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FINAL REGULATION ON STEEL SHOT FOR 1978 AND A PROPOSED RULING FOR 1979

Waterfowl hunters using shotguns of gauges other than 12-gauge will still be permitted to use lead shot in steel shot zones during the hunting seasons beginning this fall.

The exception, which is for one year only, was published as final rulemaking in the June 29, 1978, Federal Register by Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This exception would be terminated by a proposed ruling for waterfowl hunting seasons beginning in 1979. The proposed ruling, also published in the June 29, 1978, Federal Register, would require non-toxic shot in all gauges in zones designated for steel shot.

Public comment on the proposal for 1979 will be accepted until September 1, 1978. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed amendment for 1979 waterfowl hunting seasons should address their comments to: Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (MBMO), Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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