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1964-65 HUNTING SEASONS ANNOUNCED BY INTERIOR DEPARTMENT FOR CERTAIN MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Specific dates for 1964-65 hunting seasons on mourning and white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, rails, gallinules, woodcock, and snipe in the various States; for certain sea ducks along the northeastern coast; and for waterfowl, coots, and cranes in Alaska, have been approved by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall after reviewing recommendations from State game administrators.

Public announcement of the actual opening and closing dates is being made by the States. Full details also are being published in the Federal Register.

In approving the seasons, Secretary Udall pointed out that after extensive surveys by the Fish and Wildlife Service to determine the population status of the various species, the Interior Department establishes season lengths, shooting hours, bag limits, and dates within which all open seasons must fall. These dates are then forwarded to the States for their recommendations on specific open season dates best suited to each State.

Small increases in mourning dove populations have resulted in slightly higher bag and possession limits which this year are 12 and 24 as compared with 10 and 20 last year. Generally, bag limits and seasons on other species remain the same as last year with slight increases in length of season and possession limit on Wilson's snipe.

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