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OPEN SEASON FOR DOVES CHANGED.

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Washington, D. C.                      The open season for hunting mourning doves in South Carolina has been changed by an amendment to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act regulations, announces the United States Department of Agriculture. The amendment fixes the period during which mourning doves may be killed in South Carolina from October 16 to January 31, both days inclusive, whereas the Federal open season last year was from September 16 to December 31, inclusive. The new season beginning October 16 was not adopted in time to have the correct dates noted on the State hunting licenses, which incorrectly show the season to begin one month earlier. The Federal law and regulations supersede all State laws inconsistent therewith, and the State hunting licenses do not authorize persons to hunt mourning doves or other migratory birds in violation of the Federal law.

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