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CENTRAL AND MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY STATES OFFERED EARLY TEAL SEASON

Dr. Leslie L. Glasgow, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Parks, and Marine Resources, announced today that a nine-day teal season in early September with a bag limit of four daily and eight in possession will be offered Central and Mississippi Flyway States.

"Based upon our experience gained from experimental teal seasons in 1965, 1966, and 1967," Glasgow stated, "this season contains the necessary restrictions to protect the continental population of teal and other ducks, yet continues the policy of making greatest use of the recreation potential of lightly hunted species."

Specific dates and open areas will be defined by States accepting the early season. The bag limit of four daily and eight in possession includes blue-winged, green-winged, and cinnamon teal, singly or in the aggregate.

All applicable Federal and State laws and regulations will apply, including possession of a valid Federal waterfowl stamp by hunters age 16 or older and a State license.

The States accepting the season must agree to: conduct a hunter education program to improve hunter performance in waterfowl identification and compliance with the regulations; step up their enforcement program; implement a hunter observation program to provide data for an analysis of the season; and complete a report to the Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, covering hunter success, compliance with regulations and reaction to the season.

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(Editor's Note: Mississippi Flyway States: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

Central Flyway States: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and those portions of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming east of the Continental Divide.)

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