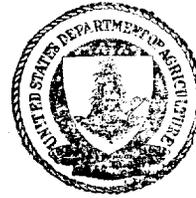




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SHOOTING MIGRATORY WILD FCWL  
NOT LAWFUL AFTER SUNSET

Hunting migratory game birds is permitted under Federal regulations each day during the open season from half an hour before sunrise to sunset. Persons found hunting between sunset and half an hour before sunrise are liable to prosecution in Federal court under the provisions of Regulation 4 of the migratory-bird treaty-act regulations. A State law recently passed by the legislature of South Dakota provides that waterfowl may be shot half an hour after sunset. The Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture points out that State legislatures may pass laws to give further protection to migratory birds, if such laws or regulations do not extend the open seasons for such birds beyond the times prescribed by the migratory-bird treaty-act regulations. Although the State law permits shooting from sunrise to half an hour after sunset, a person so doing may be arrested and prosecuted under the Federal law, administered by the Department of Agriculture.

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