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SECRETARY McKAY ANNOUNCES WATERFOWL HUNTING DATES

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced that the hunting regulations which will govern this season's shooting of migratory waterfowl have been signed in their final form.

The regulations released today set forth the specific dates of the hunting seasons for the States, as selected by the State game administrators, according to the number of days allotted to each flyway.

As announced on August 11, States in the Atlantic and the Central Flyways were given the choice of a continuous season of 60 days or two periods of 27 days; Mississippi Flyway States could have a straight season of 55 days or two seasons of 25 days each; while States in the Pacific Flyway could choose either a 75-day consecutive season or split their season into two periods of 34 days each. Although the penalty for selecting a split season was changed from the previous 20 percent reduction in the number of hunting days to 10 percent this year, only two States--Arizona and California--elected to split the season into two parts.

The open seasons and the bag and possession limits prescribed by the regulations for ducks, geese, coot, brant, woodcock, and jacksnipe are presented in tabular form by flyways in the attached schedules.

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(5) ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES

Migratory Waterfowl and Coot

	Geese (Except Snow Geese)		Coot	Brant	Woodcock	Wilson's Snipe or Jacksnipe
	Ducks					
Daily Bag Limits	4 (1)	2 (2)	10	6	4	8
Possession Limits	8 (1)	4 (2)	10	6	8	8
Seasons in--(3)						
Connecticut (4)	Oct. 30 - Dec. 28		Oct. 30 - Nov. 11	Nov. 13	Oct. 17 - Nov. 25	Nov. 15 - Nov. 29
Delaware	Nov. 11 - Jan. 9		Nov. 11 - Nov. 25		Nov. 15 - Dec. 24	Dec. 24 - Jan. 7
Florida	Nov. 12 - Jan. 10				Nov. 20 - Dec. 29	
Georgia	Nov. 11 - Jan. 9		Dec. 26 - Jan. 9		Dec. 12 - Jan. 20	Dec. 12 - Dec. 26
Maine (4)	Oct. 9 - Dec. 7		Oct. 9 - Oct. 23		Oct. 1 - Nov. 9	Oct. 17 - Oct. 31
Maryland	Nov. 11 - Jan. 9		Nov. 11 - Nov. 25		Oct. 5 - Oct. 24 and Nov. 15 - Dec. 4	Oct. 5 - Oct. 19
Massachusetts (4) (5)	Oct. 28 - Dec. 26		Oct. 28 - Nov. 11		Oct. 20 - Nov. 20	Oct. 1 - Oct. 15
New Hampshire (4)	Oct. 1 - Nov. 29		Oct. 1 - Oct. 15		Oct. 1 - Nov. 29	Nov. 6 - Nov. 20
New Jersey (8)	Nov. 6 - Jan. 4		Nov. 6 - Nov. 20		Oct. 12 - Nov. 20	See footnote (8)
New York (4) (7)	See footnote (6)		See footnote (6)		See footnote (7)	
North Carolina	Nov. 11 - Jan. 9		Dec. 26 - Jan. 9		Nov. 26 - Jan. 4	Nov. 26 - Dec. 10
Pennsylvania (9)	Oct. 15 - Dec. 12		Oct. 15 - Oct. 29		Oct. 2 - Nov. 10	Oct. 2 - Oct. 16
Rhode Island (4)	Nov. 6 - Jan. 4		Nov. 6 - Nov. 20		Nov. 1 - Dec. 9	Nov. 1 - Nov. 15
South Carolina	Nov. 11 - Jan. 9		Dec. 26 - Jan. 9		Dec. 1 - Jan. 9	Dec. 26 - Jan. 9
Vermont	Oct. 5 - Dec. 3		Oct. 5 - Oct. 19		Oct. 1 - Nov. 9	
Virginia	Nov. 11 - Jan. 9		Nov. 11 - Nov. 25		Nov. 17 - Dec. 26	Nov. 17 - Dec. 1
West Virginia	Oct. 26 - Dec. 24				Oct. 1 - Oct. 14 and Nov. 11 - Nov. 30	Oct. 1 - Oct. 14
Puerto Rico	Dec. 15 - Feb. 12					

- (1) Wood duck: No open season in West Virginia. In other States, bag and possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. The above limits do not include mergansers. Daily bag and possession limit for American and red-breasted mergansers 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds and for the hooded merganser 1 a day or in possession.
- (2) Not more than 2 geese of any kind (except snow geese) in a straight or mixed bag a day, or 4 singly or in the aggregate in possession.
- (3) District of Columbia: No open season but migratory game birds may be possessed therein in accordance with § 6.6 (c).
- (4) Scoter, eider and old-squaw ducks may be taken in open coastal waters only, beyond outer harbor lines, in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island from Sept. 16 to Dec. 31; in Connecticut and New York from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. In areas other than those beyond outer harbor lines such birds may be taken during the open seasons for other ducks. In these States only, the daily bag limit is 7 scoter, eider or old-squaw ducks singly or in the aggregate, and not exceeding 14 in possession singly or in the aggregate of all kinds.
- (5) Only Canada geese or its subspecies may be taken in Massachusetts.
- (6) Waterfowl (except brant) and coot: New York (except Long Island and that part of Westchester County lying south of the Hutchinson River Parkway) Oct. 17 - Dec. 15; brant, Oct. 17 - Oct. 31. Long Island and that part of Westchester County lying south of the Hutchinson River Parkway, brant Nov. 6 - Nov. 20, other waterfowl and coot Nov. 6 - Jan. 4.
- (7) Woodcock: In that part of New York lying north of the line described below, Oct. 5 - Nov. 4; on Long Island and also in that part of New York south of said line the season shall be Oct. 19 - Nov. 18. Beginning at Lake Ontario and continuing easterly along the north shore of the Salmon river to the village of Pulaski, thence southerly along Route 11 to its intersection with Route 49 at the village of Central Square, thence easterly along Route 49 to its junction with Route 365 in the city of Rome, thence easterly along Route 365 to the village of Trenton, thence easterly along Route 28 to its junction with Route 29 in the village of Middleville, thence easterly along Route 29 to its junction with Route 147, thence southerly along Route 147 to its intersection with Route 67, thence easterly along Route 67 through Ballston Spa to its junction with Route 9 at Malta, thence northerly along Route 9 to its junction with Route 9P, thence

easterly along Route 9P to its junction with Route 423, thence easterly along Route 423 to its junction with Route 4, thence northerly along Route 4 to Route 22, thence easterly along Route 22 to its junction with Route 30B, thence easterly along Route 30B to the New York-Vermont boundary.

(8) Jacksnipe: New York (except Long Island) Oct. 17 - Oct. 31; Long Island Nov. 6 - Nov. 20. On first day of season hunting may not start before 12 o'clock noon in New York and also in New Jersey.

(9) Pennsylvania: Oct. 15 - Dec. 12 except the Delaware River and the west bank thereof within 100 yards of the high water line on the Pennsylvania side where the season shall be Nov. 6 - Jan. 4.

(6) MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY STATES

Migratory Waterfowl and Coot

	<u>Ducks</u>	<u>Geese</u>	<u>Coot</u>	<u>Woodcock</u>	<u>Wilson's Snipe or Jacksnipe</u>
Daily Bag Limits	4 (1)	5 (2)	10	4	8
Possession Limits	8 (1)	5 (2)	10	8	8
Seasons in:					
Alabama	Nov. 17 - Jan. 10			Dec. 2 - Jan. 10	Dec. 27 - Jan. 10
Arkansas	Nov. 17 - Jan. 10			Dec. 1 - Jan. 9	Dec. 1 - Dec. 15
Illinois (3)	Oct. 23 - Dec. 16			-----	-----
Indiana	Oct. 23 - Dec. 16			Oct. 15 - Nov. 23	Oct. 15 - Oct. 29
Iowa	Oct. 8 - Dec. 1			-----	Oct. 8 - Oct. 22
Kentucky	Nov. 17 - Jan. 10			Nov. 20 - Dec. 31	Nov. 20 - Dec. 4
Louisiana	Nov. 17 - Jan. 10			Dec. 12 - Jan. 20	Dec. 22 - Jan. 5
Michigan	Oct. 1 - Nov. 24			See footnote (1)	Oct. 1 - Oct. 15
Minnesota	Oct. 3 - Nov. 26			Oct. 3 - Nov. 11	Oct. 3 - Oct. 17
Mississippi	Nov. 17 - Jan. 10			Dec. 10 - Jan. 18	Dec. 27 - Jan. 10
Missouri	Oct. 23 - Dec. 16			Nov. 10 - Dec. 19	Nov. 1 - Nov. 15
Ohio (5)	Oct. 19 - Dec. 12			Oct. 1 - Nov. 9	Oct. 1 - Oct. 15
Tennessee	Nov. 17 - Jan. 10			Nov. 26 - Jan. 4	Dec. 21 - Jan. 4
Wisconsin (6)	Oct. 3 - Nov. 26			Oct. 3 - Nov. 11	Oct. 3 - Oct. 17

(1) Bag or possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. The above limits do not include mergansers. Daily bag for American and red-breasted mergansers 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, and for the hooded merganser 1 a day or in possession.

(2) Including in such limit not more than (a) 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or (b) 2 white-fronted geese, or (c) 1 Canada goose or its subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose.

(3) No open season for geese in that part of Alexander County, Ill., established as closed area by proclamation 2748 of Oct. 1, 1947 (12 F.R. 6521).

(4) Woodcock: In three zones as defined by State law or orders or regulations of the Michigan Department of Conservation--in Zone 1, Oct. 1 - Nov. 1; in Zone 2, Oct. 1 - Nov. 9; and in Zone 3, Oct. 20 - Nov. 9.

(5) Ducks, geese and coot: On Pymatuning Reservoir in Ashtabula County, Ohio, and one-quarter mile distant in any direction from said reservoir, Oct. 15 - Dec. 12.

(6) Wisconsin: On the first day of the season waterfowl, coot, jacksnipe, and woodcock hunting may not start before 1 p.m.

(7) CENTRAL FLYWAY STATES

Migratory Waterfowl and Coot

Wilson's Snipe
or Jacksnipe

Daily Bag Limits	<u>Ducks</u>	<u>Geese</u>	<u>Coot</u>	8
Possession Limits	5 (1)	5 (2)(3)	10	8
Seasons in:	10 (1)	5 (2)(3)	10	
Colorado (3)	Oct. 20 - Dec. 18			Oct. 20 - Nov. 3
Kansas	Oct. 23 - Dec. 21			-----
Montana (3)	Oct. 10 - Dec. 8			-----
Nebraska	Oct. 16 - Dec. 14			-----
New Mexico	Oct. 31 - Dec. 29			-----
North Dakota	Oct. 1 - Nov. 29			Oct. 1 - Oct. 15
Oklahoma (4)	Oct. 17 - Dec. 15			Dec. 1 - Dec. 15
South Dakota	Oct. 2 - Nov. 30			Oct. 2 - Oct. 16
Texas (4) (5)	Nov. 6 - Jan. 4			Dec. 21 - Jan. 4
Wyoming (3)	Oct. 10 - Dec. 8			-----

(1) Wood ducks: No open season in Colorado, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. In other States, bag or possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. The above limits do not include mergansers. Daily bag and possession limit for American and red-breasted mergansers 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, and for the hooded merganser 1 a day or in possession.

(2) Including in such limit not more than (a) 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or (b) 2 white-fronted geese, or (c) 1 Canada goose or its subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose.

(3) Snow geese: No open season in Beaverhead, Gallatin, and Madison Counties in Montana, or in Colorado and Wyoming. No open season in Colorado on blue geese, or on Canada geese in Johnson and Sheridan Counties, Wyoming or within the drainage of the Wind River between Diversion Dam and Boysen Dam in Wyoming.

(4) Woodcock: Oklahoma, Nov. 6 - Dec. 15; Texas, in the counties of Shelby, Macogdoches, Angelina, Trinity, San Jacinto, Liberty, Chambers, and all counties south and east thereof, Dec. 12 to Jan. 20; no open season in rest of Texas. Daily limit 4, possession limit 8.

(5) Texas: Black-bellied tree duck, no open season.

(8) PACIFIC FLYWAY STATES

Migratory Waterfowl (Except Brant (1)) and Coot

	<u>Ducks</u>	<u>Geese (Except Ross's goose)</u>	<u>Coot</u>	<u>Wilson's Snipe or Jacksnipe</u>
Daily Bag Limits	7 (2)	6 (3)	25	8
Possession Limits	7 (2)	6 (3)	25	8
Seasons in:				
Arizona	Oct. 16 - Nov. 18 and Dec. 8 - Jan. 10			-----
California (1)	Oct. 16 - Nov. 18 and Dec. 8 - Jan. 10			Dec. 8 - Dec. 22 (4)
Idaho (5)	Oct. 10 - Dec. 23			-----
Nevada (6)	Oct. 16 - Dec. 29			-----
Oregon (1)	Oct. 17 - Dec. 30			Oct. 24 - Nov. 7 (4)
Utah	Oct. 10 - Dec. 23			Oct. 10 - Oct. 24
Washington (1)	Oct. 17 - Dec. 30			Nov. 15 - Nov. 29
Alaska (7)				

(1) Brant: In California, Oregon and Washington Dec. 1 - Feb. 10. Daily bag and possession limit 3.

(2) In addition 4 a day or in possession of widgeons or pintails or a mixed bag of these species.
Wood duck: No open season in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. In other Pacific Flyway States, bag or possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. The above limits do not include mergansers. Daily bag and possession limit for American and red-breasted mergansers 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, and for the hooded merganser 1 a day or in possession.

(3) Including in such limit not more than 3 birds of the dark species, as follows: the common Canada, white-fronted, tule, blue, and emperor geese.

(4) Jacksnipe: On the first day of season hunting may not start before 12 o'clock noon.

(5) Idaho: Snow geese, season open in Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, and Idaho Counties; in rest of State no open season. No open season on geese of any species in the following described area in Cuyon County: Beginning at the junction of U. S. Highway 30 and State Highway 45, in the city of Nampa, thence westerly along U. S. Highway 30 to its junction with State Highway 20, thence westerly along State Highway 20 to its junction with the Lake Lowell-Marsing road, thence southerly along the Lake Lowell-Marsing road to the south end of the west embankment of Lake Lowell, thence along the oil-surfaced road bearing easterly to its junction with State Highway 45, thence northerly along State Highway 45 to its junction with U. S. Highway 30, the point of beginning.

(6) Nevada: Oct. 16 - Dec. 29 except that portion lying south and east of a line beginning at a point where Highway 91 intersects the Arizona-Nevada State line, thence following Highway 91 to Las Vegas, thence following Highway 95 to its intersection with the California-Nevada State line where the season shall be Oct. 16 - Nov. 18 and Dec. 8 - Jan. 10.

(7) See page 7 of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's press release of Tuesday, July 28 (hunting rules for doves), covering the waterfowl season in Alaska.