

whether or not it has entered the country for customs purposes.

(ii) *Remove and reduce to possession.* It is unlawful to remove and reduce to possession the species from areas under Federal jurisdiction; maliciously damage or destroy the species on any such area; or remove, cut, dig up, or damage or destroy the species on any other area in knowing violation of any law or regulation of any State or in the course of any violation of a State criminal trespass law.

(iii) *Interstate or foreign commerce.* It is unlawful to deliver, receive, carry, transport, or ship in interstate or foreign commerce, by any means whatsoever, and in the course of a commercial activity, any *Graptopetalum bartramii*.

(iv) *Sale or offer for sale.* (A) It is unlawful to sell or to offer for sale in interstate or foreign commerce any *Graptopetalum bartramii*.

(B) An advertisement for the sale of any *Graptopetalum bartramii* which carries a warning to the effect that no sale may be consummated until a permit has been obtained from the Service, shall not be considered an offer for sale within the meaning of this paragraph.

(v) It is unlawful to attempt to commit, solicit another to commit, or cause to be committed, any of the acts described in this paragraph (a)(1).

(2) *Exceptions from prohibitions.* The following exceptions from prohibitions apply to *Graptopetalum bartramii*:

(i) A person may apply for a permit in accordance with 50 CFR 17.72 that authorizes an activity otherwise prohibited by this paragraph for *Graptopetalum bartramii*.

(ii)(A) Any employee or agent of the Service, any other Federal land management agency, or a State conservation agency, who is designated by that agency for such purposes, may, when acting in the course of official duties, remove and reduce to possession *Graptopetalum bartramii* from areas under Federal jurisdiction without a permit if such action is necessary to:

(1) Care for a damaged or diseased specimen;

(2) Dispose of a dead specimen; or

(3) Salvage a dead specimen which may be useful for scientific study.

(B) Any removal and reduction to possession pursuant to this paragraph must be reported in writing to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within 5 days. The specimen may only be retained, disposed of, or salvaged in accordance with written directions from the Service.

(iii) Any qualified employee or agent of the Service or of a State conservation agency which is a party to a cooperative agreement with the Service in

accordance with section 6(c) of the Act, who is designated by that agency for such purposes, may, when acting in the course of official duties, remove, cut, dig up, damage, or destroy *Graptopetalum bartramii* on areas under Federal jurisdiction.

(b) [Reserved].

Martha Williams,

Principal Deputy Director Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 20

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2020-0032; FF09M22000-212-FXMB1231099BPP0]

RIN 1018-BE34

Migratory Bird Hunting; 2021-2022 Seasons for Certain Migratory Game Birds

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule prescribes the seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits for hunting migratory birds. Taking of migratory birds is prohibited unless specifically provided for by annual regulations. This rule permits the taking of designated species during the 2021-22 season.

DATES: This rule takes effect on August 31, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may inspect comments received on the migratory bird hunting regulations at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2020-0032. You may obtain copies of referenced reports from the Division of Migratory Bird Management's website at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/>, or at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2020-0032.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerome Ford, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, (202) 208-1050.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations Schedule for 2021

On October 9, 2020, we published in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 64097) a proposal to amend title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at part 20. The proposal provided a background and overview of the migratory bird

hunting regulations process, and addressed the establishment of seasons, limits, and other regulations for hunting migratory game birds under §§ 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. Major steps in the 2021-22 regulatory cycle relating to open public meetings and **Federal Register** notifications were illustrated in the diagram at the end of the October 9, 2020, proposed rule. For this regulatory cycle, we combined the elements described in that diagram as "Supplemental Proposals" with the one described as "Proposed Season Frameworks."

We provided the meeting dates and locations for the Service Regulations Committee (SRC) and Flyway Council meetings on Flyway calendars posted on our website at <https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/flyways.php>. On October 20-21, 2020, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council Consultants, at which the participants reviewed information on the current status of migratory game birds and developed recommendations for the 2021-22 regulations for these species. The October 9, 2020, proposed rule provided detailed information on the proposed 2021-22 regulatory schedule and announced the SRC meetings.

On February 22, 2021, we published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 10622) the proposed frameworks for the 2021-22 season migratory bird hunting regulations. On July 16, 2021, we published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 37854) the final frameworks for migratory game bird hunting regulations, from which State wildlife conservation agency officials selected seasons, hours, areas, and limits for hunting migratory birds during the 2021-22 season.

The final rule described here is the final in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations for the 2021-22 season, and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR part 20. It sets hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for migratory game bird species. This final rule is the culmination of the annual rulemaking process allowing migratory game bird hunting, which started with the October 9, 2020, proposed rule. As discussed elsewhere in this document, we supplemented that proposal on February 22, 2021, and published final season frameworks on July 16, 2021, that provided the season selection criteria from which the States selected these seasons. This final rule sets the migratory game bird hunting seasons based on that input from the States. We previously addressed all

comments in the July 16 **Federal Register** (86 FR 37854).

Required Determinations

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Consideration

The programmatic document, “Second Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport Hunting of Migratory Birds (EIS 20130139),” filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on May 24, 2013, addresses NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) compliance by the Service for issuance of the annual framework regulations for hunting of migratory game bird species. We published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** on May 31, 2013 (78 FR 32686), and our Record of Decision on July 26, 2013 (78 FR 45376). We also address NEPA compliance for waterfowl hunting frameworks through the annual preparation of separate environmental assessments, the most recent being “Duck Hunting Regulations for 2021–22,” with its corresponding March 2021, finding of no significant impact. The programmatic document, as well as the separate environmental assessment, is available on our website at <https://www.fws.gov/birds/index.php>.

Endangered Species Act Consideration

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), provides that the Secretary shall insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. Consequently, we conducted formal consultations to ensure that actions resulting from these regulations would not likely jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat. Findings from these consultations are included in a biological opinion, which concluded that the regulations are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species. Additionally, these findings may have caused modification of some regulatory measures previously proposed, and the final frameworks (86 FR 37854; July 16, 2021) reflect any such modifications. The biological opinion is available from <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2020–0032.

Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Orders 12866 and 13563)

E.O. 12866 provides that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) will review all significant rules. OIRA has reviewed this rule and has determined that this rule is significant because it will have an annual effect of \$100 million or more on the economy.

E.O. 13563 reaffirms the principles of E.O. 12866 while calling for improvements in the nation’s regulatory system to promote predictability, to reduce uncertainty, and to use the best, most innovative, and least burdensome tools for achieving regulatory ends. The Executive order directs agencies to consider regulatory approaches that reduce burdens and maintain flexibility and freedom of choice for the public where these approaches are relevant, feasible, and consistent with regulatory objectives. E.O. 13563 emphasizes further that regulations must be based on the best available science and that the rulemaking process must allow for public participation and an open exchange of ideas. We have developed this rule in a manner consistent with these requirements.

An economic analysis was prepared for the 2021–22 season. This analysis was based on data from the 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (National Survey), the most recent year for which data are available (see discussion under *Regulatory Flexibility Act*, below). This analysis estimated consumer surplus for three alternatives for duck hunting (estimates for other species are not quantified due to lack of data). The alternatives are (1) issue restrictive regulations allowing fewer days than those issued during the 2019–20 season, (2) issue moderate regulations allowing more days than those in alternative 1, and (3) issue liberal regulations similar to the regulations in the 2020–21 season. For the 2020–21 season, we chose Alternative 3, with an estimated consumer surplus across all flyways of \$270–\$358 million with a mid-point estimate of \$314 million. We also chose alternative 3 for the 2009–10 through 2020–21 seasons. The 2021–22 analysis is part of the record for this rule and is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2020–0032.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The annual migratory bird hunting regulations have a significant economic impact on substantial numbers of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). We analyzed

the economic impacts of the annual hunting regulations on small business entities. This analysis is updated annually. The primary source of information about hunter expenditures for migratory game bird hunting is the National Survey, which is generally conducted at 5-year intervals. The 2021 analysis is based on the 2016 National Survey and the U.S. Department of Commerce’s County Business Patterns, from which it is estimated that migratory bird hunters will spend approximately \$2.2 billion at small businesses in 2021. The analysis is available from <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2020–0032.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This final rule is a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. For the reasons outlined above, this rule will have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more. However, because this rule establishes regulations for hunting seasons, we do not plan to defer the effective date under the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 808(1).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain any new collection of information that requires approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has previously approved the information collection requirements associated with migratory bird surveys and the procedures for establishing annual migratory bird hunting seasons under the following OMB control numbers:

- 1018–0019, “North American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey” (expires 02/29/2024).
- 1018–0023, “Migratory Bird Surveys, 50 CFR 20.20” (expires 04/30/2023). Includes Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program, Migratory Bird Hunter Surveys, Sandhill Crane Survey, and Parts Collection Survey.
- 1018–0171, “Establishment of Annual Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons, 50 CFR part 20” (expires 02/29/2024).

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

We have determined and certify, in compliance with the requirements of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, 2 U.S.C. 1502 *et seq.*, that this rulemaking

will not impose a cost of \$100 million or more in any given year on local or State government or private entities. Therefore, this rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

Civil Justice Reform—Executive Order 12988

The Department, in promulgating this rule, has determined that this rule will not unduly burden the judicial system and that it meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of E.O. 12988.

Takings Implication Assessment

In accordance with E.O. 12630, this rule, authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, does not have significant takings implications and does not affect any constitutionally protected property rights. This rule will not result in the physical occupancy of property, the physical invasion of property, or the regulatory taking of any property. In fact, this rule will allow hunters to exercise otherwise unavailable privileges and, therefore, reduce restrictions on the use of private and public property.

Energy Effects—Executive Order 13211

E.O. 13211 requires agencies to prepare Statements of Energy Effects when undertaking certain actions. While this rule is a significant regulatory action under E.O. 12866, it is not expected to adversely affect energy supplies, distribution, or use. Therefore, this action is not a significant energy action and no Statement of Energy Effects is required.

Government-to-Government Relationship With Tribes

In accordance with the President’s memorandum of April 29, 1994, “Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments” (59 FR 22951), E.O. 13175, and 512 DM 2, we have evaluated possible effects on federally recognized Indian Tribes and have determined that there are no effects on Indian trust resources. We solicited proposals for special migratory bird hunting regulations for certain Tribes on Federal Indian reservations, off-reservation trust lands, and ceded lands for the 2021–22 migratory bird hunting season in the October 9, 2020, proposed rule (85 FR 64097). The resulting proposals were contained in a separate proposed rule published on May 4, 2021 (86 FR 23641). By virtue of these actions, we have consulted with Tribes affected by this rule.

Federalism Effects

Due to the migratory nature of certain species of birds, the Federal Government has been given responsibility over these species by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. We annually prescribe frameworks from which the States make selections regarding the hunting of migratory birds, and we employ guidelines to establish special regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. This process preserves the ability of the States and Tribes to determine which seasons meet their individual needs. Any State or Tribe may be more restrictive than the Federal frameworks at any time. The frameworks are developed in a cooperative process with the States and the Flyway Councils. This process allows States to participate in the development of frameworks from which they will make selections, thereby having an influence on their own regulations. These rules do not have a substantial direct effect on fiscal capacity, change the roles or responsibilities of Federal or State governments, or intrude on State policy or administration. Therefore, in accordance with E.O. 13132, these regulations do not have significant federalism effects and do not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

Review of Public Comments

The October 9, 2020, proposed rulemaking (85 FR 64097) opened the public comment period for 2021–22 migratory game bird hunting regulations. We previously addressed all comments in a July 16, 2021, **Federal Register** publication (86 FR 37854).

Regulations Promulgation

The rulemaking process for migratory game bird hunting, by its nature, operates under a time constraint as seasons must be established each year or hunting seasons remain closed. However, we intend that the public be provided extensive opportunity for public input and involvement in compliance with Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. subchapter II) requirements. Thus, when the preliminary proposed rulemaking was published, we established what we concluded were the longest periods possible for public comment and the most opportunities for public involvement. We also provided notification of our participation in multiple Flyway Council meetings, opportunities for additional public review and comment on all Flyway

Council proposals for regulatory change, and opportunities for additional public review during the SRC meeting. Therefore, we conclude that sufficient public notice and opportunity for involvement have been given to affected persons.

Further, States need sufficient time to communicate these season selections to their affected publics, and to establish and publicize the necessary regulations and procedures to implement these seasons. Thus, we find that “good cause” exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and therefore, under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (July 3, 1918), as amended (16 U.S.C. 703–711), these regulations will take effect less than 30 days after publication. Accordingly, with each conservation agency having had an opportunity to participate in selecting the hunting seasons desired for its State or Territory on those species of migratory birds for which open seasons are now prescribed, and consideration having been given to all other relevant matters presented, certain sections of title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K, are hereby amended as set forth below.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20

Exports, Hunting, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Wildlife.

Signing Authority

The Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of the Interior. Shannon Estenoz, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, approved this document on August 10, 2021, for publication.

Maureen D. Foster,

Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 20—MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING

■ 1. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703 et seq., and 16 U.S.C. 742a–j.

Note: The following annual hunting regulations provided for by §§ 20.101 through

20.107 and 20.109 of 50 CFR part 20 will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations because of their seasonal nature.

■ 2. Section 20.101 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.101 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open

seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

CHECK COMMONWEALTH REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

(a) *Puerto Rico.*

Restrictions: In Puerto Rico, the season is closed on the ruddy duck, white-cheeked pintail, West Indian whistling duck, fulvous whistling duck, masked duck, purple gallinule, American coot, Caribbean coot, white-crowned pigeon, and plain pigeon.

Closed Areas: Closed areas are described in the July 16, 2021, **Federal Register** (86 FR 37854).

Species	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Doves and Pigeons:			
Zenaida, white-winged, and mourning doves (1) ..	Sept. 4–Nov. 1	30	90
Scaly-naped pigeons	Sept. 4–Nov. 1	5	15
Ducks	Nov. 13–Dec. 20 &	6	18
	Jan. 15–Jan. 31	6	18
Common Gallinules	Nov. 13–Dec. 20 &	6	18
	Jan. 15–Jan. 31	6	18
Wilson’s Snipe	Nov. 13–Dec. 20 &	8	16
	Jan. 15–Jan. 30	8	16

(1) The daily bag limit for Zenaida, white-winged, and mourning doves is in the aggregate and may include not more than 10 Zenaida and 3 mourning doves. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

(b) *Virgin Islands.*

Restrictions: In the Virgin Islands, the seasons are closed for ground or quail doves, pigeons, ruddy duck, white-cheeked pintail, West Indian whistling

duck, fulvous whistling duck, masked duck, and all other ducks, and purple gallinule.

Closed Areas: Ruth Cay, just south of St. Croix, is closed to the hunting of

migratory game birds. All Offshore Cays under jurisdiction of the Virgin Islands Government are closed to the hunting of migratory game birds.

Species	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Zenaida doves	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	10	10
Ducks	Closed		

■ 3. Section 20.102 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.102 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for Alaska.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

Area descriptions were published in the July 16, 2021, **Federal Register** (86 FR 37854).

Note: Light geese include lesser snow (including blue) geese, greater snow geese, and Ross’s geese.

Falconry: The total combined bag and possession limit for migratory game birds taken with the use of a raptor under a falconry permit is 3 per day, 9 in possession, and may not exceed a more restrictive limit for any species listed in this subsection.

Special Tundra Swan Season: In Units 17, 18, 22, and 23, there will be

a tundra swan season from September 1 through October 31 with a season limit of 3 tundra swans per hunter. This season is by State permit only; hunters will be issued 1 permit allowing the take of up to 3 tundra swans. Hunters will be required to file a harvest report with the State after the season is completed. Up to 500 permits may be issued in Unit 18; 300 permits each in Units 22 and 23; and 200 permits in Unit 17.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Area	Season dates
North Zone	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Gulf Coast Zone	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Southeast Zone	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Pribilof and Aleutian Islands Zone	Oct. 8–Jan. 22.
Kodiak Zone	Oct. 8–Jan. 22.

Area	Daily bag and possession limits							
	Ducks (1)	Canada & cackling geese (2)(3)(4)	White-fronted geese (5)(6)	Light geese	Brant	Emperor geese (7)(8)	Snipe	Sandhill cranes (9)
North Zone	10-30	4-12	4-12	6-18	2-6	1-1	8-24	3-9
Gulf Coast Zone	8-24	4-12	4-12	6-18	2-6	1-1	8-24	2-6
Southeast Zone	7-21	4-12	4-12	6-18	2-6	1-1	8-24	2-6
Pribilof and Aleutian Islands Zone	7-21	4-12	4-12	6-18	2-6	1-1	8-24	2-6
Kodiak Zone	7-21	4-12	4-12	6-18	2-6	1-1	8-24	2-6

(1) The basic duck bag limits may include no more than 2 canvasbacks daily, and may not include sea ducks. In addition to the basic duck limits, the sea duck limit is 10 daily, including no more than 6 each of either harlequin or long-tailed ducks. Sea ducks include scoters, common and king eiders, harlequin ducks, long-tailed ducks, and common, hooded, and red-breasted mergansers. The season for Steller's and spectacled eiders is closed.

(2) Daily bag and possession limits are in the aggregate for the two species.

(3) In Units 5 and 6, the taking of Canada and cackling geese is only permitted from September 28 through December 16. In the Middleton Island portion of Unit 6, the taking of Canada and cackling geese is by special permit only. The maximum number of Canada and cackling geese permits is 10 for the season. A mandatory goose-identification class is required. Hunters must check in and out. The daily bag and possession limits are 1 Canada or cackling goose. The season will close if harvest includes 5 dusky Canada geese. A dusky Canada goose is any dark-breasted Canada goose (Munsell 10 YR color value five or less) with a bill length between 40 and 50 millimeters.

(4) In Units 9, 10, 17, and 18, for Canada and cackling geese, the daily bag limit is 6 and the possession limit is 18 are in the aggregate.

(5) In Units 9, 10, and 17, for white-fronted geese, the daily bag limit is 6 and the possession limit is 18.

(6) In Unit 18, for white-fronted geese, the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 30.

(7) In Unit 8, the Kodiak Island Roaded Area is closed to emperor goose hunting. The Kodiak Island Roaded Area consists of all lands and water (including exposed tidelands) east of a line extending from Crag Point in the north to the west end of Saltery Cove in the south and all lands and water south of a line extending from Termination Point along the north side of Cascade Lake extending to Anton Larsen Bay. Marine waters adjacent to the closed area are closed to harvest within 500 feet from the water's edge. The offshore islands are open to harvest, for example: Woody, Long, Gull and Puffin Islands.

(8) Emperor goose hunting is by State permit only; no more than 1 emperor goose may be harvested per hunter per season. Hunters will be required to file a harvest report with the State after harvesting an emperor goose. Total emperor goose harvest may not exceed 500 birds. See State regulations for specific dates, times, and conditions of permit hunts and closures.

(9) In Unit 17 of the North Zone, for sandhill cranes, the daily bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.

■ 4. Section 20.103 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.103 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for doves and pigeons.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and

possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the July 16, 2021, **Federal Register** (86 FR 37854).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

(a) *Doves.*

Note: Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for mourning and white-winged doves. The daily bag and possession limits are in the aggregate for the two species.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Poss.
EASTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT			
<i>Alabama:</i>			
North Zone:			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 4 only	15	15
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 5–Oct. 24 &	15	45
	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	15	45
	Dec. 18–Jan. 16	15	45
South Zone:			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 11 only	15	15
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 12–Oct. 31 &	15	45
	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	15	45
	Dec. 18–Jan. 16	15	45
<i>Delaware</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 4 &	15	45
	Nov. 22–Jan. 31	15	45
<i>Florida:</i>			
	Sept. 25–Oct. 17	15	45
	Nov. 13–Dec. 5 &	15	45
	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	15	45
<i>Georgia:</i>			
	Sept. 4–Oct. 10 &	15	45
	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	15	45
	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	15	45
<i>Illinois</i> (1)	Sept. 1–Nov. 14 &	15	45
	Dec. 26–Jan. 9	15	45
<i>Indiana</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 17 &	15	45

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Poss.
	Nov. 1–Nov. 21 &	15	45
	Dec. 11–Jan. 1	15	45
<i>Kentucky:</i>			
11 a.m. to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	15
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2–Oct. 26 &	15	45
	Nov. 25–Dec. 5 &	15	45
	Dec. 18–Jan. 9	15	45
<i>Louisiana:</i>			
North Zone:			
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 4–Sept. 26 &	15	45
	Oct. 9–Nov. 14 &	15	45
	Dec. 24–Jan. 22	15	45
South Zone:			
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 4–Sept. 18 &	15	45
	Oct. 16–Nov. 28 &	15	45
	Dec. 18–Jan. 17	15	45
<i>Maryland:</i>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1–Oct. 16	15	45
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 23–Nov. 26 &	15	45
	Dec. 17–Jan. 8	15	45
<i>Mississippi:</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 4–Oct. 17 &	15	45
	Oct. 30–Nov. 28 &	15	45
	Dec. 25–Jan. 9	15	45
South Zone	Sept. 4–Sept. 19 &	15	45
	Oct. 9–Nov. 7 &	15	45
	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	15	45
<i>North Carolina</i>	Sept. 6–Oct. 2 &	15	45
	Nov. 6–Nov. 27 &	15	45
	Dec. 9–Jan. 31	15	45
<i>Ohio</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 7 &	15	45
	Dec. 11–Jan. 1	15	45
<i>Pennsylvania:</i>			
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 1–Nov. 26	15	45
	Dec. 16–Jan. 1	15	45
<i>Rhode Island:</i>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 11–Oct. 10	15	45
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 16–Nov. 28 &	15	45
	Dec. 11–Dec. 26	15	45
<i>South Carolina:</i>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 4–Sept. 6	15	45
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 7–Oct. 2 &	15	45
	Nov. 13–Nov. 27 &	15	45
	Dec. 17–Jan. 31	15	45
<i>Tennessee:</i>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	15
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2–Sept. 28 &	15	45
	Oct. 9–Oct. 31 &	15	45
	Dec. 8–Jan. 15	15	45
<i>Virginia:</i>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 4 only	15	15
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 5–Oct. 27 &	15	45
	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	15	45
	Dec. 22–Jan. 17	15	45
<i>West Virginia:</i>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	15
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2–Oct. 10 &	15	45
	Nov. 1–Nov. 14 &	15	45
	Dec. 20–Jan. 24	15	45
<i>Wisconsin</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT UNIT

<i>Arkansas</i>	Sept. 4–Oct. 24 &	15	45
	Dec. 8–Jan. 15	15	45
<i>Colorado</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>Iowa</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>Kansas</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>Minnesota</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>Missouri</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>Montana</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>Nebraska</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Poss.
<i>New Mexico:</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
South Zone	Sept. 1–Oct. 28 &	15	45
	Dec. 1–Jan. 1	15	45
<i>North Dakota</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>Oklahoma</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 31 &	15	45
	Dec. 1–Dec. 29	15	45
<i>South Dakota</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	15	45
<i>Texas (2):</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 12 &	15	45
	Dec. 17–Jan. 2	15	45
Central Zone	Sept. 1–Oct. 31 &	15	45
	Dec. 17–Jan. 14	15	45
South Zone	Sept. 14–Oct. 31 &	15	45
	Dec. 17–Jan. 21	15	45
(Special Season)	Sept. 3–Sept. 5 &	15	45
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 10–Sept. 12	15	45
<i>Wyoming</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45

WESTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT

<i>Arizona (3)</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 &	15	45
	Nov. 19–Jan. 2	15	45
<i>California (4)</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 &	15	45
	Nov. 13–Dec. 27	15	45
<i>Idaho</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>Nevada</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>Oregon:</i>			
Zone 1	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 &	15	45
	Nov. 15–Dec. 14	15	45
Zone 2	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>Utah</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>Washington</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45

OTHER POPULATIONS

<i>Hawaii (5)</i>	Nov. 6–Jan. 16	10	30
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(1) In *Illinois*, shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

(2) In *Texas*, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be white-tipped doves with a maximum 90-day season. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit. During the special season in the Special White-winged Dove Area of the South Zone, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be mourning doves and 2 may be white-tipped doves. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit.

(3) In *Arizona*, during September 1 through 15, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 10 may be white-winged doves. During November 19 through January 2, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning doves.

(4) In *California*, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 10 may be white-wing doves.

(5) In *Hawaii*, the season is only open on the islands of Hawaii and Maui. On the island of Hawaii, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning doves, spotted doves, and chestnut-bellied sandgrouse in the aggregate. On the island of Maui, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning doves. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset. See State regulations for additional restrictions on hunting dates and areas.

(b) *Band-tailed Pigeons.*

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Arizona</i>	Oct. 1–Oct. 14	2	6
<i>California:</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 18–Sept. 26	2	6
South Zone	Dec. 18–Dec. 26	2	6
<i>Colorado (1)</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 14	2	6
<i>New Mexico (1):</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 14	2	6
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 14	2	6
<i>Oregon</i>	Sept. 15–Sept. 23	2	6
<i>Utah (1)</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 14	2	6
<i>Washington</i>	Sept. 15–Sept. 23	2	6

(1) Each band-tailed pigeon hunter must have a band-tailed pigeon hunting permit issued by the State.

■ 5. Section 20.104 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.104 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for rails, woodcock, and snipe.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and

possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the July 16, 2021, **Federal Register** (86 FR 37854).

Note: Unless otherwise specified, the daily bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails are in the aggregate, and the daily bag and possession limits for clapper and king rails are in the aggregate.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Area	Sora and Virginia rails	Clapper and king rails	American woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25	15	3	8
Possession limit	75	45	9	24

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

<i>Connecticut</i> (1)	Sept. 1–Oct. 9 & Oct. 18–Nov. 27	Sept. 1–Oct. 9 & Oct. 18–Nov. 27	Oct. 21–Nov. 13 & Nov. 15–Dec. 11	Sept. 1–Oct. 9 & Oct. 18–Nov. 27
<i>Delaware</i> (2)	Sept. 4–Nov. 24	Sept. 4–Nov. 24	Nov. 22–Nov. 27 & Dec. 3–Jan. 17	Sept. 10–Nov. 27 & Dec. 3–Jan. 17
<i>Florida</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	Nov. 1–Feb. 15
<i>Georgia</i>	Oct. 5–Oct. 24 & Nov. 1–Dec. 20	Oct. 5–Oct. 24 & Nov. 1–Dec. 20	Dec. 11–Jan. 24	Nov. 15–Feb. 28
<i>Maine</i> (3)	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Closed	Sept. 25–Nov. 16	Sept. 1–Jan. 3
<i>Maryland</i> (1)	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Oct. 20–Nov. 26 & Jan. 10–Jan. 22	Sept. 29–Jan. 31
<i>Massachusetts</i> (4)	Sept. 1–Nov. 6	Closed	Oct. 1–Nov. 22	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>New Hampshire</i>	Closed	Closed	Oct. 1–Nov. 14	Sept. 15–Nov. 14
<i>New Jersey</i> (2)(5): North Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Oct. 16–Oct. 30 & Nov. 2–Nov. 27	Sept. 11–Jan. 13
South Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Nov. 6–Nov. 30 & Dec. 16–Jan. 1	Sept. 12–Jan. 13
<i>New York</i> (6)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 1–Nov. 14	Sept. 1–Nov. 9
<i>North Carolina</i>	Sept. 4–Sept. 14 & Oct. 2–Dec. 11	Sept. 4–Sept. 14 & Oct. 2–Dec. 11	Dec. 10–Jan. 31	Oct. 27–Feb. 28
<i>Pennsylvania</i> (7)	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Closed	Oct. 16–Nov. 26 & Dec. 13–Dec. 22	Oct. 16–Nov. 26 & Dec. 13–Dec. 22
<i>Rhode Island</i> (8)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Oct. 16–Nov. 29	Sept. 1–Nov. 9
<i>South Carolina</i>	Sept. 8–Sept. 12 & Oct. 4–Dec. 7	Sept. 8–Sept. 12 & Oct. 4–Dec. 7	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	Nov. 14–Feb. 28
<i>Vermont</i>	Closed	Closed	Sept. 25–Nov. 8	Sept. 25–Nov. 8
<i>Virginia</i>	Sept. 7–Nov. 15	Sept. 7–Nov. 15	Nov. 11–Dec. 8 & Dec. 27–Jan. 12	Oct. 8–Oct. 11 & Oct. 21–Jan. 31
<i>West Virginia</i> (13)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 16–Nov. 20 & Nov. 29–Dec. 7	Sept. 1–Dec. 16

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

<i>Alabama</i> (9)	Sept. 11–Sept. 26 & Nov. 26–Jan. 18	Sept. 11–Sept. 26 & Nov. 26–Jan. 18	Dec. 17–Jan. 30	Nov. 13–Feb. 27
<i>Arkansas</i>	Sept. 11–Nov. 19	Closed	Nov. 6–Dec. 20	Nov. 1–Feb. 15
<i>Illinois</i> (10)	Sept. 11–Nov. 19	Closed	Oct. 16–Nov. 29	Sept. 11–Dec. 26
<i>Indiana</i> (11)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15–Nov. 28	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>Iowa</i> (12)	Sept. 4–Nov. 12	Closed	Oct. 2–Nov. 15	Sept. 4–Nov. 30
<i>Kentucky</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 23–Nov. 12 & Nov. 15–Dec. 8	Sept. 15–Oct. 24 & Nov. 25–Jan. 30
<i>Louisiana</i>	Sept. 11–Sept. 26 & Nov. 13–Jan. 5	Sept. 11–Sept. 26 & Nov. 13–Jan. 5	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	Nov. 2–Dec. 5 & Dec. 18–Feb. 28
<i>Michigan</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 15–Oct. 29	Sept. 1–Nov. 9
<i>Minnesota</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Closed	Sept. 25–Nov. 8	Sept. 1–Nov. 8
<i>Mississippi</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 3 & Nov. 26–Jan. 1	Sept. 1–Oct. 3 & Nov. 26–Jan. 1	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	Nov. 14–Feb. 28
<i>Missouri</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15–Nov. 28	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>Ohio</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 9–Nov. 22	Sept. 1–Nov. 24 & Dec. 11–Jan. 1
<i>Tennessee</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 13–Dec. 5 & Jan. 10–Jan. 31	Nov. 14–Feb. 28
<i>Wisconsin</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 25–Nov. 8	Sept. 1–Nov. 9

CENTRAL FLYWAY

<i>Colorado</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>Kansas</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 16–Nov. 29	Sept. 1–Dec. 16

Area	Sora and Virginia rails	Clapper and king rails	American woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25	15	3	8
Possession limit	75	45	9	24
Montana	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Nebraska (13)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 2–Nov. 15	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
New Mexico (14)	Sept. 11–Nov. 19	Closed	Closed	Oct. 9–Jan. 23.
North Dakota	Closed	Closed	Sept. 25–Nov. 8	Sept. 11–Dec. 5.
Oklahoma	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 31–Dec. 14	Oct. 2–Jan. 16.
South Dakota (15)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Oct. 31.
Texas	Sept. 11–Sept. 26 & Nov. 6–Dec. 29.	Sept. 11–Sept. 26 & Nov. 6–Dec. 29.	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	Nov. 6–Feb. 20.
Wyoming	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.

PACIFIC FLYWAY

Arizona (16):				
North Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 1–Jan. 9.
South Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 23–Jan. 31.
California	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 23–Feb. 6.
Colorado	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Idaho:				
Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 2–Jan. 14.
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 2–Jan. 14.
Zone 3	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 16–Jan. 28.
Zone 4	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 2–Jan. 14.
Montana	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Nevada:				
Northeast Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 25–Oct. 13 & Oct. 23–Jan. 16.
Northwest Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 16–Jan. 2 & Jan. 5–Jan. 30.
South Zone (17)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 16–Oct. 24 & Oct. 27–Jan. 30.
New Mexico	Sept. 11–Nov. 19	Closed	Closed	Oct. 17–Jan. 31.
Oregon:				
Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Nov. 6–Feb. 20.
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 9–Jan. 23.
Utah:				
Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 2–Jan. 15.
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 16–Jan. 29.
Washington:				
East Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 16–Oct. 24 & Oct. 27–Jan. 30.
West Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 16–Oct. 24 & Oct. 27–Jan. 30.
Wyoming	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.

- (1) In *Connecticut* and *Maryland*, the daily bag limit for clapper and king rails is 10 and may include no more than 1 king rail. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.
- (2) In *Delaware* and *New Jersey*, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 30 in possession.
- (3) In *Maine*, the daily bag and possession limit for sora and Virginia rails is 25.
- (4) In *Massachusetts*, the limits for sora are 5 daily and 15 in possession; the limits for Virginia rails are 10 daily and 30 in possession.
- (5) In *New Jersey*, the season for king rail is closed by State regulation.
- (6) In *New York*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 8 daily and 24 in possession. Seasons for sora and Virginia rails and snipe are closed on Long Island.
- (7) In *Pennsylvania*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 3 daily and 9 in possession.
- (8) In *Rhode Island*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 3 daily and 9 in possession, the limits for clapper and king rails are 1 daily and 3 in possession, and the limits for snipe are 5 daily and 15 in possession.
- (9) In *Alabama*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 15 daily and 45 in possession.
- (10) In *Illinois*, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.
- (11) In *Indiana*, the season on Virginia rails is closed.
- (12) In *Iowa*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 12 daily and 36 in possession.
- (13) In *Nebraska and West Virginia*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 10 daily and 30 in possession.
- (14) In *New Mexico*, in the Central Flyway portion of the State, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 10 daily and 20 in possession.
- (15) In *South Dakota*, the snipe limits are 5 daily and 15 in possession.
- (16) In *Arizona*, Ashurst Lake in Unit 5B is closed to snipe hunting.
- (17) In *Nevada*, the snipe season in that portion of the South Zone including the Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin rivers is only open October 30 through January 30.

■ 6. Section 20.105 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.105 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and

hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset,

except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the July 16, 2021, **Federal Register** (86 FR 37854).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.
(a) *Gallinules*.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
Delaware	Sept. 4–Nov. 24	15	45
Florida (1)	Sept. 1–Nov.9	15	45
Georgia	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 & Dec. 12–Jan. 31	15 15	45 45
New Jersey	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	1	3
New York:			
Long Island	Closed		
Remainder of State	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	8	24
North Carolina	Sept. 4–Sept. 14 & Oct. 2–Dec. 11	15 15	45 45
Pennsylvania	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	3	9
South Carolina	Sept. 8–Sept. 12 & Oct. 4–Dec. 7	15 15	45 45
Virginia	Sept. 7–Nov. 15	15	45
West Virginia	Oct. 1–Oct. 14 & Dec. 7–Jan. 31	15 15	45 45
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
Alabama	Sept. 11–Sept. 26 & Nov. 26–Jan. 18	15 15	45 45
Arkansas	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	15	45
Kentucky	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	3	9
Louisiana	Sept. 11–Sept. 26 & Nov. 13–Jan. 5	15 15	45 45
Michigan	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	1	3
Minnesota (2):			
North Zone	Sept. 25–Nov. 23	15	45
Central Zone	Sept. 25–Oct. 3 & Oct. 9–Nov. 28	15 15	45 45
South Zone	Sept. 25–Oct. 3 & Oct. 9–Nov. 28	15 15	45 45
Mississippi	Sept. 1–Oct. 3 & Nov. 26–Jan. 1	15 15	45 45
Ohio	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	15	45
Tennessee:	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	15	45
Wisconsin	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	8	24
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
New Mexico:			
Zone 1	Sept. 11–Nov. 19	1	3
Zone 2	Sept. 11–Nov. 19	1	3
Oklahoma	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	15	45
Texas	Sept. 11–Sept. 26 & Nov. 6–Dec. 29	15 15	45 45
PACIFIC FLYWAY			
All States	Seasons are in the aggregate with coots and listed in paragraph (e).		

(1) The season applies to common gallinules only.
(2) In *Minnesota*, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 45 coots and gallinules in the aggregate.

(b) *Special Sea Duck Seasons (Scoters, Eiders, and Long-Tailed Ducks in Atlantic Flyway).*

Within the special sea duck areas, the daily bag limit is 5 scoters, eiders, and long-tailed ducks in the aggregate, including no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders, and 4 long-tailed ducks. Possession limits are three times the

daily bag limit. These limits may be in addition to regular duck bag limits only during the regular duck season in the special sea duck hunting areas.

Note: Notwithstanding the provisions of this part, the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted in *Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New*

Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia in those areas described, delineated, and designated in their respective hunting regulations as special sea duck hunting areas.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Connecticut	Nov. 11–Jan. 19	5	15
Delaware	Nov. 23–Jan. 31	5	15
Georgia	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	5	15
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31	5	15
Maine	Nov. 8–Jan. 15	5	15
Maryland	Oct. 30–Jan. 7	5	15
Massachusetts (1)	Nov. 15–Jan. 22	5	15
New Hampshire	Nov. 18–Jan. 16	5	15
New Jersey	Nov. 6–Jan. 14	5	15
North Carolina	Nov. 23–Jan. 31	5	15
Rhode Island	Nov. 25–Jan. 23	5	15
South Carolina	Nov. 20–Nov. 27 &	5	15
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31	5	15
Virginia	Nov. 11–Jan. 9	5	15

(1) In *Massachusetts*, the daily bag limit may not include more than 1 hen eider. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

(c) *Early (September) Duck Seasons.*

Note: Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for teal only.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
Delaware (1)	Sept. 11–Sept. 29	6	18
Florida (2)	Sept. 18–Sept. 26	6	18
Georgia	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	6	18
Maryland (1)	Sept. 16–Sept. 30	6	18
North Carolina (1)	Sept. 11–Sept. 29	6	18
South Carolina (3)	Sept. 10–Sept. 25	6	18
Virginia (1)			
Area East of Interstate 95	Sept. 17–Sept. 30	6	18
Area West of Interstate 95	Sept. 21–Sept. 30	6	18
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
Alabama	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	6	18
Arkansas (3)	Sept. 15–Sept. 30	6	18
Illinois (3)	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	6	18
Indiana (3)	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	6	18
Iowa (3)	Sept. 1–Sept. 16	6	18
Kentucky (2)	Sept. 18–Sept. 26	6	18
Louisiana	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	6	18
Michigan	Sept. 1–Sept. 16	6	18
Minnesota (3)	Sept. 4–Sept. 8	6	18
Mississippi	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	6	18
Missouri (3)	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	6	18
Ohio (3)	Sept. 4–Sept. 19	6	18
Tennessee (2)	Sept. 11–Sept. 19	6	18
Wisconsin	Sept. 1–Sept. 9	6	18
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
Colorado (1)	Sept. 11–Sept. 19	6	18
Kansas:			
Low Plains	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	6	18
High Plains	Sept. 18–Sept. 26	6	18
Nebraska:			
Low Plains	Sept. 4–Sept. 19	6	18
High Plains	Sept. 4–Sept. 12	6	18
New Mexico	Sept. 11–Sept. 19	6	18
Oklahoma	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	6	18
Texas:			
High Plains	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	6	18
Rest of State	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	6	18

(1) Area restrictions. See State regulations.

(2) In *Florida*, *Kentucky*, and *Tennessee*, the daily bag limit for the first 5 days of the season is 6 wood ducks and teal in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be wood ducks. During the last 4 days of the season, the daily bag limit is 6 teal only. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

(3) Shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(d) *Special Early Canada and Cackling Goose Seasons.*

Note: Unless otherwise specified, the daily bag and possession limits for Canada and cackling geese are in the aggregate.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
<i>Connecticut</i> (1):			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15	45
South Zone	Sept. 15–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>Delaware</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
<i>Florida</i>	Sept. 4–Sept. 26	5	15
<i>Georgia</i>	Sept. 4–Sept. 26	5	15
<i>Maine</i> :			
Northern Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	6	18
Southern Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	10	30
Coastal Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	10	30
<i>Maryland</i> (1)(2):			
Eastern Unit	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	8	24
Western Unit	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	8	24
<i>Massachusetts</i> :			
Central Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 24	15	45
Coastal Zone	Same as Central Zone	15	45
Western Zone	Same as Central Zone	15	45
<i>New Hampshire</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	5	15
<i>New Jersey</i> (1)(2)(3)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>New York</i> (4):			
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	8	24
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
East Central Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
Hudson Valley Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
West Central Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
South Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
Western Long Island Zone	Closed		
Central Long Island Zone	Sept. 7–Sept. 30	15	45
Eastern Long Island Zone	Sept. 7–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>North Carolina</i> (5)(6)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>Pennsylvania</i> (7):			
SJBZ Zone (8)	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	5	15
Rest of State (9)	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	8	24
<i>Rhode Island</i> (1)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>South Carolina</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>Vermont</i> :			
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	8	24
Interior Vermont Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	8	24
Connecticut River Zone (10)	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	5	15
<i>Virginia</i> (11)	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	10	30
<i>West Virginia</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 12	5	15
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
<i>North Dakota</i> :			
Missouri River Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 7	15	45
Western ND Canada, and Cackling Goose Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	15	45
Remainder of State	Sept. 1–Sept. 22	15	45
<i>Oklahoma</i>	Sept. 11–Sept. 20	8	24
<i>South Dakota</i> (12)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	8	24
<i>Texas</i> :			
East Zone	Sept. 11–Sept. 26	5	15
PACIFIC FLYWAY			
<i>Colorado</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 9	4	12
<i>Idaho</i> :			
Zone 4	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	5	15
<i>Oregon</i> :			
Northwest Permit Zone	Sept. 11–Sept. 19	5	15
Southwest Zone	Sept. 11–Sept. 15	5	15
Eastern Zone	Sept. 11–Sept. 15	5	15
Mid-Columbia Zone	Sept. 11–Sept. 15	5	15
<i>Washington</i> :			
Area 1	Sept. 4–Sept. 9	5	15
Area 2 Inland	Sept. 4–Sept. 12	5	15
Area 2 Coast (13)	Sept. 4–Sept. 12	5	15

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Area 3	Sept. 4–Sept. 9	5	15
Area 4	Sept. 4–Sept. 5	5	10
Area 5	Sept. 4–Sept. 5	5	10
<i>Wyoming:</i>			
Teton County Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 8	4	12
Balance of State Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 8	4	12

(1) Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

(2) The use of shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shotshells is allowed.

(3) The use of electronic calls is allowed.

(4) In *New York*, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, the use of shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shotshells is allowed, and the use of electronic calls is allowed, except during Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days in Lake Champlain, North-eastern, and Southeastern Goose Hunting Areas. During the designated Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days in these areas, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, shotguns must be capable of holding no more than 3 shotshells, and electronic calls are not allowed. See State regulations for further details.

(5) In *North Carolina*, the use of unplugged guns and electronic calls is allowed in that area west of U.S. Highway 17 only.

(6) In *North Carolina*, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset in that area west of U.S. Highway 17 only.

(7) In *Pennsylvania*, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from September 1 to September 24. On September 25, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(8) In *Pennsylvania*, in the area south of State Route (SR) 198 from the Ohio State line to intersection of SR 18, SR 18 south to SR 618, SR 618 south to U.S. Route 6, U.S. Route 6 east to U.S. Route 322/SR 18, U.S. Route 322/SR 18 west to intersection of SR 3013, SR 3013 south to the Crawford/Mercer County line, the season dates are September 1 to September 11. The daily bag limit is 1 goose with a possession limit of 3 geese. The season is closed on State Game Lands 214. However, during youth waterfowl hunting days, regular season regulations apply.

(9) In *Pennsylvania*, in the area of Lancaster and Lebanon Counties north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike I-76, east of SR 501 to SR 419, south of SR 419 to the Lebanon-Berks County line, west of the Lebanon-Berks County line and the Lancaster-Berks County line to SR 1053, west of SR 1053 to the Pennsylvania Turnpike I-76, the daily bag limit is 1 goose with a possession limit of 3 geese. On State Game Lands No. 46 (Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area), the season is closed. However, during youth waterfowl hunting days, regular season regulations apply.

(10) In *Vermont*, the season in the Connecticut River Zone is the same as the New Hampshire Inland Zone season, set by New Hampshire.

(11) In *Virginia*, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from September 1 to September 16 in the area east of I-95. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from September 1 to September 20 in the area west of I-95.

(12) See State regulations for additional information and restrictions.

(13) In *Washington*, in Pacific County, the daily bag and possession limits are 15 and 45 Canada and cackling geese in the aggregate, respectively.

(e) *Waterfowl, Coots, and Pacific-Flyway Seasons for Gallinules.*

Definitions

Atlantic Flyway: Includes Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Mississippi Flyway: Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

Central Flyway: Includes Colorado (east of the Continental Divide), Kansas, Montana (Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Judith Basin, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Wheatland, and all counties east thereof), Nebraska, New Mexico (east of the Continental Divide except that the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation is in the Pacific Flyway), North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and

Wyoming (east of the Continental Divide).

Pacific Flyway: Includes the States of Arizona, California, Colorado (west of the Continental Divide), Idaho, Montana (including and to the west of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park Counties), Nevada, New Mexico (the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation and west of the Continental Divide), Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming (west of the Continental Divide including the Great Divide Basin).

Light Geese: Includes lesser snow (including blue) geese, greater snow geese, and Ross's geese.

Dark Geese: Includes Canada geese, cackling geese, white-fronted geese, brant (except in California, Oregon, Washington, and the Atlantic Flyway), and all other goose species except light geese.

Note: Unless otherwise specified, the daily bag and possession limits for Canada and cackling geese are in the aggregate.

Atlantic Flyway

Flyway-Wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 2 mallards (1 female mallards), 1 scaup (except as footnoted below), 2 black ducks, 1 pintail, 1 mottled duck, 1 fulvous whistling duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 4 scoters, 4 eiders, and 4 long-tailed ducks. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Harlequin Ducks: All areas of the Flyway are closed to harlequin duck hunting.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit is 5 mergansers and may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers. In States that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 2 may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Connecticut:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (1):			
North Zone	Oct. 9–Oct. 16 &	6	18
	Nov. 11–Jan. 11	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 9–Oct. 13 &	6	18

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
	Nov. 16–Jan. 19	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
AFRP Unit North	Oct. 9–Oct. 16 &	5	15
	Nov. 11–Dec. 11 &	5	15
	Dec. 24–Feb. 14	5	15
AFRP Unit South	Oct. 9–Oct. 16 &	5	15
	Nov. 11–Dec. 11 &	5	15
	Dec. 24–Feb. 15	5	15
NAP H-Unit North and H-Unit South	Oct. 9–Oct. 16 &	2	6
	Nov. 11–Jan. 11	2	6
AP Unit North Zone	Nov. 25–Dec. 11 &	1	3
	Dec. 18–Jan. 4	1	3
Special Season	Jan. 15–Feb. 15	5	15
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 15 &	25	.....
	Feb. 22–Mar. 10	25	.....
South Zone	Oct. 1–Nov. 30 &	25	.....
	Jan. 6–Mar. 10	25	.....
Brant:			
North Zone	Nov. 15–Jan. 11	2	6
South Zone	Nov. 23–Jan. 19	2	6
Delaware:			
Ducks	Oct. 22–Nov. 1 &	6	18
	Nov. 22–Nov. 27 &	6	18
	Dec. 10–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2) ..	Nov. 24–Nov. 27 &	1	3
	Dec. 24–Jan. 22	1	3
Light Geese (3)	Oct. 1–Jan. 31 &	25	.....
	Feb. 5 only	25	.....
Brant	Nov. 22–Nov. 27 &	2	6
	Dec. 11–Jan. 31	2	6
Florida:			
Ducks (4)	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 11–Jan. 30	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese	Nov. 20–Nov. 28	5	15
	Dec. 1–Jan. 30	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Ducks	15	.....
Georgia:			
Ducks	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2) ..	Oct. 9–Oct. 24 &	5	15
	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	5	15
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese.	5	15
Brant	Closed .....	.....	.....
Maine:			
Ducks (5):			
North Zone	Sept. 27–Dec. 4	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 12 &	6	18
	Oct. 29–Dec. 25	6	18
Coastal Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 12 &	6	18
	Nov. 6–Jan. 3	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
North Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 9	2	6
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 12 &	2	6
	Oct. 29–Dec. 25	2	6
Coastal Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 12 &	3	9
	Oct. 26–Jan. 3	3	9
Light Geese	Oct. 1–Jan. 30	25	25
Brant:			
North Zone	Sept. 27–Nov. 23	2	6
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 12 &	2	6

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Coastal Zone	Oct. 29–Dec. 14	2	6
	Oct. 1–Oct. 12 &	2	6
	Nov. 18–Jan. 3	2	6
<i>Maryland:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (6)(7)	Oct. 16–Oct. 23 &	6	18
	Nov. 13–Nov. 26 &	6	18
	Dec. 15–Jan. 31	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
RP Zone	Nov. 20–Nov. 26 &	5	15
	Dec. 15–Mar. 10	5	15
AP Zone	Dec. 17–Jan. 1 &	1	3
	Jan. 13–Jan. 31	1	3
Light Geese	Oct. 1–Nov. 26 &	25	
	Dec. 13–Jan. 31 &	25	
	Feb. 5 only	25	
Brant	Nov. 17–Nov. 26 &	2	6
	Dec. 15–Jan. 31	2	6
<i>Massachusetts:</i>			
Ducks (8)(9):			
Western Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 27 &	6	18
	Dec. 6–Dec. 27	6	18
Central Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 27 &	6	18
	Dec. 13–Jan. 1	6	18
Coastal Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 23 &	6	18
	Nov. 23–Jan. 22	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
NAP Zone:			
Central Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 27 &	2	6
	Dec. 13–Jan. 1	2	6
(Special season)	Jan. 15–Feb. 11	5	15
Coastal Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 23 &	2	6
	Nov. 30–Jan. 29	2	6
(Special season) (10)	Jan. 31–Feb. 15	5	15
AP Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 13	2	6
Light Geese:			
Western Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 27 &	15	45
	Dec. 6–Dec. 25	15	45
Central Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 27 &	15	45
	Dec. 13–Jan. 1 &	15	45
	Jan. 15–Feb. 11	15	45
Coastal Zone (10)	Oct. 16–Oct. 23 &	15	45
	Nov. 30–Jan. 29 &	15	45
	Jan. 31–Feb. 15	15	45
Brant:			
Western and Central Zones	Closed		
Coastal Zone	Nov. 26–Jan. 22	2	6
<i>New Hampshire:</i>			
Ducks:			
Northern Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 30	6	18
Inland Zone	Oct. 5–Nov. 7 &	6	18
	Nov. 24–Dec. 19	6	18
Coastal Zone	Oct. 6–Oct. 17 &	6	18
	Nov. 24–Jan. 10	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Northern Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 30	2	6
Inland Zone	Oct. 5–Nov. 7 &	2	6
	Nov. 24–Dec. 19	2	6
Coastal Zone	Oct. 6–Oct. 17 &	2	6
	Nov. 24–Jan. 10	2	6
Light Geese:			
Northern Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 30	25	
Inland Zone	Oct. 5–Dec. 19	25	
Coastal Zone	Oct. 6–Jan. 10	25	
Brant:			
Northern Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 20	2	6
Inland Zone	Oct. 5–Nov. 7 &	2	6
	Nov. 24–Dec. 9	2	6

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Coastal Zone	Oct. 6–Oct. 17 &	2	6
	Nov. 24–Dec. 31	2	6
<i>New Jersey:</i>			
Ducks (11):			
North Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 23 &	6	18
	Nov. 13–Jan. 13	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 23–Oct. 30 &	6	18
	Nov. 20–Jan. 20	6	18
Coastal Zone	Nov. 11–Nov. 13 &	6	18
	Nov. 25–Jan. 29	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
North and South Zones	Nov. 25–Nov. 27 &	1	3
	Dec. 11–Jan. 11	1	3
Coastal Zone	Nov. 11–Nov. 13 &	2	6
	Nov. 25–Jan. 29	2	6
Special Season	Jan. 19–Feb. 15	5	15
Light Geese:			
North, South, and Coastal Zones	Oct. 16–Feb. 15	25	.....
Brant:			
North Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 23 &	2	6
	Nov. 13–Jan. 1	2	6
South Zone	Oct. 23–Oct. 30 &	2	6
	Nov. 20–Jan. 8	2	6
Coastal Zone	Nov. 11–Nov. 13 &	2	6
	Nov. 25–Jan. 18	2	6
<i>New York:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (12):			
Long Island Zone	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 11–Jan. 30	6	18
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 13–Oct. 17 &	6	18
	Oct. 30–Dec. 23	6	18
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 24 &	6	18
	Oct. 30–Dec. 5	6	18
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 16–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 4–Dec. 19	6	18
Western Zone	Oct. 16–Nov. 7 &	6	18
	Nov. 27–Jan. 2	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Western Long Island (AFRP)	Oct. 19–Oct. 24 &	8	24
	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	8	24
	Dec. 8–Feb. 23	8	24
Central Long Island (NAP–L)	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	3	9
	Dec. 11–Feb. 9	3	9
Eastern Long Island (NAP–H)	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	2	6
	Dec. 11–Jan. 30	2	6
Lake Champlain (AP) Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 11	1	3
Northeast (AP) Zone	Oct. 23–Oct. 24 &	1	3
	Oct. 30–Nov. 26	1	3
East Central (AP) Zone	Oct. 23–Nov. 19 &	1	3
	Dec. 4–Dec. 5	1	3
Hudson Valley (AP) Zone	Nov. 6–Nov. 19 &	1	3
	Dec. 4–Dec. 19	1	3
West Central (AP) Zone	Oct. 23–Nov. 7 &	1	3
	Dec. 20–Jan. 2	1	3
South (AFRP)	Oct. 23–Nov. 19 &	5	15
	Nov. 25–Jan. 13	5	15
Light Geese (13):			
Long Island Zone	Nov. 20–Mar. 6	25	.....
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 31	25	.....
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 15	25	.....
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 15	25	.....
Western Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 15	25	.....
Brant:			
Long Island Zone	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	2	6
	Dec. 21–Jan. 30	2	6
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 13–Dec. 1	2	6
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 20	2	6
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 20	2	6
Western Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 20	2	6

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>North Carolina:</i>			
Ducks (14)(15):			
Coastal Zone	Oct. 29–Oct. 30 &	6	18
	Nov. 6–Nov. 29 &	6	18
	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	6	18
Inland Sone	Oct. 21–Oct. 23 &	6	18
	Nov. 6–Nov. 27 &	6	18
	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
RP Hunt Zone	Oct. 21–Oct. 30 &	5	15
	Nov. 6–Nov. 29 &	5	15
	Dec. 18–Feb. 12	5	15
Northeast Hunt Zone (16)	Jan. 15–Jan. 31	1	3
Light Geese	Oct. 12–Feb. 12	25	.....
Brant	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	1	3
<i>Pennsylvania:</i>			
Ducks (17):			
North Zone	Oct. 9–Oct. 23 &	6	18
	Nov. 16–Jan. 8	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 9–Oct. 16 &	6	18
	Nov. 23–Jan. 22	6	18
Northwest Zone	Oct. 9–Dec. 4 &	6	18
	Dec. 28–Jan. 8	6	18
Lake Erie Zone	Nov. 1–Jan. 8	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
Eastern (AP) Zone	Nov. 23–Nov. 26 &	1	3
	Dec. 24–Jan. 22	1	3
SJBP Zone	Oct. 23–Nov. 26 &	3	9
	Dec. 20–Feb. 12	3	9
Resident (RP) Zone	Oct. 23–Nov. 26 &	5	15
	Dec. 13–Jan. 15 &	5	15
	Feb. 4–Feb. 26	5	15
Light Geese:			
Eastern (AP) Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 29	25	.....
SJBP Zone	Oct. 12–Feb. 12	25	.....
Resident (RP) Zone	Oct. 26–Feb. 26	25	.....
Brant	Oct. 9–Dec. 6	2	6
<i>Rhode Island:</i>			
Ducks (18)			
	Oct. 8–Oct. 11 &	6	18
	Nov. 24–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 4–Jan. 23	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese			
	Nov. 20–Nov. 28 &	2	6
	Dec. 4–Jan. 23	2	6
(Special season)	Jan. 29–Feb. 12	5	15
Light Geese	Oct. 9–Jan. 23	25	75
Brant	Dec. 5–Jan. 23	2	6
<i>South Carolina:</i>			
Ducks (19)(20)(21)			
	Nov. 13 &	6	18
	Nov. 20–Nov. 27 &	6	18
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers (22)	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese			
(2)(23)(24).	Nov. 20–Nov. 27 &	5	15
	Dec. 12–Jan. 31	5	15
	Feb. 15–Mar. 1	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese.	25	.....
Brant	Dec. 13–Jan. 31	2	6
<i>Vermont:</i>			
Ducks (25):			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 13–Oct. 17 &	6	18
	Oct. 30–Dec. 23	6	18
Interior Zone	Oct. 13–Dec. 11	6	18
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 5–Nov. 7 &	6	18
	Nov. 24–Dec. 19	6	18

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 11	1	3
Interior Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 11	1	3
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 5–Nov. 7 &	2	6
	Nov. 24–Dec. 19	2	6
Light Geese:			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 31 &	25	.....
	Feb. 26–Mar. 10	25	.....
Interior Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 31 &	25	.....
	Feb. 26–Mar. 10	25	.....
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 5–Dec. 19	25	.....
Brant:			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 13–Dec. 1	2	6
Interior Zone	Oct. 13–Dec. 1	2	6
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 5–Nov. 7 &	2	6
	Nov. 24–Dec. 9	2	6
Virginia:			
Ducks (26)(27)	Oct. 8–Oct. 11 &	6	18
	Nov. 17–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 18–Jan. 30	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
Eastern (AP) Zone	Dec. 18–Dec. 31 &	1	3
	Jan. 15–Jan. 30	1	3
Western (SJB) Zone	Nov. 17–Nov. 28 &	3	9
	Dec. 18–Jan. 14 &	3	9
(Special season)	Jan. 15–Feb. 15	3	9
Western (RP) Zone	Nov. 17–Nov. 28 &	5	15
	Dec. 18–Feb. 23	5	15
Light Geese	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	25	.....
Brant	Nov. 23–Nov. 28 &	2	6
	Dec. 18–Jan. 30	2	6
West Virginia:			
Ducks (28)(29)	Oct. 1–Oct. 14 &	6	18
	Nov. 8–Nov. 13 &	6	18
	Dec. 23–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2) ..	Oct. 1–Oct. 16 &	5	15
	Nov. 8–Nov. 13 &	5	15
	Dec. 5–Jan. 31	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese.	5	15
Brant	Dec. 13–Jan. 31	2	6

(1) In *Connecticut*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from December 19 through January 11 in the North Zone and from December 28 through January 19.

(2) The daily bag and possession limits for Canada geese, cackling geese, and white-fronted geese are in the aggregate.

(3) In *Delaware*, the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) snow goose season is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only.

(4) In *Florida*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from January 11 through January 30.

(5) In *Maine*, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 of any species, with no more than 12 of any one species in possession. The season for Barrow's goldeneye is closed. Scaup bag limit is 1 for the entire season.

(6) In *Maryland*, the black duck season is closed in the first (October) segment. Two black ducks may be harvested as part of the daily duck bag limit during the 2nd and 3rd season segments of the regular duck season in both the Eastern and Western Duck Zones. Additionally, the daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 5 sea ducks, of which no more than 4 may be scoters, eiders, or long-tailed ducks. Where the Offshore Waterfowl Hunting Zone (defined by State regulation 08.03.07.07) overlaps the area open for the Special Sea Duck Season (defined by State regulation 08.03.07.04), sea ducks (scoters, long-tailed ducks, and eiders) may only be taken during the dates of the Special Sea Duck Season. Light Goose Conservation Order Dates: November 29 through December 11; February 1 through February 4; and February 7 through April 15.

(7) In *Maryland*, during the regular duck season the scaup bag limit will be 1 during all portions of the regular duck season that occur prior to January 8. The scaup bag limit will be 2 from January 8 through January 31 in both the Eastern and Western duck zones.

(8) In *Massachusetts*, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 of any single species in addition to the flyway-wide bag restrictions.

(9) In *Massachusetts*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from December 31 through January 22 in the Coastal Zone.

(10) In *Massachusetts*, the January 31 through February 15 portion of the season in the Coastal Zone is restricted to that portion of the Coastal Zone north of the Cape Cod Canal.

(11) In *New Jersey*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from December 22 through January 13 in the North Zone, from December 29 through January 20 in the South Zone, and from January 7 through January 29 in the Coastal Zone.

(12) In *New York*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from November 16 through December 5 in the Northeast Zone, from December 14 through January 2 in the Western Zone, from November 25 through November 28 and December 4 through December 19 in the Southeast Zone, from January 11 through January 30 in the Long Island Zone, and from October 13 through October 17 and October 30 through November 13 in the Lake Champlain Zone.

(13) In *New York*, the use of electronic calls and shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shotshells are allowed for hunting of light geese on any day when all other waterfowl hunting seasons are closed.

- (14) In *North Carolina*, the season is closed for black ducks and mottled ducks October 21 through October 30 and November 6 through November 19.
- (15) In *North Carolina*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from January 8 through January 31.
- (16) In *North Carolina*, a permit is required to hunt Canada, cackling, and white-fronted geese in the Northeast Hunt Zone.
- (17) In *Pennsylvania*, during the regular duck season in the North Zone, the scaup bag limit will be 1 from October 9 through October 23 and from November 16 through December 16. The scaup bag limit will be 2 from December 17 through January 8. During the regular duck season in the South Zone, the scaup bag limit will be 1 from October 9 through October 16 and from November 23 through December 30. The scaup bag limit will be 2 from December 31 through January 22. During the regular duck season in the Northwest Zone, the scaup bag limit will be 1 from October 9 through November 24. The scaup bag limit will be 2 from November 25 through December 4 and from December 28 through January 8. During the regular duck season in the Lake Erie Zone, the scaup bag limit will be 2 from November 1 through November 23. The scaup bag limit will be 1 from November 24 through January 8.
- (18) In *Rhode Island*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from January 4 through January 23.
- (19) In *South Carolina*, the daily bag limit of 6 may not exceed 1 black-bellied whistling duck or hooded merganser. Further, the black duck/mottled duck limit is as follows: (1) For areas east and south of Interstate 95, either 1 black or 1 mottled duck in the daily bag in the aggregate; (2) for areas west and north of Interstate 95, either 2 black ducks, or 1 black duck and 1 mottled duck in the daily bag.
- (20) In *South Carolina*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 on November 13, between November 20 and November 27, and between December 12 and December 22.
- (21) In *South Carolina*, on November 14, only hunters 17 years of age or younger can hunt ducks, coots, and mergansers. The youth must be accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older who is properly licensed, including State and Federal waterfowl stamps. Youth who are 16 or 17 years of age who hunt on this day are not required to have a State license or State waterfowl stamp but must possess a Federal waterfowl stamp and migratory bird permit.
- (22) In *South Carolina*, the daily bag limit for mergansers may include no more than 1 hooded merganser.
- (23) In *South Carolina*, the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 white-fronted geese.
- (24) In *South Carolina*, the hunting area for Canada and cackling geese excludes that portion of Clarendon County bounded to the north by S-14-25; to the east by Highway 260; and to the south by the markers delineating the channel of the Santee River. It also excludes that portion of Clarendon County bounded on the north by S-14-26 and extending southward to that portion of Orangeburg County bordered by Highway 6.
- (25) In *Vermont*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 within the Lake Champlain Zone: From October 13 through October 17 and from October 30 through November 13. Within the Interior Zone: From October 13 through November 1. Within the Connecticut River Zone: During the regular duck season the scaup bag limit will be 1 for the entire season.
- (26) In *Virginia*, the season is closed for black ducks October 8 through October 11.
- (27) In *Virginia*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from January 11 through January 30.
- (28) In *West Virginia*, the season is closed for eiders, whistling ducks, and mottled ducks.
- (29) In *West Virginia*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from January 12 through January 31.

Mississippi Flyway

Flyway-Wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 1 mottled duck, 2 black

ducks, 1 pintail, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 1 scaup (except as footnoted below), and 3 wood ducks. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit is 5 mergansers and may include no

more than 2 hooded mergansers. In States that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 2 may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Alabama:</i>			
Ducks	Nov. 26–Nov. 27 & Dec. 4–Jan. 30	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese	Sept. 4–Oct. 3 & Oct. 16–Oct. 30 & Nov. 26–Nov. 27 & Dec. 4–Jan. 30	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese	5	15
<i>Arkansas:</i>			
Ducks	Nov. 20–Nov. 29 & Dec. 11–Dec. 23 & Dec. 26–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 & Oct. 30–Nov. 1 & Nov. 20–Dec. 3 & Dec. 5–Jan. 31	5	15
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 30–Nov. 14 & Nov. 20–Dec. 3 & Dec. 5–Jan. 31	3	9
Brant	Closed	2	6
Light Geese	Same as for White-fronted Geese	2	6
<i>Illinois:</i>			
Ducks (1):			
North Zone	Oct. 23–Dec. 21	6	18
Central Zone	Oct. 30–Dec. 28	6	18
South Central Zone	Nov. 13–Jan. 11	6	18
South Zone	Nov. 27–Jan. 25	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 &	5	15
	Oct. 23–Jan. 20	3	9
Central Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 &	5	15
	Oct. 30–Nov. 7 &	3	9
	Nov. 12–Jan. 31	3	9
South Central Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 &	2	6
	Nov. 13–Jan. 31	3	9
South Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 &	2	6
	Nov. 27–Jan. 31	3	9
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 25–Jan. 20	2	6
Central Zone	Nov. 5–Jan. 31	2	6
South Central Zone	Nov. 13–Jan. 31	2	6
South Zone	Nov. 27–Jan. 31	2	6
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 20	20	.....
Central Zone	Oct. 30–Jan. 31	20	.....
South Central Zone	Nov. 13–Jan. 31	20	.....
South Zone	Nov. 27–Jan. 31	20	.....
Brant	Same as for Light Geese	1	3
Indiana:			
Ducks (2):			
North Zone	Oct. 23–Dec. 12 &	6	18
	Dec. 26–Jan. 3	6	18
Central Zone	Oct. 30–Nov. 7 &	6	18
	Nov. 20–Jan. 9	6	18
South Zone	Nov. 6–Nov. 7 &	6	18
	Nov. 27–Jan. 23	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (3):			
North Zone	Sept. 11–Sept. 19 &	5	15
	Oct. 23–Oct. 31 &	5	15
	Nov. 20–Feb. 13	5	15
Central Zone	Sept. 11–Sept. 19 &	5	15
	Oct. 30–Nov. 7 &	5	15
	Nov. 20–Feb. 13	5	15
South Zone	Sept. 11–Sept. 19 &	5	15
	Nov. 6–Nov. 21 &	5	15
	Nov. 27–Feb. 13	5	15
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	.....
Central Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	.....
South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	.....
Iowa:			
Ducks (4):			
North Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 8 &	6	18
	Oct. 16–Dec. 7	6	18
Central Zone	Oct. 9–Oct. 15 &	6	18
	Oct. 23–Dec. 14	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 22 &	6	18
	Oct. 30–Dec. 21	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
North Zone Canada and Cackling Geese only	Sept. 4–Sept. 12	5	15
North Zone (5)	Sept. 25–Oct. 10 &	5	15
	Oct. 16–Dec. 7 &	5	15
	Dec. 11–Jan. 8	5	15
Central Zone Canada and Cackling Geese only	Sept. 4–Sept. 12	5	15
Central Zone (5)	Oct. 2–Oct. 17 &	5	15
	Oct. 23–Dec. 14 &	5	15
	Dec. 18–Jan. 15	5	15
South Zone (5)	Oct. 9–Oct. 24 &	5	15
	Oct. 30–Dec. 21 &	5	15
	Dec. 25–Jan. 22	5	15
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	.....
Missouri River Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	.....
South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	.....

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Kentucky:</i>			
Ducks (6):			
West Zone	Nov. 25–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 7–Jan. 31	6	18
East Zone	Same as West Zone	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese	Sept. 16–Sept. 30 &	5	15
	Nov. 25–Feb. 15	3	9
White-fronted Geese	Nov. 25–Feb. 15	2	6
Brant	Nov. 25–Feb. 15	1	3
Light Geese	Nov. 25–Feb. 15	20	60
<i>Louisiana:</i>			
Ducks (7):			
East Zone	Nov. 20–Dec. 5 &	6	18
	Dec. 18–Jan. 30	6	18
West Zone	Nov. 13–Dec. 5 &	6	18
	Dec. 18–Jan. 2 &	6	18
	Jan. 10–Jan. 30	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
East Zone	Nov. 6–Dec. 5 &	1	3
	Dec. 18–Jan. 30	1	3
West Zone	Nov. 6–Dec. 5 &	1	3
	Dec. 18–Jan. 2 &	1	3
	Jan. 10–Feb. 6	1	3
White-fronted Geese	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	3	9
Brant	Closed		
Light Geese	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	
<i>Michigan:</i>			
Ducks (8):			
North Zone	Sept. 25–Nov. 21 &	6	18
	Nov. 27–Nov. 28	6	18
Middle Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 11–Dec. 12	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 9–Dec. 5 &	6	18
	Jan. 1–Jan. 2	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (9):			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Dec. 16	5	15
Middle Zone	Sept. 1–Dec. 16	5	15
South Zone:			
Muskegon Wastewater GMU	Oct. 16–Dec. 23	5	15
Allegan County GMU	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 &	5	15
	Nov. 6–Nov. 13 &	5	15
	Nov. 25–Dec. 5 &	5	15
	Dec. 18–Feb. 13	5	15
Remainder of South Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 &	5	15
	Oct. 9–Dec. 5 &	5	15
	Jan. 1–Jan. 9 &	5	15
	Feb. 5–Feb. 14	5	15
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Middle Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
South Zone:			
Muskegon Wastewater GMU	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Allegan County GMU	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Remainder of South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
<i>Minnesota:</i>			
Ducks (10):			
North Zone	Sept. 25–Nov. 23	6	18
Central Zone	Sept. 25–Oct. 3 &	6	18
	Oct. 9–Nov. 28	6	18
South Zone	Sept. 25–Oct. 3 &	6	18
	Oct. 9–Nov. 28	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots (11)	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
North Zone	Sept. 4–Sept. 19 &	5	15
	Sept. 25–Dec. 24	5	15

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Central Zone	Sept. 4–Sept. 19 &	5	15
	Sept. 25–Oct. 3 &	5	15
	Oct. 9–Dec. 29	5	15
South Zone	Sept. 4–Sept. 19 &	5	15
	Sept. 25–Oct. 3 &	5	15
	Oct. 9–Dec. 29	5	15
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Central Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
<i>Mississippi:</i>			
Ducks (6)	Nov. 26–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 3–Dec. 5 &	6	18
	Dec. 9–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 &	5	15
	Nov. 12–Nov. 28 &	5	15
	Dec. 3–Dec. 5 &	5	15
	Dec. 9–Jan. 31	5	15
White-fronted Geese	Nov. 12–Nov. 28 &	3	9
	Dec. 3–Dec. 5 &	3	9
	Dec. 9–Jan. 31	3	9
Brant	Same as for White-fronted Geese	1	3
Light Geese	Same as for White-fronted Geese	20	.....
<i>Missouri:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (12):			
North Zone	Oct. 30–Dec. 28	6	18
Middle Zone	Nov. 6–Nov. 14 &	6	18
	Nov. 20–Jan. 9	6	18
South Zone	Nov. 25–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 7–Jan. 31	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling Geese, and Brant (13):			
North Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 10 &	3	9
	Nov. 11–Feb. 6	3	9
Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	3	9
South Zone	Same as North Zone	3	9
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone	Nov. 11–Feb. 6	2	6
Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	2	6
South Zone	Same as North Zone	2	6
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Nov. 11–Feb. 6	20	.....
Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	20	.....
South Zone	Same as North Zone	20	.....
<i>Ohio:</i>			
Ducks (14):			
Lake Erie Marsh Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 31 &	6	18
	Nov. 6–Dec. 19	6	18
North Zone	Oct. 23–Oct. 31 &	6	18
	Nov. 13–Jan. 2	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 23–Oct. 31 &	6	18
	Dec. 11–Jan. 30	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (15):			
Lake Erie Goose Zone	Sept. 4–Sept. 12 &	5	15
	Oct. 16–Oct. 31 &	5	15
	Nov. 6–Dec. 19	5	15
	Jan. 1–Feb. 5	5	15
North Zone	Sept. 4–Sept. 12 &	5	15
	Oct. 23–Oct. 31 &	5	15
	Nov. 13–Feb. 5	5	15
South Zone	Sept. 4–Sept. 12 &	5	15
	Oct. 23–Oct. 31 &	5	15
	Nov. 18–Feb. 12	5	15
Light Geese:			
Lake Erie Goose Zone	Same as Dark Geese	10	30
North Zone	Same as Dark Geese	10	30
South Zone	Same as Dark Geese	10	30
<i>Tennessee:</i>			

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Ducks (16):			
Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 13–Nov. 14 &	6	18
	Dec. 4–Jan. 30	6	18
Rest of State	Nov. 27–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 4–Jan. 30	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Reelfoot Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 19 &	5	15
	Oct. 9–Oct. 19 &	3	9
	Nov. 13–Nov. 14 &	3	9
	Dec. 4–Jan. 30	3	9
Rest of State	Sept. 1–Sept. 19 &	5	15
	Oct. 9–Oct. 19 &	3	9
	Nov. 27–Nov. 28 &	3	9
	Dec. 4–Jan. 30	3	9
White-fronted Geese:			
Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 13–Nov. 14 &	3	9
	Dec. 4–Jan. 30	3	9
Rest of State	Nov. 27–Nov. 28 &	3	9
	Dec. 4–Jan. 30	3	9
Brant	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	1	3
Light Geese	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	.....
Wisconsin:			
Ducks (17):			
North Zone	Sept. 25–Nov. 23	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 10 &	6	18
	Oct. 16–Dec. 5	6	18
Open Water Zone	Oct. 16–Dec. 14	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	5	15
	Sept. 16–Dec. 16	3	9
South Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	5	15
	Sept. 16–Oct. 10 &	3	9
	Oct. 16–Dec. 5 &	3	9
	Dec. 20–Jan. 4	5	15
Mississippi River Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	5	15
	Oct. 2–Oct. 10 &	3	9
	Oct. 16–Jan. 4	3	9
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone	Sept. 16–Dec. 16	1	3
South Zone	Sept. 16–Oct. 10 &	1	3
	Oct. 16–Dec. 5 &	1	3
	Dec. 20–Jan. 4	1	3
Mississippi River Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 10 &	1	3
	Oct. 16–Jan. 4	1	3
Brant	Same as for White-fronted Geese	1	3
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Dec. 16	20	-
South Zone	Sept. 1–Oct. 10 &	20	.....
	Oct. 16–Dec. 5 &	20	.....
	Dec. 20–Jan. 4	20	.....
Mississippi River Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 &	20	.....
	Oct. 2–Oct. 10 &	20	.....
	Oct. 16–Jan. 4	20	.....

(1) In *Illinois*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 during the first 45 days in each of the 4 Zones.
(2) In *Indiana*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from November 7 through December 12 and from December 26 through January 3 in the North Zone, from November 26 through January 9 in the Central Zone, and from December 10 through January 23 in the South Zone.
(3) In *Indiana*, the dark goose daily bag limit of 5 per day in the aggregate. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.
(4) In *Iowa*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 for the last 45 days of the season.
(5) In *Iowa*, the dark goose daily bag limit is 5 and may not include more than 2 Canada and cackling geese September 25 through October 31, or 3 Canada and cackling geese November 1 until the end of the season.
(6) In *Kentucky* and *Mississippi*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from December 18 through January 31.
(7) In *Louisiana*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from November 28 through 30 in the West Zones, and from December 4 through January 30 in the East Zone.
(8) In *Michigan*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from September 25 through November 8 in the North Zone, from October 18 through November 28 and December 11 through 12 in the Middle Zone, and from October 25 through December 5 and January 1 through 2 in the South Zone.
(9) In *Michigan*, the dark goose daily bag limit is 5 and may not include more than 1 brant. Additionally, after September 30, the daily bag may not include more than 3 Canada and cackling geese.
(10) In *Minnesota*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 Statewide from October 15 through the remainder of the season.
(11) In *Minnesota*, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 45 coots and gallinules in the aggregate.

(12) In *Missouri*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from October 30 through December 13 in the North Zone, from November 6 through November 14 and November 20 through December 25 in the Middle Zone, and from November 25 through November 28 and December 7 through January 16 in the South Zone.

(13) In *Missouri*, Canada, cackling geese and brant will have aggregate daily bag and possession limits of 3 and 9, respectively.

(14) In *Ohio*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 on October 31 and from November 6 through December 19 in the Lake Erie Zone, from November 20 through January 2 in the North Zone, and from December 17 through January 30 in the South Zone.

(15) In *Ohio*, the dark goose daily bag limit may include no more than 1 brant.

(16) In *Tennessee*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from December 17 through January 30.

(17) In *Wisconsin*, the daily bag limit for scaup is 2 from October 10 through November 23 in the North Zone, from October 22 through December 5 in the South Zone, and from October 31 through December 14 in the Open Water Zone.

Central Flyway

Flyway-Wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit is 6 ducks, which may include no more than 5 mallards (2 female mallards), 1 pintail,

2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 1 scaup, and 3 wood ducks. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit is 5 mergansers and may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers. In

States that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 2 may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Colorado:</i>			
<i>Ducks:</i>			
Southeast Zone	Oct. 28–Jan. 31	6	18
Northeast Zone	Oct. 9–Nov. 28 & Dec. 18–Jan. 31	6	18
Mountain/Foothills Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 28 & Dec. 25–Jan. 31	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
<i>Dark Geese:</i>			
Northern Front Range Unit	Nov. 1–Feb. 13	5	15
South Park Unit	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	5	15
San Luis Valley Unit	Oct. 2–Oct. 20 & Nov. 20–Feb. 13	5	15
North Park Unit	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	5	15
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Nov. 1–Feb. 13	5	15
<i>Light Geese:</i>			
Northern Front Range Unit	Oct. 30–Feb. 13	50	.....
South Park Unit	Oct. 30–Feb. 13	50	.....
San Luis Valley Unit	Oct. 30–Feb. 13	50	.....
North Park Unit	Oct. 30–Feb. 13	50	.....
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Oct. 30–Feb. 13	50	.....
<i>Kansas:</i>			
<i>Ducks:</i>			
High Plains	Oct. 9–Jan. 2 & Jan. 21–Jan. 30	6	18
Low Plains:			
Early Zone	Oct. 9–Dec. 5 & Dec. 18–Jan. 2	6	18
Late Zone	Oct. 30–Jan. 2 & Jan. 22–Jan. 30	6	18
Southeast Zone	Nov. 6–Jan. 2 & Jan. 15–Jan. 30	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (1)	Oct. 30–Oct. 31 & Nov. 3–Feb. 13	6	18
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 30–Jan. 2 & Jan. 22–Feb. 13	2	6
Light Geese	Oct. 30–Oct. 31 & Nov. 3–Feb. 13	50	.....
<i>Montana:</i>			
<i>Ducks and Mergansers (2):</i>			
Zone 1	Oct. 2–Jan. 6	6	18
Zone 2	Oct. 2–Oct. 10 & Oct. 23–Jan. 18	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
<i>Dark Geese:</i>			
Zone 1	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	5	15
Zone 2	Oct. 2–Oct. 10 & Oct. 23–Jan. 26	5	15
<i>Light Geese:</i>			
Zone 1	Oct. 2–Jan. 14 & Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Zone 2	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Nebraska:</i>			
Ducks (3):			
Zone 1	Oct. 16–Dec. 28	6	18
Zone 2:			
Low Plains	Oct. 9–Dec. 21	6	18
High Plains	Oct. 9–Dec. 21 &	6	18
	Jan. 5–Jan. 26	6	18
Zone 3:	Oct. 23–Jan. 4	6	18
Zone 4	Oct. 30–Jan. 11	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Niobrara Unit	Oct. 28–Feb. 9	5	15
North Central Unit	Oct. 11–Jan. 23	5	15
Platte River Unit	Oct. 28–Feb. 9	5	15
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 9–Dec. 19 &	2	6
	Jan. 25–Feb. 9	2	6
Light Geese	Oct. 9–Jan. 5 &	50	.....
	Jan. 25–Feb. 9	50	.....
<i>New Mexico:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (4):			
North Zone	Oct. 9–Jan. 12	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 28–Jan. 31	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	2	2
Rest of State	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	5	15
Light Geese	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	50	.....
<i>North Dakota:</i>			
Ducks (2):			
High Plains	Sept. 25–Dec. 5 &	6	18
	Dec. 11–Jan. 2	6	18
Remainder of State	Sept. 25–Dec. 5	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese (5):			
Missouri River Zone	Sept. 25–Dec. 31	5	15
Western ND Zone	Sept. 25–Dec. 23	8	24
Rest of State	Sept. 25–Dec. 18	8	24
White-fronted Geese	Sept. 25–Dec. 5	3	9
Light Geese	Sept. 25–Dec. 31	50	.....
<i>Oklahoma:</i>			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 9–Jan. 5	6	18
Low Plains:			
Zone 1	Nov. 13–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 4–Jan. 30	6	18
Zone 2	Nov. 13–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 4–Jan. 30	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (1)	Nov. 6–Nov. 28 &	8	24
	Dec. 4–Feb. 13	8	24
White-fronted Geese	Nov. 6–Nov. 28 &	2	6
	Dec. 4–Feb. 6	2	6
Light Geese	Nov. 6–Nov. 28 &	50	.....
	Dec. 4–Feb. 13	50	.....
<i>South Dakota:</i>			
Ducks (2)(3):			
High Plains	Oct. 9–Jan. 13	6	18
Low Plains:			
North Zone	Sept. 25–Dec. 7	6	18
Middle Zone	Sept. 25–Dec. 7	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 4	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Unit 1	Oct. 1–Dec. 16	8	24
Unit 2	Nov. 1–Feb. 13	4	12
Unit 3	Oct. 16–Dec. 19 &	4	12
	Jan. 8–Jan. 16	4	12
White-fronted Geese	Sept. 25–Dec. 7	3	9

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Light Geese	Sept. 25–Jan. 7	50	.....
<i>Texas:</i>			
Ducks (6):			
High Plains	Oct. 30–Oct. 31 & Nov. 5–Jan. 30	6 6	18 18
Low Plains:			
North Zone	Nov. 13–Nov. 28 & Dec. 4–Jan. 30	6 6	18 18
South Zone	Nov. 6–Nov. 28 & Dec. 11–Jan. 30	6 6	18 18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant (7):			
East Tier:			
South Zone	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	5	15
North Zone	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	5	15
West Tier	Nov. 13–Feb. 13	5	15
White-fronted Geese (7):			
East Tier:			
South Zone	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	2	6
North Zone	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	2	6
West Tier	Nov. 13–Feb. 13	2	6
Light Geese:			
East Tier:			
South Zone	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	10	.....
North Zone	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	10	.....
West Tier	Nov. 13–Feb. 13	10	.....
<i>Wyoming:</i>			
Ducks (2)(8):			
Zone C1	Oct. 2–Oct. 17 & Nov. 6–Jan. 25	6 6	18 18
Zone C2	Sept. 25–Dec. 5 & Dec. 18–Jan. 11	6 6	18 18
Zone C3	Same as Zone C2	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
Zone G1A (8)	Oct. 2–Oct. 13 & Nov. 13–Feb. 13	2 4	6 12
Zone G1	Oct. 2–Oct. 10 & Nov. 6–Nov. 28 & Dec. 3–Feb. 13	5 5 5	15 15 15
Zone G2	Sept. 25–Dec. 5 & Dec. 18–Jan. 19	5 5	15 15
Zone G3	Same as Zone G2	.....	.....
Zone G4	Same as Zone G1	.....	.....
Light Geese	Oct. 2–Jan. 2 & Feb. 2–Feb. 13	20 20	60 60

(1) In *Kansas* and *Oklahoma*, dark geese include Canada, cackling geese, brant, and all other geese except white-fronted geese and light geese.

(2) In *Montana*, during the first 9 days of the duck season, and in *North Dakota*, *South Dakota* (*Tier I license*), and *Wyoming*, during the first 16 days of the duck season, the daily bag and possession limit may include 2 and 6 additional blue-winged teal, respectively.

(3) For hunters possessing a Tier II license the daily bag limit is 3 ducks or mergansers of any species in the aggregate, and the possession limit is 9.

(4) In *New Mexico*, Mexican-like ducks are included in the aggregate with mallards.

(5) In *North Dakota*, see State regulations for additional shooting hour restrictions.

(6) In *Texas*, the daily bag limit is 6 ducks, which may include no more than 5 mallards (only 2 of which may be females), 2 redheads, 3 wood ducks, 3 scaup, 2 canvasbacks, 1 pintail, and 1 dusky duck (mottled duck, Mexican-like duck, black duck and their hybrids). The season for dusky ducks is closed the first 5 days of the season in all zones. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

(7) In *Texas*, in the West Goose Zone, the daily bag limit for dark geese is 5 in the aggregate and may include no more than 2 white-fronted geese. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit.

(8) See State regulations for additional restrictions.

Pacific Flyway

Flyway-Wide Restrictions

Duck and Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit of 7 ducks (including mergansers) may include no more than

2 female mallards, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, and 2 canvasbacks. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Coot and Gallinule Limits: Daily bag and possession limits are in the aggregate for the two groups.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Arizona:</i>			
Ducks (1): .....	.....	7	21
North Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 16–Jan. 9	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 1–Jan. 9	7	21
South Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	7	21
Coots and Gallinules	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Dark Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 9	4	12
South Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	4	12
Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese	10	30
<i>California:</i>			
Ducks: .....	.....	7	21
Northeastern Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 2–Nov. 28 &	2	6
Other Ducks	Dec. 16–Jan. 12	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 2–Jan. 12	7	21
Colorado River Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	7	21
Southern Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	7	21
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	7	21
Balance of State Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	7	21
Coots and Gallinule	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada and Cackling Geese (2)(3):			
Northeastern Zone (4)	Oct. 2–Jan. 9	10	30
Klamath Basin Special Management Area	Oct. 2–Jan. 9	10	30
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	4	12
Southern Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	3	9
Balance of State Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 6 &	10	30
North Coast Special Management Area	Oct. 23–Jan. 30	10	30
North Coast Special Management Area	Nov. 8–Jan. 31 &	10	30
North Coast Special Management Area	Feb. 19–Mar. 10	10	30
White-fronted Geese (2):			
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 28 &	10	30
Northeastern Zone	Jan. 1–Jan. 14 &	10	30
Northeastern Zone	Feb. 6–Mar. 10	10	30
Klamath Basin Special Management Area	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	10	30
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	4	12
Southern Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	3	9
Balance of State Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 30 &	10	30
Sacramento Valley Special Management Area	Feb. 19–Feb. 23	10	30
Sacramento Valley Special Management Area	Oct. 23–Dec. 21	3	9
Light Geese:			
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 28 &	20	60
Northeastern Zone	Jan. 1–Jan. 14 &	20	60
Northeastern Zone	Feb. 6–Mar. 10	20	60
Klamath Basin Special Management Area	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	20	60
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	20	60
Southern Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	20	60
Imperial County Special Management Area	Nov. 6–Feb. 4 &	20	60
Imperial County Special Management Area	Feb. 7–Feb. 11 &	20	60
Imperial County Special Management Area	Feb. 14–Feb. 22	20	60
Balance of State Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 30 &	20	60
Balance of State Zone	Feb. 19–Feb. 23	20	60
Brant:			
Northern Zone	Nov. 8–Dec. 14	2	6
Balance of State Zone	Nov. 9–Dec. 15	2	6
<i>Colorado:</i>			
Ducks: .....	.....	7	21
East Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 2–Dec. 26	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	7	21

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
West Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 2–Oct. 19 &	2	6
	Nov. 6–Jan. 12	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 2–Oct. 19 &	7	21
	Nov. 6–Jan. 31	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Dark Geese:			
East Zone	Oct. 2–Jan. 5	4	12
West Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 10 &	4	12
	Nov. 6–Jan. 31	4	12
Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese	10	30
Idaho:			
Ducks:		7	21
Zone 1:			
Scaup	Oct. 2–Dec. 26	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	7	21
Zone 2:			
Scaup	Oct. 2–Dec. 26	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	7	21
Zone 3:			
Scaup	Nov. 4–Jan. 28	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 16–Jan. 28	7	21
Zone 4:			
Scaup	Oct. 2–Dec. 26	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada, Cackling Geese, and Brant (5):			
Zone 1	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	4	12
Zone 2	Oct. 19–Jan. 31	4	12
Zone 3	Oct. 16–Jan. 28	4	12
Zone 4	Oct. 2–Dec. 30	4	12
Zone 5	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	4	12
White-fronted Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	10	30
Zone 2	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	10	30
Zone 3	Oct. 19–Jan. 31	10	30
Zone 4	Nov. 1–Feb. 13	10	30
Zone 5	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	10	30
Light Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	20	60
Zone 2	Oct. 2–Dec. 11 &	20	60
	Feb. 5–Mar. 10	20	60
Zone 3	Nov. 26–Mar. 10	20	60
Zone 4	Oct. 19–Jan. 31	20	60
Zone 5	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	20	60
Zone 6	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	20	60
Montana:			
Ducks:		7	21
Scaup	Oct. 2–Dec. 26	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	25
Dark Geese (6)	Oct. 2–Jan. 14	4	12
Light Geese (6)	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Nevada:			
Ducks:		7	21
Northeast Zone:			
Scaup	Sept. 25–Oct. 13 &	2	6
	Oct. 23–Dec. 28	2	6
Other Ducks	Sept. 25–Oct. 13 &	7	21
	Oct. 23–Jan. 16	7	21
Northwest Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 4–Jan. 2 &	2	6
	Jan. 5–Jan. 30	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 16–Jan. 2 &	7	21
	Jan. 5–Jan. 30	7	21
South Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 16–Oct. 24 &	7	21
	Oct. 27–Jan. 30	7	21
Moapa Valley Special Management Area (7):			
Scaup	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 30–Jan. 30	7	21

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Coots and Gallinule	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada, Cackling Geese, and Brant (5):			
Northeast Zone	Same as for Other Ducks	4	12
Northwest Zone	Same as for Other Ducks	4	12
South Zone	Same as for Other Ducks	4	12
Moapa Valley Special Management Area (7):	Same as for Other Ducks	4	12
White-fronted Geese:			
Northeast Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	10	30
Northwest Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	10	30
South Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	10	30
Moapa Valley Special Management Area (7):	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	10	30
Light Geese (8):			
Northeast Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 16 &	20	60
	Feb. 19–Mar. 9	20	60
Northwest Zone	Nov. 5–Jan. 2 &	20	60
	Jan. 5–Jan. 30 &	20	60
	Feb. 19–Mar. 9	20	60
South Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 24 &	20	60
	Oct. 27–Jan. 30	20	60
Moapa Valley Special Management Area (7):	Oct. 30–Jan. 30	20	60
<i>New Mexico:</i>			
Ducks: .....	.....	7	21
Scaup	Oct. 19–Jan. 12	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 19–Jan. 31	7	21
Coots and Gallinules	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada, Cackling Geese, and Brant (5):			
North Zone	Sept. 25–Oct. 10 &	4	12
	Nov. 2–Jan. 31	4	12
South Zone	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	4	12
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	10	30
South Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	10	30
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	20	60
South Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	20	60
<i>Oregon:</i>			
Ducks: .....	.....	7	21
Zone 1:			
Columbia Basin Unit:			
Scaup	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 16–Oct. 31 &	7	21
	Nov. 4–Jan. 30	7	21
Rest of Zone 1	Same as Columbia Basin Unit .....	.....	.....
Zone 2:			
Scaup	Oct. 9–Nov. 28 &	2	6
	Dec. 2–Jan. 5	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 9–Nov. 28 &	7	21
	Dec. 2–Jan. 23	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Northwest Permit Zone (9)(10)	Oct. 23–Oct. 31 &	4	12
	Nov. 20–Jan. 11 &	4	12
	Feb. 5–Mar. 10	4	12
Tillamook County Management Area	Closed .....	.....	.....
Southwest Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 31 &	4	12
	Nov. 9–Jan. 30	4	12
South Coast Zone	Oct. 2–Dec. 5 &	6	18
	Dec. 18–Jan. 5 &	6	18
	Feb. 19–Mar. 10	6	18
Eastern Zone	Oct. 9–Nov. 28 &	4	12
	Dec. 14–Jan. 30	4	12
Mid-Columbia Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 31 &	4	12
	Nov. 9–Jan. 30	4	12
White-fronted Geese:			
Northwest Permit Zone (9)	Same as for Canada, and Cackling, Geese	10	30
Tillamook County Management Area	Closed .....	.....	.....
Southwest Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
South Coast Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Eastern Zone (11)	Oct. 9–Nov. 28 &	10	30
	Jan. 16–Mar. 10	10	30
Mid-Columbia Zone	Nov. 9–Jan. 30 &	10	30
	Feb. 5–Feb. 26	10	30

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Light Geese:			
Northwest Permit Zone (9)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	60
Tillamook County Management Area	Closed .....	.....	.....
Southwest Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	60
South Coast Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	60
Eastern Zone	Oct. 9–Nov. 28 &	20	60
	Jan. 16–Mar. 10	20	60
Mid-Columbia Zone	Nov. 9–Jan. 30 &	20	60
	Feb. 5–Feb. 26	20	60
Brant	Nov. 27–Dec. 12	2	6
<i>Utah:</i>			
Ducks: .....	.....	7	21
Northern Zone 1:			
Scaup	Oct. 2–Dec. 26	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 2–Jan. 15	7	21
Southern Zone 2:			
Scaup	Nov. 5–Jan. 29	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 16–Jan. 29	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada, Cackling Geese, and Brant (5):			
East Box Elder County Zone	Oct. 2–Jan. 15	4	12
Wasatch Front Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 14 &	4	12
	Nov. 6–Feb. 6	4	12
Northern Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 14 &	4	12
	Oct. 30–Jan. 30	4	12
Southern Zone	Oct. 16–Jan. 29	4	12
White-fronted Geese:			
East Box Elder County Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	10	30
Wasatch Front Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	10	30
Northern Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	10	30
Southern Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant	10	30
Light Geese	Oct. 25–Dec. 15 &	20	60
	Jan. 15–Mar. 10	20	60
<i>Washington:</i>			
Ducks: .....	.....	7	21
East and West Zones (12):			
Scaup	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 16–Oct 24 &	7	21
	Oct. 27–Jan. 30	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Area 1 (13)	Oct. 16–Nov. 28 &	4	12
	Dec. 11–Jan. 30	4	12
Area 2 Inland (14)(15)	Oct. 16–Oct. 31 &	4	12
	Nov. 24–Jan. 16 &	4	12
	Feb. 12–Mar. 9	4	12
Area 2 Coast (14)(15)	Oct. 16–Dec. 5 &	4	12
	Dec. 22–Jan. 23 &	4	12
	Feb. 12–Feb. 23	4	12
Area 3 (13)	Oct. 16–Oct. 28 &	4	12
	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	4	12
Area 4 (13)	Oct. 16–Oct. 31 &	4	12
	Nov. 3 only &	4	12
	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	4	12
Area 5 (13)	Oct. 16–Nov. 1 &	4	12
	Nov. 6–Jan. 30	4	12
White-fronted Geese:			
Area 1 (13)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 2 Inland (14)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 2 Coast (14)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 3 (13)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 4 (13)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 5 (13)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Light Geese (16):			
Area 1 (13)	Oct. 16–Nov. 28 &	20	60
	Dec. 11–Jan. 30 &	20	60
	Feb. 12–Feb. 22	20	60
Area 2 Inland (14)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	60
Area 2 Coast (14)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	60
Area 3 (13)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	60
Area 4 (13)	Nov. 6–Jan. 30 &	20	60
	Feb. 12–Mar. 2	20	60

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Area 5 (13)	Oct. 16–Nov. 1 & Nov. 6–Jan. 30	20 20	60 60
Brant (17):			
Coastal Zone	Jan. 8–Jan. 30	2	6
Puget Sound Zone	Jan. 15–Jan. 30	2	6
Wyoming:			
Ducks: .....	.....	7	21
Snake River Zone:			
Scaup	Sept. 25–Dec. 19	2	6
Other Ducks	Sept. 25–Jan. 7	7	21
Balance of State Zone:			
Scaup	Sept. 25–Dec. 19	2	6
Other Ducks	Sept. 25–Jan. 7	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese	Sept. 25–Dec. 30	4	12
Light Geese	Sept. 25–Dec. 30	10	30

(1) In *Arizona*, the daily bag limit may include no more than either 2 female mallards or 2 Mexican-like ducks, or 1 of each; and no more than 6 female mallards and Mexican-like ducks, in the aggregate, may be in possession. For black-bellied whistling ducks, the daily bag limit is 1 and the possession limit is 3.

(2) In *California*, the daily bag and possession limits for Canada geese, cackling geese, and white-fronted geese are in the aggregate.

(3) In *California*, small Canada geese are cackling and Aleutian Canada geese, and large Canada geese are western and lesser Canada geese.

(4) In *California*, in the Northeastern Zone, the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 large Canada geese.

(5) The daily bag and possession limits for Canada and cackling geese and brant are in the aggregate.

(6) In *Montana*, check State regulations for special seasons and exceptions.

(7) In *Nevada*, youth 17 years of age or younger are allowed to hunt on October 23 on the Moapa Valley portion of Overton Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Youth must be accompanied by an adult who is 18 years of age or older.

(8) In *Nevada*, there is no open season on light geese in Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties. In addition, the season is closed in Mason Valley and Scripps WMAs and Washoe Lake State Park from February 19 to March 9.

(9) In *Oregon*, in the Northwest Permit Zone, see State regulations for specific dates, times, and conditions of permit hunts and closures.

(10) In *Oregon*, in the Northwest Permit Zone, the season for dusky Canada geese is closed.

(11) In *Oregon*, in Lake County, the daily bag and possession limits for white-fronted geese are 1 and 3, respectively.

(12) In *Washington*, the daily bag limit in the West Zone may include no more than 2 scoters, 2 long-tailed ducks, and 2 goldeneyes, with the possession limit three times the daily bag limit. The daily bag and possession limit, and the season limit, for harlequins is 1.

(13) In *Washington*, in Areas 1, 3, and 5, hunting is allowed each day. In Area 4, hunting is allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and certain holidays, except hunting is allowed each day only for light geese during the February and March portion of the season. See State regulations for details, including shooting hours.

(14) In *Washington*, in Areas 2 Inland and 2 Coast, see State regulations for specific dates, times, and conditions of permit hunts and closures.

(15) In *Washington*, in Areas 2 Inland and 2 Coast, the season for dusky Canada geese is closed.

(16) In *Washington*, the daily bag limit for light geese is 10 on or before January 30.

(17) In *Washington*, brant may be hunted in Clallam, Pacific, Skagit, and Watcom Counties only; see State regulations for specific dates.

(f) *Youth and Veteran-Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunting Days.*

The following seasons are open only to youth and veteran-active military personnel, except where noted. Youth must be accompanied into the field by an adult 18 years of age or older. This adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons.

Limits: Bag limits may include ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, coots, and gallinules. The bag and possession limits are the same as those allowed in the regular season except in States that are allowed a daily bag limit of 1 or 2

scaup during different portions of the season, in which case the daily bag limit is 2 scaup per day and the possession limit is 4 scaup. Flyway species and area restrictions remain in effect.

Definitions

Youth: States may use their established definition of age for youth hunters. However, youth hunters may not be older than 17 years of age. Youth hunters 16 years of age and older must possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (also known as Federal Duck Stamp). Swans

may only be taken by participants possessing applicable swan permits.

Veteran-Active Military Personnel: Veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38, U.S. Code) and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training), may participate. All hunters must possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (also known as Federal Duck Stamp). Swans may only be taken by participants possessing applicable swan permits.

Area	Species	Season dates
ATLANTIC FLYWAY		
Connecticut (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 2 & Nov. 6.
Delaware (1)	Ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 16 & Feb. 5.
Florida	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
Youth .....	.....	Nov. 13 & Feb. 12.
Veteran-Active Military Personnel .....	.....	Feb. 5 & 6.
Georgia	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Nov. 13 & 14.
Maine (1):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone .....	.....	Sept. 18 & Dec. 11.
South Zone .....	.....	Sept. 25 & Oct. 16.

Area	Species	Season dates
Coastal Zone .....	.....	Sept. 25 & Oct. 23.
Maryland (2)(3)	Ducks, sea ducks, Canada and cackling geese, light geese, brant, and coots.	Nov. 6 & Feb. 5.
Massachusetts:	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots .....	.....
Youth Hunters .....	.....	Sept. 25 & Oct. 9.
Veteran-Active Military Personnel .....	.....	Sept. 25 & Oct. 9.
New Hampshire (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 25 & 26.
New Jersey:	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules .....	.....
Youth .....	.....	.....
North Zone .....	.....	Oct. 9 & Feb. 5.
South Zone .....	.....	Oct. 16 & Feb. 5.
Coastal Zone .....	.....	Oct. 30 & Feb. 5.
Veteran-Active Military Personnel .....	.....	Nov. 6 & Feb. 5.
New York:	Ducks, Canada and cackling geese, brant, mergansers, coots .....	.....
Youth .....	.....	.....
Long Island Zone .....	.....	Nov. 6 & 7.
Lake Champlain Zone .....	.....	Sept. 25 & 26.
Northeastern Zone .....	.....	Sept. 18 & 19.
Southeastern Zone .....	.....	Sept. 25 & 26.
Western Zone .....	.....	Oct. 2 & 3.
Veteran-Active Military Personnel .....	.....	.....
Long Island Zone .....	.....	Nov. 13 & 14.
Northeastern Zone .....	.....	Sept. 18 & 19.
Southeastern Zone .....	.....	Oct. 9 & 10.
Western Zone .....	.....	Nov. 11 & 13.
North Carolina (4)(5)	Ducks, geese, brant, tundra swans, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 5 & 12.
Pennsylvania (6):	Ducks, Canada and cackling geese, brant, mergansers, coots, and gallinules.	.....
Youth .....	.....	.....
North Zone .....	.....	Sept. 25 & Nov. 6.
South Zone .....	.....	Sept. 25 & Nov. 13.
Northwest Zone .....	.....	Sept. 25 & Dec. 18.
Lake Erie Zone .....	.....	Sept. 25 & Oct. 23.
Veteran-Active Military Personnel .....	.....	.....
North Zone .....	.....	Jan. 15.
South Zone .....	.....	Jan. 29.
Northwest Zone .....	.....	Jan. 15.
Lake Erie Zone .....	.....	Jan. 15.
Rhode Island (1)	Ducks, sea ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 30 & 31.
South Carolina	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 5 & 12.
Vermont (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 25 & 26.
Virginia (5)	Ducks, Canada and cackling geese, tundra swans, mergansers, and coots ..	Oct. 23 & Feb. 5.
West Virginia (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Sept. 18 & Nov. 6.

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Alabama	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Nov. 20 & Feb. 5.
Arkansas	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Dec. 4 & Feb. 5.
Illinois (1):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules .....	.....
North Zone .....	.....	Oct. 16 & 17.
Central Zone .....	.....	Oct. 23 & 24.
South Central Zone .....	.....	Nov. 6 & 7.
South Zone .....	.....	Nov. 13 & 14.
Indiana:	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots .....	.....
North Zone .....	.....	Oct. 16 & 17.
Central Zone .....	.....	Oct. 23 & 24.
South Zone .....	.....	Oct. 30 & Oct. 31.
Iowa (1):	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules .....	.....
North Zone .....	.....	Sept. 25 & 26.
Central Zone .....	.....	Oct. 2 & 3.
South Zone .....	.....	Oct. 9 & 10.
Kentucky (1):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules .....	.....
West Zone .....	.....	Feb. 5 & 6.
East Zone .....	.....	Nov. 6 & 7.
Louisiana:	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules .....	.....
East Zone .....	.....	Nov. 13 & Feb. 5.
West Zone .....	.....	Nov. 6 & 7.
Michigan	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Sept. 18 & 19.
Minnesota (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Sept. 11 & 12.
Mississippi	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Feb. 5 & Feb. 6.
Missouri (1):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules .....	.....
North Zone .....	.....	Oct. 23 & 24.
Middle Zone .....	.....	Oct. 23 & 24.
South Zone .....	.....	Nov. 20 & 21.

Area	Species	Season dates
<i>Ohio</i> :	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Oct. 2 & 3.
<i>Tennessee</i> :		
Youth	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Feb. 5 & 12.
Veteran-Active Military Personnel	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 6 & 13.
<i>Wisconsin</i> (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Sept. 18 & 19.

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<i>Colorado</i> :	Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, and coots	
Mountain/Foothills Zone	Sept. 25 & 26.
Northeast Zone .....	.....	Oct. 2 & 3.
Southeast Zone .....	.....	Oct. 23 & 24.
<i>Kansas</i> (7):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
High Plains .....	.....	Oct. 2 & 3.
Low Plains:		
Early Zone .....	.....	Oct. 2 & 3.
Late Zone .....	.....	Oct. 23 & 24.
Southeast Zone .....	.....	Oct. 30 & 31.
<i>Montana</i> (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 25 & 26.
<i>Nebraska</i> (1)(8):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
Zone 1 .....	.....	Oct. 9 & 10.
Zone 2 .....	.....	Oct. 2 & 3.
Zone 3 .....	.....	Oct. 16 & 17.
Zone 4 .....	.....	Oct. 23 & 24.
<i>New Mexico</i> (1):	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
North Zone .....	.....	Sept. 25 & 26.
South Zone .....	.....	Oct. 2 & 3.
<i>North Dakota</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 18 & 19.
<i>Oklahoma</i> :	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
High Plains .....	.....	Oct. 2 & Feb. 5.
Low Plains:		
Zone 1 .....	.....	Nov. 6 & Feb. 5.
Zone 2 .....	.....	Nov. 6 & Feb. 5.
<i>South Dakota</i> (1)(8)	Ducks, Canada and cackling geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 11 & 12.
<i>Texas</i> (1):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
High Plains .....	.....	Oct. 23 & 24.
Low Plains:		
North Zone .....	.....	Nov. 6 & 7.
South Zone .....	.....	Oct. 30 & Oct. 31.
<i>Wyoming</i> :	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
Zone C1	Sept. 25 & 26.
Zone C2	Sept. 18 & 19.
Zone C3	Sept. 18 & 19.

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<i>Arizona</i> (1):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
North Zone	Sept. 25 & 26.
South Zone .....	.....	Feb. 5 & 6.
<i>California</i> :		
Youth	Ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
Northeastern Zone .....	.....	Sept. 18 & 19.
Colorado River Zone .....	.....	Feb. 5 & 6.
Southern Zone .....	.....	Feb. 5 & 6.
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone .....	.....	Feb. 5 & 6.
Balance of State Zone .....	.....	Feb. 5 & 6.
Veteran-Active Military Personnel	Ducks, brant, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
Northeastern Zone .....	.....	Jan. 15 & 16.
Southern Zone .....	.....	Feb. 12 & 13.
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone .....	.....	Feb. 12 & 13.
Balance of State Zone .....	.....	Feb. 12 & 13.
<i>Colorado</i> :	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
East Zone .....	.....	Sept. 25 & 26.
West Zone .....	.....	Oct. 23 & 24.
<i>Idaho</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 25 & 26.
<i>Montana</i> (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 25 & 26.
<i>Nevada</i> (1)(5):	Ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
Northeast Zone .....	.....	Sept. 11 & 12.
Northwest Zone .....	.....	Oct. 2 & Feb. 12.
South Zone .....	.....	Feb. 12 & 13.
<i>New Mexico</i> (1)	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Oct. 2 & 3.
<i>Oregon</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	

Area	Species	Season dates
Youth		Sept. 25 & 26.
Veteran-Active Military Personnel		Feb. 5.
Utah (1)(5):	Ducks, dark geese, swans, mergansers, and coots	
Zone 1		Sept. 18.
Zone 2		Oct. 2.
Washington (9):	Ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, and coots	
Youth		
East Zone		Oct. 2 & Feb. 5.
West Zone		Sept. 25 & Feb. 5.
Veteran-Active Military Personnel		
East Zone		Feb. 5.
West Zone		Feb. 5.
Wyoming	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 18 & 19.

- (1) The season is open to youth hunters only.
- (2) In *Maryland*, youth hunter(s) must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older that holds a valid Maryland hunting license or is exempt from the hunting license requirements. One adult may take one or more young hunters, and that adult may call waterfowl, assist with decoys and retrieve downed birds but may not possess a hunting weapon and may not participate in other seasons that are open on the youth waterfowl hunting days. Active military and honorably discharged veterans, of any age, that possess a valid Maryland hunting license or are exempt from the hunting license requirements may also hunt waterfowl on November 6, 2021, and February 5, 2022. Active military and honorably discharged veterans at least 21 years of age or older may possess hunting weapons and hunt while also providing assistance to eligible youth hunters.
- (3) In *Maryland*, the bag limit for Canada and cackling geese is 1 in the AP Zone and 5 in the RP Zone.
- (4) In *North Carolina*, the daily bag limit in the Northeast Hunt Zone may not include Canada and cackling geese and white-fronted geese except by permit.
- (5) In *North Carolina, Virginia, Nevada, and Utah*, the daily bag limit may not include swans except by permit.
- (6) In *Pennsylvania*, September 25 is open to youth hunters only.
- (7) In *Kansas*, the adult accompanying the youth (17 years of age and younger) must possess any licenses and/or stamps required by law for that individual to hunt waterfowl.
- (8) In *Nebraska and South Dakota*, Tier II license holders may take 3 ducks or mergansers of any species in aggregate, and the possession limit is 9.
- (9) In *Washington*, the brant season and light goose season is closed in September.

■ 7. Section 20.106 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.106 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for sandhill cranes.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset,

except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the July 16, 2021, **Federal Register** (86 FR 37854).

Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take sandhill cranes at the level allowed by the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting

season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request. The permit is not transferable or assignable to another individual, and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</i>			
Alabama (1)(2)			
North Zone	Dec. 3–Jan. 31	3	3 per season.
Kentucky (1)(3)(4)	Dec. 7–Jan. 31	2	3 per season.
Minnesota (1)			
NW Zone	Sept. 18–Oct. 24	2	6.
Tennessee (1):			
Southeast Zone	Dec. 4–Jan. 30	2	2 per season.
Rest of State	Dec. 4–Jan. 30	2	2 per season.
<i>CENTRAL FLYWAY</i>			
Colorado (1)	Oct. 2–Nov. 28	3	9.
Kansas (1)(3)(5)			
West Zone	Oct. 16–Dec. 12	3	9.
Central Zone	Nov. 10–Jan. 6	3	9.
Montana:			
Regular Season Area (1)	Oct. 2–Nov. 28	3	9.
Special Season Area (6)	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	2 per season.	

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>New Mexico:</i>			
Regular Season Area (1)	Oct. 30–Jan. 30	3	6.
Middle Rio Grande (6)(7)	Nov. 20 &	3	3 per season.
Valley Area	Nov. 13–Nov. 14 &	3	6 per season.
	Nov. 27–Nov. 28	3	6 per season.
	Dec. 11–Dec. 12 &	3	6 per season.
	Jan. 8–Jan. 9 &	3	6 per season.
	Jan. 15–Jan. 16	3	6 per season.
Southwest Area (6)	Oct. 30–Nov. 7 &	3	6 per season.
	Jan. 8–Jan. 9	3	6 per season.
Estancia Valley (6)(8)	Oct. 30–Nov. 7	3	6.
<i>North Dakota (1):</i>			
Area 1	Sept. 18–Nov. 14	3	9.
Area 2	Sept. 18–Nov. 14	2	6.
Oklahoma (1)	Oct. 23–Jan. 23	3	9.
South Dakota (1)	Sept. 25–Nov. 21	3	9.
<i>Texas (1):</i>			
Zone A	Oct. 30–Jan. 30	3	9.
Zone B	Nov. 26–Jan. 30	3	9.
Zone C	Dec. 18–Jan. 23	2	6.
<i>Wyoming:</i>			
Regular Season (Area 7) (1)	Sept. 11–Nov. 7	3	9.
Riverton-Boysen Unit (Area 4) (6)	Oct. 2–Oct. 24	1 per season	
Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, and Washakie Counties (Area 6) (6).	Sept. 18–Oct. 10	1 per season.	
Johnson, Natrona, and Sheridan Counties (Area 8) (6).	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	1 per season.	

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<i>Arizona (6):</i>			
Zone 1 (9)	Nov. 12–Dec. 12	3 per season.	
Zone 2 (10)	Nov. 19–Nov. 29	3 per season.	
Zone 3 (11)	Nov. 27–Dec. 15	3 per season	
<i>Idaho (6):</i>			
Areas 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	2 per season.	
Area 2	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	2 per season.	
<i>Montana (6):</i>			
Zones 1 & 5	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	1	1 per season.
Zones 2, 3 & 4	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	2	2 per season.
<i>Utah (6):</i>			
Cache County	Sept. 4–Sept. 12	1 per season.	
East Box Elder County	Sept. 4–Nov. 2	1 per season.	
Rich County	Sept. 4–Sept. 12	1 per season.	
Uintah Basin Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 30	1 per season.	
<i>Wyoming (6):</i>			
Areas 1, 2, 3, & 5	Sept. 1–Sept. 8	1 per season.	

(1) Each person participating in the regular sandhill crane seasons must have a valid sandhill crane hunting permit in their possession while hunting.

(2) In *Alabama*, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(3) In *Kansas* and *Kentucky*, shooting hours are from sunrise until sunset.

(4) In *Kentucky*, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(5) In *Kansas*, each person desiring to hunt sandhill cranes is required to pass an annual, online sandhill crane identification examination.

(6) Hunting is by State permit only. See State regulations for further information.

(7) In *New Mexico*, in the Middle Rio Grande Valley Area (Bernardo and Casa Colorado Wildlife Management Areas), the season is only open for youth hunters on November 20. See State regulations for further details.

(8) In *New Mexico*, in the Estancia Valley Area, the season will be closed to crane hunting on November 3.

(9) In *Arizona*, in Zone 1, season dates are November 12 to 14, November 19 to 21, November 23 to 25, November 27 to 29, December 1 to 3, December 5 to 7, and December 10 to 12. November 12 to 14 is restricted to archery hunters only, and December 10 to 12 is restricted to youth hunters only.

(10) In *Arizona*, in Zone 2, season dates are November 19 to 21, and November 27 to 29.

(11) In *Arizona*, in Zone 3, season dates are November 27 to 29, December 1 to 3, December 5 to 7, December 9 to 11, and December 13 to 15.

■ 8. Section 20.107 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.107 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for swans.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are as follows:

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise restricted by State

regulations. Hunting is by State permit only.

Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take swans at the level allowed by the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request. The permit is not transferable or assignable to another

individual, and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

Note: Successful permittees must immediately validate their harvest by that method required in State regulations.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY ON FEDERAL AND STATE PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS AND FEDERAL INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

Area	Season dates	Limits
ATLANTIC FLYWAY		
Delaware	Nov. 11–Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per permit.
North Carolina	Nov. 6–Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per permit.
Virginia	Nov. 17–Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per permit.
CENTRAL FLYWAY (1)		
Montana	Oct. 2–Jan. 6	1 swan per permit.
North Dakota	Oct. 2–Dec. 31	1 tundra swan per permit.
South Dakota	Oct. 2–Jan. 7	1 tundra swan per permit.
PACIFIC FLYWAY (1)		
Idaho (2)	Oct. 19–Dec. 1	1 swan per season.
Montana (2)	Oct. 9–Dec. 1	1 swan per season.
Nevada (3)(4)	Oct. 16–Jan. 2 &	2 swans per season.
	Jan. 5–Jan. 30	2 swans per season.
Utah (3)(4)	Oct. 2–Dec. 12	1 swan per season.

- (1) See State regulations for description of area open to swan hunting.
- (2) In *Idaho* and *Montana*, all harvested swans must be reported by way of a bill measurement card within 3 days of harvest.
- (3) In *Nevada* and *Utah*, all harvested swans and tags must be checked or registered within 3 days of harvest.
- (4) Harvests of trumpeter swans are limited to 20 in Utah and 10 in Nevada. When it has been determined that the quota of trumpeter swans allotted to Nevada and Utah have been filled, the season for taking of any swan species in the respective State will be closed by either the Director upon giving public notice through local information media at least 48 hours in advance of the time and date of closing, or by the State through State regulations with such notice and time (not less than 48 hours) as they deem necessary.

■ 9. Section 20.109 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.109 Extended seasons, limits, and hours for taking migratory game birds by falconry.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as

otherwise restricted by State regulations.

Area descriptions were published in the July 16, 2021, **Federal Register** (86 FR 37854).

Limits: The daily bag limit may include no more than 3 migratory game birds in the aggregate. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. These limits apply to falconry during both regular hunting seasons and extended falconry seasons, unless further restricted by State regulations. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to regular season limits. Unless otherwise specified,

extended falconry for ducks does not include sea ducks within the special sea duck areas.

Although many States permit falconry during the gun seasons, only extended falconry seasons are shown below. Please consult State regulations for details.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY ON FEDERAL AND STATE PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS AND FEDERAL INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

Area	Extended falconry dates
ATLANTIC FLYWAY	
<i>Delaware:</i>	
Doves	Feb. 1–Feb. 19.
Rails	Nov. 25–Jan. 6.
Woodcock	Oct. 1–Nov. 3 & Feb. 1–Mar. 10.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 1–Mar. 7.

Area	Extended falconry dates
Brant	Feb. 1–Feb. 24.
<i>Florida:</i>	
Doves	Feb. 1–Feb. 17.
Rails	Nov. 10–Dec. 16.
Woodcock	Nov. 24–Dec. 17 & Feb. 1–Mar. 10.
Gallinules	Nov. 10–Dec. 13.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Nov. 3–Nov. 12 & Feb. 7–Mar. 3.
<i>Georgia:</i>	
Ducks, geese, gallinules, and sea ducks	Nov. 29–Dec. 4.
<i>Maine:</i>	
Ducks, geese, and brant:	
North Zone	Dec. 18–Feb. 8.
South & Coastal Zones	Jan. 7–Feb. 28.
<i>Maryland:</i>	
Doves	Jan. 13–Jan. 31.
Rails	Nov. 22–Jan. 3.
Woodcock	Oct. 1–Oct. 23 & Feb. 1–Mar. 10.
Ducks	Feb. 1–Mar. 9.
Brant	Feb. 1–Mar. 10.
Light Geese	Feb. 25–Mar. 10.
<i>Massachusetts:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, sea ducks, and coots	Oct. 2–Oct. 9 & Jan. 24–Feb. 3.
<i>New Hampshire:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Northern Zone	Dec. 1–Jan. 14.
Inland Zone	Nov. 8–Nov. 23 & Dec. 20–Jan. 17.
Coastal Zone	Jan. 25–Mar. 10.
<i>New Jersey:</i>	
Woodcock:	
North Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 15 & Nov. 29–Jan. 31.
South Zone	Oct. 1–Nov. 5 & Dec. 1–Dec. 15 & Jan. 2–Jan. 31.
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and brant:	
North Zone	Jan. 16–Mar. 10.
South Zone	Jan. 21–Mar. 10.
Coastal Zone	Jan. 31–Mar. 10.
<i>New York:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Long Island Zone	Nov. 1–Nov. 19 & Nov. 29–Dec. 10 & Jan. 31–Feb. 13.
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 1 & Oct. 25–Oct. 29 & Dec. 6–Jan. 13.
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 15 & Nov. 29–Dec. 3 & Dec. 20–Jan. 13.
Western Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 15 & Nov. 10–Nov. 26 & Jan. 3–Jan. 13.
<i>North Carolina:</i>	
Doves	Oct. 4–Oct. 16.
Rails, and gallinules	Dec. 13–Jan. 15.
Woodcock	Dec. 1–Dec. 11 & Feb. 1–Feb. 26.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 4–Oct. 16 & Feb. 1–Feb. 12.
<i>Pennsylvania:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 27–Dec. 15 & Jan. 3.
Rails	Nov. 22–Jan. 3.
Woodcock and snipe	Sept. 1–Oct. 15 & Nov. 27–Dec. 11 & Dec. 23–Jan. 3.
Gallinules	Nov. 22–Jan. 1.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
North Zone	Oct. 25–Nov. 15 & Feb. 9–Mar. 10.
South Zone	Oct. 18–Nov. 22 & Feb. 23–Mar. 10.
Northwest Zone	Dec. 6–Dec. 27 & Feb. 9–Mar. 10.
Lake Erie Zone	Jan. 19–Mar. 10.
Canada, cackling, and white-fronted geese:	
SJBZ Zone	Mar. 7–Mar. 10.
AP Zone	Jan. 8–Mar. 10.
RP Zone	Mar. 9–Mar. 10.
<i>South Carolina:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Nov. 1–Nov. 19 & Dec. 1–Dec. 11.
<i>Virginia:</i>	
Doves	Jan. 18–Jan. 31.
Rails, gallinules	Nov. 16–Dec. 22.
Woodcock	Oct. 17–Nov. 10 & Dec. 9–Dec. 26 & Jan. 13–Jan. 31.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Nov. 29–Dec. 17 & Jan. 31–Feb. 11.
Canada and cackling geese:	
Eastern (AP) Zone	Nov. 17–Nov. 28 & Jan. 1–Jan. 14 & Jan. 31–Feb. 23.
Western (SJBZ) Zone	Feb. 16–Feb. 23.
Brant	Oct. 17–Nov. 22 & Nov. 29–Dec. 17 & Jan. 31.

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Arkansas:

Area	Extended falconry dates
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 1–Feb. 15.
<i>Illinois:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 15–Dec. 1.
Rails	Sept. 1–Sept. 10 & Nov. 20–Dec. 16.
Woodcock	Sept. 1–Oct. 15 & Nov. 30–Dec. 16.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 10–Mar. 10.
<i>Indiana:</i>	
Doves	Oct. 18–Oct. 31 & Jan. 8–Jan. 10.
Woodcock	Sept. 20–Oct. 14 & Nov. 29–Jan. 4.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
North Zone	Sept. 27–Sept. 30 & Feb. 14–Mar. 10.
Central Zone	Oct. 23–Oct. 29 & Feb. 17–Mar. 10.
South Zone	Oct. 30–Nov. 5 & Feb. 17–Mar. 10.
<i>Iowa:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Jan. 1–Jan. 29.
<i>Kentucky:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Nov. 30–Dec. 6 & Feb. 1–Feb. 15.
<i>Louisiana:</i>	
Doves	Sept. 15–Oct. 1.
Rails and gallinules	Nov. 2–Nov. 12 & Jan. 6–Jan. 30.
East Zone	Nov. 2–Nov. 12.
West Zone	Jan. 6–Jan. 31.
Woodcock	Nov. 2–Dec. 17.
Ducks:	
East Zone	Nov. 2–Nov. 19 & Dec. 6–Dec. 17.
West Zone	Nov. 2–Nov. 12 & Dec. 6–Dec. 17 & Jan. 3–Jan. 9.
<i>Michigan:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Jan. 3–Jan. 16 & Feb. 24–Mar. 10.
<i>Minnesota:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 30–Dec. 16.
Rails and snipe	Nov. 9–Dec. 16.
Woodcock	Sept. 1–Sept. 24 & Nov. 9–Dec. 16.
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Dec. 11–Jan. 24.
<i>Mississippi:</i>	
Doves	Dec. 2–Dec. 18.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 1–Mar. 1.
<i>Missouri:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 30–Dec. 16.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 11–Sept. 26 & Feb. 10–Mar. 10.
<i>Tennessee:</i>	
Doves	Sept. 29–Sept. 30 & Jan. 16–Jan. 30.
Rails	Nov. 10–Dec. 14.
Woodcock	Nov. 1–Nov. 12 & Dec. 6–Jan. 9 & Feb. 1–Feb. 15.
Snipe	Nov. 14–Feb. 28.
Gallinules	Nov. 10–Dec. 12.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	Nov. 29–Dec. 3 & Jan. 31–Feb. 28.
<i>Wisconsin:</i>	
Rails, snipe, and gallinules:	
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 24 & Nov. 24–Dec. 5.
South Zone	Sept. 1–Oct. 1 & Oct. 11–Oct. 15.
Open Water Zone	Same as South Zone.
Woodcock	Sept. 1–Sept. 24 & Nov. 9–Dec. 16.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 18–Sept. 19 & Jan. 7–Feb. 11.

CENTRAL FLYWAY

<i>Kansas:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Low Plains	Feb. 24–Mar. 10.
<i>Montana (1):</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 22–Oct. 1.
<i>Nebraska:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Zone 1	Feb. 25–Mar. 10.
Zone 2	Feb. 25–Mar. 10.
Zone 3	Feb. 25–Mar. 10.
Zone 4	Feb. 25–Mar. 10.
<i>New Mexico:</i>	
Doves	
North Zone	Nov. 30–Dec. 4 & Dec. 21–Jan. 1.
South Zone	Oct. 29–Nov. 5 & Nov. 22–Nov. 30.
Band-tailed pigeons	
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 14.
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 14.

Area	Extended falconry dates
Ducks and coots	Sept. 11–Sept. 19.
Sandhill cranes (2):	
Regular Season Area	Oct. 16–Oct. 29.
Estancia Valley Area	Nov. 8–Dec. 28.
Gallinules	Nov. 20–Dec. 26.
Sora and Virginia rails	Nov. 20–Dec. 26.
<i>North Dakota:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and snipe	Sept. 1–Sept. 3 & Sept. 6–Sept. 10.
<i>Oklahoma:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 6–Nov. 22.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Low Plains	Feb. 14–Feb. 28.
Gallinules and rails	Feb. 1–Mar. 9.
Woodcock	Dec. 15–Feb. 14.
Sandhill cranes	Jan. 24–Feb. 6.
<i>South Dakota:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
High Plains	Sept. 1–Sept. 8.
Low Plains:	
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 24 & Dec. 11–Dec. 19.
Middle Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 24 & Dec. 11–Dec. 19.
South Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 21 & Jan. 8–Jan. 18.
<i>Texas:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 19–Dec. 5.
Rails, gallinules, and woodcock	Jan. 31–Feb. 14.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Low Plains	Jan. 31–Feb. 14.
<i>Wyoming:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 30–Dec. 16.
Rails	Nov. 10–Dec. 16.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
Zone C1	Sept. 25–Sept. 26 & Oct. 20–Oct. 27.
Zone C2	Sept. 18–Sept. 24 & Dec. 6–Dec. 8.
Zone C3	Same as Zone C2.
<i>PACIFIC FLYWAY</i>	
<i>Arizona:</i>	
Doves	Sept. 16–Nov. 1.
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules:	
North Zone	Sept. 27–Sept. 30.
South Zone	Feb. 1–Feb. 4.
<i>California:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules:	
Colorado River Zone	Feb. 1–Feb. 4.
Southern Zone	Feb. 26–Feb. 27.
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Feb. 26–Feb. 27.
Balance of State Zone	Feb. 26–Feb. 27.
Canada geese, cackling geese, and white-fronted geese:	
Southern Zone (3)	Feb. 26–Feb. 27.
Light geese:	
Southern Zone (3)	Feb. 26–Feb. 27.
<i>New Mexico:</i>	
Doves:	
North Zone	Nov. 30–Dec. 4 & Dec. 21–Jan. 1.
South Zone	Oct. 29–Nov. 5 & Nov. 22–Nov. 30.
<i>Oregon:</i>	
Doves	
Zone 1	Oct. 1–Nov. 14 & Dec. 15–Dec. 16.
Zone 2	Oct. 31–Dec. 16.
Band-tailed pigeons (4)	Sept. 1–Sept. 14 & Sept. 24–Dec. 16.
<i>Utah:</i>	
Doves	Oct. 31–Dec. 16.
Band-tailed pigeons	Oct. 31–Dec. 16.
<i>Washington:</i>	
Doves	Oct. 31–Dec. 16.
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and dark geese:	
East Zone	Oct. 2 & Feb. 5.
West Zone	Sept. 25 & Feb. 5.
Light geese and brant	Feb. 5.
<i>Wyoming:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 30–Dec. 16.
Sora and Virginia rails	Nov. 10–Dec. 16.

Area	Extended falconry dates
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 18–Sept. 19

- (1) In *Montana*, the limits are 2 daily and 6 in possession.
- (2) In *New Mexico*, the limits for sandhill cranes are 3 daily and 6 in possession.
- (3) In *California*, in the Imperial County Special Management Area, there is no extended falconry season.
- (4) In *Oregon*, no more than 1 pigeon daily in bag or possession.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Complex; Rescission of Control Dates

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notification of rescinded control dates.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the rescission of the July 30, 2009, and March 31, 2014, skate wing and bait fishery control dates. The New England Fishery Management Council has decided to discontinue development of limited access alternatives for both the skate wing and skate bait fisheries as part of Amendment 5 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan. The Council also stated that the existing control dates for each sector of the fishery are too outdated to be used should the Council reconsider limited access for the skate fisheries in the future and has requested that NMFS rescind both control dates. This notification informs stakeholders and the public of this decision, and that July 30, 2009, and March 31, 2014, are no longer considered dates for entry into the bait and skate wing fisheries, respectively.

DATES: The rescission of skate wing and bait fishery control dates is effective August 31, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Ferrio, Fishery Policy Analyst, (978) 281–9180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The New England Fishery Management Council manages a complex of seven skate species (barndoor, clearnose, little, rosette, smooth, thorny, and winter skate) through the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan

(FMP). Under this FMP, skates are harvested and managed within two targeted fishery sectors, one for use as food (the wing fishery) and one for use as bait in other fisheries (the bait fishery). Currently, all skate permits are open access and may be obtained anyone with a valid commercial operator’s permit.

NMFS announced a control date of July 30, 2009, for the bait sector of the fishery (74 FR 37977; July 30, 2009) during the initial development of Amendment 3 to the Skate FMP. At that time, the Council was concerned about the possibility of increased effort by new entrants into the skate bait fishery, and therefore, considered developing a limited access program for that sector only. The notification announcing the control date intended to promote public awareness of potential eligibility criteria for access to the fishery and possible implementation of a limited-entry management plan. Although Amendment 3 (75 FR 34049; June 16, 2010) did not end up establishing limited entry for the bait fishery, the July 30, 2009 control date remained on record for future use.

On March 31, 2014, NMFS announced a separate control date for the wing fishery at the Council’s request (79 FR 18002; March 31, 2014). This notification was not tied to a specific regulatory action or amendment at the time, but was intended as a preliminary step toward preparing for a limited entry program for the overall skate fishery and announcing these possibilities to the public.

In 2016, the Council began developing Amendment 5 to the Skate FMP, which included consideration of limited access for both the bait and wing sectors of the fishery. However, at its meeting in April 2021, the Council decided to discontinue development of all limited access alternatives in this amendment in favor of other management strategies to address latent effort. In conjunction with that decision, the Council also determined that both control dates for the wing and bait skate fisheries are outdated should a limited access program be reconsidered in the future. As a result, at its following meeting in June 2021, the Council voted to request NMFS rescind the existing control dates for the skate FMP. Therefore, NMFS

announces the rescission of the July 30, 2009, control date with respect to the skate bait fishery; and the March 31, 2014, control date with respect to the skate wing fishery.

The Council decided to not develop a limited entry management system for the Skate FMP in Amendment 5. However, if the Council chooses to pursue limited access in the future, it will consider new control dates for these fisheries.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery; 2021 *Illex* Squid Quota Harvested

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Temporary rule; reduction of possession limit.

SUMMARY: Federal *Illex* squid vessel permit holders are prohibited from fishing for, catching, possessing, transferring or landing more than 10,000 lb (4,535 kg) of *Illex* squid per trip, and from landing *Illex* squid more than once per calendar day. This prohibition is required when NMFS projects that 94 percent of the 2021 annual catch limit has been caught. This action is intended to prevent over-harvest of *Illex* squid for the fishing year.

DATES: Effective 0001 hr local time, August 30, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

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