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PUBLIC HEARING ON MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS

Proposed migratory game bird hunting regulations for seasons opening prior to October 1, 1977, will be reviewed at a public hearing on June 21, 1977, the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in the auditorium, General Services Building, 18th and F Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Information on the status of mourning doves, woodcock, band-tailed pigeons, white-winged doves, rails, gallinules, and common snipe, and proposed hunting regulations for these species will be discussed. In addition, proposed hunting regulations for migratory game birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands; mourning doves in Hawaii; September teal season in the Mississippi and Central Flyways; and special sea duck seasons in the Atlantic Flyway will be reviewed.

Persons wishing to participate in this public hearing should notify the Director (FWS/MBM), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240, or call 202/343-8827. Statements from interested persons should be presented in writing in duplicate, to the Hearing Officer at the meeting or forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS/MBM) at the above address prior to the meeting.

Minutes of the hearing will be available for purchase from a public stenographic services company.

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