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CHANGES IN FEDERAL GAME LAWS

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Amendments to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Regulations adopted by the Secretary of Agriculture and approved by the President on June 11 include a change in the season for hunting migratory waterfowl in Pennsylvania from September 16 -- December 31 to October 1 -- January 15, and in Oklahoma and that part of Texas lying north and west of the International and Great Northern and the Texas and Pacific Railroads from October 16 -- January 31 to October 1 -- January 15, while the season in southeastern Texas was changed from October 16 -- January 31 to November 1 -- January 31.

The open season for hunting doves in southeastern Texas was changed from September 1 -- December 15 to November 1 -- December 31, and in South Carolina from September 1 -- December 15 to November 1 -- January 31.

These changes were adopted at the solicitation of State game officials and interested sportsmen in the sections affected, and are believed to be in the interest of conservation.

Other amendments authorize the issuance of permits for propagating waterfowl and for scientific collecting purposes to be valid until revoked by the Secretary of Agriculture, thus obviating the necessity of renewing such permits from year to year to cover continuing operations. The latter amendments are designed to facilitate the administration of the law and regulations. Annual reports from permit holders will be required as heretofore.

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