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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 20**[Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2014-0064;
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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 2015–16 season.

DATES: This rule is effective on September 26, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may inspect comments received on the migratory bird hunting regulations during normal business hours at the Service's office at 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, 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> at Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2014-0064.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Regulations Schedule for 2015**

On April 13, 2015, we published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 19852) a proposal to amend 50 CFR part 20. The proposal provided a background and overview of the migratory bird hunting regulations process, and addressed 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 2015–16 regulatory cycle relating to open public meetings and **Federal Register** notifications were also identified in the April 13 proposed rule. Further, we explained that all sections of subsequent documents outlining hunting frameworks and guidelines were organized under numbered headings and that subsequent documents refer only to numbered items

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

On June 11, 2015, we published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 33223) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations. The June 11 supplement also provided detailed information on the proposed 2015–16 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Regulations Committee (SRC) and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 24–25, 2015, 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 2015–16 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 2015–16 regular waterfowl seasons. On July 21, 2015, we published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 43266) a third document specifically dealing with the proposed frameworks for early-season regulations.

On July 29–30, 2015, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council Consultants, at which the participants reviewed the status of waterfowl and developed recommendations for the 2015–16 regulations for these species.

On August 21, 2015, we published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 51090) a final rule which contained final frameworks for early migratory bird hunting seasons from which wildlife conservation agency officials from the States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands selected early-season hunting dates, hours, areas, and limits. Subsequently, on September 1, 2015, we published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 52645) amending subpart K of title 50 CFR part 20 to set hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for early seasons.

On August 25, 2015, we published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 51658) the proposed frameworks for the 2015–16 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 2015–16 in a late September 2015, **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 2015–16 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.

This final rule is the culmination of the rulemaking process for the migratory game bird hunting seasons, which started with the April 13 proposed rule. As discussed elsewhere in this document, we supplemented that proposal on June 11 and August 25, and published final late season frameworks in a late September **Federal Register** that provided the season selection criteria from which the States selected these seasons. This final rule sets the migratory game bird late hunting seasons based on that input from the States. We previously addressed all comments pertaining to late season issues in that late September **Federal Register**.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The programmatic document, “Second Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport Hunting of Migratory Birds (EIS 20130139),” filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on May 24, 2013, addresses NEPA compliance by the Service for issuance of the annual framework regulations for hunting of migratory game bird species. We published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** on May 31, 2013 (78 FR 32686), and our Record of Decision on July 26, 2013 (78 FR 45376). We also address NEPA compliance for waterfowl hunting frameworks through the annual preparation of separate environmental assessments, the most recent being “Duck Hunting Regulations for 2015–16,” with its corresponding August 2015 finding of no significant impact. In addition, an August 1985 environmental assessment entitled “Guidelines for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands” is available from the person indicated under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Endangered Species Act Consideration

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), 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 formal 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 a biological opinion, which concluded that the regulations are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species. Additionally, these findings may have caused modification of some regulatory measures previously proposed, and the final regulations reflect any such modifications. Our biological opinions resulting from this section 7 consultation are public documents available at the address indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Orders 12866 and 13563)

Executive Order 12866 provides that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) will review all significant rules. OIRA has reviewed this rule and has determined that this rule is significant because it would have an annual effect of \$100 million or more on the economy. Executive Order 13563 reaffirms the principles of E.O. 12866 while calling for improvements in the nation’s regulatory system to promote predictability, to reduce uncertainty, and to use the best, most innovative, and least burdensome tools for achieving regulatory ends. The executive order directs agencies to consider regulatory approaches that reduce burdens and maintain flexibility and freedom of choice for the public where these approaches are relevant, feasible, and consistent with regulatory objectives. E.O. 13563 emphasizes further that regulations must be based on the best available science and that the rulemaking process must allow for public participation and an open exchange of ideas. We have developed this rule in a manner consistent with these requirements.

An updated economic analysis was prepared for the 2013–14 season. This analysis was based on data from the newly released 2011 National Hunting and Fishing Survey, the most recent year for which data are available (see discussion in Regulatory Flexibility Act section below). This analysis estimated consumer surplus for three alternatives for duck hunting (estimates for other species are not quantified due to lack of data). The alternatives were: (1) Issue restrictive regulations allowing fewer days than those issued during the 2012–13 season, (2) issue moderate regulations allowing more days than those in alternative 1, and (3) issue liberal regulations identical to the regulations in the 2012–13 season. For the 2013–14 season, we chose Alternative 3, with an estimated consumer surplus across all flyways of \$317.8–\$416.8 million. For the 2015–16 season, we have also chosen alternative 3. We also chose alternative 3 for the 2009–10, the 2010–11, the 2011–12, the 2012–13, and the 2014–15 seasons. The 2013–14 analysis is part of the record for this rule and is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2014–0064.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The annual migratory bird hunting 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, 2008, and 2013. 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 2013 Analysis was based on the 2011 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 \$1.5 billion at small businesses in 2013. Copies of the Analysis are available at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2014–0064.

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

will have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more. However, because this rule establishes hunting seasons, we are not deferring the effective date under the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 808(1).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule does not contain any new information collection that requires approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. OMB has reviewed and approved the information collection requirements associated with migratory bird surveys and assigned the following OMB control numbers:

- 1018–0019—North American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey (expires 5/31/2018).
- 1018–0023—Migratory Bird Surveys (expires 6/30/2017). Includes Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program, Migratory Bird Hunter Surveys, Sandhill Crane Survey, and Parts Collection Survey.

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 this rule 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 (16 U.S.C. 703–711), does not have significant takings implications and does not affect any constitutionally protected property rights. This rule will not result in the physical occupancy of property, the physical invasion of property, or the regulatory taking of any property. In fact, this rule allows hunters to exercise otherwise unavailable privileges and, therefore, reduces 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. Thus, 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 13 **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 2015–16 migratory bird hunting season. The resulting proposals were contained in a separate August 4, 2015, proposed rule (80 FR 46218). By virtue of these actions, we have consulted with Tribes.

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 summary impact statement.

Review of Public Comments

The preliminary proposed rulemaking (April 13 **Federal Register**) opened the public comment period for 2015–16 migratory game bird hunting regulations. We previously addressed all comments pertaining to late season issues in a late September 2015, **Federal Register**.

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 find that "good cause" exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and therefore, under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (July 3, 1918), as amended (16 U.S.C. 703–711), these regulations will take effect less than 30 days after publication. Accordingly, with each conservation agency having had an opportunity to participate in selecting the hunting seasons desired for its State or Territory on those species of migratory birds for which open seasons are now prescribed, and consideration having been given to all other relevant matters presented, certain sections of title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K, are hereby amended as set forth below.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20

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

Dated: September 16, 2015.

Michael J. Bean,

Principal Assistant Deputy 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; Public Law 106–108, 113 Stat. 1491, Note Following 16 U.S.C. 703.

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.

■ 2. Further amend § 20.104, as published on September 1, 2015 (80 FR 52645), by:

■ a. Revising the introductory paragraphs;

■ b. Adding entries for the following States in alphabetical order to the table;

■ c. Revising footnotes (1), (2), and (6) following the table;

■ d. Removing footnote (16) following the table; and

■ e. Adding footnotes (20), (21), and (22) following the table.

The revisions and additions read as follows:

§ 20.104 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for rails, woodcock, and 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 21, 2015 (80 FR 51090) and August 25, 2015 (80 FR 51658), **Federal Register**.

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.

Note: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the September 1, 2015, **Federal Register** (80 FR 52645).

	Sora & Virginia Rails	Clapper & King Rails	Woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	75 (1)	45 (2)	9	24
ATLANTIC FLYWAY				
* Massachusetts (6)	* Sept. 1–Nov. 7	* Closed	* Oct. 7–Oct. 24 & Oct. 26– Nov. 21.	* Sept. 1–Dec. 16
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY				
* Louisiana	* West Zone	* Sept. 12–Sept. 27 & Nov. 7–Dec. 30.	* Sept. 12–Sept. 27 & Nov. 7–Dec. 30.	* Dec. 18–Jan. 31
				* Nov. 2–Dec. 6 & Dec. 19– Feb. 28
	* East Zone	* Sept. 12–Sept. 27 & Nov. 7–Dec. 30.	* Sept. 12–Sept. 27 & Nov. 7–Dec. 30.	* Dec. 18–Jan. 31
				* Nov. 2–Dec. 6 & Dec. 19– Feb. 28
	* Coastal Zone	* Sept. 12–Sept. 27 & Nov. 7–Dec. 30.	* Sept. 12–Sept. 27 & Nov. 7–Dec. 30.	* Dec. 18–Jan. 31
				* Nov. 2–Dec. 6 & Dec. 19– Feb. 28
* Tennessee	* Reelfoot Zone	* Nov. 14–Nov. 15 & Dec. 5–Jan. 31.	* Closed	* Oct. 31–Dec. 14
				* Nov. 15–Feb. 29
	* State Zone	* Nov. 28–Nov. 29 & Dec. 5–Jan. 31.	* Closed	* Oct. 31–Dec. 14
				* Nov. 15–Feb. 29
* Wisconsin (20)	* 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
	* Miss. River Zone	* Oct. 3–Oct. 9 & Oct. 17– Dec. 8.	* Closed	* Sept. 19–Nov. 2
				* Oct. 3–Oct. 9 & Oct. 17– Dec. 8
PACIFIC FLYWAY				
* Arizona (21)	* North Zone	* Closed	* Closed	* Closed
				* Oct. 2–Jan. 10
	* South Zone	* Closed	* Closed	* Closed
				* Oct. 16–Jan. 24
* Idaho	* Zone 1	* Closed	* Closed	* Closed
				* Oct. 3–Jan. 15
	* Zone 2	* Closed	* Closed	* Closed
				* Oct. 17–Jan. 29
	* Zone 3	* Closed	* Closed	* Closed
				* Oct. 17–Jan. 29
* Nevada	* Northeast Zone	* Closed	* Closed	* Closed
				* Sept. 26–Oct. 25 & Oct. 28–Jan. 10
	* Northwest Zone	* Closed	* Closed	* Closed
				* Oct. 10–Oct. 25 & Oct. 28– Jan. 24
	* South Zone (22)	* Closed	* Closed	* Closed
				* Oct. 10–Oct. 25 & Oct. 28– Jan. 24
* Utah	* Washington	* Closed	* Closed	* Closed
				* Oct. 3–Jan. 16
	* 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

(1) The bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails apply singly or in the aggregate of these species.

(2) All bag and possession limits for clapper and king rails apply singly or in the aggregate of the two species and, unless otherwise specified, the limits are in addition to the limits on sora and Virginia rails in all States. In *Connecticut*, *Delaware*, *Maryland*, and *New Jersey*, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 30 in possession.

(6) In *Massachusetts*, the sora rail limits are 5 daily and 15 in possession; the Virginia rail limits are 10 daily and 30 in possession.

(20) In *Wisconsin*, the possession limit for snipe is 16.

(21) In *Arizona*, Ashurst Lake in Unit 5B is closed to snipe hunting.

(22) In *Nevada*, the snipe season in that portion of the South Zone including the Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin rivers is only open November 1 through January 25.

- 3. Further amend § 20.105, as published on September 1, 2015 (80 FR 52645), by:
 - a. Revising the introductory paragraphs;
 - b. In paragraph (a), revising the introductory text, adding entries for the following States in alphabetical order to the table, and revising footnote (2) following the table;
 - c. In paragraph (b), revising the introductory text, adding entries for the following States in alphabetical order to the table, revising the note following the table, and adding footnotes (4) and (5) following the table;
 - d. Revising paragraph (e); and
 - e. In paragraph (f), revising the introductory text, adding entries for the following States in alphabetical order to the table, revising footnotes (1) and (4)

following the table, and adding footnotes (9), (10), (11), and (12) following the table.

The revisions and additions 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 21, 2015 (80 FR 51090) and August 25, 2015 (80 FR 51658), **Federal Register**.

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.

(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 September 1, 2015, **Federal Register** (80 FR 52645). The zones named in this paragraph are the same as those used for setting duck seasons.

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
<i>Georgia</i>	Nov. 21–Nov. 29 & Dec. 12–Jan. 31	15	45
<i>West Virginia</i>	Oct. 1–Oct. 10 & Dec. 2–Jan. 30	15	30
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
<i>Louisiana</i>	Sept. 12–Sept. 27 & Nov. 7–Dec. 30	15	45
<i>Minnesota (2)</i>	Sept. 26–Nov. 24	15	45
North Zone	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 & Oct. 10–Nov. 29	15	45
Central Zone	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 & Oct. 15–Dec. 4	15	45
<i>Tennessee</i>	Nov. 14–Nov. 15 & Dec. 5–Jan. 31	15	45
Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 28–Nov. 29 & Dec. 5–Jan. 31	15	45
<i>Wisconsin</i>	Sept. 26–Nov. 24	15	30
North Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 11 & Oct. 17–Dec. 6	15	30
South Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 9 & Oct. 17–Dec. 8	15	30
Mississippi River Zone		15	30
PACIFIC FLYWAY			
All States	Seasons are in aggregate with coots and listed in paragraph (e).		

(2) In *Minnesota*, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 45 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

September 1, 2015, **Federal Register** (80 FR 52645).

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 three times 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
<i>Georgia</i>	Nov. 21–Nov. 29 & Dec. 12–Jan. 31	7	21
<i>Maryland</i>	Oct. 3–Jan. 30	5	15
<i>Massachusetts</i> (4)	Oct. 3–Jan. 30	7	21
<i>New York</i>	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	6	18
<i>North Carolina</i>	Oct. 1–Jan. 30	7	21
<i>South Carolina</i>	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	7	21
<i>Virginia</i>	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	7	21

Note: Notwithstanding the provisions of this Part 20, the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted in *Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia* 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.

(5) In *New York*, during the Special Sea Duck Season, only scoters, eiders, and long-tailed ducks may be taken, with a daily limit of 6 and may include no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders, or 4 long-tailed ducks. Whenever the regular duck season is open, sea ducks count towards the total daily duck limit of 6 as described above regardless of waterfowl hunting zone.

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(e) *Waterfowl, Coots, and Pacific-Flyway Seasons for Common Moorhens.*

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's 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, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 1 mottled duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 4 scoters, and 1 fulvous tree duck. The possession limit is three times 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 and may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers. 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 may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Connecticut</i> Ducks and Mergansers .....	.....	6	18
North Zone	Oct. 7–Oct. 17 & Nov. 13–Jan. 9.		
South Zone	Oct. 7–Oct. 10 & Nov. 17–Jan. 20.		
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
AFRP Unit	Oct. 13–Oct. 17 &	5	15
	Nov. 19–Feb. 13	5	15
NAP H–Unit	Oct. 7–Oct. 17 &	3	9
	Nov. 16–Jan. 23	3	9
AP Unit	Oct. 13–Oct. 17 &	3	9
	Nov. 19–Jan. 9	3	9
Special Season	Jan. 25–Feb. 13	5	15
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 15 &	25	
	Feb. 23–Mar. 10	25	
South Zone	Oct. 1–Nov. 28 &	25	
	Jan. 6–Mar. 10	25	
Brant:			
North Zone	Dec. 7–Jan. 9	1	3
South Zone	Dec. 17–Jan. 20	1	3
<i>Delaware</i>			
Ducks	Oct. 23–Nov. 3 &	6	18
	Nov. 23–Dec. 5 &	6	18
	Dec. 18–Jan. 30	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese	Nov. 23–Dec. 5 &	2	6
	Dec. 18–Jan. 30	2	6
Light Geese (1)	Oct. 1–Jan. 30	25	
	Feb. 6	25	
Brant	Dec. 22–Jan. 2 &	1	3
	Jan. 9–Jan. 30	1	3
<i>Florida</i>			
Ducks	Nov. 21–Nov. 29 &	6	18
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese	Nov. 21–Nov. 29 &	5	15
	Dec. 1–Jan. 30	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Ducks	15	
<i>Georgia</i>			
Ducks	Nov. 21–Nov. 29 &	6	18
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese	Oct. 10–Oct. 25 &	5	15
	Nov. 21–Nov. 29 &	5	15
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Canada Geese	5	15
Brant	Closed.		
<i>Maine</i>			
Ducks (2) .....	.....	6	18
North Zone	Sept. 28–Dec. 5		
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 17 &		
	Oct. 31–Dec. 22		
Coastal Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 17 &		
	Nov. 14–Jan. 5		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 21	3	9
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 29 &	3	9
	Nov. 14–Jan. 5	3	9
Coastal Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 29 &	3	9
	Nov. 14–Jan. 5	3	9
Light Geese	Oct. 1–Jan. 30	25	
Brant:			
North Zone	Oct. 1–Nov. 4	1	3
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 17 &	1	3
	Oct. 31–Nov. 17	1	3
Coastal Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 17 &	1	3
	Nov. 14–Dec. 1	1	3
<i>Maryland</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (3)	Oct. 10–Oct. 17 &	6	18
	Nov. 14–Nov. 27 &	6	18
	Dec. 15–Jan. 30	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Canada Geese:			
RP Zone	Nov. 21–Nov. 27 &	5	15
	Dec. 15–Mar. 9	5	15
AP Zone	Nov. 21–Nov. 27 &	2	6
	Dec. 15–Feb. 3	2	6
Light Geese	Oct. 3–Nov. 27 &	25	
	Dec. 14–Feb. 6	25	
Brant	Dec. 28–Jan. 30	1	3
<i>Massachusetts</i>			
Ducks (4) .....	.....	6	18
Western Zone	Oct. 12–Nov. 28 &		
	Dec. 7–Dec. 26		
Central Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 28 &		
	Dec. 14–Jan. 4		
Coastal Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 24 &		
	Nov. 11–Jan. 9		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
NAP Zone:			
Central Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 28 &	3	9
	Dec. 14–Jan. 15	3	9
(Special season)	Jan. 16–Feb. 6	5	15
Coastal Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 24 &	3	9
	Nov. 11–Jan. 21	3	9
(Special season) (5)	Jan. 23–Feb. 13	5	15
AP Zone	Oct. 12–Nov. 28 &	3	9
	Dec. 7–Dec. 15	3	9
Light Geese:			
Western Zone	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Central Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 28 &	15	45
	Dec. 7–Dec. 26 &	15	45
	Jan. 16–Feb. 6	15	45
Coastal Zone (5)	Same as for Ducks &	15	45
	Jan. 23–Feb. 13	15	45
Brant:			
Western & Central Zone	Closed.		
Coastal Zone	Dec. 28–Jan. 30	1	3
<i>New Hampshire</i>			
Ducks .....	.....	6	18
Northern Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 30		
Inland Zone	Oct. 6–Nov. 5 &		
	Nov. 15–Dec. 13		
Coastal Zone	Oct. 7–Oct. 16 &		
	Nov. 15–Jan. 3		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
Northern Zone	Oct. 2–Dec. 10	3	9
Inland Zone	Oct. 6–Nov. 5 &	3	9
	Nov. 15–Dec. 23	3	9
Coastal Zone	Oct. 7–Oct. 26 &	3	9
	Nov. 15–Jan. 3	3	9
Light Geese:			
Northern Zone	Oct. 2–Dec. 23	25	
Inland Zone	Oct. 6–Dec. 27	25	
Coastal Zone	Oct. 7–Jan. 3	25	
Brant:			
Northern Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 31	1	3
Inland Zone	Oct. 6–Nov. 4	1	3
Coastal Zone	Oct. 7–Nov. 5	1	3
<i>New Jersey</i>			
Ducks .....	.....	6	18
North Zone	Oct. 10–Oct. 22 &		
	Nov. 14–Jan. 9		
South Zone	Oct. 17–Oct. 24 &		
	Nov. 14–Jan. 14		
Coastal Zone	Oct. 31–Nov. 3 &		
	Nov. 28–Jan. 30		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and White-fronted Geese:			

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
North Zone	Nov. 14–Nov. 28 & Dec. 12–Jan. 23 &	3 3	9 9
South Zone	Nov. 14–Nov. 28 & Dec. 12–Jan. 23 &	3 3	9 9
Coastal Zone	Oct. 31–Nov. 3 & Nov. 26–Feb. 15	5 5	15 15
Special Season Zone	Jan. 25–Feb. 15	5	15
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 17–Feb. 15	25	
South Zone	Oct. 17–Feb. 15	25	
Coastal Zone	Oct. 17–Feb. 15	25	
Brant:			
North Zone	Nov. 14–Nov. 28 & Dec. 22–Jan. 9	1 1	3 3
South Zone	Oct. 17–Oct. 24 & Nov. 14–Dec. 10	1 1	3 3
Coastal Zone	Nov. 26–Dec. 5 & Dec. 19–Jan. 12	1 1	3 3
<i>New York</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (6)		6	18
Long Island Zone	Nov. 26–Nov. 29 & Dec. 7–Jan. 31		
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 10–Oct. 14 & Oct. 24–Dec. 17		
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 11 & Oct. 24–Dec. 13		
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 10–Oct. 18 & Nov. 7–Dec. 27		
Western Zone	Oct. 24–Dec. 6 & Dec. 26–Jan. 10		
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
Western Long Island (AFRP)	Oct. 10–Oct. 25 & Nov. 26–Nov. 29 & Dec. 7–Feb. 29	8 8 8	24 24 24
Central Long Island (NAP–L)	Nov. 26–Nov. 29 & Dec. 7–Feb. 10	3 3	9 9
Special season	Feb. 11–Feb. 15	5	15
Eastern Long Island (NAP–H)	Nov. 26–Feb. 3	3	9
Lake Champlain (AP) Zone	Oct. 10–Nov. 28	3	9
Northeast (AP) Zone	Oct. 24–Nov. 15 & Nov. 17–Dec. 13	3 3	9 9
East Central (AP) Zone	Oct. 24–Nov. 20 & Nov. 28–Dec. 19	3 3	9 9
Hudson Valley (AP) Zone	Oct. 31–Nov. 15 & Nov. 28–Dec. 31	3 3	9 9
West Central (AP) Zone	Oct. 24–Nov. 26 & Dec. 26–Jan. 10	3 3	9 9
South (AFRP)	Oct. 24–Dec. 20 & Dec. 26–Jan. 10 & Mar. 5–Mar. 10	5 5 5	15 15 15
Light Geese (7):			
Long Island Zone	Nov. 25–Mar. 10	25	
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 29	25	
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 15	25	
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 15	25	
Western Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 15	25	
Brant:			
Long Island Zone	Nov. 26–Nov. 29 & Jan. 6–Jan. 31	1 1	3 3
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 10–Nov. 8	1	3
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 3–Nov. 1	1	3
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 10–Nov. 8	1	3
Western Zone	Oct. 10–Nov. 8	1	3
<i>North Carolina</i>			
Ducks (8)	Oct. 7–Oct. 10 & Nov. 14–Dec. 5 & Dec. 19–Jan. 30	6 6 6	18 18 18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
RP Hunt Zone	Oct. 7–Oct. 17 &	5	15

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
	Nov. 14–Dec. 5 &	5	15
	Dec. 19–Feb. 13	5	15
SJBP Hunt Zone	Oct. 7–Nov. 9 &	5	15
	Nov. 14–Dec. 31	5	15
Northeast Hunt Zone (9)	Jan. 15–Jan. 30	1	3
Light Geese	Oct. 13–Feb. 13	25	
Brant	Dec. 28–Jan. 30	1	3
<i>Pennsylvania</i>			
Ducks		6	18
North Zone	Oct. 10–Nov. 28 & Dec. 19–Jan. 7.		
South Zone	Oct. 17–Oct. 24 & Nov. 14–Jan. 14.		
Northwest Zone	Oct. 10–Dec. 12. Dec. 29–Jan. 2.		
Lake Erie Zone	Oct. 26–Jan. 2.		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
Eastern (AP) Zone	Nov. 14–Nov. 28 &	3	9
	Dec. 19–Jan. 30	3	9
SJBP Zone	Oct. 10–Nov. 28 &	3	9
	Dec. 14–Jan. 22	3	9
Resident (RP) Zone	Oct. 24–Nov. 28 &	5	15
	Dec. 18–Jan. 14 &	5	15
	Feb. 1–Feb. 29	5	15
Light Geese:			
Eastern (AP) Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 30	25	
SJBP Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 22	25	
Resident (RP) Zone	Oct. 28–Feb. 29	25	
Brant	Oct. 17–Nov. 20	1	3
<i>Rhode Island</i>			
Ducks	Oct. 9–Oct. 12 &	6	18
	Nov. 25–Nov. 29 &	6	18
	Dec. 5–Jan. 24	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese	Nov. 21–Nov. 29 &	3	9
	Dec. 5–Feb. 1	3	9
Special season	Feb. 8–Feb. 14	5	15
Light Geese	Oct. 10–Jan. 24	25	
Brant	Dec. 26–Jan. 24	1	3
<i>South Carolina</i>			
Ducks (10)(11)	Nov. 14 &	6	18
	Nov. 21–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers (12)	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and White-fronted Geese (13)	Nov. 21–Nov. 28 &	5	15
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31 &	5	15
	Feb. 14–Feb. 29	5	15
Light Geese	Nov. 21–Nov. 28 &	25	
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31	25	
Brant	Jan. 2–Jan. 31	1	3
<i>Vermont</i>			
Ducks		6	18
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 10–Oct 14 & Oct. 24–Dec. 17.		
Interior Zone	Oct. 10–Dec. 8.		
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 6–Nov. 5 & Nov. 15–Dec. 13.		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 10–Nov. 28	3	9
Interior Zone	Oct. 10–Nov. 28	3	9
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 6–Nov. 5 &	3	9
	Nov. 15–Dec. 23	3	9
Light Geese:			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 29	25	
Interior Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 29	25	
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 6–Dec. 27	25	

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Brant:			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 10–Nov. 8	1	3
Interior Zone	Oct. 10–Nov. 8	1	3
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 6–Nov. 4	1	3
Virginia			
Ducks (14)	Oct. 9–Oct. 12 &	6	18
	Nov. 18–Nov. 29 &	6	18
	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
Eastern (AP) Zone	Nov. 24–Nov. 29 &	2	6
	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	2	6
Western (SJB) Zone	Nov. 18–Nov. 29 &	3	9
	Dec. 19–Jan. 14 &	3	9
(Special season)	Jan. 15–Feb. 15	5	15
Western (RP) Zone	Nov. 18–Nov. 29 &	5	15
	Dec. 19–Feb. 24	5	15
Light Geese	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	25	
Brant	Jan. 2–Jan. 31	1	3
West Virginia			
Ducks (15)	Oct. 1–Oct. 10 &	6	18
	Nov. 9–Nov. 14 &	6	18
	Dec. 18–Jan. 30	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese	Oct. 1–Oct. 17 &	5	15
	Nov. 9–Nov. 14 &	5	15
	Dec. 5–Jan. 30	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Canada Geese	5	15
Brant	Jan. 1–Jan. 30	1	3

- (1) In *Delaware*, the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge (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 12 of any one species in possession. The season for Barrow's goldeneye is closed.
- (3) In *Maryland*, the black duck season is closed October 10 through October 17.
- (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 January 23 to February 13 portion of the season in the Coastal Zone is restricted to that portion of the Coastal Zone north of the Cape Cod Canal.
- (6) In *New York*, in addition to Flyway-wide bag restrictions, the daily bag and possession limits may include no more than 4 eiders or 4 long-tailed ducks and 12 eiders or 12 long-tailed ducks, respectively.
- (7) In *New York*, the use of electronic calls and shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shotshells are allowed for hunting of light geese on any day when all other waterfowl hunting seasons are closed.
- (8) In *North Carolina*, the season is closed for black ducks October 7 through October 10 and November 14 through November 20. The daily bag limit for black and mottled ducks is combined with no more than 1 allowed in the daily bag.
- (9) In *North Carolina*, a permit is required to hunt Canada geese in the Northeast Hunt Zone.
- (10) In *South Carolina*, the daily bag limit of 6 may not exceed 1 black-bellied whistling duck, and either 1 black duck or 1 mottled duck in the aggregate.
- (11) In *South Carolina*, on November 14, only hunters 17 years of age or younger can hunt ducks, coots, and mergansers. The youth must be accompanied by a person at least 21 years of age who is properly licensed, including State and Federal waterfowl stamps. Youth who are 16 or 17 years of age who hunt on this day are not required to have a State license or State waterfowl stamp but must possess a Federal waterfowl stamp and migratory bird 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 9 through October 12.
- (17) 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, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, and 3 wood ducks. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit is 5 mergansers and may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers. 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 may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Alabama			
Ducks .....	.....	6	18
North Zone	Nov. 27–Nov. 28 & .....	.....	.....

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
	Dec. 5–Jan. 31 .....	.....	.....
South Zone	Same as North Zone .....	.....	.....
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (1):			
North Zone:			
SJBP Zone	Sept. 26–Oct. 13 &	5	15
	Nov. 27–Nov. 28 &	5	15
	Dec. 5–Jan. 31	5	15
Rest of North Zone	Same as SJBP Zone	5	15
South Zone	Same as Rest of North Zone	5	15
Light Geese:			
North Zone:			
Monroe and Escambia Counties	Same as for Dark Geese	5	15
SJBP Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	5	15
Rest of North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	5	15
South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	5	15
Arkansas			
Ducks	Nov. 21–Nov. 29 &	6	18
	Dec. 10–Dec. 23 &	6	18
	Dec. 26–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for Ducks	5	10
Canada Geese:			
Northwest Zone	Sept. 19–Sept. 28 &	3	9
	Nov. 18–Dec. 4 &	3	9
	Dec. 6–Jan. 31	3	9
Remainder of State	Nov. 18–Dec. 4 &	3	9
	Dec. 6–Jan. 31	3	9
White-fronted Geese .....	.....	3	9
Northwest Zone	Nov. 18–Dec. 4 &	3	9
	Dec. 6–Jan. 31	3	9
Remainder of State	Same as the Northwest Zone	3	9
Brant	Closed .....	.....	.....
Light Geese	Same as for White-fronted Geese	20	.....
Illinois			
Ducks .....	.....	6	18
North Zone	Oct. 17–Dec. 15 .....	.....	.....
Central Zone	Oct. 24–Dec. 22 .....	.....	.....
South Central Zone	Nov. 14–Jan. 12 .....	.....	.....
South Zone	Nov. 26–Jan. 24 .....	.....	.....
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 17–Jan. 14	2	6
Central Zone	Oct. 24–Nov. 15 &	2	6
	Nov. 26–Jan. 31	2	6
South Central Zone	Nov. 14–Jan. 31	2	6
South Zone	Nov. 26–Jan. 31	2	6
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 19–Jan. 14	2	6
Central Zone	Nov. 5–Jan. 31	2	6
South Central Zone	Nov. 14–Jan. 31	2	6
South Zone	Nov. 26–Jan. 31	2	6
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 17–Jan. 14	20	.....
Central Zone	Oct. 24–Jan. 31	20	.....
South Central Zone	Nov. 14–Jan. 31	20	.....
South Zone	Nov. 26–Jan. 31	20	.....
Brant	Same as for Light Geese	1	3
Indiana			
Ducks .....	.....	6	18
North Zone	Oct. 24–Dec. 13 & .....	.....	.....
	Dec. 19–Dec. 27 .....	.....	.....
Central Zone	Oct. 31–Nov. 8 & .....	.....	.....
	Nov. 21–Jan. 10 .....	.....	.....
South Zone	Oct. 31–Nov. 8 & .....	.....	.....
	Nov. 28–Jan. 17 .....	.....	.....
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (1):			
North Zone	Oct. 24–Nov. 22 &	5	15

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Central Zone	Dec. 12–Jan. 24	5	15
	Oct. 31–Nov. 8 &	5	15
	Nov. 21–Jan. 24	5	15
South Zone	Oct. 31–Nov. 8 &	5	15
	Nov. 28–Jan. 31	5	15
Late Season Zone (2)	Feb. 1–Feb. 15	5	15
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	
Central Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	
South Zone	Same as for Dark geese	20	
<i>Iowa</i>			
Ducks		6	18
North Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 18 &		
	Oct. 24–Dec. 6		
Missouri River Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 7 &		
	Oct. 24–Dec. 17		
South Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 7 &		
	Oct. 17–Dec. 10		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (3):			
North Zone	Sept. 26–Oct. 31 &	5	15
	Nov. 1–Jan. 1	5	15
Missouri River Zone	Oct. 10–Oct. 31 &	5	15
	Nov. 1–Jan. 15	5	15
South Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 31 &	5	15
	Nov. 1–Jan. 8	5	15
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Sept. 26–Jan. 10	20	
Missouri River Zone	Oct. 10–Jan. 15	20	
South Zone	Oct. 3–Jan. 15	20	
<i>Kentucky</i>			
Ducks		6	18
West Zone	Nov. 26–Nov. 29 &		
	Dec. 7–Jan. 31		
East Zone	Same as West Zone		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese	Nov. 26–Jan. 31	3	9
White-fronted Geese	Nov. 26–Jan. 31	2	6
Brant	Nov. 26–Jan. 31	1	3
Light Geese	Nov. 26–Jan. 31	20	60
<i>Louisiana</i>			
Ducks		6	18
West Zone	Nov. 14–Dec. 6 &		
	Dec. 19–Jan. 24		
East Zone (including Catahoula Lake)	Nov. 21–Dec. 6 &		
	Dec. 19–Jan. 31		
Coastal Zone	Nov. 7–Dec. 6 &		
	Dec. 19–Jan. 17		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
West Zone	Nov. 14–Dec. 6 &	1	3
	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	1	3
East Zone	Nov. 7–Dec. 6 &	1	3
	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	1	3
Coastal Zone	Nov. 7–Dec. 6 &	1	3
	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	1	3
White-fronted:			
West Zone	Nov. 7–Dec. 6 &	2	6
	Dec. 19–Feb. 7	2	6
East Zone	Nov. 7–Dec. 6 &	2	6
	Dec. 19–Feb. 7	2	6
Coastal Zone	Nov. 7–Dec. 6 &	2	6
	Dec. 19–Feb. 7	2	6
Brant	Closed		
Light Geese:			
West Zone	Same as for White-fronted	20	
East Zone	Same as for White-fronted	20	
Coastal Zone	Same as for White-fronted	20	
<i>Michigan</i>			

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Ducks		6	18
North Zone	Sept. 26–Nov. 22 & Nov. 28–Nov. 29		
Middle Zone	Oct. 3–Nov. 29 & Dec. 12–Dec. 13		
South Zone	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 & Dec. 26–Dec. 27		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Sept. 11–Dec. 11	2	6
Middle Zone	Sept. 19–Dec. 19	2	6
South Zone:			
Muskegon Waste- water GMU	Oct. 17–Nov. 14 & Dec. 1–Dec. 22	2 2	6 6
Allegan County GMU	Oct. 31–Jan. 30	2	6
Saginaw County GMU	Sept. 19–Sept. 27 & Oct. 10–Dec. 6 & Dec. 26–Jan. 19	2 2 2	6 6 6
Tuscola/Huron GMU	Sept. 19–Sept. 27 & Oct. 10–Dec. 6 & Dec. 26–Jan. 19	2 2 2	6 6 6
Remainder of South Zone	Sept. 19–Sept. 27 & Oct. 10–Dec. 6 & Dec. 26–Dec. 27	2 2 2	6 6 6
Southern MI Late Season (4)	Jan. 23–Feb. 14	5	15
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
Middle Zone	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
South Zone:			
Muskegon Wastewater GMU	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
Allegan County GMU	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
Saginaw County GMU	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
Tuscola/Huron GMU	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
Remainder of South Zone	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Canada geese	20	
Middle Zone	Same as for Canada geese	20	
South Zone:			
Muskegon Wastewater GMU	Same as for Canada geese	20	
Allegan County GMU	Same as for Canada geese	20	
Saginaw County GMU	Same as for Canada geese	20	
Tuscola/Huron GMU	Same as for Canada geese	20	
Remainder of South Zone	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 & Dec. 26–Dec. 27 & Jan. 23–Feb. 14	20 20 20	
Brant:			
North Zone	Same as for White-fronted Geese	1	3
Middle Zone	Same as for White-fronted geese	1	3
South Zone	Same as for White-fronted geese	1	3
Minnesota			
Ducks		6	18
North Zone	Sept. 26–Nov. 24		
Central Zone	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 & Oct. 10–Nov. 29		
South Zone	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 & Oct. 15–Dec. 4		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots (5)	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
North Zone	Sept. 26–Dec. 23	3	9
Central Zone	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 & Oct. 10–Dec. 28	3 3	9 9
South Zone	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 & Oct. 15–Jan. 2	3 3	9 9
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Central Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Mississippi			
Ducks	Nov. 27–Nov. 29 & Dec. 4–Dec. 6 &	6 6	18 18

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Mergansers	Dec. 9–Jan. 31	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Canada Geese	Same as for Ducks	15	45
White-fronted	Nov. 19–Jan. 31	3	9
Brant	Nov. 19–Jan. 31	3	9
Light Geese	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
	Same as for Canada geese	20	
<i>Missouri</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers		6	18
North Zone	Oct. 31–Dec. 29		
Middle Zone	Nov. 7–Jan. 5		
South Zone	Nov. 26–Jan. 24		
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese and Brant:			
North Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 11 & Nov. 26–Jan. 31	3	9
Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	3	9
South Zone	Same as North Zone	3	9
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	2	6
Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	2	6
South Zone	Same as North Zone	2	6
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 31–Jan. 31	20	
Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	20	
South Zone	Same as North Zone	20	
<i>Ohio</i>			
Ducks (6)		6	18
Lake Erie Marsh Zone	Oct. 17–Nov. 1 & Nov. 14–Dec. 27		
North Zone	Oct. 24–Nov. 8 & Nov. 21–Jan. 3		
South Zone	Oct. 24–Nov. 8 & Dec. 19–Jan. 31		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
Lake Erie Goose Zone	Oct. 17–Nov. 1 & Nov. 14–Dec. 27 & Jan. 14–Jan. 31	3	9
North Zone	Oct. 24–Nov. 8 & Nov. 21–Jan. 3 & Jan. 14–Jan. 31	3	9
South Zone	Oct. 24–Nov. 8 & Dec. 1–Jan. 31	3	9
White-fronted Geese	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
Brant	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
Light Geese	Same as for Canada geese	10	30
<i>Tennessee</i>			
Ducks		6	18
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	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
Northwest Zone	Oct. 10–Oct. 14 & Nov. 14–Nov. 15 & Dec. 5–Feb. 13	3	9
Rest of State	Oct. 10–Oct. 27 & Nov. 28–Nov. 29 & Dec. 5–Jan. 31	3	9
White-fronted Geese:			
Northwest Zone	Nov. 28–Nov. 29 & Dec. 5–Feb. 13	2	6
Rest of State	Same as Northwest Zone	2	6
Brant:			
Northwest Zone	Nov. 23–Jan. 31	2	6
Rest of State	Same as Northwest Zone	2	6
Light Geese	Same as White-fronted Geese	20	
<i>Wisconsin</i>			

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Ducks (6)		6	18
North Zone	Sept. 26–Nov. 24		
South Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 11 & Oct. 17–Dec. 6		
Mississippi River Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 9 & Oct. 17–Dec. 8		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Sept. 16–Dec. 16	2	6
South Zone	Sept. 16–Oct. 11 & Oct. 17–Dec. 21	2	6
Horicon Zone	Sept. 16–Dec. 16	2	6
Mississippi River Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 9 & Oct. 17–Jan. 7	2	6
White-fronted Geese	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
Brant	Same as for Canada geese	1	3
Light Geese	Same as for Canada geese	20	

(1) In *Alabama* and *Indiana*, the dark goose daily bag limit is an aggregate daily bag limit for Canada geese, white-fronted geese, and brant. The daily bag limit may not include more than 3 Canada geese and 1 brant. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

(2) In *Indiana*, in the Late Season Zone for dark geese, the daily bag limit may only include Canada geese.

(3) In *Iowa*, the dark goose daily bag limit is an aggregate daily bag limit for Canada geese, white-fronted geese, and brant. In the North Zone during September 26 through October 31, in the Missouri River Zone during October 10 through October 31, and in the South Zone during October 3 through 31, the daily bag limit may not include more than 2 Canada geese. During all other open season segments, the daily bag limit may not include more than 3 Canada geese. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

(4) In *Michigan*, the Southern Michigan Late Canada goose season excludes the Goose Management Units (GMUs).

(5) In *Minnesota*, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 45 coots and moorhens in the aggregate.

(6) In *Ohio* and *Wisconsin*, the daily bag limit may include no more than one hen mallard.

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, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks,

2 redheads, 3 scaup, and 3 wood ducks. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit is 5 mergansers and may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers. 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 may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Colorado</i>			
Ducks		6	18
Southeast Zone	Oct. 21–Jan. 24		
Northeast Zone	Oct. 10–Nov. 30 & Dec. 12–Jan. 24		
Mountain/Foothills Zone	Oct. 3–Nov. 30 & Dec. 19–Jan. 24		
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Dark Geese:			
Northern Front Range Unit	Oct. 3–Oct. 21 & Nov. 21–Feb. 14	5	15
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit	Same as N. Front Range Unit	5	15
North Park Unit	Same as N. Front Range Unit	5	15
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Nov. 2–Feb. 14	5	15
Light Geese:			
Northern Front Range Unit	Oct. 31–Feb. 14	50	
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit	Same as N. Front Range Unit	50	
North Park Unit	Same as N. Front Range Unit	50	
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Same as N. Front Range Unit	50	
<i>Kansas</i>			
Ducks		6	18
High Plains	Oct. 10–Jan. 4 & 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		
Southeast Zone	Nov. 14–Jan. 3 & Jan. 9–Jan. 31		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (1)	Oct. 31–Nov. 1 & Nov. 4–Feb. 14	6	18
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 31–Jan. 3 &	2	6

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Light Geese	Jan. 23–Feb. 14	2	6
	Oct. 31–Nov. 1 &	50	
	Nov. 4–Feb. 14	50	
<i>Montana</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (2)		6	18
Zone 1	Oct. 3–Jan. 7		
Zone 2	Oct. 3–Oct. 11 &		
	Oct. 24–Jan. 19		
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
Zone N	Oct. 3–Jan. 10 &	5	15
	Jan. 16–Jan. 20	5	15
Zone S	Oct. 3–Oct. 11 &	5	15
	Oct. 24–Jan. 27	5	15
Light Geese:			
Zone N	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Zone S	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
<i>Nebraska</i>			
Ducks		6	18
Zone 1	Oct. 10–Dec. 22		
Zone 2:			
Low Plains	Oct. 3–Dec. 15		
High Plains	Oct. 3–Dec. 15 & Jan. 6–Jan. 27		
Zone 3:			
Low Plains	Oct. 24–Jan. 5		
High Plains	Oct. 24–Jan. 5 & Jan. 6–Jan. 27		
Zone 4	Oct. 3–Dec. 15		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
Niobrara Unit	Oct. 28–Feb. 9	5	15
East Unit	Oct. 28–Feb. 9	5	15
North Central Unit	Oct. 3–Jan. 15	5	15
Platte River Unit	Oct. 28–Feb. 9	5	15
Panhandle Unit	Oct. 28–Feb. 9	5	15
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 3–Dec. 4 &	3	9
	Jan. 30–Feb. 9	3	9
Light Geese	Oct. 3–Dec. 28 &	50	
	Jan. 23–Feb. 9	50	
<i>New Mexico</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (3)		6	18
North Zone	Oct. 27–Jan. 31		
South Zone	Oct. 27–Jan. 31		
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (4):			
Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit (4)	Dec. 26–Jan. 19	2	2
Rest of State	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	5	15
Light Geese	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	50	
<i>North Dakota</i>			
Ducks (2)		6	18
High Plains	Sept. 26–Dec. 6 &		
	Dec. 12–Jan. 3		
Remainder of State	Sept. 26–Dec. 6		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese (5):			
Missouri River Zone	Sept. 26–Jan. 1	5	15
Rest of State	Sept. 26–Dec. 24	8	24
White-fronted Geese	Sept. 26–Dec. 6	3	9
Light Geese	Sept. 26–Jan. 3	50	
<i>Oklahoma</i>			
Ducks		6	18
High Plains	Oct. 17–Jan. 13		
Low Plains:			
Zone 1	Oct. 31–Nov. 29 & Dec. 12–Jan. 24		
Zone 2	Nov. 7–Nov. 29 & Dec. 12–Jan. 31		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese	Oct. 31–Nov. 29 &	8	24
	Dec. 12–Feb. 14	8	24
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 31–Nov. 29 &	2	6
	Dec. 12–Feb. 7	2	6

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Light Geese	Oct. 31–Nov. 29 &	50	.....
	Dec. 12–Feb. 14	50	.....
<i>South Dakota</i>			
Ducks (2) .....	.....	6	18
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	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada Geese:			
Unit 1	Oct. 1–Dec. 16	8	24
Unit 2	Nov. 2–Feb. 14	4	12
Unit 3	Oct. 17–Dec. 20 &	4	12
	Jan. 9–Jan. 17	4	12
White-fronted Geese	Sept. 26–Dec. 20	2	6
Light Geese	Sept. 26–Dec. 20	50	.....
<i>Texas</i>			
Ducks (6) .....	.....	6	18
High Plains	Oct. 31–Nov. 1 & Nov. 6–Jan. 31 .....	.....	.....
Low Plains:			
North Zone	Nov. 7–Nov. 29 & Dec. 12–Jan. 31 .....	.....	.....
South Zone	Oct. 31–Nov. 29 & .....	.....	.....
	Dec. 12–Jan. 24 .....	.....	.....
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
East Tier:			
South Zone	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	5	15
North Zone	Same as South Zone	5	15
West Tier (7)	Oct. 31–Jan. 31	5	15
Light Geese:			
East Tier:			
South Zone	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	20	.....
North Zone	Same as South Zone	20	.....
West Tier	Same as for Dark Geese	20	.....
<i>Wyoming</i>			
Ducks (2)(8) .....	.....	6	18
Zone C1	Oct. 3–Oct. 21 & Oct. 31–Jan. 16 .....	.....	.....
Zone C2	Sept. 26–Dec. 6 & Dec. 12–Jan. 5 .....	.....	.....
Zone C3	Same as Zone C2 .....	.....	.....
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
Zone G1A (8)	Oct. 3–Oct. 21 &	2	6
	Nov. 21–Feb. 14	4	12
Zone G1	Oct. 3–Oct. 21 &	5	15
	Oct. 31–Nov. 29 &	5	15
	Dec. 5–Jan. 29	5	15
Zone G2	Sept. 26–Dec. 6 &	5	15
	Dec. 12–Jan. 13	5	15
Zone G3	Same as Zone G2	5	15
Light Geese	Oct. 3–Dec. 31 &	10	30
	Jan. 31–Feb. 14	10	30

(1) In *Kansas*, dark geese includes Canada geese, brant, and all other geese except white-fronted geese and light geese.
(2) In *Montana*, *North Dakota*, *South Dakota*, and *Wyoming*, during the first 16 days of the duck season, the daily bag and possession limit may include 2 and 6 additional blue-winged teal, respectively.
(3) In *New Mexico*, Mexican-like ducks are included in the aggregate with mallards.
(4) 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 limited season is established. See State regulations for additional information.
(5) In *North Dakota*, see State regulations for additional shooting hour restrictions.
(6) 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, 3 wood ducks, 3 scaup, 2 canvasbacks, 2 pintails, and 1 dusky duck (mottled duck, Mexican-like duck, black duck and their hybrids). The season for dusky ducks is closed the first 5 days of the season in all zones. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.
(7) In *Texas*, the daily bag limit for dark geese is 5 in the aggregate and may include no more than 2 white-fronted geese. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limits.
(8) See State regulations for additional restrictions.

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 2 canvasbacks. The possession limit is three times 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
<i>Arizona</i>			
Ducks (1)		7	21
North Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 17-Jan. 10	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 2-Jan. 10	7	21
South Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 31-Jan. 24	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 16-Jan. 24	7	21
Coots and Moorhens	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Dark Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 2-Jan. 10	4	12
South Zone	Oct. 16-Jan. 24	4	12
Light Geese	Same as for Dark geese	10	30
<i>California</i>			
Ducks		7	21
Northeastern Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 10-Dec. 6 & Dec. 26-Jan. 22	3 3	9 9
Other Ducks	Oct. 10-Jan. 22	7	21
Colorado River Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 31-Jan. 24	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 16-Jan. 24	7	21
Southern Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7-Jan. 31	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 24-Jan. 31	7	21
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7-Jan. 31	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 24-Jan. 31	7	21
Balance of State Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7-Jan. 31	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 24-Jan. 31	7	21
Coots and Moorhens	Same as for Other Ducks	25	25
Canada Geese (2)(3):			
Northeastern Zone (4)	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	10	30
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 16-Jan. 24	4	12
Southern Zone	Oct. 24-Jan. 31	3	9
Balance of State Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 7 & Oct. 24-Jan. 31	10 10	30 30
North Coast Special Management Area	Nov. 8-Jan. 31 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10	10 10	30 30
White-fronted Geese (2):			
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 10-Jan. 17 & Mar. 6-Mar. 10	10 10	30 30
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 16-Jan. 24	4	12
Southern Zone	Oct. 24-Jan. 31	3	9
Balance of State Zone	Oct. 24-Jan. 31 & Feb. 13-Feb. 17	10 10	30 30
Sacramento Valley Special Management Area	Oct. 24-Dec. 21	3	9
Light Geese:			
Northeastern Zone	Nov. 7-Jan. 17 & Feb. 7-Mar. 10	15 15	45 45
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 16-Jan. 24	10	30
Southern Zone	Oct. 24-Jan. 31	15	45
Imperial County Special Management Area	Nov. 7-Jan. 31 & Feb. 6-Feb. 21	15 15	45 45
Balance of State Zone	Oct. 24-Jan. 31 & Feb. 13-Feb. 17	15 15	45 45
Brant:			
Northern Zone	Nov. 8-Dec. 14	2	6
Balance of State Zone	Nov. 9-Dec. 15	2	6
<i>Colorado</i>			
Ducks:		7	21
Scaup	Sept. 26-Oct. 14 & Oct. 31-Jan. 5	3 3	9 9
Other Ducks	Sept. 26-Oct. 14 & Oct. 31-Jan. 24	7 7	21 21

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Dark Geese	Sept. 26–Oct. 5 &	4	12
	Oct. 31–Jan. 24	4	12
Light Geese	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
<i>Idaho</i>			
Ducks .....	.....	7	21
Zone 1:			
Scaup	Oct. 24–Jan. 15	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 3–Jan. 15	7	21
Zone 2:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 29	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 17–Jan. 29	7	21
Zone 3:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 29	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 17–Jan. 29	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada Geese and Brant:			
Zone 1	Oct. 3–Jan. 15	4	12
Zone 2	Oct. 17–Jan. 29	4	12
Zone 3	Same as Zone 2	4	12
Zone 4	Oct. 17–Jan. 14	4	12
White-fronted Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 3–Jan. 15	10	30
Zone 2	Oct. 17–Jan. 29	10	30
Zone 3	Nov. 9–Feb. 21	10	30
Light Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 3–Jan. 15	20	60
Zone 2	Oct. 30–Jan. 15 &	20	60
	Feb. 13–Mar. 10	20	60
Zone 3	Nov. 27–Mar. 10	20	60
Zone 4 (5)	Oct. 17–Jan. 29	20	60
<i>Montana</i>			
Ducks .....	.....	7	21
Scaup	Oct. 3–Dec. 27	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 3–Jan. 10 &	7	21
	Jan. 16–Jan. 20	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	25
Dark Geese (6)	Oct. 3–Jan. 10 &	4	12
	Jan. 16–Jan. 20	4	12
Light Geese (6)	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
<i>Nevada</i>			
Ducks .....	.....	7	21
Northeast Zone:			
Scaup	Sept. 26–Oct. 25 &	3	9
	Oct. 28–Dec. 22	3	9
Other Ducks	Sept. 26–Oct. 25 &	7	21
	Oct. 28–Jan. 10	7	21
Northwest Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 31–Jan. 24	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 10–Oct. 25 &	7	21
	Oct. 28–Jan. 24	7	21
South Zone (7):	Same as Northwest Zone	7	21
Coots and Moorhens	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada Geese and Brant:			
Northeast Zone	Same as for Other Ducks	4	12
Northwest Zone	Same as for Other Ducks	4	12
South Zone (7)	Same as for Other Ducks	4	12
White-fronted Geese:			
Northeast Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
Northwest Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
South Zone (7)	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
Light Geese (8):			
Northeast Zone	Oct. 31–Jan. 24 &	20	60
	Feb. 20–Mar. 9	20	60
Northwest Zone	Oct. 31–Jan. 24 &	20	60
	Feb. 20–Mar. 9	20	60
South Zone (7)	Oct. 10–Oct. 25 &	20	60
	Oct. 28–Jan. 24	20	60
<i>New Mexico</i>			
Ducks .....	.....	7	21
Scaup	Oct. 10–Jan. 3	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 10–Jan. 22	7	21

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Coots and Moorhens	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada Geese and Brant:			
North Zone	Sept. 26–Oct. 11 &	3	9
	Oct. 24–Jan. 22	3	9
South Zone	Oct. 10–Jan. 24	3	9
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
South Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	20	60
South Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	20	60
Oregon			
Ducks .....	.....	7	21
Zone 1:			
Columbia Basin Unit:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 17–Nov. 1 &	7	21
	Nov. 4–Jan. 31	7	21
Rest of Zone 1	Same as Columbia Basin Unit.		
Zone 2:			
Scaup	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 &	3	9
	Dec. 9–Jan. 5	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 &	7	21
	Dec. 9–Jan. 24	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada Geese:			
Northwest Permit Zone (9) (10)	Oct. 24–Nov. 1 &	4	12
	Nov. 21–Jan. 12 &	4	12
	Feb. 6–Mar. 10	4	12
Tillamook County Management Area	Closed	—	—
Southwest Zone	Oct. 17–Nov. 1 &	4	12
	Nov. 8–Jan. 31	4	12
South Coast Zone	Oct. 3–Nov. 29 & Dec. 19–Jan. 14 & Feb. 20–Mar. 10.	6	18
Eastern Zone	Oct. 17–Nov. 1 &	4	12
	Nov. 8–Jan. 31	4	12
Klamath County Zone	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 &	4	12
	Dec. 20–Jan. 31	4	12
Harney and Lake County Zone	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 &	4	12
	Dec. 20–Jan. 31	4	12
Malheur County Zone	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 &	4	12
	Dec. 20–Jan. 31	4	12
White-fronted Geese:			
Northwest Permit Zone (9)	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
Tillamook County Management Area	Closed	—	—
Southwest Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
South Coast Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
Eastern Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
Klamath County Zone	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 &	10	30
	Jan. 24–Mar. 10	10	30
Harney and Lake County Zone:			
Lake County	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 &	1	3
	Jan. 24–Mar. 10	1	3
Harney County	Same as for Lake County	10	30
Malheur County Zone	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 &	10	30
	Jan. 24–Mar. 10	10	30
Light Geese:			
Northwest Permit Zone (9)	Same as for Canada Geese	6	18
Tillamook County Management Area	Closed	—	—
Southwest Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	6	18
South Coast Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	6	18
Eastern Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	6	18
Klamath County Zone (11)	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 &	6	18
	Jan. 24–Mar. 10	6	18
Harney and Lake County Zone (11)	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 &	6	18
	Jan. 24–Mar. 10	6	18
Malheur County Zone (11)	Oct. 10–Dec. 6 &	6	18
	Jan. 24–Mar. 10	6	18
Brant	Nov. 28–Dec. 13	2	6
Utah			
Ducks .....	.....	7	21
Zone 1:			

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Scaup	Oct. 3–Dec. 27	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 3–Jan. 16	7	21
Zone 2:			
Scaup	Same as Zone 1	3	9
Other Ducks	Same as Zone 1	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada Geese and Brant:			
Northern Zone	Oct. 3–Jan. 16	4	12
Wasatch Front Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 15 &	4	12
Nov. 7–Feb. 7	Nov. 7–Feb. 7	4	12
Washington County Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 15 &	4	12
Nov. 7–Feb. 7	Nov. 7–Feb. 7	4	12
Balance of State Zone	Oct. 3–Oct. 15 &	4	12
Oct. 24–Jan. 24	Oct. 24–Jan. 24	4	12
White-fronted Geese:			
Northern Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
Wasatch Front Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
Washington County Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
Balance of State Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	10	30
Light Geese:			
Northern Zone	Oct. 24–Jan. 16 &	20	60
Feb. 18–Mar. 10	Feb. 18–Mar. 10	20	60
Wasatch Front Zone	Nov. 3–Feb. 7 &	20	60
Mar. 1–Mar. 10	Mar. 1–Mar. 10	20	60
Washington County Zone	Same as for Wasatch County Zone	20	60
Balance of State Zone	Same as for Wasatch County Zone	20	60
<i>Washington</i>			
Ducks .....	.....	7	21
East Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	3	9
Other Ducks	Oct. 17–Oct 21 & Oct. 24–Jan. 31	7	21
West Zone (12)	Same as East Zone.	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada Geese (13):			
Management Area 1 (14)	Oct. 17–Oct. 29 &	4	12
Nov. 7–Jan. 31	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	4	12
Management Area 2A (15) (16)	Nov. 14–Dec. 6 &	4	12
Dec. 16–Jan. 31 &	Dec. 16–Jan. 31 &	4	12
Feb. 10–Mar. 9	Feb. 10–Mar. 9	4	12
Management Area 2B (15) (16)	Oct. 17–Oct. 25 &	4	12
Nov. 14–Jan. 10 &	Nov. 14–Jan. 10 &	4	12
Feb. 14–Mar. 9	Feb. 14–Mar. 9	4	12
Management Area 3 (14)	Oct. 17–Oct. 29 &	4	12
Nov. 7–Jan. 31	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	4	12
Management Area 4 (14)	Oct. 17–Oct. 18 &	4	12
Oct. 21 &	Oct. 21 &	4	12
Oct. 24–Jan. 31	Oct. 24–Jan. 31	4	12
Management Area 5 (14)	Oct. 17–Oct. 19 &	4	12
Oct. 24–Jan. 31	Oct. 24–Jan. 31	4	12
White-fronted Geese (13):			
Management Area 1 (14)	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	4	12
Management Area 2A (15)	Same as for Canada Geese	4	12
Management Area 2B (15)	Same as for Canada Geese	4	12
Management Areas 3 (14)	Same as for Canada Geese	4	12
Management Area 4 (14)	Same as for Canada Geese	4	12
Management Area 5 (14)	Same as for Canada Geese	4	12
Light Geese (13):			
Management Area 1 (14)	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	4	12
Management Area 2A (15)	Same as for Canada Geese	4	12
Management Area 2B (15)	Same as for Canada Geese	4	12
Management Areas 3 (14)	Same as for Canada Geese	4	12
Management Area 4 (14)	Same as for Canada Geese	4	12
Management Area 5 (14)	Same as for Canada Geese	4	12
Brant (17):			
Skagit County	Jan. 9–Jan. 24	2	6
Pacific County	Jan. 2–Jan. 17	2	6
<i>Wyoming</i>			
Ducks .....	.....	7	21
Snake River Zone:			
Scaup	Sept. 26–Dec. 20	3	9
Other Ducks	Sept. 26–Jan. 8	7	21

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Balance of State Zone:			
Scaup	Sept. 26–Dec. 20	3	9
Other Ducks	Sept. 26–Jan. 8	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese	Sept. 26–Dec. 31	3	9
Light Geese	Closed		

- (1) In *Arizona*, the daily bag limit may include no more than either 2 hen mallards or 2 Mexican-like ducks, or 1 of each; and not more than 6 hen mallards and Mexican-like ducks, in the aggregate, may be in possession.
- (2) In *California*, the daily bag and possession limits for Canada geese and white-fronted geese are in the aggregate.
- (3) In *California*, small Canada geese are Cackling and Aleutian Canada geese, and large Canada geese are Western and Lesser Canada geese.
- (4) In *California*, in the Northeastern Zone, the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 large Canada geese.
- (5) In *Idaho*, the season on light geese is closed in Fremont and Teton Counties.
- (6) In *Montana*, check State regulations for special seasons and exceptions in Freezeout Lake WMA; Canyon Ferry; Flathead; and Deer Lodge County.
- (7) In *Nevada*, the seasons for all ducks, geese, coots, and moorhens in that portion of the South Zone including the Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin rivers are only open October 31 through January 24. In addition, youth 15 years of age or younger are allowed to hunt on October 17 on the Moapa Valley portion of Overton Wildlife Management Area. Youth must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age.
- (8) In *Nevada*, there is no open season on light geese in Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties. In addition, the season is closed in Kirch WMA, Mason Valley WMA, and Scripps WMA and Washoe State Park from February 20 to March 9.
- (9) In *Oregon*, in the Northwest Permit Zone, see State regulations for specific dates, times, and conditions of permit hunts and closures.
- (10) In *Oregon*, in the Northwest Permit Zone, the season for Dusky Canada geese is closed.
- (11) In *Oregon*, in the Klamath County, the Harney and Lake County, and the Malheur County Zones, during February 1 through March 10, the daily bag limit for light geese is 20. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.
- (12) In *Washington*, the daily bag limit in the West Zone may include no more than 2 scoters, 2 long-tailed ducks, and 2 goldeneyes, with the possession limit three times the daily bag limit. The daily bag and possession limit, and the season limit, for harlequins is 1.
- (13) In *Washington*, the daily bag limit is 4 Canada geese, white-fronted geese, or light geese, singly or in the aggregate. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.
- (14) In *Washington*, in State Management Area 4, hunting is allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and certain holidays. In State Management Areas 1, 3, and 5, hunting is allowed everyday. See State regulations for details, including shooting hours.
- (15) In *Washington*, in Management Areas 2A and 2B, see State regulations for specific dates, times, and conditions of permit hunts and closures.
- (16) In *Washington*, in Management Areas 2A and 2B, the season for Dusky Canada geese is closed.
- (17) In *Washington*, brant may be hunted in Skagit and Pacific Counties only; see State regulations for specific dates.

(f) *Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days.* cannot duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons. **Note:** The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the September 1, 2015, **Federal Register** (80 FR 52645). Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

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

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

		Season dates
ATLANTIC FLYWAY		
<i>Connecticut</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 3 & Oct. 31.
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<i>Florida</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and geese	Feb. 6 & 7.
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<i>Maryland</i> (1)(9)	Ducks, coots, light geese, Canada geese, sea ducks, and brant	Nov. 7 & Feb. 6.
<i>Massachusetts</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese	Sept. 26 & Oct. 10.
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<i>New Jersey</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	
North Zone		Oct. 3 & Oct. 31.
South Zone		Oct. 10 & Nov. 7.
Coastal Zone		Nov. 7 & Feb. 13.
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<i>North Carolina</i>	Ducks, mergansers, geese (10), brant, tundra swans (11), and coots	Feb. 6 & Feb. 13.
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	Ducks, mergansers, Canada geese, coots, and moorhens	
North Zone		Sept. 19 & 26.
South Zone		Sept. 19 & Nov. 7.
Northwest Zone		Sept. 19 & 26.
Lake Erie Zone		Sept. 19 & Oct. 17.
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<i>South Carolina</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 6 & 13.

			Season dates
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Virginia	Ducks, mergansers, coots, tundra swans (11), and Canada geese (12)		Oct. 24 & Feb. 6.
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MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
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Arkansas	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules		Dec. 5 & Feb. 6.
Illinois	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots		
North Zone			Oct. 10 & 11.
Central Zone			Oct. 17 & 18.
South Central Zone			Nov. 7 & 8.
South Zone			Nov. 14 & 15.
Indiana	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese		
North Zone			Oct. 17 & 18.
Central Zone			Oct. 24 & 25.
South Zone			Oct. 24 & 25.
Iowa	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots		
North Zone			Sept. 26 & 27.
Missouri River Zone			Oct. 17 & 18.
South Zone			Oct. 10 & 11.
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Louisiana	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese		
West Zone			Nov. 7 & Jan. 30.
East Zone			Nov. 14 & Feb. 6.
Coastal Zone			Oct. 31 & Nov. 1.
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Mississippi	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese		Nov. 21 & Feb. 6.
Missouri	Ducks, coots, mergansers, moorhens, gallinules, and geese		
North Zone			Oct. 24 & 25.
Middle Zone			Oct. 31 & Nov. 1.
South Zone			Nov. 21 & 22.
Ohio	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese		
Lake Erie Marsh			Oct. 3 & 4.
North Zone			Oct. 3 & 4.
South Zone			Oct. 3 & 4.
Tennessee	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese		
Reelfoot Zone			Feb. 6 & 13.
Remainder of State			Feb. 6 & 13.
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CENTRAL FLYWAY			
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Kansas (4)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots		
High Plains			Oct. 3 & 4.
Low Plains:			
Early Zone			Oct. 3 & 4.
Late Zone			Oct. 24 & 25.
Southeast Zone			Nov. 7 & 8.
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Nebraska	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots		
Zone 1			Oct. 3 & 4.
Zone 2			Sept. 26 & 27.
Zone 3			Oct. 17 & 18.
Zone 4			Sept. 26 & 27.
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Oklahoma	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese:		
High Plains			Oct. 10 & 11.
Low Plains:			
Zone 1			Oct. 24 & 25.
Zone 2			Oct. 31 & Nov. 1.
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Texas	Ducks, geese, mergansers, moorhens, gallinules, and coots		
High Plains			Oct. 24 & 25.
Low Plains:			
North Zone			Oct. 31 & Nov. 1.
South Zone			Oct. 24 & 25.

		Season dates
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PACIFIC FLYWAY		
Arizona	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and moorhens	
North Zone		Sept. 26 & 27.
South Zone		Jan. 30 & 31.
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Idaho		
Zone 1	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 26 & 27.
Zones 2 & 3		Oct. 3 & 4.
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Nevada		
Northeast Zone	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and moorhens	Sept. 12 & 13.
Northwest Zone		Sept. 26 & Feb. 6.
South Zone		Feb. 6 & 7.
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(1) In Maryland, youth hunter(s) must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years old and who possesses a current Maryland hunting license or is exempt from the hunting license requirement. The adult accompanying the youth hunter(s) may not possess a hunting weapon and may not participate in other seasons that are open on the youth days.

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

(9) In Maryland, the bag limit for Canada geese is 2 in the AP Zone and 5 in the RP Zone.

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

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

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

■ 4. Further amend § 20.106, as published on September 1, 2015 (80 FR 52645), by:

- a. Revising the introductory paragraphs;
- b. Adding entries for the following States in alphabetical order to the table;
- c. Revising footnote (1) following the table; and
- d. Adding footnote (7) following the table.

The revisions and additions 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 28, 2014, **Federal Register** (79 FR 51402).

Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take sandhill cranes at the level allowed by the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its

provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request.

The permit is not transferable or assignable to another individual, and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

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.

Note: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the September 1, 2015, **Federal Register** (80 FR 52645).

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
Tennessee (1)(7)	Nov. 28–Jan. 1	3	3
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
Oklahoma (1)	Oct. 24–Jan. 24	3	9
* * * * *			
Texas (1):			
Zone A	Oct. 31–Jan. 31	3	9
Zone B	Nov. 20–Jan. 31	3	9
Zone C	Dec. 19–Jan. 24	2	6

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession

(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.

(7) In *Tennessee*, the shooting hours are from sunrise to 3 p.m.

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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.

Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take swans at the level allowed by the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request. The permit is not transferable or assignable to another

individual, and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

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.

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

	Season dates	Limits
ATLANTIC FLYWAY		
<i>North Carolina</i>	Nov. 7–Jan. 30	1 tundra swan per season.
<i>Virginia</i>	Nov. 18–Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per season.
CENTRAL FLYWAY (1)		
<i>Montana</i>	Oct. 3–Jan. 7	1 tundra swan per season.
<i>North Dakota</i>	Oct. 3–Jan. 3	1 tundra swan per season.
<i>South Dakota</i>	Oct. 3–Dec. 20	1 tundra swan per permit.
PACIFIC FLYWAY (1)		
<i>Montana</i> (2)	Oct. 10–Dec. 1	1 swan per season.
<i>Nevada</i> (3)(4)	Oct. 10–Jan. 3	2 swans per season.
<i>Utah</i> (4)(5)	Oct. 3–Dec. 13	1 swan per season.

(1) See State regulations for description of area open to swan hunting.

(2) In *Montana*, all harvested swans must be reported by way of a bill measurement card within 3 days of harvest.

(3) In *Nevada*, all harvested swans and tags must be checked or registered within 5 days of harvest.

(4) 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.

(5) In *Utah*, all harvested swans and tags must be checked or registered within 3 days of harvest.

■ 6. Further amend § 20.109, as published on September 1, 2015 (80 FR 52645), by:

- a. Revising the introductory paragraphs;
- b. Adding entries for the following States in alphabetical order to the table;
- c. Revising footnote (2) following the table; and
- d. Adding footnotes (5), (6), and (7) following the table.

The revisions and additions 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 21, 2015 (80 FR 51090) and August 25, 2015 (80 FR 51658) **Federal Register**.

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.

Limits: The daily bag limit may include no more than 3 migratory game birds, singly or in the aggregate. The

possession limit is three times 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 September 1, 2015, **Federal Register** (80 FR 52645).

Extended falconry dates

ATLANTIC FLYWAY
Delaware

* * * * *
Ducks, mergansers, and coots Feb. 1–Mar. 5.
Brant Nov. 23–Dec. 21 & Feb. 1–Mar. 5.

Florida

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Ducks, mergansers, light geese, and coots Nov. 3–Nov. 12 & Feb. 8–Mar. 4.

Maine

Ducks, mergansers, and coots (5):
North Zone Dec. 15–Feb. 4.
South & Coastal Zones Jan. 8–Feb. 29.

Maryland

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Ducks Feb. 2–Mar. 10.
Brant Feb. 1–Mar. 10.
Light Geese Feb. 25–Mar. 10.

Massachusetts

Ducks, mergansers, sea ducks, and coots Feb. 1–Feb. 4.

New Hampshire

Ducks, mergansers, and coots:
Northern Zone Dec. 11–Jan. 24.
Inland Zone Nov. 2–Nov. 14 & Dec. 24–Jan. 24.
Coastal Zone Jan. 26–Mar. 10.

New Jersey

Woodcock:
North Zone Oct. 1–Oct. 16 & Nov. 22–Jan. 15.
South Zone Oct. 1–Nov. 6 & Nov. 29–Dec. 18 & Jan. 2–Jan. 15.

Ducks, mergansers, coots, and brant:
North Zone Jan. 19–Mar. 10.
South Zone Jan. 19–Mar. 10.
Coastal Zone Jan. 31–Mar. 10.

New York

Ducks, mergansers and coots:
Long Island Zone Nov. 1–Nov. 25 & Nov. 30–Dec. 6 & Feb. 1–Feb. 13.
Northeastern Zone Oct. 1–Oct. 2 & Oct. 12–Oct. 23 & Dec. 14–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 Oct. 26–Nov. 7 & Feb. 1–Feb. 20.

Pennsylvania

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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:
North Zone Nov. 30–Dec. 18 & Feb. 8–Mar. 10.
South Zone Oct. 26–Nov. 13 & Feb. 8–Mar. 10.
Northwest Zone Dec. 14–Dec. 28 & Feb. 3–Mar. 10.
Lake Erie Zone Jan. 19–Mar. 10.
Canada Geese:
SJBZ Zone Mar. 4–Mar. 10.
AP Zone Feb. 1–Mar. 10.
RP Zone Mar. 7–Mar. 10.

South Carolina

Ducks, mergansers, and coots Nov. 1–Nov. 20 & Feb. 1–Feb. 11.

Virginia

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Ducks, mergansers, and coots Nov. 30–Dec. 18 & Feb. 1–Feb. 12.
Canada Geese:
Eastern (AP) Zone Nov. 18–Nov. 23 & Feb. 1–Feb. 24.
Western (SJBZ) Zone Feb. 16–Feb. 24.
Brant Oct. 17–Jan. 1.

Extended falconry dates

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Arkansas

Ducks, mergansers, and coots Feb. 1–Feb. 15.

Illinois

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 Ducks, mergansers, and coots Feb. 10–Mar. 10.

Indiana

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 Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

North Zone Sept. 27–Sept. 30 & Feb. 15–Mar. 10.

Central Zone Oct. 24–Oct. 30 & Feb. 18–Mar. 10.

South Zone Oct. 24–Oct. 30 & Feb. 18–Mar. 10.

Iowa

Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

North Zone Dec. 15–Jan. 12.

Missouri River Zone Dec. 19–Jan. 16.

South Zone Dec. 15–Jan. 12.

Kentucky

Ducks, mergansers, and coots Nov. 5–Nov. 25 & Nov. 30–Dec. 6.

Canada geese, white-fronted geese, light geese, and brant Nov. 5–Nov. 25.

Louisiana

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 Rails and moorhens Nov. 4–Nov. 6 & Dec. 31–Jan. 31.

Ducks:

West Zone Nov. 4–Nov. 13 & Dec. 7–Dec. 18 & Jan. 25–Jan. 31.

East Zone Nov. 4–Nov. 20 & Dec. 7–Dec. 18.

Coastal Zone Nov. 4–Nov. 6 & Dec. 7–Dec. 18 & Jan. 18–Jan. 31.

Michigan

Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens Dec. 28–Jan. 21 & Mar. 1–Mar. 10.

Minnesota

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 Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules Dec. 12–Jan. 26.

Mississippi

Doves Nov. 16–Nov. 24 & Jan. 16–Jan. 23.

Ducks, mergansers and coots Feb. 7–Mar. 6.

Missouri

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 Ducks, mergansers, and coots Sept. 12–Sept. 27 & Feb. 11–Mar. 10.

Ohio

Ducks, mergansers, and coots Feb. 20–Mar. 5.

Geese Feb. 20–Mar. 5.

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Wisconsin

Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules:

North Zone Sept. 1–Sept. 25 & Nov. 25–Dec. 16.

South Zone Sept. 1–Oct. 2 & Oct. 12–Oct. 16 & Dec. 7–Dec. 16.

Mississippi River Zone Sept. 1–Oct. 2 & Oct. 10–Oct. 16 & Dec. 9–Dec. 16.

Woodcock Sept. 1–Sept. 18 & Nov. 3–Dec. 16.

Ducks, mergansers, and coots Sept. 19–Sept. 20 & Jan. 8–Feb. 21.

CENTRAL FLYWAY

Kansas

Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

Low Plains Feb. 25–Mar. 10.

Montana (2)

Ducks, mergansers, and coots Sept. 23–Oct. 2.

Nebraska

Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

Zone 1 Sept. 5–Sept. 20 & Feb. 25–Mar. 10.

Zone 2:

Low Plains Sept. 5–Sept. 20 & Feb. 25–Mar. 10.

High Plains Sept. 12–Sept. 20.

Zone 3:

Low Plains Sept. 5–Sept. 20 & Feb. 25–Mar. 10.

High Plains Sept. 12–Sept. 20.

Extended falconry dates

Zone 4						Sept. 5–Sept. 20 & Feb. 25–Mar. 10.
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<i>Oklahoma</i>						
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:						
Low Plains						Feb. 15–Feb. 29.
<i>South Dakota</i>						
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:						
High Plains						Oct. 2–Oct. 9.
Low Plains:						
North Zone						Sept. 1–Sept. 25 & Dec. 9–Dec. 16.
Middle Zone						Sept. 1–Sept. 25 & Dec. 9–Dec. 16.
South Zone						Sept. 15–Oct. 9 & Dec. 23–Dec. 30.
<i>Texas</i>						
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:						
Low Plains						Feb. 1–Feb. 14.
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PACIFIC FLYWAY						
<i>Arizona</i>						
Ducks and mergansers:						
North Zone						Jan. 24–Jan. 27.
South Zone						Sept. 27–Sept. 30.
<i>California</i>						
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:						
Colorado River Zone						Jan. 25–Jan. 28.
Southern Zone						Feb. 1–Feb. 5.
Canada Geese and White-fronted Geese:						
Northeastern Zone (6)						Jan. 18–Jan. 22.
Colorado River Zone						Jan. 25–Jan. 28.
Southern Zone (7)						Feb. 1–Feb. 5.
Light Geese:						
Colorado River Zone						Jan. 25–Jan. 28.
Southern Zone (7)						Feb. 1–Feb. 4.
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(2) In *Montana*, the bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.

(5) In *Maine*, the daily bag and possession limits for black ducks are 1 and 3, respectively.

(6) In *California*, in the Northeastern Zone, there is no extended falconry season for white-fronted geese.

(7) In *California*, in the Imperial County Special Management Area, there is no extended falconry season.