 4 |
| Northeastern Zone | Oct. 3-Nov. 21 | 2 | 4 |
| Southeastern Zone | Oct. 10-Nov. 28 | 2 | 4 |
| Western Zone | Oct. 3-Nov. 21 | 2 | 4 |
| <u>North Carolina</u> | | | |
| Ducks (7) | Oct. 7-Oct. 10 & Nov. 14-Dec. 5 & Dec. 19-Jan. 30 | 6 | 12 |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| Resident Population Hunt Zone | Oct. 7-Oct. 17 & Nov. 14-Dec. 5 & Dec. 19-Feb. 6 | 5 5 5 | 10 10 10 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
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| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>North Carolina (cont.)</u> | | | |
| Southern James Bay Hunt Zone | Oct. 7-Nov. 7 & Nov. 14-Dec. 31 | 5 5 | 10 10 |
| Northeast Hunt Zone (8) | Jan. 23-Jan. 30 | 1 | 2 |
| Light Geese (9) | Oct. 17-Oct. 24 & Nov. 14-Mar. 10 | 15 15 | -- -- |
| Brant | Nov. 21-Dec. 5 & Dec. 19-Jan. 30 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| <u>Pennsylvania</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 6 | 12 |
| North Zone | Oct. 10-Oct. 24 & Nov. 17-Jan. 9 | | |
| South Zone | Oct. 10-Oct. 17 & Nov. 16-Jan. 15 | | |
| Northwest Zone | Oct. 10-Nov. 28 & Dec. 14-Jan. 1 | | |
| Lake Erie Zone | Oct. 26-Jan. 2 | | |
| Mergansers Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| AP Zone | Nov. 16-Nov. 28 & Dec. 19-Jan. 26 | 3 3 | 6 6 |
| SJBP Zone | Oct. 26-Nov. 28 & Dec. 14-Jan. 28 | 3 3 | 6 6 |
| Resident (RP) Zone | Oct. 24-Oct. 31 & Nov. 16-Nov. 28 & Dec. 11-Feb. 19 | 5 5 5 | 10 10 10 |
| Light Geese | Nov. 6-Feb. 19 | 15 | -- |
| Brant | Oct. 10-Nov. 14 & Dec. 10-Dec. 31 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| <u>Rhode Island</u> | | | |
| Ducks | Oct. 9-Oct. 12 & Nov. 25-Nov. 29 & Dec. 5-Jan. 24 | 6 | 12 |
| Mergansers Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & (special season) | Dec. 5-Jan. 24 Jan. 29-Feb. 14 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 10-Jan. 24 | 15 | -- |
| Brant | Dec. 6-Jan. 24 | 2 | 4 |
| <u>South Carolina</u> | | | |
| Ducks (10)(11) | Nov. 25-Nov. 29 & Dec. 5 only & Dec. 12-Jan. 31 | 6 | 12 |
| Mergansers (12) | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
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| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>South Carolina (cont.)</u> | | | |
| Canada and White-fronted Geese (13) | Nov. 25-Nov. 29 & Dec. 5-Feb. 5 & Feb. 8-Feb. 15 | 5 5 5 | 10 10 10 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Ducks | 15 | -- |
| Brant | Dec. 13-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| <u>Vermont</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 6 | 12 |
| Lake Champlain Zone | Oct. 10-Oct 13 & Oct. 24-Dec. 18 | | |
| Interior Zone | Oct. 10-Dec. 8 | | |
| Connecticut River Zone | Oct. 6-Nov. 8 & Nov. 25-Dec. 20 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese | | | |
| Lake Champlain Zone: | Oct. 20-Dec. 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Interior Zone: | Oct. 20-Dec. 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Connecticut River Zone | Oct. 6-Nov. 8 & Nov. 25-Dec. 20 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| Light Geese | | | |
| Lake Champlain Zone | Oct. 1-Dec. 29 | 15 | - |
| Interior Zone | Oct. 1-Dec. 29 | 15 | - |
| Connecticut River Zone | Oct. 6-Dec. 20 | 15 | - |
| Brant | | | |
| Lake Champlain Zone | Oct. 10-Nov. 28 | 2 | 4 |
| Interior Zone | Oct. 10-Nov. 28 | 2 | 4 |
| Connecticut River Zone | Oct. 6-Nov. 24 | 2 | 4 |
| <u>Virginia</u> | | | |
| Ducks (14): | Oct. 8-Oct. 12 & Nov. 21-Dec. 5 & Dec. 12-Jan. 30 | 5 | 10 |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| Eastern (AP) Zone | Nov. 21-Dec. 5 & Dec. 25-Jan. 30 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| Western (SJBP) Zone | Nov. 21-Dec. 5 & Dec. 15-Jan. 14 & Jan. 15-Feb. 13 | 3 3 5 | 6 6 10 |
| Western (RP) Zone | Nov. 21-Dec. 5 & Dec. 12-Feb. 27 | 5 5 | 10 10 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 8-Jan. 30 | 15 | -- |
| Brant | Nov. 21-Nov. 28 & Dec. 12-Jan. 30 | 2 2 | 4 4 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
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| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>West Virginia</u> | | | |
| Ducks (15): | | 6 | 12 |
| Zone 1 | Oct. 1-Oct. 14 & Dec. 16-Jan. 30 | | |
| Zone 2 | Oct. 1-Oct. 14 & Dec. 9-Jan. 23 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| Zone 1 | Oct. 1-Oct. 31 & Dec. 14-Jan. 31 | 5 | 10 |
| Zone 2 | Oct. 1-Oct. 31 & Dec. 14-Jan. 31 | 5 | 10 |
| Light Geese: | | | |
| Zone 1 | Same as for Canada geese | 5 | 10 |
| Zone 2 | Same as for Canada geese | 5 | 10 |
| Brant | | | |
| Zone 1 | Dec. 14-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Zone 2 | Dec. 14-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |

- (1) In Delaware, the Bombay Hook NWR snow goose season is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only.
- (2) In Maine, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 of any species, with no more than 8 of any one species in possession. The season for Barrow's goldeneye is closed.
- (3) In Maryland, the black duck season is closed October 17 through October 24.
- (4) In Massachusetts, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 of any single species in addition to the flyway-wide bag restrictions.
- (5) In Massachusetts, the special season in the Coastal Zone is restricted to that portion of the Coastal Zone north of the Cape Cod Canal.
- (6) In New York, light geese may be taken with the aid of recorded or electrically amplified calls in any area or zone when all other waterfowl seasons are closed.
- (7) In North Carolina, the season is closed for black ducks October 7 through October 10 and November 14 through November 30. The daily bag limit for Black and Mottled ducks are combined with no more than 1 allowed in the daily bag.
- (8) In North Carolina, a permit is required to hunt Canada geese in the Northeast Hunt Zone.
- (9) In North Carolina, electronic calls and unplugged shotguns are allowed for light geese from February 8 through March 10.
- (10) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit of 6 may not exceed 1 black-bellied whistling duck, 1 female mallard and 1 black duck or 1 mottled duck in the aggregate.
- (11) In South Carolina, on December 5, 2009, only youth less than 18 years of age may hunt, but they must be accompanied by an adult of at least 21 years of age who is fully licensed. Youth who are 16 and 17 years of age, who hunt, must possess a Federal Waterfowl Stamp and HIP permit.
- (12) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit for mergansers may include no more than 1 hooded merganser.
- (13) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 white-fronted geese.
- (14) In Virginia, the season is closed for black ducks October 8 through October 12.
- (15) In West Virginia, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 long-tailed ducks and the season is closed for eiders, whistling ducks, and mottled ducks.

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 1 mottled duck, 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, and 3 wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The merganser limits include no more than 2 hooded mergansers daily and 4 in possession. In states that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 2 daily and 4 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

| | | Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession |
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| <u>Alabama</u> | | | | |
| Ducks: | | | 6 | 12 |
| | North Zone | Nov. 27-Nov. 28 & Dec. 5-Jan. 31 | | |
| | South Zone | Same as North Zone | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | | |
| Dark Geese: | | | | |
| | North Zone: | | | |
| | SJBP Zone | Sept. 26-Oct. 7 & Dec. 5-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| | Rest of North Zone | Same as SJBP Zone | 2 | 4 |
| | South Zone | Same as Rest of North Zone | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese: | | | | |
| | North Zone: | | | |
| | SJBP Zone | Same as Rest of North Zone | 5 | 5 |
| | Monroe and Escambia Counties | Sept. 26-Oct. 7 & Oct. 31-Nov. 15 & Dec. 5-Jan. 31 | 5 5 5 | 5 10 5 |
| | Rest of North Zone | Same as for Dark Geese | 5 | 5 |
| | South Zone | Same as for Dark Geese | 5 | 5 |
| <u>Arkansas</u> | | | | |
| Ducks | | Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & Dec. 10-Dec. 23 & Dec. 26-Jan. 31 | 6 | 12 |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | | |
| Canada: | | | | |
| | Northwest Zone | Sept. 26-Oct. 5 & Dec. 26-Jan. 31 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| | Remainder of State | Dec. 26-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| | White-fronted | Nov. 14-Dec. 5 & Dec. 12-Dec. 24 & Dec. 26-Jan. 31 | 2 2 2 | 4 4 4 |
| | Brant | Closed | -- | -- |
| | Nov. 7-Dec. 24 & | 20 Dec. 26-Jan. 31 | -- 20 | -- - |

Light Geese

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
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| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Illinois</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 6 | 12 |
| North Zone | Oct. 17-Dec. 15 | | |
| Central Zone | Oct. 31-Dec. 29 | | |
| South Zone | Nov. 14-Jan. 12 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada: | | | |
| North Zone | Oct. 17-Jan. 9 | 2 | 4 |
| Central Zone | Oct. 31-Nov. 15 & Nov. 24-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| South Zone | Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Nov. 29-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| White-fronted: | | | |
| North Zone | Oct. 30-Jan. 9 | 2 | 4 |
| Central Zone | Nov. 21-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| South Zone | Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Nov. 29-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Brant | Same as for Light Geese | 1 | 2 |
| Light Geese | | | |
| North Zone | Oct. 17-Jan. 9 | 20 | -- |
| Central Zone | Oct. 31-Jan. 31 | 20 | - |
| South Zone | Nov. 14-Jan. 31 | 20 | - |
| <u>Indiana</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 6 | 12 |
| North Zone | Oct. 17-Dec. 15 | | |
| South Zone | Oct. 24-Nov. 1 & Nov. 25-Jan. 14 | | |
| Ohio River Zone | Oct. 31-Nov. 1 & Nov. 28-Jan. 24 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada: | | | |
| North Zone | Oct. 17-Oct. 18 & Nov. 7-Jan. 17 | 2 | 4 |
| South Zone | Oct. 24-Nov. 1 & Nov. 25-Jan. 28 | 2 | 4 |
| Ohio River Zone | Oct. 31-Nov. 1 & Nov. 21-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Late Season Zone | Feb. 1-Feb. 15 | 5 | 10 |
| White-fronted | Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | 1 | 2 |
| Brant | Oct. 17-Jan. 29 | 1 | 2 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 17-Jan. 29 | 20 | - |
| <u>Iowa</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 6 | 12 |
| North Duck Zone | Sept. 19-Sept. 23 & Oct. 10-Dec. 3 | | |

| | | Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession |
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| <u>Iowa (cont.)</u> | | | | |
| South Duck Zone | | Sept. 19-Sept. 23 & Oct. 17-Dec. 10 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | | |
| Canada: | | | | |
| North Goose Zone | | Sept. 26-Oct. 4 & Oct. 10-Dec. 13 & Dec. 19-Jan. 3 | 2 2 2 | 4 4 4 |
| South Goose Zone | | Sept. 26-Oct. 4 & Oct. 17-Dec. 13 & Dec. 19-Jan. 10 | 2 2 2 | 4 4 4 |
| White-fronted: | | | | |
| North Goose Zone | | Sept. 26-Dec. 6 | 2 | 4 |
| South Goose Zone | | Sept. 26-Dec. 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Brant: | | | | |
| North Goose Zone | | Same as for Canada geese | 1 | 2 |
| South Goose Zone | | Same as for Canada geese | 1 | 2 |
| Light Geese | | Sept. 26-Jan. 10 | 20 | -- |
| <u>Kentucky</u> | | | | |
| Ducks: | | | 6 | 12 |
| West Zone | | Nov. 26-Nov. 29 & Dec. 7-Jan. 31 | | |
| East Zone | | Same as for West Zone | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Canada: | | | | |
| Western Goose Zone: | | | | |
| Fulton County | | Nov. 23-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Rest of Zone | | Nov. 23-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Pennyroyal/Coalfield Zone | | Nov. 23-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Rest of State | | Nov. 23-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| White-fronted | | Nov. 23-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Brant | | Nov. 23-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese | | | | |
| Western Goose Zone: | | | | |
| Fulton County | | Nov. 23-Jan. 31 | 20 | - |
| Rest of Zone: | | Nov. 23-Jan. 31 | 20 | - |
| Rest of State | | Nov. 23-Jan. 31 | 20 | - |
| <u>Louisiana</u> | | | | |
| Ducks: | | | 6 | 12 |
| West Zone | | Nov. 14-Dec. 6 & Dec. 19-Jan. 24 | | |
| East Zone (including Catahoula Lake) | | Nov. 21-Dec. 6 & Dec. 19-Jan. 31 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
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| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Louisiana (cont.)</u> | | | |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada (2) | Dec. 19-Jan. 31 | 1 | 2 |
| White-fronted (2): | | | |
| West Zone | Nov. 14-Dec. 6 & Dec. 19-Feb. 5 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| East Zone | Nov. 9-Dec. 6 & Dec. 19-Jan. 31 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| Brant | Closed | - | -- |
| Light Geese | Same as for White-fronted | 20 | -- |
| <u>Michigan</u> | | | |
| Ducks (1): | | 6 | 12 |
| North Zone | Sept. 26-Nov. 20 & Nov. 26-Nov. 29 | | |
| Middle Zone | Oct. 3-Nov. 29 & Dec. 5-Dec. 6 | | |
| South Zone | Oct. 10-Dec. 6 & Jan. 2-Jan. 3 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada : | | | |
| North Zone | Sept. 16-Oct. 30 | 2 | 4 |
| Middle Zone | Oct. 3-Nov. 9 & Nov. 26-Dec. 2 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| South Zone: | | | |
| Muskegon Wastewater GMU | Oct. 13-Nov. 14 & Dec. 1-Dec. 12 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| Allegan County GMU | Nov. 28-Dec. 21 & Dec. 28-Jan. 17 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| Saginaw County GMU | Oct. 10-Nov. 12 & Nov. 26-Dec. 6 & Jan. 2-Jan. 31 | 2 2 2 | 4 4 4 |
| Tuscola/Huron GMU | Same as Saginaw County GMU | 2 | 4 |
| Remainder of South Zone | Oct. 10-Nov. 12 & Nov. 26-Dec. 6 & Jan. 2-Jan. 31 | 2 2 5 | 4 4 10 |
| White-fronted and Brant | Same as for Canada geese | 1 | 2 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Canada geese | 10 | 30 |
| <u>Minnesota</u> | | | |
| Ducks (1)(3) | Oct. 3-Dec. 1 | 6 | 12 |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots (4) | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada: | | | |
| West Zone: | | | |
| West Central Zone | Oct. 15-Oct. 18 & Oct. 24-Nov. 29 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| Rest of West Zone | Oct. 3-Dec. 1 | 2 | 4 |
| (Special season) | Dec. 12-Dec. 21 | 5 | 10 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
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| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Minnesota (cont.)</u> | | | |
| Southeast Zone | Oct. 3-Dec. 11 | 2 | 4 |
| (Special season) | Dec. 19-Dec. 28 | 2 | 4 |
| Rest of State | Oct. 3-Dec. 11 | 2 | 4 |
| (Special season) | Dec. 12-Dec. 21 | 5 | 10 |
| White-fronted | Oct. 3-Dec. 27 | 1 | 2 |
| Brant | Oct. 3-Dec. 28 | 1 | 2 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 3-Dec. 28 | 20 | 40 |
| <u>Mississippi</u> | | | |
| Ducks | Nov. 27-Nov. 29 & Dec. 4-Dec. 6 & Dec. 9-Jan. 31 | 6 | 12 |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada | Nov. 23-Jan. 31 | 3 | 6 |
| White-fronted | Nov. 21-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Brant | Same as for Canada geese | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese | Same as for White-fronted | 20 | - |
| <u>Missouri</u> | | | |
| Ducks and Mergansers: | | 6 | 12 |
| North Zone | Oct. 31-Dec. 29 | | |
| Middle Zone | Nov. 7-Jan. 5 | | |
| South Zone | Nov. 26-Jan. 24 | | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada | Sept. 26-Oct. 7 & Nov. 26-Jan. 31 | 3 2 | 6 4 |
| White-fronted | Nov. 26-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Brant | Same as for Canada geese | 1 | 2 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 31-Jan. 31 | 20 | -- |
| <u>Ohio</u> | | | |
| Ducks (1): | | 6 | 12 |
| North Zone | Oct. 17-Dec. 6 & Dec. 26-Jan. 3 | | |
| South Zone | Oct. 17-Nov. 1 & Dec. 12-Jan. 24 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada: | | | |
| North Zone: | | | |
| Lake Erie SJBZ Zone | Oct. 17-Nov. 29 & Dec. 7-Jan. 3 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| Rest of North Zone | Oct. 17-Nov. 29 & Dec. 19-Jan. 17 | 2 2 | 4 4 |
| South Zone | Oct. 17-Nov. 8 & Dec. 12-Jan. 31 | 2 2 | 4 4 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
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| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Ohio (cont.)</u> | | | |
| White-fronted and Brant | Same as for Canada geese | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Canada geese | 10 | 30 |
| <u>Tennessee</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 6 | 12 |
| Reelfoot Zone | Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Dec. 5-Jan. 31 | | |
| State Zone | Nov. 28-Nov. 29 & Dec. 5-Jan. 31 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada: | | | |
| Northwest Zone | Dec. 5-Feb. 14 | 2 | 4 |
| Southwest Zone | Oct. 3-Oct. 9 & Nov. 28-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zone | Same as Southwest Zone | 2 | 4 |
| Rest of State | Same as Southwest Zone | 2 | 4 |
| fronted | Dec. 5-Feb. 14 | 2 | 4 |
| Brant | Nov. 23-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese | Nov. 25-Mar. 10 | 20 | -- |
| <u>Wisconsin</u> | | | |
| Ducks (1): | | 6 | 12 |
| North Zone | Sept. 26-Nov. 24 | | |
| South Zone | Oct. 3-Oct. 11 & Oct. 17-Dec. 6 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada: | | | |
| Horicon Zone | Sept. 16-Dec. 16 | | Tag System--See State Regulations |
| Collins Zone | Sept. 16-Nov. 20 | | Tag System--See State Regulations |
| Exterior Zone: | | | |
| North Portion: | | | |
| Brown Co. Subzone - North | Sept. 19-Dec. 12 | 2 | 4 |
| Remainder of North Portion | Sept. 19-Dec. 12 | 2 | 4 |
| South Portion: | | | |
| Rock Prairie Subzone | Sept. 19-Oct. 11 & Oct. 17-Dec. 17 | 2 | 4 |
| Brown Co. Subzone - South | Same as Rock Prairie Subzone | 2 | 4 |
| Mississippi River Subzone | Oct. 3-Oct. 11 & Oct. 17-Dec. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Remainder of South Portion | Same as Rock Prairie Subzone | 2 | 4 |
| White-fronted: | | | |
| Horicon Zone | Sept. 22-Dec. 16 | 1 | 2 |
| Collins and Exterior Zones | Same as for Canada geese | 1 | 2 |
| Brant | Same as for Canada geese | 1 | 2 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Canada geese | 10 | 20 |

- (1) In Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, the daily bag limit may include no more than one hen mallard.
- (2) In Louisiana, during the Canada goose season, the daily bag limit is 2 dark geese (whitefronts and Canada geese) with no more than 1 Canada goose. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limits.
- (3) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit for wood ducks is 2. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit.
- (4) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 coots and moorhens in the aggregate.

CENTRAL FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit is 6 ducks, which may include no more than 5 mallards (2 female mallards), 1 mottled duck, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, and 3 wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit is 5 mergansers with 10 in possession and may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers daily and 4 in possession. In states that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 2 daily and 4 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

| | | Season Dates | Limits | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| | | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Colorado</u> | | | | |
| Ducks (1): | | | 6 | 12 |
| Eastern Plains Zone: | | Oct. 3-Oct. 19 & Nov. 7-Jan. 24 | | |
| Mountain/Foothills Zone: | | Oct. 3-Nov. 30 & Dec. 19-Jan. 24 | | |
| Coots | | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Dark Geese: | | | | |
| Northern Front Range Unit | | Oct. 3-Oct. 12 & Nov. 21-Feb. 14 | 4 | 8 |
| South Park/San Luis Valley Unit | | Same as N. Front Range Unit | 4 | 8 |
| North Park Unit | | Same as N. Front Range Unit | 4 | 8 |
| Rest of State in Central Flyway | | Nov. 21-Feb. 14 | 4 | 8 |
| Light Geese: | | | | |
| Northern Front Range Unit | | Oct. 31-Feb. 14 | 20 | -- |
| South Park/San Luis Valley Unit | | Same as N. Front Range Unit | 20 | -- |
| North Park Unit | | Same as N. Front Range Unit | 20 | -- |
| Rest of State in Central Flyway | | Same as N. Front Range Unit | 20 | -- |
| <u>Kansas</u> | | | | |
| Ducks (2): | | | 5 | 10 |
| High Plains | | Oct. 10-Jan. 5 & Jan. 23-Jan. 31 | | |
| Low Plains: | | | | |
| Early Zone | | Oct. 10-Dec. 6 & Dec. 19-Jan. 3 | | |
| Late Zone | | Oct. 31-Jan. 3 & Jan. 23-Jan. 31 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Kansas (cont.)</u> | | | |
| Dark Geese (3): | | | |
| Canada | Oct. 31-Nov. 8 & Nov. 11-Feb. 14 | 3 3 | 6 6 |
| White-fronted | Oct. 31-Nov. 8 & Nov. 5-Jan. 3 & Feb. 6-Feb. 14 | 2 2 2 | 4 4 4 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 31-Nov. 8 & Nov. 11-Feb. 14 | 20 20 | -- -- |
| <u>Montana</u> | | | |
| Ducks and Mergansers (4): | | 6 | 12 |
| Zone 1: | Oct. 3-Jan. 7 | | |
| Zone 2 | Same as for Zone 1 | | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Dark Geese | Oct. 3-Jan. 15 | 4 | 8 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 3-Jan. 15 | 6 | 12 |
| <u>Nebraska</u> | | | |
| Ducks (4): | | 6 | 12 |
| High Plains: | Oct. 10-Jan. 13 | | |
| Low Plains: | | | |
| Zones 1 and 2: | Oct. 17-Oct. 18 & Oct. 24-Jan. 3 | | |
| Zones 3 and 4: | Oct. 10-Dec. 20 & Dec. 26-Dec. 27 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada: | | | |
| Niobrara Unit | Oct. 24-Feb. 5 | 3 | 6 |
| East Unit | Oct. 24-Jan. 27 | 3 | 6 |
| North Central Unit | Oct. 10-Jan. 22 | 3 | 6 |
| Platte River Unit | Same as for Niobrara Unit | 3 | 6 |
| White-fronted | Oct. 10-Dec. 20 | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 10-Jan. 8 & Jan. 23-Feb. 5 | 20 20 | -- -- |
| <u>New Mexico</u> | | | |
| Ducks and Mergansers (4)(5): | | 6 | 12 |
| North Zone: | Oct. 10-Jan. 13 | | |
| South Zone: | Oct. 28-Jan. 31 | | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Dark Geese (6): | | | |
| Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit (6) | Jan. 2-Jan. 24 | 2 | 2 |
| Rest of State | Oct. 17-Jan. 31 | 4 | 8 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 17-Jan. 31 | 20 | 80 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>North Dakota</u> | | | |
| Ducks (1): | | 6 | 12 |
| High Plains | Sept. 26-Dec. 6 & Dec. 12-Jan. 3 | | |
| Remainder of State | Sept. 26-Dec. 6 | | |
| Mergansers Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese (7): | | | |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| Missouri River Zone | Sept. 26-Jan. 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Rest of State | Sept. 26-Dec. 24 | 3 | 6 |
| White-fronted | Sept. 26-Dec. 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese | Sept. 26-Jan. 1 | 20 | -- |
| <u>Oklahoma</u> | | | |
| Ducks (1): | | 6 | 12 |
| High Plains: | Oct. 10-Jan. 6 | | |
| Low Plains: | | | |
| Zone 1: | Oct. 24-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 17 | | |
| Zone 2: | Nov. 7-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 31 | | |
| Mergansers Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Canada | Oct. 31-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Feb. 14 | 3 | 6 |
| White-fronted | Oct. 31-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Feb. 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Canada geese | 20 | - |
| <u>South Dakota</u> | | | |
| Ducks (4): | | 6 | 12 |
| High Plains | Oct. 10-Dec. 22 & Dec. 23-Jan. 14 | | |
| Low Plains:: | | | |
| North Zone | Sept. 26-Dec. 8 | | |
| Middle Zone | Same as for North Zone | | |
| South Zone | Oct. 10-Dec. 22 | | |
| Mergansers Same as for Ducks | 5 | 10 | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| White-fronted | Sept. 26-Dec. 20 | 1 | 2 |
| Canada: | | | |
| Unit 1 | Oct. 1-Dec. 20 | 3 | 6 |
| Unit 2 | Oct. 31-Feb. 12 | 3 | 6 |
| Unit 3 | Oct. 17-Dec. 20 & Jan. 9-Jan. 17 | 3 | 6 |
| Light Geese | Sept. 26-Dec. 20 | 20 | - |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Texas</u> | | | |
| Ducks (8): | | 6 | 12 |
| High Plains | Oct. 24-Oct. 25 & Oct. 30-Jan. 24 | | |
| Low Plains: | | | |
| North Zone | Oct. 31-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 24 | | |
| South Zone | Same as North Zone | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Geese: | | | |
| East Tier: | | | |
| South Zone: | | | |
| Canada geese and Brant | Oct. 31-Jan. 24 | 3 | 6 |
| White-fronted | Oct. 31-Jan. 10 | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 31-Jan. 24 | 20 | -- |
| North Zone | Same as for South Zone | | |
| West Tier: | | | |
| Dark Geese: | | | |
| Canada geese and Brant | Nov. 7-Feb. 7 | 4 | 8 |
| White-fronted | Same as for Canada geese | 1 | 2 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Canada geese | 20 | -- |
| <u>Wyoming</u> | | | |
| Ducks (1): | | 6 | 12 |
| Zone 1 | Oct. 3-Oct. 20 & Oct. 31-Jan. 17 | | |
| Zone 2 | Sept. 26-Oct. 20 & Oct. 31-Jan. 10 | | |
| Mergansers | Same as for Ducks | 5 | |
| Coots | Same as for Ducks | 15 | 30 |
| Dark Geese: | | | |
| Zone 1 | Oct. 3-Oct. 20 & Oct. 31-Dec. 6 & Dec. 12-Jan. 30 | 5 5 5 | 10 10 |
| Zone 2 | Sept. 26-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 20 | 5 5 | 10 |
| Zone 3 (3) | Oct. 3-Oct. 20 & Nov. 14-Feb. 8 | 2 4 4 | 8 |
| Zone 4 | Sept. 26-Oct. 20 & Oct. 31-Dec. 6 & Dec. 12-Jan. 23 | 5 10 5 5 | 10 10 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 3-Dec. 27 & Jan. 21-Feb. 8 | 10 10 | 40 40 |

(1) In Colorado, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Wyoming, the season for mottled ducks is closed the first 5 days of the season in each zone.

(2) In Kansas, the daily bag limit is 5 ducks, which may include no more than 2 redheads, 2 scaup, and 3 wood ducks, and only 1 from the following group - hen mallard, pintail, mottled duck (except for the first 5 days of the season, when mottled ducks are closed), or canvasback. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

- (3) See State regulations for additional restrictions.
- (4) In Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, and South Dakota, the season for mottled ducks is closed.
- (5) In New Mexico, Mexican-like ducks are included in the aggregate with mallards.
- (6) In New Mexico, the season for dark geese is closed in Bernalillo, Sandoval, Sierra, and Valencia Counties. In the Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit, a state permit is required.
- (7) In North Dakota, see State regulations for additional shooting hour restrictions.
- (8) In Texas, the daily bag limit is 6 ducks, which may include no more than 5 mallards (only 2 of which may be hens), 2 redheads, 2 scaup, 3 wood ducks, 1 canvasback, 1 pintail, and 1 dusky duck (mottled duck, black duck and their hybrids, or Mexican-like duck). The season for dusky ducks is closed the first 5 days of the season in all zones. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

PACIFIC FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck and Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit of 7 ducks (including mergansers) may include no more than 2 female mallards, 2 pintails, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, and 1 canvasback. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Coot and Common Moorhen Limits: Daily bag and possession limits are in the aggregate for the two species.

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Arizona</u> | | | |
| Ducks (1): | | 7 | 14 |
| North Zone: | | | |
| Scaup Oct. 24-Jan. 17 | 3 | 6 | |
| Other Ducks | Oct.9-Jan.17 | | |
| South Zone: | | | |
| Scaup Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | 3 | 6 | |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 23-Jan. 31 | | |
| Coots and moorhens | Same as Other Ducks | 25 | 25 |
| Geese: | | | |
| North Zone: | Oct. 9-Jan. 17 | | |
| Dark Geese | | 3 | 6 |
| Light Geese | | 6 | 12 |
| South Zone: | Oct. 23-Jan. 31 | | |
| Dark Geese | | 3 | 6 |
| Light Geese | | 6 | 12 |
| <u>California</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 7 | 14 |
| Northeastern Zone: | | | |
| Scaup Oct. 10-Jan. 3 | 3 | 6 | |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 10-Jan. 22 | | |
| Colorado River Zone: | | | |
| Scaup Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | 3 | 6 | |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 23-Jan. 31 | | |
| Southern Zone: | | | |
| Scaup Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | 3 | 6 | |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 24-Jan. 31 | | |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
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| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>California (cont.)</u> | | | |
| Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: | | | |
| Scaup | Nov. 14-Jan. 31 | 3 | 6 |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 10-Nov. 1 & Nov. 14-Jan. 31 | | |
| Balance-of-State Zone: | | | |
| Scaup | Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | 3 | 6 |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 24-Jan. 31 | | |
| Coots and moorhens | Same as for Other Ducks | 25 | 25 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Northeastern Zone: | | | |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| Small Canada Geese (2) | Oct. 10-Jan. 17 | 1 | 2 |
| Large Canada Geese (3) | Oct. 10-Jan. 17 | 2 | 4 |
| White-fronted Geese | Oct. 10-Jan. 17 | 4 | 8 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 10-Jan. 17 | 6 | 12 |
| Colorado River Zone: | | 6 | 12 |
| Dark Geese | Oct. 23-Jan. 31 | 3 | 6 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 23-Jan. 31 | 6 | 12 |
| Southern Zone: | | 8 | 16 |
| Dark Geese | Oct. 24-Jan. 31 | 3 | 6 |
| Light Geese: | | | |
| Imperial Valley | Nov. 7-Jan. 31 & Feb. 13-Feb. 28 | 6 | 12 |
| Rest of Zone | Oct. 24-Jan. 31 | 6 | 12 |
| Balance-of-State Zone: | | 8 | 16 |
| Canada Geese: | | | |
| Small Canada geese (2) | Oct. 24-Jan. 31 | 6 | 12 |
| Large Canada geese (3) | | 6 | 12 |
| White-fronted Geese: | | | |
| Sacramento Valley | Oct. 24-Dec. 14 | 2 | 4 |
| Rest of Zone | Oct. 24-Jan. 31 | 4 | 8 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 24-Jan. 31 | 6 | 12 |
| Del Norte & Humboldt Counties: | | 6 | 12 |
| Canada: | | | |
| Small Canada geese (2) | Nov. 7-Jan. 31 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10 | 6 | 12 |
| Large Canada geese (3) | Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | 1 | 2 |
| White-fronted Geese | Oct. 24-Jan. 31 | 4 | 8 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 24-Jan. 31 | 6 | 12 |
| Brant | | | |
| North Zone | Nov. 7-Dec. 6 | 2 | 4 |
| South Zone | Nov. 14-Dec. 13 | 2 | 4 |
| <u>Colorado</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | | |
| Scaup | Sept. 26-Oct. 13 & Nov. 6-Jan. 12 | 3 | 6 |
| Other Ducks | Sept. 26-Oct. 13 & Nov. 6-Jan. 31 | 3 | 6 |
| Coots | Same as for Other Ducks | 25 | 25 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Colorado (cont.)</u> | | | |
| Dark Geese | Sept. 26-Oct. 4 & Nov. 6-Jan. 31 | 3 3 | 6 6 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Dark Geese | 10 | 20 |
| <u>Idaho</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 7 | 14 |
| Zone 1: | | | |
| Scaup | Oct. 24-Jan. 15 | 3 | 6 |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 3-Jan. 15 | | |
| Zone 2 | Same as Zone 1 | | |
| Zone 3: | | | |
| Scaup | Oct. 31-Jan. 22 | 3 | 6 |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 10-Jan. 22 | | |
| Coots | Same as for Other Ducks | 25 | 25 |
| Dark Geese: | | | |
| Zone 1 | Oct. 3-Jan. 15 | 4 | 8 |
| Zone 2 | Oct. 10-Jan. 22 | 4 | 8 |
| Zone 3 | Same as for Zone 2 | 4 | 8 |
| Zone 4 | Same as for Zone 1 | 4 | 8 |
| Zone 5 | Same as for Zone 1 | 4 | 8 |
| Light Geese: | | | |
| Zone 1 | Oct. 3-Jan. 15 | 10 | 20 |
| Zone 2 | Oct. 29-Jan. 22 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10 | 10 10 | 20 20 |
| Zone 3 | Same as for Zone 2 | 10 | 20 |
| Zone 4 (4) | Same as for Zone 1 | 10 | 20 |
| Zone 5 (5) | Same as for Zone 1 | 10 | 20 |
| <u>Montana</u> | | | |
| Ducks | | 7 | 14 |
| Scaup | Oct. 3-Dec. 27 | 3 | 6 |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 3-Jan. 15 | | |
| Coots | Same as for Other Ducks | 25 | 25 |
| Geese (6): | | | |
| Dark | Oct. 3-Jan. 15 | 4 | 8 |
| Light | Oct. 3-Jan. 15 | 6 | 12 |
| <u>Nevada</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 7 | 14 |
| Lincoln & Clark Counties: | | | |
| Scaup | Nov. 7-Jan. 29 | 3 | 6 |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 17-Jan. 29 | | |
| Rest of State: | | | |
| Scaup | Nov. 7-Jan. 30 | 3 | 6 |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 17-Jan. 30 | | |
| Coots and moorhens | Same as for Other Ducks | 25 | 25 |
| Dark Geese: | | | |
| Lincoln & Clark Counties | Oct. 17-Jan. 29 | 3 | 6 |
| Rest of State | Oct. 17-Jan. 30 | 3 | 6 |

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits | |
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| | | | | Possession |
| <u>Nevada (cont.)</u> | | | | |
| Light Geese: | | | | |
| Lincoln & Clark Counties | Oct. 17-Jan. 29 | 10 | | 20 |
| Rest of State (7) | Oct. 17-Jan. 30 | 10 | | 20 |
| <u>New Mexico</u> | | | | |
| Ducks (8) | | | | |
| Scaup Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | | 2 | 7 | 14 |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 19-Jan. 31 | 4 | | |
| Coots | Same as for Other Ducks | 12 | | 24 |
| Moorhens and gallinules | Same as for Other Ducks | 12 | | 24 |
| Dark Geese: | | | | |
| North Zone | Sept. 26-Oct. 11 & Nov. 2-Jan. 31 | 3 | | 6 |
| | | 3 | | 6 |
| South Zone | Oct. 17-Jan. 31 | 2 | | 4 |
| Light Geese: | | | | |
| North Zone | Same as Dark Geese | 1 | | 2 |
| Zone Same as Dark Geese | | 1 | 2 | South |
| <u>Oregon</u> | | | | |
| Ducks: | | | | |
| | | | 7 | 14 |
| Zone 1: | | | | |
| Columbia Basin Unit: | | | | |
| Scaup | Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | 3 | | 6 |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 17-Oct. 25 & Oct. 28-Jan. 31 | | | |
| Rest of Zone 1 | Same as for Columbia Basin Unit | | | |
| Zone 2: | | | | |
| Scaup Oct. 10-Nov. 29 & | | 3 | 6 | |
| | Dec. 2-Jan. 5 | 3 | | 6 |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 10-Nov. 29 & Dec. 2-Jan. 24 | | | |
| Coots | Same as for Other Ducks | 25 | | 25 |
| Geese: | | | | |
| Northwest General Goose Zone: | | | | |
| Dark Geese | Oct. 17-Oct. 25 & Nov. 5-Jan. 31 | 4 | | 8 |
| | | 4 | | 8 |
| Small Canada Geese (2) | | 1 | | 2 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Dark Geese | 6 | | 12 |
| Northwest Special Permit Zone (9): | | | | |
| Dark Geese | Oct. 24-Nov. 8 & Nov. 21-Jan. 17 & Feb. 6-Feb. 28 | 4 | | 8 |
| | | 4 | | 8 |
| | | 4 | | 8 |
| Dusky Canada geese | | | 1 per season | |
| Small Canada geese (2) | | 2 | | 4 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Dark Geese | 4 | | 8 |
| Southwest General Zone: | | | | |
| Dark Geese | Oct. 17-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 31 | 4 | | 8 |
| | | 4 | | 8 |
| Light Geese | Same as for Dark Geese | 6 | | 12 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Oregon (cont.)</u> | | | |
| South Coast Zone: | | | |
| Dark Geese | Oct. 3-Oct. 20 & Nov. 25-Jan. 31 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10 | 4 4 4 | 8 8 8 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 3-Oct. 20 & Nov. 25-Jan. 31 | 6 6 | 12 12 |
| Harney, Lake, and Malheur County Zone: | | | |
| Dark Geese | Oct. 10-Nov. 29 & Dec. 19-Jan. 31 | 4 4 | 8 8 |
| Small Canada geese | | 1 | 2 |
| White-fronted geese: | | | |
| Lake County | | 1 | 2 |
| Rest of Zone | | 4 | 8 |
| Light Geese | Same as Dark Geese | 6 | 12 |
| Klamath County Zone: | | | |
| Dark Geese | Oct. 10-Nov. 29 & Dec. 19-Jan. 22 & | 4 4 | 8 8 |
| Small Canada geese | | 1 | 2 |
| White-fronted geese (special season) | Feb. 20-Mar. 10 | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese | Oct. 10-Nov. 29 & Dec. 19-Jan. 22 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10 | 4 4 4 | 8 8 8 |
| Eastern Zone: | | | |
| Dark Geese | Oct. 17-Oct. 25 & Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | 4 4 | 8 8 |
| Small Canada geese | | 1 | 2 |
| Light Geese | Same as Dark Geese | 6 | 12 |
| Tillamook County (9): | | | |
| Dark Geese | Nov. 28-Feb. 28 | 2 | 4 |
| Light Geese | Nov. 28-Feb. 28 | 4 | 8 |
| Brant | Nov. 14-Nov. 29 | 2 | 4 |
| <u>Utah (10)</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 7 | 14 |
| Zone 1: | | | |
| Scaup | Oct. 3-Dec. 27 | 3 | 6 |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 3-Jan. 16 | | |
| Zone 2 | Same as for Zone 1 | | |
| Coots | Same as for Other Ducks | 25 | 25 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Light: | | | |
| North Goose Zone | Oct. 24-Jan. 16 & Feb. 18-Mar. 10 | 10 10 | 20 20 |
| Rest of State | Oct. 31-Jan. 31 & Feb. 27-Mar. 10 | 10 10 | 20 20 |
| Dark: | | | |
| North Goose Zone | Oct. 3-Jan. 16 | 3 | 6 |
| Rest of State | Oct. 3-Oct. 15 & Oct. 31-Jan. 31 | 3 3 | 6 6 |

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Washington</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 7 | 14 |
| East Zone: | | | |
| Scaup Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | 3 | 6 | |
| Other Ducks | Oct. 17-Oct 21 & Oct. 24-Jan. 31 | | |
| West Zone (11) | Same as the East Zone | | |
| Coots | Same as for Other Ducks | 25 | 25 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Management Area 1 (12): | | 4 | 8 |
| Light Geese | Oct 17-Jan. 31 | | |
| Dark Geese | Oct 17-Oct. 29 & Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | | |
| Management Area 2A (13) | Nov. 14-Nov. 25 & Nov. 28-Nov. 30 & Dec. 9-Jan. 31 | 4 4 4 | 8 8 8 |
| Dusky Canada geese | | 1 per season | |
| Late-Season Canada Geese | Feb. 6-Mar. 10 | 4 | 8 |
| Dusky Canada geese | | 1 per season | |
| Management Area 2B (13) | Oct. 17-Jan. 16 | 4 | 8 |
| Dusky Canada geese | | 1 per season | |
| Management Areas 3 (12) | Oct. 17-Oct. 29 & Nov. 7-Jan. 31 | 4 4 | 8 8 |
| Management Areas 4 & 5 (12) | Oct. 17-Oct. 21 & Oct. 24-Jan. 31 | 4 4 | 8 8 |
| Brant (14): | | | |
| Skagit County | Jan. 16-Jan. 31 | 2 | 4 |
| Pacific County | Jan. 9-Jan. 24 | 2 | 4 |
| <u>Wyoming</u> | | | |
| Ducks: | | 7 | 14 |
| Snake River Zone: | | | |
| Scaup Sept. 26-Dec. 20 | 3 | 6 | |
| Other Ducks | Sept. 26-Jan. 8 | | |
| Balance of State Zone | Same as Snake River Zone | | |
| Coots | Same as for Other Ducks | 25 | 25 |
| Dark Geese: | Sept. 26-Dec. 31 | 3 | 6 |

- (1) In Arizona, the daily limit may include no more than either 2 hen mallards or 2 Mexican-like ducks, or 1 of each; and not more than 4 hen mallards and Mexican-like ducks, in the aggregate, may be in possession.
- (2) In California and Oregon, small Canada geese are Cackling and Aleutian Canada geese.
- (3) In California, large Canada geese are Western and Lesser Canada geese.
- (4) In Idaho, the season on light geese is closed in Fremont and Teton Counties.
- (5) In Idaho, that portion of Zone 5 within Power and Bingham Counties in GMU 68, the light goose season is October 22 to January 15 and February 20 to March 10.
- (6) In Montana, check State regulations for special seasons/exceptions in Freezout Lake WMA; Canyon Ferry; Flathead; Deer Lodge County; and Missoula County.
- (7) In Nevada, there is no open season on light geese in Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties.
- (8) In New Mexico, the daily bag limit consists of no more than 7 mallards (of which only 2 may be hen mallards), 2 redheads, 2 scaup (when open), and 1 northern pintail.

- (9) In Oregon, the Northwest Special Permit Zone is closed to all goose hunting, except for designated areas. See State regulations for specific boundary descriptions, times, days, and other conditions of the special permit season.
- (10) In Utah, the shooting hours are 8:00 a.m. to sunset on October 6 in Cache, Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, and Box Elder Counties.
- (11) In Washington, the daily bag limit in the West Zone may include no more than 4 scoters and 4 oldsquaws, with the possession limit twice the daily bag limit. The daily bag and possession limit, and the season limit, for harlequins is 1.
- (12) In Washington, in State Goose Area 4, hunting is only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and certain holidays. In State Goose Areas 1, 3, and 5, hunting is everyday. See State regulations for details, including shooting hours.
- (13) In Washington, see State regulations for specific dates and conditions of permit hunts and closures for Canada geese.
- (14) In Washington, brant may be hunted in Skagit and Pacific Counties only; see State regulations for specific dates.

(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.

Definition

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

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 45032). Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

| | Season Dates |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u> | |
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| <u>Florida</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and geese | Feb. 6 & 7 |
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| <u>Maryland</u> Ducks, coots, snow geese, Canada geese, sea ducks, and brant (10) | Nov. 7 |
| <u>Massachusetts</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese | Oct. 10 & 12 |
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| <u>North Carolina</u> Ducks, mergansers, Canada geese (11), tundra swans (12), and coots | Feb. 6 |
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| <u>South Carolina</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots Feb. 6 & 7 | |
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| | Season Dates |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Virginia</u> | |
| Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, tundra swans (12) and Canada geese (13) | Oct. 24 |
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| <u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u> | |
| * * * * * | |
| <u>Arkansas</u> | |
| Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules | Dec. 5 & 6 |
| <u>Illinois</u> | |
| Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules: | |
| North Zone | Oct. 10 & 11 |
| Central Zone | Oct. 24 & 25 |
| South Zone | Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 |
| <u>Indiana</u> | |
| Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese: | |
| North Zone | Oct. 10 & 11 |
| South Zone | Oct. 17 & 18 |
| Ohio River Zone | Oct. 24 & 25 |
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| <u>Kentucky</u> | |
| Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules: | |
| West Zone | Feb. 6 & 7 |
| East Zone | Nov. 7 & 8 |
| <u>Louisiana</u> | |
| Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese: | |
| West Zone | Nov. 7 & 8 |
| East Zone | Nov. 14 & 15 |
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| <u>Mississippi</u> | |
| Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese | Feb. 6 & 7 |
| <u>Missouri</u> | |
| Ducks, coots, mergansers, moorhens, gallinules, and geese: | |
| North Zone | Oct. 24 & 25 |
| Middle Zone | Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 |
| South Zone | Nov. 21 & 22 |
| <u>Ohio</u> | |
| Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese | Oct. 3 & 4 |

Season Dates

Tennessee

Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:

Reelfoot Zone Feb. 13 & 14
 Remainder of State Feb. 6 & 7

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CENTRAL FLYWAY

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Kansas (5)

Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots:

High Plains Oct. 3 & 4
 Low Plains:
 Early Zone Oct. 3 & 4
 Late Zone Oct. 24 & 25

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Oklahoma

Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese:

High Plains Oct. 3 & 4
 Low Plains:
 Zone 1 Oct. 10 & 11
 Zone 2 Oct. 31 & Nov. 1

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Texas

Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

High Plains Oct. 17 & 18
 Low Plains:
 North Zone Oct. 24 & 25
 South Zone Oct. 24 & 25

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PACIFIC FLYWAY

Arizona

Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules

North Zone Oct. 3 & 4
 South Zone Feb. 6 & 7

California

Ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules

Northeastern Zone Sept. 26 & 27
 Colorado River Zone Feb. 6 & 7
 Southern Zone Feb. 6 & 7
 Southern San Joaquin Valley Feb. 6 & 7
 Balance-of-State Zone Feb. 6 & 7

Season Dates

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Nevada

Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules

Lincoln and Clark Counties

Rest of State

Feb. 13 & 14

Oct. 3

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(5) In Kansas, the nonresident youth, must be licensed and possess state and federal duck stamps as required by state or federal regulation to hunt waterfowl.

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(10) In Maryland, the adult must also possess a valid Maryland hunting license or be exempt from hunting license requirements.

(11) In North Carolina, the daily bag limit in the Northeast Hunt Zone may not include Canada geese except by permit.

(12) In North Carolina and Virginia, the daily bag limit may not include tundra swans except by permit.

(13) In Virginia, the daily bag limit for Canada geese is 2.

4. Section 20.106 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order 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 restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 25, 2009 (74 FR 43008) Federal Register.

Note: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 45032).

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession |
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| <u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u> | | | |
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| <u>Oklahoma</u> (1) | Oct. 24-Jan. 24 | 3 | 6 |
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| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------|------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>Texas (1):</u> | | | |
| Zone A | Nov. 7-Feb. 7 | 3 | 6 |
| Zone B | Nov. 27-Feb. 7 | 3 | 6 |
| Zone C | Dec. 19-Jan. 24 | 2 | 4 |
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(1) Each person participating in the regular sandhill crane seasons must have a valid sandhill crane hunting permit and/or a State-issued Harvest Information Survey Program (HIP) certification for game bird hunting in their possession while hunting.

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5. Section 20.107 is revised to read as follows:

§20.107 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for swans.

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 hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise restricted by State regulations. Hunting is by State permit only.

NOTE: Successful permittees must immediately validate their harvest by that method required in State regulations.

| | Season Dates | Limits | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------|
| | | Bag | Possession |
| <u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u> | | | |
| <u>North Carolina</u> | Nov. 14-Jan. 30 | 1 tundra swan per season | |
| <u>Virginia</u> | Dec. 1-Jan 30 | 1 tundra swan per season | |
| <u>CENTRAL FLYWAY (1)</u> | | | |
| <u>Montana</u> | Oct. 3-Jan. 7 | 1 tundra swan per season | |
| <u>North Dakota</u> | Oct. 3-Jan. 3 | 1 tundra swan per season | |
| <u>South Dakota</u> | Oct. 3-Dec. 20 | 1 tundra swan per permit | |
| <u>PACIFIC FLYWAY (1)(2)</u> | | | |
| <u>Montana (3)</u> | Oct. 10-Dec. 1 | 1 swan per season | |
| <u>Nevada (4)(5)</u> | Oct. 17-Jan. 3 | 2 swans per season | |

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Utah (5)(6) | Oct. 3-Dec. 13 | 1 swan per season | |

- (1) See State regulations for description of area open to swan hunting.
- (2) Any species of swan may be taken.
- (3) In Montana, all harvested swans must be reported by way of a bill measurement card within 3 days of harvest.
- (4) All harvested swans and tags must be checked or registered within 5 days of harvest.
- (5) Harvests of trumpeter swans are limited to 5 in Nevada and 10 in Utah. When it has been determined that the quota of trumpeter swans allotted to Nevada and Utah will have been filled, the season for taking of any swan species in the respective State will be closed by either the Director upon giving public notice through local information media at least 48 hours in advance of the time and date of closing, or by the State through State regulations with such notice and time (not less than 48 hours) as they deem necessary.
- (6) In Utah, all harvested swans and tags must be checked or registered within 3 days of harvest.

6. Section 20.109 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order 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 restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 13, 2009 (74 FR 41008) and August 25, 2009 (74 FR 43008) Federal Registers.

Limits: The daily bag limit may include no more than 3 migratory game birds, singly or in the aggregate. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. These limits apply to falconry during both regular hunting seasons and extended falconry seasons -- unless 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. Although many States permit falconry during the gun seasons, only extended falconry seasons are shown below. Please consult State regulations for details.

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2009 Federal Register (73 FR 45032).

Extended Falconry Dates

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Delaware

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| Ducks, mergansers, and coots | Feb. 1-Mar. 6 |
| Brant | Feb. 1-Mar. 6 |

Extended Falconry Dates

Florida

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Ducks, mergansers, light geese, and coots Oct. 30-Nov. 12 &
Feb. 8-Mar. 5

Georgia

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Ducks, mergansers, gallinules, coots, and sea ducks Nov. 30-Dec. 11 &
Feb. 1-Feb. 12

Maine

Ducks, mergansers, and coots (4):
North Zone Dec. 10-Feb. 1
South Zone Jan. 6-Feb. 27

Maryland

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Ducks Feb. 1-Mar. 10

Brant Feb. 1-Mar. 10

Light Geese Feb. 2-Feb. 20

Massachusetts

Ducks, mergansers, sea ducks, and coots Feb. 1-Feb. 11

New Hampshire

Ducks, mergansers, and coots:
Inland Zone Nov. 9-Nov. 24 &
Dec. 21-Jan. 18
Coastal Zone Jan. 25-Mar. 10

New Jersey

Woodcock:
North Zone Oct. 1-Oct. 14 &
Nov. 8-Jan. 15
South Zone Oct. 1-Nov. 6 &
Nov. 29-Dec. 31 &
Jan. 3-Jan. 15

 Extended Falconry Dates

New Jersey (cont.)

Ducks, mergansers, coots, and brant:

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| North Zone | Jan. 3-Feb. 9 |
| South Zone | Jan. 8-Feb. 14 |
| Coastal Zone | Jan. 27-Mar. 2 |

New York

Ducks, mergansers and coots:

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Long Island Zone | Nov. 1-Nov. 24 & Nov. 30-Dec. 7 & Feb. 1-Feb. 13 |
| Northeastern Zone | Oct. 1-Oct. 2 & Oct. 12-Oct. 22 & Dec. 13-Jan. 13 |
| Southeastern Zone | Oct. 1-Oct. 9 & Oct. 19-Nov. 6 & Dec. 28-Jan. 13 |
| Western Zone | Oct. 1-Oct. 23 & Dec. 7-Dec. 25 & Jan. 11-Jan. 13 |

North Carolina

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Ducks, mergansers and coots

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| Oct. 26-Nov. 7 & Feb. 1-Feb. 20 |
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Pennsylvania

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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

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| North Zone | Oct. 26-Nov. 16 & Jan. 11-Jan. 16 & Feb. 22-Mar. 10 |
| South Zone | Oct. 19-Nov. 14 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10 |
| Northwest Zone | Nov. 30-Dec. 12 & Jan. 11-Jan. 16 & Feb. 12-Mar. 10 |
| Lake Erie Zone | Jan. 25-Mar. 10 |

Canada Geese:

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| SJBP Zone | Feb. 27-Mar. 10 |
| AP Zone | Feb. 2-Mar. 10 |
| RP Zone | Mar. 9-Mar. 10 |

Extended Falconry Dates

South Carolina

Ducks, mergansers, and coots

Nov. 4-Nov. 24 &
Nov. 30-Dec. 4 &
Dec. 6-Dec. 11

Virginia

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Moorhens and gallinules

Dec. 7-Dec. 11 &
Feb. 1-Feb. 20

Ducks, mergansers, and coots

Dec. 7-Dec. 11 &
Feb. 1-Feb. 20

Canada Geese:

Eastern (AP) Zone

Dec. 12-Dec. 24 &
Feb. 1-Feb. 27

Western (SJB) Zone

Dec. 12-Dec. 14 &
Feb. 15-Feb. 27

Brant

Oct. 8-Nov. 20 &
Nov. 30-Dec. 11

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Arkansas

Ducks, mergansers, and coots

Dec. 7-Dec. 9 &
Feb. 1-Feb. 15

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Illinois

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Ducks, mergansers, and coots

Feb. 11-Mar. 10

Indiana

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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

North Zone

Sept. 27-Sept. 30 &
Feb. 14-Mar. 10

South Zone

Oct. 17-Oct. 23 &
Feb. 17-Mar. 10

Ohio River Zone

Oct. 24-Oct. 30 &
Feb. 17-Mar. 10

Extended Falconry Dates

Iowa

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| Ducks, mergansers, and coots | |
| North Zone | Dec. 15-Jan. 28 |
| South Zone | Dec. 15-Jan. 28 |
| Canada Geese: | |
| North Goose Zone | Jan. 4-Jan. 5 |
| South Goose Zone | Jan. 11-Jan. 12 |
| White-fronted Geese: | |
| North Goose Zone | Dec. 7-Jan. 10 |
| South Goose Zone | Dec. 7-Jan. 10 |

Kentucky

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ducks, mergansers, and coots | Nov. 5-Nov. 25 & Nov. 30-Dec. 6 |
| Canada Geese: | |
| Western Goose Zone: | |
| Fulton County | Nov. 5-Nov. 22 |
| Rest of Zone | Nov. 5-Nov. 22 |
| Pennyroyal/Coalfield Zone | Nov. 5-Nov. 22 |
| Rest of State | Nov. 5-Nov. 22 |
| White-fronted geese, brant, and light geese | Nov. 5-Nov. 22 |

Louisiana

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| Rails and moorhens | Nov. 7-Nov. 13 & Jan. 7-Feb. 5 |
| Ducks | |
| West Zone | Nov. 7-Nov. 13 & Dec. 7-Dec. 18 & Jan. 25-Feb. 5 |
| East Zone | Nov. 7-Nov. 20 & Dec. 7-Dec. 18 & Feb. 1-Feb. 5 |

Michigan

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| Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens | Jan. 4-Feb. 17 |
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Minnesota

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| Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules | Dec. 2-Jan. 16 |
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Extended Falconry Dates

Mississippi

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| Mourning Doves | Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & Jan. 16-Feb. 12 |
| Ducks, mergansers and coots | Feb. 8-Mar. 8 |

Missouri

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| Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Statewide | Feb. 10-Mar. 10 |
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Ohio

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| Ducks, mergansers, and coots | Sept. 1-Sept. 16 & Oct. 3-Oct. 4 |
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Tennessee

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| Mergansers and coots | Sept. 26-Oct. 22 |
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Wisconsin

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| Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules North Duck Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 25 & Nov. 25-Dec. 16 |
| South Duck Zone | Sept. 1-Oct. 2 & Oct. 12-Oct. 16 & Dec. 7-Dec. 16 |

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| Woodcock | Sept. 1-Sept. 18 & Nov. 3-Dec. 16 |
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| Ducks, mergansers, and coots | Sept. 19-Sept. 20 & Jan 8 - Feb 21 |
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CENTRAL FLYWAY

Kansas

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| Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Low Plains: Early Zone and Late Zone | Feb. 24-Mar. 10 |
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 Extended Falconry Dates

Montana (2)

Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)

Sept. 23-Oct. 2

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Oklahoma

Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

Low Plains:

Zones 1 and 2

Feb. 15-Mar. 1

South Dakota

Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)

High Plains

Sept. 4-Sept. 11

Low Plains

North Zone

Sept. 4-Sept. 18 &
Sept. 21-Sept. 25 &
Dec. 9-Dec. 19

Middle Zone

Sept. 4-Sept. 18 &
Sept. 21-Sept. 25 &
Dec. 9-Dec. 19

South Zone

Sept. 4-Sept. 18 &
Sept. 21-Oct. 6Texas

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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

Low Plains:

North Zone and South Zone

Jan. 25-Feb. 8

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Wyoming

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Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)

Zone 1

Sept. 26-Sept. 27 &
Oct. 21-Oct. 28

Zone 2

Sept. 19-Sept. 20 &
Oct. 21-Oct. 28

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PACIFIC FLYWAY

Extended Falconry Dates

Arizona

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Ducks and mergansers:

North Zone Oct. 5-Oct. 8
 South Zone Feb. 1-Feb. 4

California

Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

Colorado River Zone Feb. 1-Feb. 4
 Southern Zone Feb. 1-Feb. 5
 Balance-of-State Zone Feb. 1-Feb. 5
 Southern San Joaquin Zone Feb. 1-Feb. 3

Canada Geese and White-fronted Geese:

Northeastern Zone Jan. 18-Jan. 20
 Southern Zone (5) Same as for Ducks
 Balance-of-State Zone (6) Same as for Ducks
 Southern San Joaquin Zone Closed

Brant

Northern Zone Oct. 24-Nov. 6 &
 Dec. 7-Feb. 5
 Southern Zone Oct. 24-Nov. 13 &
 Dec. 14-Feb. 5

Light Geese:

Northeastern Zone Jan. 18-Jan. 20
 Southern Zone (5) Same as for Ducks
 Balance-of-State Zone (6) Same as for Ducks
 Southern San Joaquin Zone Closed

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New Mexico

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Rails

Nov. 28-Jan. 3

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Washington

Mourning doves

Oct. 1-Dec. 16

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(2) In Montana, the bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.

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- (4) In Maine, the daily bag and possession limits for black ducks are 1 and 2, respectively.
- (5) In California, the falconry season for geese is concurrent with the regular season for white geese in the Imperial County special management area.
- (6) In California, the falconry season for geese is concurrent with the regular season for small Canada geese in Del Norte and Humboldt counties.

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