

Goose and brant populations remain generally high, with small increases or decreases in particular species within the flyways. The high population status of Canada geese in the Atlantic Flyway is reflected in more liberal bag and possession limits in the flyway.

The hunting of little brown cranes will be permitted again this year in specified areas of Texas and New Mexico to combat crop depredations by these birds.

A limited harvest of not more than 1,000 whistling swans will be authorized again this year in Utah under a special permit system.

The basic shooting hours for waterfowl and coots in the Atlantic and Mississippi Flyways and for waterfowl, coots, and little brown cranes in the Central Flyway are from sunrise until sunset, including opening days. In the Pacific Flyway, shooting hours for waterfowl, coots, gallinules, and Wilson's snipe are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, including opening days.

The outside dates within which States may select specific open season dates, the length of the open season and bag limit options, and other special restrictions or provisions are shown by Flyway in the attached regulations.

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ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 3, 1964, and Sunday, January 3, 1965, States in this Flyway may select concurrent open seasons on ducks and coots of (a) 50 consecutive days or a split season totaling 45 days with basic limits on ducks other than mergansers of 3 daily and 6 in possession, OR (b) 40 consecutive days or a split season totaling 36 days with basic limits on ducks other than mergansers of 4 daily and 8 in possession. The limits on coots are 10 daily and 20 in possession under either option.

The daily bag limit on ducks other than mergansers may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 2 mallards; and (c) 2 canvasbacks or 2 redheads or 1 of each. The possession limit on ducks other than mergansers may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 4 mallards; and (c) 2 canvasbacks or 2 redheads or 1 of each.

The limits on American, red-breasted, and hooded mergansers, in the aggregate of these species, are 5 daily and 10 in possession, of which not more than 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

Between the outside dates of Thursday, October 1, 1964, and Friday, January 15, 1965, States in this Flyway may select concurrent open seasons on geese (except snow geese) and brant of 70 consecutive days or a split season totaling 70 days with a daily bag limit of 3 geese and a possession limit of 6 geese, and a daily bag and possession limit of 6 brant.

The shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted on an experimental basis on those coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams lying seaward from the first upstream bridge in the States of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; and in those coastal waters of New York State lying in Long Island and Block Island Sounds and the waters of Gardiner's Bay lying east of a line from the Long Beach Bay lighthouse to the most easterly point of Ram Head on Shelter Island to the Cedar Point light; but not including any coastal waters of New York lying south of Long Island.

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 3, 1964, and Sunday, January 3, 1965, States in this Flyway may select concurrent open seasons on ducks and coots of 40 consecutive days or a split season totaling 36 days with basic limits on ducks other than mergansers of 4 daily and 8 in possession. The daily bag limit on coots is 10 and the possession limit is 20.

The daily bag limit of ducks other than mergansers may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 2 mallards; and (c) 2 canvasbacks or 2 redheads or 1 of each. The possession limit on ducks other than mergansers may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 4 mallards; and (c) 2 canvasbacks or 2 redheads or 1 of each.

The limits on American, red-breasted, and hooded mergansers, in the aggregate of these species, are 5 daily and 10 in possession, of which not more than 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

In that portion of the State of Louisiana lying south of U. S. Highway 190, a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 scaup ducks is permitted in addition to the basic limits on ducks other than mergansers.

Between the outside dates of Thursday, October 1, 1964, and Friday, January 15, 1965, all States in this flyway may select an open season on geese of 70 consecutive days or a split season totaling 70 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 5 geese.

The daily bag and possession limits may not include, in the alternative, more of the following species than: (a) 2 Canada geese or subspecies; (b) 2 white-fronted geese, or (c) 1 Canada goose or subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose.

In the Illinois Counties of Alexander, Jackson, Union and Williamson only, the combined kill of Canada geese will be limited to a total of 15,000 birds.

In those portions of the Wisconsin Counties of Dodge and Fond du Lac included in the Horicon Area (same area as described last year), the combined kill of Canada geese will be limited to a total of 11,000 birds.

In those portions of the Missouri Counties of Livingston, Carroll, Lafayette, Saline, Howard, Chariton, and Linn included in the Swan Lake Area (same area as described last year), the combined kill of Canada geese will be limited to a total of 25,000 birds. Missouri is permitted to select a separate open season for geese for the area governed by quota control of 70 consecutive days or a split season totaling 70 days.

When it has been determined by the Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, that the quota of Canada geese allotted for any area has been killed in that area, the season for taking geese therein will be closed by the Director upon having given public notice thereof through local information media no less than 48 hours in advance of the time and day of closing of the open season.

In the Squaw Creek Area of Missouri described as all of that area surrounding the Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge which is bounded on the north by the Iowa State line; on the east by U. S. Highway 71; on the south by U. S. Highway 36; and on the west by the main channel of the Missouri River, Canada geese or subspecies thereof may be taken only during the first 30 days of the open season selected by Missouri for the taking of geese collectively, and the daily bag limit is 1 and the possession limit is 2 Canada geese or subspecies thereof during the open season in this area.

No open season on Canada geese is prescribed in the States of Arkansas and Louisiana.

CENTRAL FLYWAY

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 3, 1964, and Sunday, January 3, 1965, States in this Flyway may select concurrent open seasons on ducks and coots of (a) 50 consecutive days or a split season totaling 45 days with basic limits on ducks other than mergansers of 3 daily and 6 in possession; OR (b) 40 consecutive days or a split season totaling 36 days with basic limits on ducks other than mergansers of 4 daily and 8 in possession. The daily bag limit on coots is 10 and the possession limit is 20 under either option.

Under the 50-day option, the daily bag limit on ducks other than mergansers may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 1 mallard; and (c) 2 canvasbacks or 2 redheads or 1 of each, and the possession limit may not include more than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 2 mallards; and (c) 2 canvasbacks or 2 redheads or 1 of each.

Under the 40-day option, the daily bag limit on ducks other than mergansers may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 2 mallards; and (c) 2 canvasbacks or 2 redheads or 1 of each, and the possession limit may not include more than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 4 mallards; and (c) 2 canvasbacks or 2 redheads or 1 of each.

In the Colorado Counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, and Rio Grande, and those portions of Sagauche, Hinsdale, and Mineral Counties lying east of the Continental Divide, a special experimental open season on ducks is prescribed from October 1, 1964, through October 18, 1964, with a daily limit of 5 ducks and a possession limit of 10 ducks. The daily bag and possession limits may not include more than 2 canvasbacks or 2 redheads or 1 of each. Daily shooting hours are from sunrise until sunset including opening day.

Between the outside dates of Thursday, October 1, 1964, and Friday, January 15, 1965, all States in this Flyway may select an open season on geese of 75 consecutive days or a split season totaling 75 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 5 geese.

The daily bag and possession limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 1 Ross's goose; (b) in the alternative, 2 Canada geese or subspecies; 1 Canada goose or subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose; or 1 white-fronted goose.

In those portions of the Nebraska Counties of Nemaha, Otoe and Richardson lying east of the main channel of the Missouri River, Canada geese or subspecies thereof may be taken only during the first 30 days of the open season selected by Nebraska for the taking of geese collectively, and the daily bag limit is 1 and the possession limit is 2 Canada geese or subspecies thereof during the open season in this area.

No open season on snow, blue, or Ross's geese is prescribed in the Montana Counties of Beaverhead, Gallatin, and Madison.

The States of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming will again be allowed to select open seasons on waterfowl and coots in accordance with the frameworks prescribed for the Pacific Flyway for those portions of these States lying west of the Continental Divide.

An open season of 30 consecutive days on little brown cranes with a daily bag and possession limit of 2 cranes is prescribed between Saturday, October 31, 1964, and Sunday, November 29, 1964, in the New Mexico Counties of Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt, and in that portion of Texas lying west of a line from the International Toll Bridge at Del Rio, Val Verde County; thence northward following U. S. Highway 277 to its junction with U. S. Highway 87 at San Angelo, Tom Green County; thence northwesterly following Highway 87 to the junction with Highway 287 at Dumas, Moore County; thence northwesterly following Highway 287 to the point of intersection with Texas-Oklahoma State line in Dallam County.

PACIFIC FLYWAY

Except for those portions of the States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho included in the Columbia Basin Area, States in this Flyway may, between the outside dates of Saturday, October 10, 1964, and Sunday, January 10, 1965, select concurrent open seasons on ducks, coots, and gallinules of (a) 90 consecutive days or a split season totaling 81 days with basic limits on ducks of all species except mergansers of 4 daily and 8 in possession or a daily bag and possession limit of 5 ducks; OR (b) 75 consecutive days or a split season totaling 68 days with basic limits on ducks of all species except mergansers of 5 daily and 10 in possession or a daily bag and possession limit of 6 ducks.

In the Columbia Basin Areas of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho (same areas in which bonus mallards were permitted last year), concurrent open seasons are prescribed for ducks, coots, and gallinules of 107 consecutive days between the dates of October 10, 1964, and January 24, 1965, with basic limits on ducks of all species except mergansers of 8 daily and 16 in possession, of which 4 daily and 8 in possession must be mallard ducks. In these areas the daily shooting hours for ducks, coots, and gallinules are from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

The daily bag and possession limits on ducks other than mergansers may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 wood ducks; and (b) 2 canvasbacks or 2 redheads or 1 of each.

The limits on American, red-breasted, and hooded mergansers, in the aggregate of these species, are 5 daily and 10 in possession, of which not more than 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

The daily bag and possession limit on coots and gallinules is 25, singly or in the aggregate of these species.

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 10, 1964, and Sunday, January 10, 1965, States in this Flyway may select an open season on geese of 90 consecutive days or a split season totaling 90 days with a basic daily bag and possession limit on geese collectively of 6.

In all States in the Flyway, the daily bag limit may not include more than 3 geese of the dark species: Provided, That in the entire States of Arizona and Utah, in Clark County, Nevada, in the Idaho Counties of Bear Lake, Bonneville, and Caribou, and in those portions of the States of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico lying west of the Continental Divide, the daily bag and possession limit may not include more than 2 Canada geese or subspecies thereof. In that portion of California Fish and Game District No. 22 for which California selects the open season, the open season for taking Canada geese shall close on December 27, 1964, and the daily bag and possession limits may not include more than 1 Canada goose or subspecies thereof. No open season on snow, blue, and Ross's geese is prescribed in the Idaho Counties of Clark, Madison, Fremont, and Teton. In all States in the Flyway, the daily bag and possession limit on geese may not include more than 1 Ross's goose. In the States of Washington and Idaho, the daily bag limit is 3 geese and the possession limit is 6 geese.

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 10, 1964, and Monday, February 15, 1965, States in this Flyway may select open seasons on brant of 75 consecutive days with a daily bag and possession limit of 3 brant.

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 10, 1964, and Sunday, January 10, 1965, States in this Flyway may select open seasons on Wilson's snipe of 50 consecutive days with a daily bag limit of 8 and a possession limit of 16.

An open season for the taking of a limited number of whistling swans under special permit in the State of Utah is prescribed subject to the following conditions: (a) Not more than 1,000 permits will be issued authorizing the permittee to take 1 whistling swan; (b) The open season will run concurrently with the open season for ducks selected by Utah; (c) Permit forms will be furnished by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to the Utah Department of Fish and Game which will issue such permits to applicants without charge on an equitable basis.

Those portions of the States of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico lying west of the Continental Divide will be allowed to select open seasons for the hunting of waterfowl, coots, and gallinules in accordance with frameworks prescribed for the Pacific Flyway.

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