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DUCK HUNTING FROM MOTOR BOATS ILLEGAL.

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No changes have been made in the Federal regulations which prohibit the use of power boats in taking wild fowl, according to a statement just issued by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. It will be unlawful, therefore, to hunt ducks in the State of Maryland and elsewhere with a boat equipped with an engine, and especially will it be a violation of the law for persons to run down with motor boats ducks which have settled among decoys previously placed, a practice which is generally known as "bush-whacking."

Erroneous reports had been circulated in the vicinity of the Susquehanna flats that changes had been made in the Federal regulations governing shooting of wild fowl from power boats, and as a consequence persons relying upon such rumor were getting their boats in shape to use in pursuing ducks during the coming season. The regulations do not prevent a person from using a motor boat to go to and from the ducking grounds or to attend to ducking outfits, but the Biological Survey points out that, while it will be lawful to pick up dead ducks from a power boat, it is a violation of the law to shoot ducks from such a boat.