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2013 - 2014 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations Summary



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WHAT'S NEW IN 2013?

Changes to Regulations This Year:

Possession limits for dark geese (except Canada geese harvested in GMU 6 and Canada geese harvested in GMU 8), white geese, Brant, sandhill cranes, snipe, and falconry have been increased to three times the daily bag limit. Please remember that waterfowl may be plucked in the field but one fully feathered wing or the head must remain attached to allow species identification during transport and you may not possess or transport more than the daily bag limit while in the field, or while returning from the field to your vehicle, camp, etc.

The 2013 Duck Stamp

The 2013 duck stamp features a photo of white-fronted geese taken by Anchorage photographer Donna Dewhurst. Three populations of Greater white-fronted geese occur in Alaska. Those breeding on the Arctic Coastal Plain and Interior Alaska are part of the Mid-continent population whose breeding range extends eastward to Hudson Bay in Canada. The Mid-continent birds winter in the lower Mississippi River Valley, southern Texas and northern Mexico. Current population estimates exceed 700,000 birds. Numbers have been steadily increasing on the Arctic Coastal Plain of Alaska where over 200,000 geese may occur. Pacific White-fronts breed in western Alaska, primarily the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, and winter in California. Current population estimates exceed 600,000 birds, well above management objectives. Numbers have been increasing since the 1980's. The Tule White-fronted Goose, by far the smallest of the 3 populations with perhaps only 12,000 birds, nests primarily in the lower Susitna River Valley and marshes of Upper Cook Inlet. Tule's, identified by their larger size, richer brown coloration on the head and neck, and less speckling on the belly, winter in California. The duck stamp image is of Pacific white-fronted geese taken during spring migration in the Mat-Su Valley.

LEARN ABOUT DUCK STAMPS ON THE WEB

Federal Stamps: <http://duckstamps.fws.gov>

Alaska Stamps:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=waterfowlhunting.requirements>

LICENSE AND STAMP REQUIREMENTS

Resident Hunters All Alaska residents age 16 or older must possess a hunting license to hunt in Alaska and must carry it while hunting. Resident hunters 60 years old or older may obtain a free, permanent identification card issued by the Department. This card replaces the sport fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses. Disabled veterans qualified under AS 16.05.341 may receive a free hunting license. Residents with an annual family income below \$8,200 (before taxes) may buy a \$5.00 low-income license.

Nonresident and Alien Hunters All nonresident and alien hunters, regardless of age, must possess the appropriate hunting license. Nonresidents may buy a small game license for \$20.00.

Nonresident Military Personnel Active duty members of the US military or the US Coast Guard, and their dependents, who do not qualify as residents and who are permanently stationed in Alaska may obtain a special military hunting license at the resident rate. This special resident rate only applies to permanently stationed military with permanent change of station (PCS) papers showing effective date of transfer.

State and Federal Duck Stamps All waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older must have current federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (\$15.00). An Alaska Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (\$5.00) is also required unless you:

- are an Alaska resident under the age of 16;
- are an Alaska resident 60 years old or older;
- are a disabled veteran eligible for a free license; or
- qualify for a low income license.

State and Federal stamps must be signed in ink and must be carried at all times while hunting waterfowl. Stamps need not be attached to a hunting license. State and federal stamps are not required when hunting only snipe and sandhill cranes.

Proof of HIP Enrollment Migratory bird hunters required to enroll in HIP must carry proof of enrollment while hunting – the serial number on the front of state duck stamps is the HIP number.

YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

In Units 7, 13, 14, 15, and 20:

- If you were born after January 1, 1986 and are 16 years old or older, you must complete Basic Hunter Education before hunting.
- If you are under 16, you must either complete Basic Hunter Education or hunt under the direct supervision of a hunter who has completed the course or was born on or before January 1, 1986.

ON-LINE LICENSING AND REGULATIONS

You can purchase licenses and stamps, check current regulations and download regulations from our websites.

On-line Licenses: <http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license/>

Regulations:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=hunting_huntingregulations

Federal Migratory Bird Subsistence Regulations

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published federal regulations governing traditional spring and summer subsistence hunting of migratory birds in Alaska. The regulations allow permanent residents of designated harvest areas to hunt certain species of migratory birds during specified open seasons. For more information, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Migratory Bird Comanagement Council: (877) 229-2344 or online at: <http://alaska.fws.gov/ambcc/Regulations.htm>

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) administers all programs and activities free from discrimination based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, or disability. The Department administers all programs and activities to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Education Amendments of 1972. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility please write:

- ADF&G ADA Coordinator, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526
- Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW MS 5230,

ILLEGAL METHODS OF TAKING GAME

Game means any species of bird, reptile and mammal, including a feral domestic animal, found or introduced in the state, except domestic birds and mammals (AS 16.05.940(18)).

The following restrictions apply to the taking of waterfowl, snipe and cranes. Refer to current Alaska State Hunting Regulations for descriptions of illegal methods of taking other types of game.

You May NOT:

- Hunt with a rifle, pistol, or a shotgun larger than 10-gauge.
- Hunt with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells (magazines must be “plugged” to hold two shells).
- Hunt with shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- Have lead shot in personal possession while hunting.
- Hunt with shot sizes larger than T (0.20” diameter).
- Shoot on, from, or across the drivable surface of any constructed road or highway.
- Use poison or a substance that temporarily incapacitates wildlife to kill any game species without written permission from the Board of Game, or with the use of an Electronic Control Device (ECD) Taser-type device that temporarily incapacitates game, except under a permit issued by the Department.
- Use a helicopter to hunt, transport hunters, hunting gear, game meat or trophies, or equipment used to pursue or retrieve game.
- Take game from motorized vehicles on land, except under provisions for disabled persons in state and federal regulations.
- Take game from a motor driven boat if the motor is running or if the boat is still moving because of the motor. You may use the motor to retrieve a dead or injured bird.
- Drive, herd, molest or harass game with any motorized vehicle.
- Use a machine gun or set gun.
- Wear foot gear with felt soles or other absorbent fibrous material in freshwater streams.
- Use a pit, fire, artificial light, laser sight, electronic night vision scope, radio communication, cellular or satellite telephone, artificial salt lick, explosive, expanding gas arrow, bomb, smoke, or chemical (excluding scent lures).

FIELD POSSESSION

You may not possess or transport more than the daily bag limit while in the field, or while returning from the field to your vehicle, camp, etc. (**50 CFR 20.35**). You may retain up to stated possession limits of migratory birds in camps, primary residences, principal means of transportation (automobile), processing facilities, post offices, and common carriers.

It is illegal to possess live birds without a permit; wounded birds must be killed immediately. Waterfowl may be plucked in the field but one fully feathered wing or the head must remain attached to allow species identification during transport. See below, 'Additional Federal Regulations' for tagging (labeling) and transporting birds.

SALVAGE OF MEAT

You must salvage all the edible meat of game birds for human consumption; this is defined as the breast meat. However, we encourage you to salvage and use all the edible meat.

USE OF GAME

You may not buy or sell game meat.

MARKED GAME

Animals marked (banded, collared, transmitter attached, web or wing tagged, etc.) for scientific studies are legal game. However, if you take a marked animal, you must notify either the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (907-267-2527) or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Reporting Marked Birds Is Easy!

You can furnish valuable data on the origin, movements, and ages of ducks and geese by reporting band numbers and collar observations. You may keep the bands and collar and you will receive a certificate showing the date and location each bird was originally marked. Please call or use the Internet:

USGS Bird Banding Laboratory
Toll-free (800) 327-BAND
<http://www.reportband.gov>

ADDITIONAL FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to state regulations, certain federal regulations (50 CFR 20) apply to migratory bird hunting. For complete federal hunting rules, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503 (907) 786-3311.

No person shall take migratory game birds:

- With a trap, net, fishhook, swivel gun, punt gun, or battery gun.
- From a sink box providing concealment below the water.
- By the use or aid of live decoys.
- Using recordings of migratory birdcalls or electrically amplified imitations of birdcalls.
- By baiting or on areas reasonably known to be baited. Areas are considered baited for ten days after complete removal of all bait.

Tagging (Labeling of Game)

You must label migratory birds before leaving them at any place other than the hunter's residence or before placing them in the custody of another person for any purpose. A tag must include the number and species of birds, date killed, and address and signature of the hunter.

Transportation and Shipment

All migratory game birds being transported in the United States must have a head or one fully feathered wing attached until they reach the possessor's home or a preservation facility. Packages containing migratory game birds or parts that are shipped by post or common carrier must be marked on the outside with the name and address of both the sender and recipient, and the number of birds, by species, in the package.

Import/Export

Check both specific export limits of other countries and import limits for the United States. One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being imported or exported until they reach one's home or a preservation facility. No person may import migratory birds belonging to another person.

***If you intend to hunt on private land,
always ask permission of the owner and
respect your privileges.***

NONTOXIC SHOT: The Solution to Lead Poisoning

Nontoxic shot is required for hunting waterfowl, sandhill cranes, and snipe in Alaska. It is a violation to have shells loaded with lead shot in personal possession while hunting migratory birds. Shot sizes larger than T (0.20" diameter) are prohibited. Nontoxic shot also is required for muzzleloading shotguns. Current federally approved nontoxic shot types include: steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten polymer, tungsten matrix, tungsten-tin-bismuth, TNI (HEVI-METAL), and TINT (HEVI-SHOT). Steel remains the most widely used and extensively tested nontoxic shot in the field. A complete list of approved nontoxic shot is available at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/nontoxic.htm>

SHOOTING STEEL SHOT

There are two major differences between steel and lead shot: steel is **LIGHTER** and **ROUNDER** than lead shot. These characteristics affect both the energy for penetrating birds and the size of the downrange shot string needed to intercept birds.

STEEL IS LIGHTER . . . USE A LARGER SHOT SIZE

Steel pellets weigh about one-third less than lead pellets of the same size. To compensate for weight differences and improve downrange energy, use steel shot one or two sizes larger than the old lead load. The chart “Proven Steel Shot Loads for Waterfowl & Upland Game Birds” shows both typical effective ranges for various shot sizes and the desired patterning performance for taking different sizes of birds. The chart can be found at

http://www.hunter-ed.com/ak/course/ch2_steel_shot.htm

STEEL IS ROUNDER . . .USE A MORE OPEN CHOKE

Soft lead shot is deformed during firing and passage through the barrel, forming longer and wider shot strings of irregular pellets. Steel shot manufacturing produces pellets that are more round than lead. The iron used in “steel” shot is about three times harder than lead pellets (but softer than gun barrels), so it does not deform when fired or when it strikes birds. Steel’s more aerodynamic shape delivers better pattern density and penetration, but shot strings are shorter and narrower than with lead loads. More open chokes such as Improved Cylinder and Modified will enlarge patterns and lengthen shot strings to provide more margin of error in elevation aim and trigger timing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information on shotshell performance and shotgun skills clinics, contact Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Hunter Information and Training at (907) 267-2187.

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Proven Nontoxic Shot Loads For Waterfowl & Upland Game Birds ¹ Load Velocity: 1,225 - 1,600 FPS	ACTIVITY	Most Effective Nontoxic Shot Size(s) For Birds Listed Under ACTIVITY At The Distances Listed In The Second Column	Minimum Load Weight (Ounces)	Minimum Pellet Hits Needed on Lethal Areas for Clean Kills	Minimum Pattern Count Needed at Any Clean Kill # of Pellets in 30" Circle)	Most Effective Choke(s) (Given in Lead Shot Choke Designations)	NOTE: The pellets in the steel shot loads listed in this table were traditional, highly spherical ball-shaped pellets of ~ 7.85 g/cc density and 90-95 DPH hardness. The HEVI-Shot pellets were of 12.0 g/cc density and slightly harder than traditional steel pellets.
Large Geese At Long Range Giant, Western, Atlantic and Interior Canada	Large Geese At Long Range	Steel BBB to T HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	50-55 50-55	Improved Modified Improved Modified, Full	
	Large Geese Over Decoys	Steel BB to BBB HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	50-55 50-55	Improved Cylinder, Modified Improved Cylinder, Modified	
Medium/Small Geese Long Range Snow, White-fronted, Lesser Canada	Medium/Small Geese Long Range	Steel BB to BBB HEVI-Shot 2	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	60-65 60-65	Improved Modified Improved Modified, Full	
	Medium/Small Geese Over Decoys	Steel 2 to BB HEVI-Shot 4 to 2	1-1/8 1-1/4	1-2 1-2	60-65 60-65	Light Modified, Modified Improved Cylinder, Modified	
Large Ducks At Long Range Mallard, Black, Pintail, Goldeneye, Gadwall	Large Ducks At Long Range	Steel 2 to 1 HEVI-Shot 4	1-1/8 1-1/4	1-2 1-2	85-90 85-90	Improved Modified, Full Improved Modified, Full	
	Large Ducks Over Decoys	Steel 6 to 2 HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	3/4 - 1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	85-90 85-90	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds) I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
Medium Ducks Over Decoys Wigeon, Scaup, Shoveler	Medium Ducks Over Decoys	Steel 6 to 3 HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	115-120 115-120	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds) I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
	Small Ducks Over Decoys Teal, Ruddy, Buffhead	Steel 6 to 4 HEVI-Shot 6	1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	135-145 135-145	Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds) Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds)	
Swatter Load For Wounded Birds		Steel 7 to 6	1	1	175	Improved Modified, Full	

This table summarizes Tom Roster's analyses to date of the waterfowl lethality data bases for certain of the 15 U.S. steel versus lead waterfowl shooting tests run between 1968 & 1982 & one steel-only pheasant shooting test plus lethality data bases owned by ammunition companies for birds taken with nontoxic shotshell loads Roster tested for them & the CONSEP organization. Note: Steel BBB (.190") and HEVI-Shot #2 (.150") have exhibited the best all-around performance for taking geese; steel #3 (.140") and HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ducks; and steel #2 and HEVI-Shot #4 the best all-around performance for taking ring-necked pheasants.

¹These findings are derived from testing 3" 20 gauge, 2 1/2", 3" and 3 1/2" 12 gauge; and 3 1/2" 10 gauge steel loads; plus 3" 20 gauge and 2 1/2" and 3" 12 gauge HEVI-Shot loads.

SOUTHEAST Units 1-4 (restricted and closed areas on page 13)

Sept. 16-Dec. 31

Ducks ¹		7 per day, 21 in possession
Sea Ducks ²	Residents	10 per day, 20 in possession
	Nonresidents	7 per day, 20 per season
Dark Geese		4 per day, 12 in possession
White Geese		4 per day, 12 in possession
Brant		2 per day, 6 in possession
Emperor Geese		NO OPEN SEASON
Tundra Swans		NO OPEN SEASON
Common Snipe		8 per day, 24 in possession
Sandhill Cranes		2 per day, 6 in possession

Special Bag Limit Restrictions

¹ **DUCKS (except sea ducks):** General duck limits may include no more than 1 canvasback per day, 3 in possession.

SEA DUCKS: Include harlequin duck, long-tailed duck (oldsquaw); common, king, Steller's and spectacled eider; surf, black and white-winged scoter; and common and red-breasted merganser. **Steller's and spectacled eiders are closed statewide.** For purposes of these regulations, bufflehead and goldeneyes (Barrow's and common) are not considered sea ducks.

² **Residents** may take no more than 6 per day, 12 in possession of harlequin ducks and no more than 6 per day, 12 in possession of long-tailed ducks. **Nonresidents** may not **take or possess** more than 20 sea ducks per season, including no more than 4 each of any sea duck species. **Steller's and spectacled eiders are closed statewide.**

GEESE: Dark geese include any combination of cackling/Canada and white-fronted geese. White geese include snow and Ross's geese.

FALCONRY: A falconry permit is required to take, possess or hunt with an authorized species of raptor. Total combined limits for all migratory game birds taken by falconry are 3 per day, 9 in possession.

RESTRICTED AND CLOSED AREAS

GMU 1: Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge is closed to hunting, except for waterfowl, snipe and cranes. No person may use any off-road or all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle, or other motorized vehicle (except a boat) within the refuge. All waterfowl hunters are required to complete a certified hunter education course. Hunters under 10 may complete a course or hunt under the supervision of an adult. Before hunting in the refuge, all hunters must register with the Department and carry proof of registration in the field. Check for local zone closures.

Mendenhall Lake Closed Area is closed to hunting within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of Mendenhall Lake, the U.S. Forest Service Mendenhall Glacier Visitor's Center and the center's parking area.

Auke Lake is closed to the taking of waterfowl.

SHOOTING HOURS

Migratory bird hunting is permitted from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. The tables included in this book (based on U.S. Weather Bureau data) are exact shooting times, starting on Alaska Daylight Time and changing to Alaska Standard Time on the first Sunday in November (November 3, 2013). Shooting times differ by latitude and longitude, and change daily.

If you are not at one of the listed locations, you may estimate times by adding 4 minutes for each degree of longitude West, or subtract 4 minutes for each degree of longitude East of the nearest listed location. Example: if you are in Kotzebue, you are 3 degrees east of the nearest location, Nome. Your shooting will begin and end 12 minutes (3 degrees x 4 minutes) before the times listed for Nome.

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Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01			6:33	6:30	7:44	5:08	7:50	3:13
02			6:35	6:27	7:46	5:05	7:52	3:12
03			6:37	6:24	6:49	4:03	7:54	3:11
04			6:40	6:22	6:51	4:01	7:56	3:10
05			6:42	6:19	6:53	3:58	7:57	3:09
06			6:44	6:16	6:56	3:56	7:59	3:09
07			6:46	6:13	6:58	3:54	8:00	3:08
08			6:49	6:10	7:01	3:52	8:02	3:07
09			6:51	6:08	7:03	3:49	8:03	3:07
10			6:53	6:05	7:05	3:47	8:05	3:07
11			6:55	6:02	7:08	3:45	8:06	3:06
12			6:58	5:59	7:10	3:43	8:07	3:06
13			7:00	5:57	7:12	3:41	8:08	3:06
14			7:02	5:54	7:15	3:39	8:09	3:06
15			7:04	5:51	7:17	3:37	8:10	3:06
16	6:00	7:13	7:07	5:49	7:19	3:35	8:11	3:06
17	6:03	7:10	7:09	5:46	7:21	3:33	8:12	3:06
18	6:05	7:07	7:11	5:43	7:24	3:32	8:13	3:06
19	6:07	7:04	7:14	5:41	7:26	3:30	8:14	3:06
20	6:09	7:02	7:16	5:38	7:28	3:28	8:14	3:07
21	6:11	6:59	7:18	5:35	7:30	3:27	8:15	3:07
22	6:13	6:56	7:21	5:33	7:32	3:25	8:15	3:08
23	6:16	6:53	7:23	5:30	7:35	3:23	8:16	3:09
24	6:18	6:50	7:25	5:27	7:37	3:22	8:16	3:09
25	6:20	6:47	7:28	5:25	7:39	3:20	8:16	3:10
26	6:22	6:44	7:30	5:22	7:41	3:19	8:16	3:11
27	6:24	6:41	7:32	5:20	7:43	3:18	8:16	3:12
28	6:26	6:39	7:35	5:17	7:45	3:16	8:16	3:13
29	6:29	6:36	7:37	5:15	7:47	3:15	8:16	3:14
30	6:31	6:33	7:39	5:12	7:49	3:14	8:16	3:15
31			7:42	5:10			8:16	3:16

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Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01			6:36	6:35	7:43	5:16	7:46	3:25
02			6:38	6:32	7:45	5:14	7:47	3:24
03			6:40	6:29	6:47	4:11	7:49	3:23
04			6:42	6:26	6:50	4:09	7:50	3:23
05			6:44	6:24	6:52	4:07	7:52	3:22
06			6:46	6:21	6:54	4:05	7:54	3:21
07			6:48	6:18	6:56	4:03	7:55	3:21
08			6:51	6:16	6:59	4:01	7:56	3:20
09			6:53	6:13	7:01	3:59	7:58	3:20
10			6:55	6:10	7:03	3:57	7:59	3:19
11			6:57	6:08	7:05	3:55	8:00	3:19
12			6:59	6:05	7:07	3:53	8:01	3:19
13			7:01	6:03	7:10	3:51	8:02	3:19
14			7:03	6:00	7:12	3:49	8:03	3:19
15			7:06	5:57	7:14	3:47	8:04	3:19
16	6:05	7:16	7:08	5:55	7:16	3:46	8:05	3:19
17	6:07	7:13	7:10	5:52	7:18	3:44	8:06	3:19
18	6:09	7:10	7:12	5:50	7:20	3:42	8:07	3:19
19	6:11	7:07	7:14	5:47	7:22	3:41	8:08	3:20
20	6:13	7:05	7:16	5:45	7:25	3:39	8:08	3:20
21	6:15	7:02	7:19	5:42	7:27	3:38	8:09	3:21
22	6:17	6:59	7:21	5:40	7:29	3:36	8:09	3:21
23	6:19	6:56	7:23	5:37	7:31	3:35	8:10	3:22
24	6:21	6:54	7:25	5:35	7:33	3:33	8:10	3:23
25	6:23	6:51	7:27	5:32	7:35	3:32	8:10	3:23
26	6:25	6:48	7:30	5:30	7:36	3:31	8:10	3:24
27	6:28	6:46	7:32	5:28	7:38	3:29	8:10	3:25
28	6:30	6:43	7:34	5:25	7:40	3:28	8:10	3:26
29	6:32	6:40	7:36	5:23	7:42	3:27	8:10	3:27
30	6:34	6:37	7:39	5:20	7:44	3:26	8:10	3:28
31			7:41	5:18			8:10	3:29

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Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01			6:26	6:25	7:33	5:07	7:34	3:17
02			6:28	6:23	7:35	5:05	7:36	3:16
03			6:30	6:20	6:37	4:03	7:38	3:16
04			6:32	6:17	6:39	4:01	7:39	3:15
05			6:34	6:15	6:41	3:59	7:41	3:14
06			6:37	6:12	6:44	3:57	7:42	3:13
07			6:39	6:09	6:46	3:54	7:44	3:13
08			6:41	6:07	6:48	3:52	7:45	3:12
09			6:43	6:04	6:50	3:50	7:46	3:12
10			6:45	6:01	6:52	3:48	7:48	3:12
11			6:47	5:59	6:55	3:47	7:49	3:11
12			6:49	5:56	6:57	3:45	7:50	3:11
13			6:51	5:54	6:59	3:43	7:51	3:11
14			6:53	5:51	7:01	3:41	7:52	3:11
15			6:56	5:48	7:03	3:39	7:53	3:11
16	5:56	7:06	6:58	5:46	7:05	3:37	7:54	3:11
17	5:58	7:03	7:00	5:43	7:07	3:36	7:55	3:11
18	6:00	7:01	7:02	5:41	7:10	3:34	7:56	3:12
19	6:02	6:58	7:04	5:38	7:12	3:32	7:56	3:12
20	6:04	6:55	7:06	5:36	7:14	3:31	7:57	3:12
21	6:06	6:52	7:08	5:33	7:16	3:29	7:57	3:13
22	6:08	6:50	7:11	5:31	7:18	3:28	7:58	3:13
23	6:10	6:47	7:13	5:28	7:20	3:27	7:58	3:14
24	6:12	6:44	7:15	5:26	7:22	3:25	7:59	3:15
25	6:14	6:42	7:17	5:24	7:24	3:24	7:59	3:16
26	6:16	6:39	7:19	5:21	7:25	3:23	7:59	3:16
27	6:18	6:36	7:22	5:19	7:27	3:21	7:59	3:17
28	6:20	6:33	7:24	5:16	7:29	3:20	7:59	3:18
29	6:22	6:31	7:26	5:14	7:31	3:19	7:59	3:19
30	6:24	6:28	7:28	5:12	7:33	3:18	7:59	3:20
31			7:30	5:10			7:59	3:22

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KETCHIKAN

Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01			6:20	6:21	7:22	5:07	7:20	3:21
02			6:22	6:18	7:24	5:05	7:22	3:20
03			6:24	6:16	6:26	4:03	7:23	3:19
04			6:26	6:13	6:28	4:01	7:25	3:19
05			6:28	6:11	6:30	3:59	7:26	3:18
06			6:30	6:08	6:33	3:57	7:28	3:18
07			6:32	6:06	6:35	3:55	7:29	3:17
08			6:34	6:03	6:37	3:53	7:30	3:17
09			6:36	6:01	6:39	3:51	7:31	3:16
10			6:37	5:58	6:41	3:49	7:33	3:16
11			6:39	5:56	6:43	3:48	7:34	3:16
12			6:41	5:53	6:45	3:46	7:35	3:16
13			6:43	5:51	6:47	3:44	7:36	3:16
14			6:45	5:48	6:49	3:42	7:37	3:16
15			6:47	5:46	6:51	3:41	7:38	3:16
16	5:51	7:00	6:49	5:43	6:53	3:39	7:39	3:16
17	5:53	6:57	6:51	5:41	6:55	3:38	7:39	3:16
18	5:55	6:55	6:53	5:39	6:57	3:36	7:40	3:16
19	5:57	6:52	6:55	5:36	6:59	3:35	7:41	3:17
20	5:59	6:49	6:58	5:34	7:01	3:33	7:41	3:17
21	6:01	6:47	7:00	5:31	7:03	3:32	7:42	3:18
22	6:03	6:44	7:02	5:29	7:04	3:30	7:42	3:18
23	6:05	6:42	7:04	5:27	7:06	3:29	7:43	3:19
24	6:06	6:39	7:06	5:25	7:08	3:28	7:43	3:19
25	6:08	6:36	7:08	5:22	7:10	3:27	7:43	3:20
26	6:10	6:34	7:10	5:20	7:12	3:26	7:44	3:21
27	6:12	6:31	7:12	5:18	7:14	3:25	7:44	3:22
28	6:14	6:29	7:14	5:16	7:15	3:24	7:44	3:23
29	6:16	6:26	7:16	5:13	7:17	3:23	7:44	3:24
30	6:18	6:23	7:18	5:11	7:19	3:22	7:44	3:25
31			7:20	5:09			7:44	3:26

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Gulf Coast Units 5-7, 9, 10 (Unimak Is. only) 14-16

Sept. 1-Dec. 16

Ducks ¹		8 per day, 24 in possession
Sea Ducks ^{2,3}	Residents	10 per day, 20 in possession
	Nonresidents	8 per day, 20 per season
Dark Geese ^{4,5,6}		4 per day, 12 in possession
White Geese		4 per day, 12 in possession
Brant		2 per day, 6 in possession
Emperor Geese		NO OPEN SEASON
Tundra Swans		NO OPEN SEASON
Common Snipe		8 per day, 24 in possession
Sandhill Cranes		2 per day, 6 in possession

See pages 20-22 for restricted/closed areas.

Special Restrictions

¹ **DUCKS (except sea ducks):** General duck limits may include no more than 1 canvasback per day, 3 in possession.

SEA DUCKS: Include harlequin duck, long-tailed duck (oldsquaw); common, king, Steller's and spectacled eider; surf, black and white-winged scoter; and common and red-breasted merganser. **Steller's and spectacled eiders are closed statewide.** For purposes of these regulations, bufflehead and goldeneyes (Barrow's and common) are not considered sea ducks.

² **Residents** may take no more than 6 per day, 12 in possession of harlequin ducks and no more than 6 per day, 12 in possession of long-tailed ducks. **Nonresidents** may not **take or possess** more than 20 sea ducks per season, including no more than 4 each of any sea duck species. **Steller's and spectacled eiders are closed statewide.**

³ Unit 15C, that portion of Kachemak Bay east of a line from Point Pogibshi to Anchor Point, limits for **residents** may include no more than 2 per day, 4 in possession of harlequin or long-tailed ducks, and no more than 1 per day, 2 in possession of eiders (king or common). **Nonresidents** may not take more than 8 per day or possess more than 20 sea ducks per season, including no more than 2 per day, 4 in possession may be harlequin or long-tailed ducks and no more than 1 per day, 2 in possession may be eider (king or common). In addition, nonresidents may not take or possess more than 4 each of any scoter or merganser species. **Steller's and spectacled eiders are closed statewide.**

GEESE: Dark geese include any combination of cackling/Canada and white-fronted geese. White geese include snow and Ross's geese.

⁴ **Unit 5**, Canada goose season is Sept. 28-Dec. 16. Possession limits are 3X the daily bag limit. **Unit 6(A) and 6(D) excluding Hawkins and Hinchinbrook**, Canada goose season is Sept. 28-Dec. 16. Possession limits are 2X the daily bag limit.

⁵ **Units 6(B), 6(C) and Hawkins and Hinchinbrook Islands in Unit 6(D)**. Canada goose hunting is by registration permit only, Sept. 28-Dec. 16. Possession limits are 2X the daily bag limit. **Unit 6(D), Middleton Island**, Canada goose hunting is by registration permit only. Possession limit is 1X the daily bag limit. Permits available in Anchorage or Cordova.

⁶ **In Unit 9 and Unimak Island portion of Unit 10**, dark goose limits are 6 per day, 18 in possession.

FALCONRY: A falconry permit is required to take, possess or hunt with an authorized species of raptor. Total combined limits for all migratory game birds taken by falconry are 3 per day, 9 in possession.

RESTRICTED OR CLOSED AREAS

GMU 7: Portage Glacier Closed Area is closed to the discharge of firearms within 150 yards of all developed facilities on Forest Service lands south of Portage Creek.

GMU 14: Anchorage Management Area consists of all Cook Inlet drainages south of the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson military reservation and north of and including Rainbow Creek. Waterfowl may be taken only by falconry, but not in the Ship Creek drainage west of Post Road.

Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge consists of all public land and water south and west of and adjacent to the toe of the bluff from Point Woronzof southeasterly to Potter Creek. Hunting is closed in that portion between the Alaska Railroad and the Old Seward Highway (**Potter Marsh**).

On the remainder of the refuge, hunting is permitted only for small game by archery, falconry, and shotgun. However, shotgun hunting is prohibited in that portion designated by signs between the radio tower at Kincaid Park motocross area and Furrow Creek. Shotgun hunting is allowed only from September 1 through March 31. All hunters on the refuge must have completed a certified hunter education course and carry an annual registration permit issued by the Department. Motorized vehicles are prohibited, except by permit.

Eklutna Lake Management Area: Drainages of Eklutna River and Lake upstream from the Glenn Highway, excluding those drainages flowing into the East Fork of Eklutna River upstream from the bridge above the lake and Thunderbird Creek, are open to hunting for small game by bow and arrow or falconry only from the day after Labor Day through April 30.

Chugach State Park Management Area: That portion of the park outside of the Eagle River, Anchorage, and Eklutna Management Areas is open to hunting under regulations governing Unit 14(C), except that small game hunting is prohibited in the Tokle Creek drainage (Arctic Valley Ski Area).³

Birchwood Management Area: All lands bounded on the south and west by Eagle River and the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson military reservation, on the east by the Old Glenn Highway, and on the north by Peters Creek, are open to hunting for small game, but only by shotgun, bow and arrow, or falconry north and west of the Alaska Railroad.

Finger Lake west of Palmer is open to the hunting of waterfowl only by archery with flu-flu arrows or falconry.

Susitna Flats State Game Refuge in Units 14 and 16: restrictions regarding use of motorized vehicles and aircraft (for details, see refuge General Permit requirements at www.refuges.adfg.alaska.gov or call (907) 861-3200, (907) 861-2112): a) Refuge Lands: the use off-road vehicles are prohibited except that those weighing less than 1,000 lbs. GVW (including ATVs and snow machines) may be used on refuge lands Nov 9 – Mar 31 provided there is at least a 12-inch snow cover and sufficient ground frost to prevent penetration of or disturbance to the soil surface or plant roots. If operating on frozen waterways the ice cover must be of sufficient thickness to support the weight-bearing load of the off-road vehicle. If operating on the Enstar Gas Pipeline right-of-way, or the marked trails to Figure Eight Lake or Flat Horn Lake, the 12-inch snow cover requirement is waived but there must be sufficient ground frost to prevent penetration of or disturbance to the soil surface or plant roots. b) Aircraft: Landing is prohibited Apr 1 – May 15 in the High Density Spring Waterfowl Staging Area (defined roughly as the coastal marsh seaward of the forested bluff edge).

Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge - has restrictions regarding use of motorized vehicles, boats and aircraft (for details, see refuge General Permit requirements at www.refuges.adfg.alaska.gov or call (907) 861-3200, (907) 861-2112):a) Glenn Highway: No off-road vehicles (including ATVs and snow machines) may be used within ½ mile of the Glenn Hwy but are allowed on the frozen surface of the Knik River and Wasilla Creek as discussed below, and on the Rabbit Slough access road.b) Refuge Lands: with the exception noted above, off-road vehicles (including ATVs and snow machines) weighing less than 1,000 lbs. GVW may only be used on refuge lands Nov 9 – Mar 31 provided there is at least a 12-inch snow cover and sufficient ground frost to prevent penetration of or disturbance to the soil surface or plant roots. If operating on the frozen surface of the Knik River or Wasilla Creek, the ice cover must be of sufficient thickness to support the weight-bearing load of the off-road vehicle.c) Cottonwood Creek Trail: may be open to off-road vehicles from late-Aug – Nov 15 only if the department determines trail conditions warrant use. When open, trail is restricted to vehicles less than 1,000 lbs. GVW and travel is only permitted on the marked trail from the western edge of the refuge along the north bank of Palmer Slough to a sign at the end of the trail. All trail users are subject to Special Area Permit requirements.d) Motorized watercraft: are allowed year-round on the Knik and Matanuska Rivers, and on Knik Arm. On Wasilla Creek (Rabbit Slough), motorized

watercraft may be used year-round, except that on weekends from July 15 - Aug 15 motorized watercraft capable of producing more than 42 lbs. of thrust or 3hp are prohibited. On all other refuge waters, you may use a motorized watercraft with a motor of 20hp or less only from Aug 16 - Mar 31.e) Aircraft: landing is prohibited from Apr 1 - Nov 9.

Goose Bay State Game Refuge: the use of off-road vehicles (including snow machines and ATVs) is prohibited except that the use of vehicles off-road weighing less than 1,000 lbs GVW can be used on all refuge lands from Nov 9 – Mar 31 only when there is at least a 12-inch snow cover and sufficient ground frost to prevent penetration of or disturbance to the soil surface or plant roots. If operating on frozen waterways the ice cover must be of sufficient thickness to support the weight-bearing load of the off-road vehicle. For details, see refuge General Permit requirements at www.refuges.adfg.alaska.gov or call (907) 861-3200, (907) 861-2112).

GMU 15: Moose River Closed Area, on and within ¼ mile of the Moose River between the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge boundary and Sterling Highway, is closed to waterfowl hunting. Skilak Loop Management Area is open to small game hunting by bow and arrow during October 1 - March 1. Hunters age 16 or under may hunt small game with .22 caliber rimfire firearms and shotguns only during weekends Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, only in the western portion of the area, and only when accompanied by a licensed hunter at least 18 years old. The youth hunter or the accompanying hunter must have successfully completed a hunter education course.

GMU 16: Susitna Flats State Game Refuge: See restrictions under GMU 14 for details.

Trading Bay State Game Refuge and Redoubt Bay Critical Habitat Area: the use off-road vehicles are prohibited except that those weighing less than 1,000 lbs. dry vehicle weight (including ATVs and snow machines) may be used on refuge lands Nov 9 – Mar 31 provided there is at least a 12-inch snow cover and sufficient ground frost to prevent penetration of or disturbance to the soil surface or plant roots. If operating on frozen waterways the ice cover must be of sufficient thickness to support the weight-bearing load of the off-road vehicle. For details, see refuge General Permit requirements at www.refuges.adfg.alaska.gov or call (907) 267-2342, (907) 861-2112.

CORDOVA

Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01	6:08	8:46	7:20	7:14	8:39	5:43	8:54	3:40
02	6:10	8:43	7:23	7:10	8:42	5:41	8:56	3:39
03	6:13	8:40	7:25	7:07	7:44	4:38	8:58	3:38
04	6:15	8:37	7:27	7:04	7:47	4:35	9:00	3:37
05	6:17	8:34	7:30	7:01	7:50	4:33	9:01	3:36
06	6:20	8:31	7:32	6:58	7:52	4:30	9:03	3:35
07	6:22	8:28	7:35	6:55	7:55	4:28	9:05	3:34
08	6:25	8:25	7:37	6:52	7:57	4:25	9:07	3:33
09	6:27	8:22	7:40	6:49	8:00	4:23	9:08	3:33
10	6:29	8:19	7:42	6:46	8:03	4:20	9:10	3:32
11	6:32	8:16	7:45	6:43	8:05	4:18	9:11	3:32
12	6:34	8:12	7:47	6:40	8:08	4:16	9:13	3:31
13	6:37	8:09	7:50	6:37	8:11	4:13	9:14	3:31
14	6:39	8:06	7:52	6:34	8:13	4:11	9:15	3:31
15	6:41	8:03	7:55	6:31	8:16	4:09	9:16	3:31
16	6:44	8:00	7:57	6:28	8:18	4:07	9:17	3:31
17	6:46	7:57	8:00	6:25	8:21	4:05	Season Closed	
18	6:49	7:54	8:03	6:22	8:23	4:03		
19	6:51	7:51	8:05	6:20	8:26	4:00		
20	6:53	7:48	8:08	6:17	8:28	3:59		
21	6:56	7:44	8:10	6:14	8:31	3:57		
22	6:58	7:41	8:13	6:11	8:33	3:55		
23	7:01	7:38	8:15	6:08	8:36	3:53		
24	7:03	7:35	8:18	6:05	8:38	3:51		
25	7:05	7:32	8:21	6:02	8:40	3:49		
26	7:08	7:29	8:23	6:00	8:43	3:48		
27	7:10	7:26	8:26	5:57	8:45	3:46		
28	7:13	7:23	8:28	5:54	8:47	3:45		
29	7:15	7:20	8:31	5:51	8:49	3:43		
30	7:18	7:17	8:34	5:49	8:52	3:42		
31			8:36	5:46				

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ANCHORAGE

Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01	6:22	9:04	7:37	7:29	8:58	5:57	9:16	3:51
02	6:25	9:01	7:40	7:26	9:01	5:54	9:18	3:50
03	6:27	8:58	7:42	7:23	8:04	4:51	9:20	3:48
04	6:30	8:55	7:45	7:20	8:07	4:48	9:22	3:47
05	6:32	8:52	7:47	7:17	8:09	4:46	9:24	3:46
06	6:35	8:49	7:50	7:13	8:12	4:43	9:26	3:45
07	6:37	8:46	7:52	7:11	8:15	4:41	9:28	3:44
08	6:40	8:42	7:55	7:08	8:18	4:38	9:30	3:43
09	6:42	8:39	7:57	7:04	8:20	4:35	9:31	3:43
10	6:45	8:36	8:00	7:01	8:23	4:33	9:33	3:42
11	6:47	8:33	8:03	6:58	8:26	4:30	9:34	3:41
12	6:50	8:30	8:05	6:55	8:29	4:28	9:36	3:41
13	6:52	8:27	8:08	6:52	8:31	4:26	9:37	3:41
14	6:55	8:23	8:10	6:49	8:34	4:23	9:38	3:40
15	6:57	8:20	8:13	6:46	8:37	4:21	9:39	3:40
16	7:00	8:17	8:16	6:43	8:39	4:19	9:40	3:40
17	7:02	8:14	8:18	6:40	8:42	4:16	Season Closed	
18	7:05	8:11	8:21	6:37	8:45	4:14		
19	7:07	8:07	8:24	6:34	8:47	4:12		
20	7:10	8:04	8:26	6:31	8:50	4:10		
21	7:12	8:01	8:29	6:28	8:52	4:08		
22	7:15	7:58	8:31	6:25	8:55	4:06		
23	7:17	7:55	8:34	6:22	8:57	4:04		
24	7:20	7:52	8:37	6:19	9:00	4:02		
25	7:22	7:48	8:39	6:16	9:02	4:00		
26	7:25	7:45	8:42	6:13	9:05	3:59		
27	7:27	7:42	8:45	6:11	9:07	3:57		
28	7:30	7:39	8:48	6:08	9:09	3:55		
29	7:32	7:36	8:50	6:05	9:12	3:54		
30	7:35	7:33	8:53	6:02	9:14	3:52		
31			8:56	5:59				

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KING SALMON

Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01	6:57	9:26	8:03	7:59	9:16	6:36	9:23	4:40
02	6:59	9:23	8:05	7:57	9:18	6:33	9:25	4:39
03	7:01	9:20	8:08	7:54	8:20	5:31	9:27	4:38
04	7:03	9:18	8:10	7:51	8:23	5:28	9:28	4:37
05	7:06	9:15	8:12	7:48	8:25	5:26	9:30	4:36
06	7:08	9:12	8:15	7:45	8:28	5:24	9:32	4:35
07	7:10	9:09	8:17	7:42	8:30	5:22	9:33	4:35
08	7:12	9:06	8:19	7:39	8:32	5:19	9:35	4:34
09	7:15	9:03	8:21	7:37	8:35	5:17	9:36	4:34
10	7:17	9:00	8:24	7:34	8:37	5:15	9:38	4:33
11	7:19	8:57	8:26	7:31	8:40	5:13	9:39	4:33
12	7:21	8:55	8:28	7:28	8:42	5:11	9:40	4:33
13	7:23	8:52	8:31	7:25	8:44	5:09	9:41	4:32
14	7:26	8:49	8:33	7:23	8:47	5:07	9:42	4:32
15	7:28	8:46	8:35	7:20	8:49	5:05	9:43	4:32
16	7:30	8:43	8:37	7:17	8:51	5:03	9:44	4:32
17	7:32	8:40	8:40	7:14	8:54	5:01	Season Closed	
18	7:34	8:37	8:42	7:12	8:56	4:59		
19	7:37	8:34	8:44	7:09	8:58	4:57		
20	7:39	8:31	8:47	7:06	9:00	4:55		
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28	7:56	8:08	9:06	6:46	9:17	4:43		
29	7:59	8:05	9:08	6:43	9:19	4:42		
30	8:01	8:02	9:11	6:41	9:21	4:41		
31			9:13	6:38				

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COLD BAY

Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01	7:28	9:42	8:24	8:25	9:26	7:12	9:24	5:26
02	7:30	9:40	8:26	8:23	9:28	7:10	9:25	5:25
03	7:31	9:37	8:28	8:20	8:30	6:08	9:27	5:24
04	7:33	9:35	8:30	8:17	8:32	6:06	9:28	5:24
05	7:35	9:32	8:32	8:15	8:34	6:04	9:30	5:23
06	7:37	9:30	8:34	8:12	8:37	6:02	9:31	5:23
07	7:39	9:27	8:36	8:10	8:39	6:00	9:32	5:22
08	7:41	9:24	8:38	8:07	8:41	5:58	9:34	5:22
09	7:43	9:22	8:40	8:05	8:43	5:56	9:35	5:22
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12	7:48	9:14	8:46	7:58	8:49	5:51	9:38	5:21
13	7:50	9:12	8:48	7:55	8:51	5:49	9:39	5:21
14	7:52	9:09	8:50	7:53	8:53	5:47	9:40	5:21
15	7:54	9:06	8:52	7:50	8:55	5:46	9:41	5:21
16	7:56	9:04	8:54	7:48	8:57	5:44	9:42	5:21
17	7:58	9:01	8:56	7:45	8:59	5:43	Season Closed	
18	8:00	8:59	8:58	7:43	9:01	5:41		
19	8:02	8:56	9:00	7:41	9:03	5:40		
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29	8:21	8:30	9:20	7:18	9:21	5:28		
30	8:22	8:28	9:22	7:16	9:22	5:27		
31			9:24	7:14				

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PRIBILOF/ALEUTIAN Unit 10 (except Unimak Is.)

Oct. 8-Jan. 22

Ducks ¹		7 per day, 21 in possession
Sea Ducks ²	Residents	10 per day, 20 in possession
	Nonresidents	7 per day, 20 per season
Dark Geese		6 per day, 18 in possession
White Geese		4 per day, 12 in possession
Brant		2 per day, 6 in possession
Emperor Geese		NO OPEN SEASON
Tundra Swans		NO OPEN SEASON
Common Snipe		8 per day, 24 in possession
Sandhill Cranes		2 per day, 6 in possession

Special Restrictions

¹ **DUCKS (except sea ducks):** General duck limits may include no more than 1 canvasback per day, 3 in possession.

SEA DUCKS: Include harlequin duck, long-tailed duck (oldsquaw); common, king, Steller's and spectacled eider; surf, black and white-winged scoter; and common and red-breasted merganser. **Steller's and spectacled eiders are closed statewide.** For purposes of these regulations, bufflehead and goldeneyes (Barrow's and common) are not considered sea ducks.

² **Residents** may take no more than 6 per day, 12 in possession of harlequin ducks and no more than 6 per day, 12 in possession of long-tailed ducks. **Nonresidents** may not **take or possess** more than 20 sea ducks per season, including no more than 4 each of any sea duck species. **Steller's and spectacled eiders are closed statewide.**

FALCONRY: A falconry permit is required to take, possess or hunt with an authorized species of raptor. Total combined limits for all migratory game birds taken by falconry are 3 per day, 9 in possession.

ADAK

Date	OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01			9:12	7:17	9:02	5:39	9:24	5:47
02			9:14	7:16	9:04	5:38	9:24	5:48
03			8:16	7:14	9:05	5:38	9:24	5:49
04			8:18	6:12	9:06	5:37	9:23	5:50
05			8:19	6:10	9:08	5:37	9:23	5:52
06			8:21	6:09	9:09	5:37	9:23	5:53
07			8:23	6:07	9:10	5:36	9:22	5:54
08	8:30	8:07	8:25	6:05	9:11	5:36	9:22	5:56
09	8:32	8:05	8:26	6:04	9:12	5:36	9:21	5:57
10	8:34	8:02	8:28	6:02	9:13	5:36	9:21	5:58
11	8:35	8:00	8:30	6:01	9:15	5:36	9:20	6:00
12	8:37	7:58	8:32	5:59	9:15	5:36	9:19	6:01
13	8:39	7:56	8:33	5:58	9:16	5:36	9:18	6:03
14	8:40	7:54	8:35	5:56	9:17	5:36	9:18	6:04
15	8:42	7:52	8:37	5:55	9:18	5:36	9:17	6:06
16	8:44	7:49	8:39	5:54	9:19	5:36	9:16	6:08
17	8:46	7:47	8:40	5:52	9:20	5:36	9:15	6:09
18	8:47	7:45	8:42	5:51	9:20	5:37	9:14	6:11
19	8:49	7:43	8:44	5:50	9:21	5:37	9:13	6:13
20	8:51	7:41	8:45	5:49	9:22	5:38	9:12	6:14
21	8:53	7:39	8:47	5:48	9:22	5:38	9:11	6:16
22	8:54	7:37	8:49	5:47	9:22	5:39	9:09	6:18
23	8:56	7:35	8:50	5:46	9:23	5:39	Season Closed	
24	8:58	7:33	8:52	5:45	9:23	5:40		
25	9:00	7:31	8:53	5:44	9:24	5:41		
26	9:01	7:29	8:55	5:43	9:24	5:41		
27	9:03	7:27	8:57	5:42	9:24	5:42		
28	9:05	7:25	8:58	5:41	9:24	5:43		
29	9:07	7:23	9:00	5:40	9:24	5:44		
30	9:09	7:21	9:01	5:40	9:24	5:45		
31	9:10	7:19			9:24	5:46		

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KODIAK Unit 8

Oct. 8-Jan. 22

Ducks ¹		7 per day, 21 in possession
Sea Ducks ²	Residents	10 per day, 20 in possession
	Nonresidents	7 per day, 20 per season
Dark Geese ³		4 per day, 12 in possession
White Geese		4 per day, 12 in possession
Brant		2 per day, 6 in possession
Emperor Geese		NO OPEN SEASON
Tundra Swans		NO OPEN SEASON
Common Snipe		8 per day, 24 in possession
Sandhill Cranes		2 per day, 6 in possession

Special Restrictions

¹ **DUCKS (except sea ducks):** General duck limits may include no more than 1 canvasback per day, 3 in possession.

SEA DUCKS: Include harlequin duck, long-tailed duck (oldsquaw); common, king, Steller's and spectacled eider; surf, black and white-winged scoter; and common and red-breasted merganser. **Steller's and spectacled eiders are closed statewide.** For purposes of these regulations, bufflehead and goldeneyes (Barrow's and common) are not considered sea ducks.

² **Residents** may take no more than 6 per day, 12 in possession of harlequin ducks and no more than 6 per day, 12 in possession of long-tailed ducks. **Nonresidents** may not **take or possess** more than 20 sea ducks per season, including no more than 4 each of any sea duck species. **Steller's and spectacled eiders are closed statewide.**

GEESE: Dark geese include any combination of cackling/Canada and white-fronted geese. White geese include snow and Ross's geese.

³ Dark goose limits include no more than 1 Canada goose per day, 2 in possession. Check for area closures before hunting.

FALCONRY: A falconry permit is required to take, possess or hunt with an authorized species of raptor. Total combined limits for all migratory game birds taken by falconry are 3 per day, 9 in possession.

KODIAK

Date	OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01			8:54	6:21	8:59	4:28	9:23	4:34
02			8:56	6:19	9:01	4:27	9:23	4:35
03			7:59	6:17	9:02	4:27	9:22	4:36
04			8:01	5:14	9:04	4:26	9:22	4:38
05			8:03	5:12	9:06	4:25	9:21	4:39
06			8:06	5:10	9:07	4:24	9:21	4:41
07			8:08	5:08	9:09	4:24	9:20	4:43
08	8:00	7:23	8:10	5:06	9:10	4:23	9:19	4:44
09	8:02	7:20	8:13	5:04	9:11	4:23	9:18	4:46
10	8:04	7:17	8:15	5:02	9:13	4:22	9:17	4:48
11	8:07	7:15	8:17	5:00	9:14	4:22	9:16	4:50
12	8:09	7:12	8:19	4:58	9:15	4:22	9:15	4:52
13	8:11	7:09	8:22	4:56	9:16	4:22	9:14	4:54
14	8:13	7:07	8:24	4:54	9:17	4:22	9:13	4:56
15	8:15	7:04	8:26	4:52	9:18	4:22	9:11	4:58
16	8:18	7:01	8:28	4:50	9:19	4:22	9:10	5:00
17	8:20	6:59	8:31	4:48	9:20	4:22	9:09	5:02
18	8:22	6:56	8:33	4:46	9:21	4:22	9:07	5:04
19	8:24	6:54	8:35	4:45	9:22	4:22	9:06	5:06
20	8:27	6:51	8:37	4:43	9:22	4:23	9:04	5:08
21	8:29	6:48	8:39	4:41	9:23	4:23	9:02	5:10
22	8:31	6:46	8:41	4:40	9:23	4:24	9:01	5:12
23	8:33	6:43	8:43	4:38	9:24	4:24	Season Closed	
24	8:36	6:41	8:45	4:37	9:24	4:25		
25	8:38	6:38	8:47	4:35	9:24	4:26		
26	8:40	6:36	8:49	4:34	9:24	4:27		
27	8:43	6:33	8:51	4:33	9:24	4:28		
28	8:45	6:31	8:53	4:32	9:24	4:29		
29	8:47	6:28	8:55	4:31	9:24	4:30		
30	8:50	6:26	8:57	4:29	9:24	4:31		
31	8:52	6:24			9:24	4:32		

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NORTH Units 11-13, 17-26

Sept. 1-Dec. 16

Ducks ¹	10 per day, 30 in possession
Sea Ducks ² Residents	10 per day, 20 in possession
Nonresidents	10 per day, 20 per season
Dark Geese ³	4 per day, 12 in possession
White Geese	4 per day, 12 in possession
Brant	2 per day, 6 in possession
Emperor Geese	NO OPEN SEASON
Tundra Swans ⁴	Units 17, 18, 22, 23 only
Common Snipe	8 per day, 24 in possession
Sandhill Cranes ⁵	3 per day, 9 in possession

See page 32 for special restrictions.

RESTRICTED OR CLOSED AREAS

GMU 20: Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge is open to hunting and trapping only by advance registration.

Healy-Lignite Management Area is open to hunting by bow and arrow or falconry only.

GMU 20, 24, 25, 26: The **Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area** (lands within five miles of the right-of-way of the Dalton Highway) is closed to hunting, except that big game, small game, and fur animals may be taken by bow and arrow. Small game may also be taken by falconry. No motorized vehicle may be used to transport hunters, their hunting gear, or game, except that licensed highway vehicles may be used on designated public roads; aircraft and boats may be used in the corridor; and snow machines may be used to cross the corridor to access lands on the other side of the Management Area. Any hunter traveling on the Dalton Highway must stop at any check station operated by the Department within the Management Area.

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GEESE: Dark geese include any combination of cackling/Canada and white-fronted geese. White geese include snow and Ross's geese.

³ In Units 17 and 18, dark goose limits are 6 per day, 18 in possession.

⁴ **TUNDRA SWANS:** Tundra swan seasons in Units 17, 18, 22 and 23 is Sept. 1 - Oct. 31. Hunting is by registration permit only, with a limit of 3 swans per permit.

⁵ **SANDHILL CRANES:** In Unit 17 bag limits for sandhill cranes are 2 per day, 6 in possession.

FALCONRY: A falconry permit is required to take, possess or hunt with an authorized species of raptor. Total combined limits for all migratory game birds taken by falconry are 3 per day, 9 in possession.

FAIRBANKS

Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01	6:02	9:07	7:32	7:17	9:10	5:28	9:50	3:00
02	6:05	9:04	7:35	7:14	9:13	5:25	9:53	2:58
03	6:08	9:00	7:38	7:10	8:17	4:21	9:56	2:56
04	6:11	8:56	7:41	7:07	8:20	4:18	9:58	2:54
05	6:15	8:53	7:44	7:03	8:23	4:15	10:01	2:52
06	6:18	8:49	7:47	6:59	8:27	4:11	10:04	2:50
07	6:21	8:45	7:50	6:56	8:30	4:08	10:06	2:49
08	6:24	8:42	7:53	6:52	8:34	4:05	10:09	2:47
09	6:27	8:38	7:56	6:49	8:37	4:02	10:11	2:46
10	6:29	8:34	7:59	6:45	8:40	3:59	10:13	2:45
11	6:32	8:31	8:02	6:41	8:44	3:55	10:15	2:44
12	6:35	8:27	8:05	6:38	8:47	3:52	10:17	2:43
13	6:38	8:23	8:09	6:34	8:51	3:49	10:19	2:42
14	6:41	8:19	8:12	6:31	8:54	3:46	10:21	2:41
15	6:44	8:16	8:15	6:27	8:58	3:43	10:22	2:41
16	6:47	8:12	8:18	6:24	9:01	3:40	10:24	2:40
17	6:50	8:08	8:21	6:20	9:04	3:37	Season Closed	
18	6:53	8:05	8:24	6:17	9:08	3:34		
19	6:56	8:01	8:27	6:13	9:11	3:31		
20	6:59	7:58	8:31	6:09	9:15	3:28		
21	7:02	7:54	8:34	6:06	9:18	3:25		
22	7:05	7:50	8:37	6:02	9:21	3:23		
23	7:08	7:47	8:40	5:59	9:25	3:20		
24	7:11	7:43	8:43	5:56	9:28	3:17		
25	7:14	7:39	8:47	5:52	9:31	3:14		
26	7:17	7:36	8:50	5:49	9:34	3:12		
27	7:20	7:32	8:53	5:45	9:38	3:09		
28	7:23	7:28	8:57	5:42	9:41	3:07		
29	7:26	7:25	9:00	5:38	9:44	3:05		
30	7:29	7:21	9:03	5:35	9:47	3:02		
31			9:07	5:31				

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NORTHWAY

Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01	5:45	8:38	7:07	6:56	8:36	5:16	9:03	3:01
02	5:48	8:35	7:10	6:53	8:39	5:13	9:05	2:59
03	5:51	8:31	7:12	6:49	7:42	4:10	9:07	2:58
04	5:54	8:28	7:15	6:46	7:45	4:07	9:10	2:56
05	5:56	8:24	7:18	6:43	7:48	4:04	9:12	2:55
06	5:59	8:21	7:21	6:39	7:51	4:01	9:14	2:54
07	6:02	8:18	7:23	6:36	7:54	3:58	9:16	2:52
08	6:04	8:14	7:26	6:33	7:57	3:55	9:18	2:51
09	6:07	8:11	7:29	6:29	8:00	3:52	9:20	2:50
10	6:10	8:07	7:32	6:26	8:03	3:50	9:22	2:50
11	6:13	8:04	7:35	6:23	8:06	3:47	9:23	2:49
12	6:15	8:01	7:37	6:19	8:09	3:44	9:25	2:48
13	6:18	7:57	7:40	6:16	8:12	3:41	9:27	2:48
14	6:21	7:54	7:43	6:13	8:15	3:39	9:28	2:47
15	6:23	7:50	7:46	6:10	8:18	3:36	9:29	2:47
16	6:26	7:47	7:49	6:06	8:21	3:34	9:30	2:47
17	6:29	7:44	7:52	6:03	8:24	3:31	Season Closed	
18	6:32	7:40	7:54	6:00	8:27	3:28		
19	6:34	7:37	7:57	5:57	8:30	3:26		
20	6:37	7:33	8:00	5:53	8:33	3:24		
21	6:40	7:30	8:03	5:50	8:36	3:21		
22	6:42	7:27	8:06	5:47	8:38	3:19		
23	6:45	7:23	8:09	5:44	8:41	3:17		
24	6:48	7:20	8:12	5:41	8:44	3:14		
25	6:50	7:16	8:15	5:37	8:47	3:12		
26	6:53	7:13	8:18	5:34	8:50	3:10		
27	6:56	7:10	8:21	5:31	8:52	3:08		
28	6:59	7:06	8:24	5:28	8:55	3:06		
29	7:01	7:03	8:27	5:25	8:58	3:04		
30	7:04	7:00	8:30	5:22	9:00	3:03		
31			8:33	5:19				

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BETHEL

Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01	7:11	9:51	8:24	8:17	9:44	6:46	10:00	4:42
02	7:14	9:48	8:27	8:14	9:47	6:43	10:02	4:41
03	7:16	9:45	8:29	8:11	8:49	5:41	10:04	4:40
04	7:18	9:42	8:32	8:08	8:52	5:38	10:06	4:39
05	7:21	9:38	8:34	8:05	8:55	5:35	10:08	4:38
06	7:23	9:35	8:37	8:02	8:58	5:33	10:10	4:37
07	7:26	9:32	8:39	7:59	9:00	5:30	10:11	4:36
08	7:28	9:29	8:42	7:56	9:03	5:28	10:13	4:35
09	7:31	9:26	8:44	7:53	9:06	5:25	10:15	4:34
10	7:33	9:23	8:47	7:50	9:08	5:23	10:16	4:34
11	7:35	9:20	8:49	7:47	9:11	5:20	10:18	4:33
12	7:38	9:17	8:52	7:44	9:14	5:18	10:19	4:33
13	7:40	9:13	8:54	7:41	9:16	5:16	10:20	4:33
14	7:43	9:10	8:57	7:38	9:19	5:13	10:21	4:32
15	7:45	9:07	9:00	7:35	9:21	5:11	10:23	4:32
16	7:48	9:04	9:02	7:32	9:24	5:09	10:24	4:32
17	7:50	9:01	9:05	7:29	9:27	5:07	Season Closed	
18	7:53	8:58	9:07	7:26	9:29	5:05		
19	7:55	8:55	9:10	7:23	9:32	5:03		
20	7:57	8:52	9:12	7:20	9:34	5:01		
21	8:00	8:48	9:15	7:17	9:37	4:59		
22	8:02	8:45	9:18	7:14	9:39	4:57		
23	8:05	8:42	9:20	7:11	9:42	4:55		
24	8:07	8:39	9:23	7:08	9:44	4:53		
25	8:10	8:36	9:26	7:05	9:46	4:51		
26	8:12	8:33	9:28	7:03	9:49	4:50		
27	8:14	8:30	9:31	7:00	9:51	4:48		
28	8:17	8:26	9:33	6:57	9:53	4:46		
29	8:19	8:23	9:36	6:54	9:56	4:45		
30	8:22	8:20	9:39	6:51	9:58	4:44		
31			9:41	6:49				

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NOME

Date	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
01	7:14	10:17	8:42	8:28	10:19	6:40	10:57	4:15
02	7:17	10:13	8:45	8:25	10:22	6:37	10:59	4:13
03	7:20	10:09	8:48	8:21	9:26	6:34	11:02	4:11
04	7:23	10:06	8:51	8:17	9:29	5:30	11:05	4:09
05	7:26	10:02	8:54	8:14	9:32	5:27	11:08	4:07
06	7:29	9:59	8:57	8:10	9:36	5:24	11:10	4:05
07	7:32	9:55	9:00	8:07	9:39	5:21	11:12	4:04
08	7:35	9:51	9:03	8:03	9:42	5:18	11:15	4:02
09	7:38	9:48	9:06	8:00	9:46	5:14	11:17	4:01
10	7:41	9:44	9:09	7:56	9:49	5:11	11:19	4:00
11	7:44	9:40	9:12	7:53	9:52	5:08	11:21	3:59
12	7:47	9:37	9:15	7:49	9:56	5:05	11:23	3:58
13	7:50	9:33	9:19	7:46	9:59	5:02	11:25	3:57
14	7:53	9:30	9:22	7:42	10:02	4:59	11:26	3:57
15	7:55	9:26	9:25	7:38	10:06	4:56	11:28	3:56
16	7:58	9:22	9:28	7:35	10:09	4:53	11:29	3:56
17	8:01	9:19	9:31	7:31	10:12	4:50	Season Closed	
18	8:04	9:15	9:34	7:28	10:16	4:47		
19	8:07	9:11	9:37	7:24	10:19	4:44		
20	8:10	9:08	9:40	7:21	10:22	4:42		
21	8:13	9:04	9:43	7:18	10:26	4:39		
22	8:16	9:01	9:47	7:14	10:29	4:36		
23	8:19	8:57	9:50	7:11	10:32	4:34		
24	8:22	8:53	9:53	7:07	10:35	4:31		
25	8:25	8:50	9:56	7:04	10:39	4:28		
26	8:28	8:46	9:59	7:00	10:42	4:26		
27	8:31	8:43	10:03	6:57	10:45	4:23		
28	8:33	8:39	10:06	6:54	10:48	4:21		
29	8:36	8:35	10:09	6:50	10:51	4:19		
30	8:39	8:32	10:12	6:47	10:54	4:17		
31			10:16	6:44				

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Alaska Waterfowler's Quiz

Circle your answers and see the bottom of page 39 for answers!

1. Canvasbacks produced on the Yukon Flats north of Fairbanks are most likely to spend the winter in San Fransisco Bay or _____.

- a. Kodiak
- b. Maryland
- c. Texas
- d. Mexico

2. Prior to the conversion to non-toxic shot for waterfowl hunting, about how many lead pellets (#6 shot) did hunters put into the environment for each duck bagged?

- a. 300
- b. 800
- c. 1,700
- d. 2,000

3. In the bird kingdom, which of these is most closely related to the Canada goose?

- a. sandhill crane
- b. pelican
- c. flamingo
- d. loon

4. Copper or nickel plating of lead shot prevents lead poisoning in waterfowl.

- a. True
- b. False

5. The swift-flying, black and white goldeneyes are biologically classified as:

- a. puddle ducks
- b. inland divers
- c. sea ducks
- d. mergansers

6. What is the largest shot size that may be legally used for waterfowl hunting in Alaska?

- a. size T
- b. size BB
- c. size F
- d. No. 4 Buck

7. Because of the orientation of the fall flight of birds out of the state, Alaska is administratively considered as:

- a. Mississippi Flyway
- b. Central Flyway
- c. Pacific Flyway
- d. separate

8. Magnum waterfowl shotshells deliver more pellet energy than standard loads.

- a. True
- b. False

9. Immature ducks bagged in the year they were born may be reliably distinguished from adults by their:

- a. bill color
- b. body fat
- c. wing length
- d. tail feathers

10. What percentage of ducks that are shot by U.S. hunters are not retrieved, because of poor shooting, improper load selection, hunting conditions, etc.?

- a. 5%
- b. 10%
- c. 20%
- d. 50%

11. A shotgun with a 26-inch full choke barrel will throw a more open (less dense) pattern than one with a 30-inch full choke barrel.

- a. True
- b. False

12. The brightly colored wing patch that distinguishes different species of puddle ducks (mallards, pintails) is called the:

- a. wing bar
- b. speculum
- c. flap
- d. insignia

13. "Duplex" shotshells loaded with two sizes of shot provide effective waterfowl shooting at both short and long ranges.

- a. True
- b. False

14. Over the entire season, the average Alaska hunter bags _____ ducks:

- a. two
- b. five
- c. eight
- d. eleven

15. Over the entire season, the average California hunter bags _____ ducks:

- a. two
- b. five
- c. eight
- d. eleven

16. The charts on shotshell boxes that recommend effective shot sizes for small game are based on:
- a. rigorous field testing of load effectiveness
 - b. recommendations of experienced hunters
 - c. what New York advertising agencies think
 - d. what uncle Joe has always used
17. Alaska hunters bag mallards more than any other species of duck. The second most common duck in the bag is:
- a. pintail
 - b. green-winged teal
 - c. wigeon
 - d. shoveler
18. State and federal ducks stamps must be signed across the face and attached to a hunting license to be valid for hunting:
- a. True
 - b. False
19. Which of these species may be legally hunted in Alaska?
- a. cormorant
 - b. emperor goose
 - c. tundra swan
 - d. spectacled eider
20. Of Alaska's 365 million acres of surface area, _____ % may be considered suitable waterfowl habitat.
- a. 10%
 - b. 40%
 - c. 60%
 - d. 80%

Answers:

1. b, 2. c, 3. c, 4. b, 5. c, 6. a, 7. d, 8. b, 9. d, 10. c, 11. b, 12. b, 13. b, 14. b, 15. d, 16. a, 17. b, 18. b, 19. c, 20. c.

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