

of these regulations pursuant to notice and comment rulemaking is unnecessary and may be dispensed with pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B).

G. Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act

The Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 418b) and FAR subparts 1.3 and 1.5 require publication of agency acquisition regulations for public comment when they have a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of the agency or result in significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. Because this final rule neither significantly affects the Agency's internal operating procedures nor results in significant costs or administrative impact on contractors or offerors, its publication without public comment is in compliance with the Act and FAR subparts 1.3 and 1.5.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 2301

Government procurement, Social Security acquisition regulation.

Dated: September 6, 1996.

Shirley S. Chater,

Commissioner of Social Security.

For the reasons stated in the Preamble, Chapter 23 is added to Title 48 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 23—SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL

PART 2301—SOCIAL SECURITY ACQUISITION REGULATION SYSTEM

Subpart 2301.1—Purpose, Authority, Issuance

Sec. 2301.101—Purpose.

Sec. 2301.103—Authority.

Sec. 2301.104—Applicability.

Sec. 2301.105—Issuance.

Sec. 2301.105-1—Publication and code arrangement.

Sec. 2301.105-2—Arrangement of regulations.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301, 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

PART 2301—SOCIAL SECURITY ACQUISITION REGULATION

Subpart 2301.1—Purpose, Authority, Issuance

2301.101 Purpose.

(a) The Social Security Acquisition Regulation (SSAR) is issued to establish uniform acquisition policies and procedures for the Social Security Administration (SSA) which conform to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) System.

(b) The SSAR implements and supplements the FAR. (Implementing

material expands upon or indicates the manner of compliance with related FAR material. Supplementing material refers to policies or procedures which have no corresponding counterpart in the FAR.)

(c) The SSAR contains only formal agency policies and procedures which have a significant effect beyond SSA's internal operating procedures or which have a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors.

2301.103 Authority.

The SSAR is prescribed under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301 and section 205(c) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 486(c)).

2301.104 Applicability.

The FAR and SSAR apply to all SSA acquisitions as stated in FAR 1.104. Unless specified otherwise, the FAR and SSAR apply to acquisitions within and outside the United States.

2301.105 Issuance.

2301.105-1 Publication and code arrangement.

(a) The SSAR is also published in the same forms as indicated in FAR 1.105-1(a).

(b) The SSAR is issued in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) as Chapter 23 of Title 48, Social Security Acquisition Regulation (SSAR). It may be referenced as "48 CFR chapter 23."

2301.105-2 Arrangement of regulations.

(a) *General.* The SSAR conforms to the FAR with respect to divisional arrangements; i.e., subchapters, parts, subparts, sections, subsections, and paragraphs.

(b) *Numbering.* The FAR System of numbering permits the keying of the same or similar subject matter throughout Chapters 1 (FAR) and 23 (SSAR) of Title 48, CFR. However, SSA's system varies somewhat from that of the FAR numbering scheme, in the numbering to the left of the decimal point. Whereas the FAR only identifies the part number of 48 CFR to the left of the decimal point, our corresponding reference identifies the chapter as well. For example, the FAR paragraph corresponding to this SSAR paragraph is numbered 1.105-2(b) where "1" is the part number (may be one or two digits and is followed by a decimal point), "1" (to the right of the decimal point) is the subpart number, "05" (always two digits) is the section number, "2" is the subsection number (always hyphenated), and "(b)" is the paragraph reference. This SSAR reference is 2301.105-2(b) where the "23" is the chapter number assigned to SSA and the

"01" represents the part number (part numbers will always be two digits for agencies implementing the FAR). The remaining numbers to the right of the decimal point are identical to and reflect the same divisions as in the FAR numbering scheme.

(c) *References and citations.* (1) Unless otherwise stated, references indicate parts, subparts, sections, subsections, etc., of this regulation, the SSAR.

(2) This regulation shall be referred to as the Social Security Acquisition Regulation (SSAR). Any reference may be cited as "SSAR" followed by the appropriate number. Within the SSAR, the number alone will be used.

(3) Citations of authority shall be incorporated where necessary. All FAR reference numbers shall be preceded by "FAR."

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 20

RIN 1018-AD69

Migratory Bird Hunting; Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule prescribes the hunting seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits for general waterfowl seasons and those early seasons for which States previously deferred selection. Taking of migratory birds is prohibited unless specifically provided for by annual regulations. This rule permits taking of designated species during the 1996-97 season.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 27, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The public may inspect comments during normal business hours in room 634, Arlington Square Building, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, ms 634—ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, (703) 358-1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations Schedule for 1996

On March 22, 1996, the Service published in the Federal Register (61

FR 11992) a proposal to amend 50 CFR part 20. The proposal dealt with the establishment of seasons, limits, and other regulations for migratory game birds under Sections 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. These regulations were proposed for certain designated members of the avian families Anatidae (ducks, geese, and swans), Columbidae (doves and pigeons), Gruidae (cranes), Rallidae (rails, coots, moorhens, and gallinules), and Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe), designated as "migratory game birds" in conventions between the United States and several foreign nations for their protection and management. All other birds designated as migratory (under 10.13 of Subpart B of 50 CFR Part 10) in the aforementioned conventions may not be hunted. On June 13, 1996, the Service published in the Federal Register (61 FR 30114) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations frameworks. The June 13 supplement also provided detailed information on the 1996-97 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings. On June 14, 1996, the Service published in the Federal Register (61 FR 30490) a third document describing the Service's proposed 1996-97 regulatory alternatives for duck hunting and its intent to consider establishing a special youth waterfowl hunting day. On June 27, 1996, the Service held a public hearing in Washington, DC, as announced in the March 22 and June 14 Federal Registers, to review the status of migratory shore and upland game birds. The Service discussed hunting regulations for these species and for other early seasons. On July 22, 1996, the Service published in the Federal Register (61 FR 37994) a fourth document specifically dealing with proposed early-season frameworks for the 1996-97 season. This document also extended the public comment period to August 1, 1996, for early-season proposals.

On August 2, 1996, the Service held a public hearing in Washington, DC, as announced in the March 22, June 14, and July 22 Federal Registers, to review the status of waterfowl and discuss proposed hunting regulations for late seasons. On August 15, 1996, (61 FR 42506), the Service published a fifth and sixth document on migratory bird hunting. The fifth document dealt specifically with proposed frameworks for the 1996-97 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations while the sixth

document proposed establishing a youth waterfowl hunting day for the 1996-97 duck-hunting season. On August 29, 1996, the Service published a seventh document containing final frameworks for early migratory bird hunting seasons from which wildlife conservation agency officials from the States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands selected early-season hunting dates, hours, areas, and limits. On August 30, 1996, the Service published in the Federal Register (61 FR 46357) an eighth document consisting of a final rule amending subpart K of title 50 CFR part 20 to set hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for early seasons. On September 18, 1996, the Service published a ninth document on the final frameworks for establishing a youth waterfowl hunting day. The Service published on September 20, 1996, a tenth document consisting of a final rule amending subpart K of title 50 CFR part 20 to set hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for the youth waterfowl hunting day. The Service published final late-season frameworks for migratory game bird hunting regulations, from which State wildlife conservation agency officials selected late-season hunting dates, hours, areas, and limits for 1996-97 in an eleventh document in the September 26, 1996, Federal Register. The final rule described here is the twelfth and final in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations for 1996-97 and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR part 20 to set hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for species subject to late-season regulations and those for early seasons that States previously deferred.

NEPA Consideration

NEPA considerations are covered by the programmatic document, "Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport Hunting of Migratory Birds (FSES 88-14)," filed with EPA on June 9, 1988. The Service published a Notice of Availability in the June 16, 1988, Federal Register (53 FR 22582). The Service published its Record of Decision on August 18, 1988 (53 FR 31341). Copies of these documents are available from the Service at the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

Endangered Species Act Consideration

As in the past, the Service designs hunting regulations to remove or alleviate chances of conflict between migratory game bird hunting seasons and the protection and conservation of

endangered and threatened species. Consultations were conducted to ensure that actions resulting from these regulations will 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 and available for public inspection in the Service's Division of Endangered Species and MBMO, at the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

Regulatory Flexibility Act; Executive Order (E.O.) 12866 and the Paperwork Reduction Act

In the March 22, and September 26, 1996, Federal Registers, the Service reported measures it took to comply with requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act and E.O. 12866. To document the significant beneficial economic effect on a substantial number of small entities, the Service prepared a Small Entity Flexibility Analysis that estimated migratory bird hunters would spend between \$254 and \$592 million at small businesses in 1996. Copies are available upon request from the Office of Migratory Bird Management. This rule was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under E.O. 12866. The Department examined these proposed regulations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The various information collection requirements are utilized in the formulation of migratory game bird hunting regulations. OMB has approved these information collection requirements and assigned clearance numbers 1018-0015 and 1018-0023.

Congressional Review

In accordance with Section 251 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (5 U.S.C. 8), this rule has been submitted to Congress and has been declared major. Because this rule establishes hunting seasons, this rule qualifies for an exemption under 5 U.S.C. 808(1); therefore, the Department determines that this rule shall take effect immediately.

Regulations Promulgation

The rulemaking process for migratory game bird hunting must, by its nature, operate under severe time constraints. However, the Service intends that the public be given the greatest possible opportunity to comment on the regulations. Thus, when the proposed rulemaking was published, the Service established what it believed were the longest periods possible for public comment. In doing this, the Service

recognized that when the comment period closed time would be of the essence. That is, if there were a delay in the effective date of these regulations after this final rulemaking, the States and Territories would have insufficient time to establish and publicize the necessary regulations and procedures to implement their decisions. The Service therefore finds that "good cause" exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and these regulations will, therefore, take effect immediately upon 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.

Unfunded Mandates

The Service has determined and certifies in compliance with the requirements of the Unfunded Mandates 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.

Civil Justice Reform—Executive Order 12988

The Department, in promulgating this proposed rule, has determined that these regulations meet the applicable standards provided in Sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20

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

Dated: September 24, 1996.

George T. Frampton, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

PART 20—[AMENDED]

For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, Part 20, subpart K is amended as follows:

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

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703–712; and 16 U.S.C. 742 a–j.

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Note - The following annual regulations provided for by §§20.104, 20.105, 20.106, 20.107, and 20.109 of 50 CFR part 20 will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations because of their seasonal nature.

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.

2. Section 20.104 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order to read as follows:

§20.104 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for rails, woodcock, and common 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 restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 29 and September 26 Federal Registers.

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 30, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 46357).

	Sora & Virginia Rails	Clapper & King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	5 (3)	8
Possession limit	25 (1)	30 (2)	10 (3)	16

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Massachusetts (5)	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 19-Nov. 30	Sept. 2-Dec. 17
Vermont	Closed	Closed	Oct. 1-Nov. 14	Oct. 1-Dec. 9

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Tennessee Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 16-Nov. 17 & Dec. 3-Jan. 19	Closed	Oct. 12-Dec. 15	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
State Zone	Nov. 30-Dec. 24 & Dec. 26-Jan. 19	Closed	Oct. 12-Dec. 15	Nov. 14-Feb. 28

	Sora & Virginia Rails	Clapper & King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
<u>Wisconsin</u> North Zone	Sept. 28-Nov. 16	Closed	Sept. 14-Nov. 17	Sept. 28-Nov. 16
South Zone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Nov. 21	Closed	Sept. 14-Nov. 17	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Nov. 21
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>				
<u>New Mexico</u> (16) North Zone	Oct. 19-Nov. 8 & Nov. 19-Jan. 19	Closed	Closed	Oct. 19-Nov. 8 & Nov. 19-Jan. 19
South Zone	Oct. 29-Jan. 19	Closed	Closed	Oct. 29-Jan. 19
<u>Texas</u>	Sept. 14-Sept. 22 & Nov. 9-Jan. 8	Sept. 14-Sept. 22 & Nov. 9-Jan. 8	Nov. 28-Jan. 31	Oct. 19-Feb. 2
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 14-Nov. 17	Closed	Closed	Sept. 14-Dec. 15
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Arizona</u> (17) North Zone ^a	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11-Jan. 11
South Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11-Oct. 20 & Oct. 29-Jan. 19
<u>California</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 5-Jan. 19
<u>Nevada</u> Clark County	Closed	Closed	Closed	Nov. 2-Jan. 19
Rest of State	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 12-Jan. 12
<u>New Mexico</u> (16)	Oct. 12-Oct. 27 & Nov. 4-Jan. 19	Closed	Closed	Oct. 12-Oct. 27 & Nov. 4-Jan. 19

(a) Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules
(Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways)

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 30, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 46357). The zones named in this paragraph are the same as those used for setting duck seasons.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Georgia</u>	• • • • • Nov. 27-Dec. 1 & Dec. 7-Jan. 20	15 15	30 30
<u>Virginia</u>	Oct. 9-Oct. 12 & Nov. 26-Nov. 30 & Dec. 9-Jan. 18	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>West Virginia</u> Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 12 & Dec. 12-Jan. 18	15 15	30 30
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Oct. 12 & Nov. 21-Dec. 28	15 15	30 30
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Michigan</u> North Zone	Sept. 28-Nov. 16	15	30
Middle Zone	Oct. 5-Nov. 23	15	30
South Zone	Oct. 12-Nov. 30	15	30
<u>Minnesota (2)</u>	Sept. 28-Nov. 16	15	30
<u>Tennessee</u> Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 16-Nov. 17 & Dec. 3-Jan. 19	15 15	30 30
State Zone	Nov. 30-Dec. 24 & Dec. 26-Jan. 19	15 15	30 30

	Sora & Virginia Ralls	Clapper & King Ralls	Woodcock	Common Snipe
<u>Oregon</u> Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 12-Jan. 12
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 5-Jan. 5
<u>Utah</u> Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 5-Jan. 12
<u>Washington</u> East Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 12-Jan. 19
West Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 12-Jan. 12

- (1) The bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails apply singly or in the aggregate of these species.
 (2) All bag and possession limits for clapper and king rails apply singly or in the aggregate of the two species and, unless otherwise specified, the limits are in addition to the limits on sora and Virginia rails in all States.
 (3) In States of the Atlantic Flyway, the woodcock bag limit is 3 daily and 6 in possession.
 (5) In Massachusetts, the sora bag limit is 5 daily and 10 in possession; the Virginia rail bag limit is 10 daily and 20 in possession.

(16) In New Mexico, the rail limits are 10 daily and 10 in possession.

(17) In Arizona, Ashurst Lake in Unit 58 is closed to common snipe hunting.

3. In Section 20.105, paragraphs (a) and (b) are amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order and paragraph (e) 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 restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 29 and September 26 Federal Registers.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Wisconsin</u>			
North Zone	Sept. 28-Nov. 16	15	30
South Zone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Nov. 21	15	30
		15	30
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>New Mexico (1)</u>			
North Zone	Oct. 19-Nov. 8 & Nov. 19-Jan. 19	1	2
South Zone	Oct. 29-Jan. 19	1	2
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<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
All States			

Seasons are in aggregate with coots and listed in paragraph (e).

(1) The season applies to common moorhens only.
(2) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 coots, moorhens, and gallinules in the aggregate.

(b) Sea Ducks (scoter, eider, and oldsquaw ducks in Atlantic Flyway)

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 30, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 46357).

Within the special sea duck areas, the daily bag limit is 7 sea ducks of which no more than 4 may be scoters. Possession limits are twice 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.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Connecticut</u>	Oct. 1-Jan. 15	7	14
<u>Georgia</u>	* * * * *	*	*
	Nov. 27-Jan. 20	7	14

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Maine</u>	Oct. 4-Jan. 18	7	14
<u>Maryland</u>	Oct. 7-Jan. 20	5	10
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Oct. 7-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>North Carolina</u>	* * * * *	*	*
	Oct. 5-Jan. 18	7	14
<u>South Carolina</u>	* * * * *	*	*
	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>Virginia</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14

Note: Notwithstanding the provisions of this Part 20, the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Delaware, Virginia and Maryland in those areas described, delineated, and designated in their respective hunting regulations as special sea duck hunting areas.

(e) Waterfowl, Coots, and Pacific Flyway Seasons for Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules

Definitions

The 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.

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

The 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).

The Pacific Flyway: Includes the States of Arizona, California, Colorado (west of the Continental Divide), Idaho, Montana (including and to the west of Hili, 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' geese.

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

ATLANTIC FLYWAY**Flyway-wide Restrictions**

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 5 ducks may include no more than 1 female mallard, 1 pintail, 1 black duck, 1 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 2 wood ducks, 2 redheads, and 1 fulvous tree duck. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

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

Merganser Limits: The merganser limits include no more than 1 hooded merganser daily and 2 in possession.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Florida Ducks	Nov. 27-Dec. 1 & Dec. 7-Jan. 20	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese	Closed	--	--
Georgia Ducks	Nov. 27-Dec. 1 & Dec. 7-Jan. 20	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese (special season) (3)	Nov. 27-Dec. 1	State Permit Only	State Permit Only
Light Geese	Jan. 11-Jan. 31	State Permit Only	State Permit Only
Brant	Same as for ducks	2	4
	Closed	--	--
Maine Ducks (4):	Oct. 1-Oct. 26 & Oct. 31-Nov. 23	5	10
North Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 19 & Oct. 1-Oct. 14	5	10
South Zone	Nov. 14-Dec. 14	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Closed	--	--
South Zone	Closed	--	--
Light Geese	Oct. 1-Jan. 15	5	10
Brant	Oct. 1-Oct. 30	2	4
Maryland Ducks (5)	Oct. 9-Oct. 12 & Nov. 18-Nov. 29 & Dec. 16-Jan. 18	4	8
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	4	8
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10
Canada Geese (special season)	Same as for ducks	15	30
Light Geese	Closed	--	--
Brant	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	3	6
	Oct. 26-Nov. 29 & Dec. 16-Jan. 18 & Jan. 30-Mar. 8	8	16
	Nov. 27-Nov. 29 & Dec. 23-Jan. 18	8	16
		2	4
		2	4
Connecticut (1)	Oct. 19-Oct. 26 & Nov. 16-Dec. 27	5	10
Ducks (2):	Oct. 19-Oct. 26 & Dec. 2-Jan. 11	5	10
North Zone	Same as for ducks	5	10
South Zone	Same as for ducks	15	30
Mergansers	Closed	--	--
Coots	Closed	--	--
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Jan. 15-Feb. 15 (special season)	State Permit Only	State Permit Only
South Zone	Oct. 19-Feb. 1	8	24
Light Geese	Nov. 28-Dec. 27	2	4
Brant:	Dec. 13-Jan. 11	2	4
North Zone			
South Zone			
Delaware Ducks	Oct. 3-Oct. 5 & Nov. 4-Nov. 9 & Nov. 25-Jan. 4	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese	Closed	--	--
Light Geese:			
Bombay Hook NWR	Nov. 15-Nov. 22	8	24
Statewide	Oct. 21-Nov. 14 & Nov. 25-Jan. 11 & Jan. 25-Feb. 8	8	24
	Feb. 28-Mar. 8	8	24
Brant	Dec. 21-Jan. 20	2	4

Season: Dates			Limits	
	Bag	Possession		
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Massachusetts				
Ducks:				
Western Zone	5	10		
Central Zone	5	10		
Coastal Zone (6)	5	10		
Mergansers	5	10		
Coots	5	10		
Same as for ducks	15	30		
Canada Geese:				
Western Zone	--	--		
Central Zone	--	--		
(special season) (3)	5	10		
Coastal Zone	--	--		
(special season) (3)	5	10		
Light Geese:				
Western Zone	5	10		
Central Zone	5	10		
Coastal Zone	5	10		
Brant:				
Berkshire & Central Zone	--	--		
Coastal Zone	2	4		
	2	4		
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New Hampshire				
Ducks (7):				
Inland Zone	5	10		
Coastal Zone	5	10		
	5	10		
	5	10		
Mergansers	5	10		
Coots	15	30		
Canada Geese:				
Inland Zone	--	--		
Coastal Zone	--	--		
Light Geese:				
Inland Zone	8	24		
Coastal Zone	8	24		
Brant:				
Inland Zone	2	4		
Coastal Zone	2	4		
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Season: Dates <th>Bag</th> <th>Possession</th> <th colspan="2">Limits</th>	Bag	Possession	Limits	
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New Jersey				
Ducks:				
North Zone				
Oct. 12-Oct. 26 &				
Nov. 28-Jan. 1	5	10		
Oct. 19-Nov. 2 &	5	10		
Nov. 28-Jan. 1	5	10		
Nov. 1-Nov. 30 &	5	10		
Dec. 16-Jan. 4	5	10		
Same as for ducks	5	10		
Same as for ducks	15	30		
Mergansers				
Coots				
Canada Geese:				
North Zone	--	--		
South Zone	--	--		
Coastal Zone	--	--		
(special season) (3)	5	10		
Light Geese:				
North Zone				
Oct. 20-Nov. 20 &	8	24		
Nov. 28-Jan. 1 &	8	24		
Jan. 15-Feb. 15	8	24		
Oct. 19-Nov. 2 &	8	24		
Nov. 28-Jan. 3 &	8	24		
Jan. 15-Mar. 10	8	24		
Oct. 12-Jan. 4 &	8	24		
Jan. 15-Feb. 5	8	24		
Brant:				
North Zone	2	4		
South Zone	2	4		
Coastal Zone	2	4		
	2	4		
New York				
Ducks:				
Long Island Zone				
Nov. 27-Dec. 1 &	5	10		
Dec. 7-Jan. 20	5	10		
Oct. 9-Oct. 20 &	5	10		
Nov. 2-Dec. 9	5	10		
Oct. 5-Oct. 20 &	5	10		
Oct. 26-Nov. 28	5	10		
Oct. 12-Oct. 20 &	5	10		
Nov. 9-Dec. 19	5	10		
Oct. 12-Nov. 17 &	5	10		
Dec. 21-Jan. 2	5	10		
Same as for ducks	5	10		
Same as for ducks	15	30		
Mergansers				
Coots				

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
New York (cont.)			
Canada Geese:			
Long Island Zone	Closed	--	--
Lake Champlain Zone	Closed	--	--
Northeastern Zone	Closed	--	--
Southeastern Zone	Closed	--	--
Western Zone	Closed	--	--
Special season	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10
Light Geese:			
Long Island Zone	Oct. 12-Nov. 11 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1 & Dec. 7-Feb. 15	8 8 8	24 24 24
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 1-Jan. 15	8	24
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 5-Jan. 19	8	24
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 12-Jan. 26	8	24
Western Zone	Oct. 12-Jan. 26	8	24
Brant:			
Long Island Zone	Nov. 27-Dec. 1 & Dec. 7-Dec. 31	2 2	4 4
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 14	2	4
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 12-Nov. 10	2	4
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 12-Nov. 10	2	4
Western Zone	Oct. 12-Nov. 10	2	4
North Carolina			
Ducks (9)	Oct. 3-Oct. 5 & Nov. 25-Nov. 30 & Dec. 9-Jan. 18	5 5 5	10 10 10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese	Closed	--	--
Light Geese	Nov. 25-Mar. 10	8	24
Brant	Dec. 21-Jan. 18	2	4
Pennsylvania			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Oct. 12-Oct. 26 & Nov. 2-Dec. 6	5 5	10 10
South Zone	Oct. 12-Oct. 26 & Nov. 28-Jan. 1	5 5	10 10
Northwest Zone	Oct. 12-Oct. 19 & Nov. 9-Dec. 20	5 5	10 10
Lake Erie Zone	Nov. 5-Dec. 14 & Dec. 19-Dec. 28	5 5	10 10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Pennsylvania (cont.)			
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Closed	--	--
South Zone	Closed	--	--
(Special season) (10)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10
Erie, Mercer, and Butler Counties	Oct. 12-Oct. 19 & Nov. 9-Jan. 9	1 2	2 4
Crawford County	Oct. 12-Oct. 19 & Nov. 9-Dec. 5	1 1	2 2
Light Geese	Nov. 9-Dec. 11 & Dec. 28-Mar. 10	8 8	24 24
Brant	Nov. 2-Nov. 30	2	4
<u>Rhode Island</u>			
Ducks	Oct. 11-Oct. 14 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1 & Dec. 11-Jan. 20	5 5 5	10 10 10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese	Closed	--	--
(Special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10
Light Geese	Oct. 11-Oct. 14 & Nov. 27-Jan. 20	5 5	10 10
Brant	Nov. 27-Dec. 1 Dec. 27-Jan. 20	2 2	4 4
South Carolina			
Ducks (11)	Nov. 27-Nov. 30 & Dec. 6-Jan. 20	5 5	10 10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese (special season) (3)	Nov. 27-Nov. 30 & Dec. 21-Jan. 4 & Jan. 18-Jan. 24 & Jan. 26-Feb. 1	5 5 5 5	10 10 10 10
Light Geese	Same as for ducks	5	10
Brant	Same as for ducks	2	4
Vermont			
Ducks:			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 20 & Nov. 2-Dec. 9	5 5	10 10
Interior Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 11 & Nov. 23-Dec. 1	5 5	10 10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese	Closed	--	--
Light Geese	Oct. 1-Jan. 15	8	24
Brant	Oct. 16-Nov. 14	2	4

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 5 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, and 2 wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The merganser limits include no more than 1 hooded merganser daily and 2 in possession.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
Alabama Ducks:			
North Zone	Nov. 30-Dec. 24 & Dec. 26-Jan. 19	5	10
South Zone	Nov. 14-Nov. 24 & Dec. 12-Jan. 19	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Georgia:			
Dark Geese:			
North Zone:	Dec. 15-Dec. 24 & Dec. 26-Jan. 19	2	4
SJBP Zone	Oct. 5-Oct. 13 & Nov. 30-Dec. 24 & Dec. 26-Jan. 29	2	4
Rest of North Zone	Nov. 14-Nov. 24 & Dec. 12-Jan. 31	2	4
South Zone	Same as for dark geese	5	5
Light Geese			
Arkansas:			
Ducks	Nov. 23-Dec. 8 & Dec. 14-Dec. 22 & Dec. 26-Jan. 19	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada (1):			
East Zone	Jan. 18-Feb. 9	2	4
West Zone	Jan. 25-Feb. 2 & Feb. 5-Feb. 9	1	2
White-fronted	Nov. 23-Jan. 31	2	4
Brant	Closed	--	--
Light Geese	Nov. 23-Mar. 9	10	30
Illinois:			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Oct. 12-Nov. 30	5	10
Central Zone	Oct. 26-Dec. 14	5	10
South Zone	Nov. 9-Dec. 28	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
Virginia Ducks:			
	Oct. 9-Oct. 12 & Nov. 26-Nov. 30 & Dec. 9-Jan. 18	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Back Bay Area	Closed	--	--
Remainder of State (special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 8	3	6
Light Geese	Nov. 22-Nov. 30 & Dec. 2-Dec. 7 & Dec. 9-Mar. 10	8	24
Brant	Nov. 26-Nov. 30 & Dec. 25-Jan. 18	2	4
West Virginia Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 12 & Dec. 12-Jan. 18	5	10
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Oct. 12 & Nov. 21-Dec. 28	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 12 & Nov. 22-Jan. 18	3	6
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Nov. 2 & Dec. 13-Jan. 18	3	6
Light Geese:			
Zone 1	Same as for Canada geese	5	10
Zone 2	Same as for Canada geese	5	10
Brant	Dec. 20-Jan. 18	2	4

- (1) In Connecticut, the shooting hours on October 19 are 7:00 a.m. to sunset.
- (2) In Connecticut, the season is closed for black ducks October 19 through October 26.
- (3) State permit required.
- (4) In Maine, the season is closed for black ducks October 1 through October 10.
- (5) In Maryland, the daily bag limit may include no more than 1 redhead; the black duck season is closed October 9 through October 12 and November 18 through November 24; and the canvasback season is open only December 23 through January 18.
- (6) In Massachusetts, the season is closed for black ducks December 2 through December 11 in the Coastal Zone.
- (7) In New Hampshire, the season is closed for black duck from October 3 through October 6.
- (8) In New York, the season is closed for black ducks November 16 through November 28 in the Northeastern Zone, November 9 through November 17 in the Southeastern Zone, and October 21 through November 17 in the Western Zone.
- (9) In North Carolina, the season is closed for black ducks October 3 through October 5 and November 25 through November 30.
- (10) In Pennsylvania, the special season will only be held in the Western Hunt Unit.
- (11) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit of 5 may not exceed 4 mallards and may not exceed 1 black duck, mottled duck, or female mallard in the aggregate.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Louisiana			
Ducks:			
West Zone	Nov. 9-Dec. 1 & Dec. 21-Jan. 16	5	10
East Zone:			
Catahoula Lake Area	Nov. 23-Dec. 5 & Dec. 14-Jan. 19	5	10
Rest of East Zone	Nov. 23-Dec. 5 & Dec. 14-Jan. 19	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada (4)	Jan. 21-Jan. 29	1	2
White-fronted (4) and Brant	Nov. 9-Dec. 8 & Dec. 21-Jan. 29	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 9-Feb. 23	10	30
Michigan			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Sept. 28-Nov. 16	5	10
Middle Zone	Oct. 5-Nov. 23	5	10
South Zone	Oct. 12-Nov. 30	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada (2):			
North Zone	Sept. 28-Oct. 17	2	4
Middle Zone	Oct. 5-Oct. 24	2	4
South Zone:			
Muskegon Wastewater Goose Management Unit (GMU) (2)	Oct. 19-Nov. 14 & Dec. 1-Dec. 22	2	4
Allegan County GMU (2)	Oct. 12 only & Oct. 19-Dec. 7	1	2
Saginaw County GMU (2)	Oct. 12-Nov. 30	1	2
Tuscola/Huron GMU (2)	Oct. 12-Nov. 30	1	2
Southern Michigan GMU	Oct. 12-Oct. 25 & Nov. 28-Dec. 13	1	2
(special season)	Jan. 4-Feb. 2	2	4
Rest of South Zone	Oct. 12-Oct. 25 & Nov. 28-Dec. 13	1	2
White-fronted and Brant	See Footnote 5	2	4
Light Geese	See Footnote 5	10	30
Minnesota			
Ducks (6)	Sept. 28-Nov. 16	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots (7)		15	30
Geese:			
Canada (2):			
West Zone:			
West Central Zone:	Oct. 5-Oct. 13 & Oct. 17-Nov. 6	1	2
Lac qui Parle Zone (2)	Oct. 5-Oct. 13 & Oct. 17-Nov. 6	1	2
Rest of West Central Zone	Oct. 17-Nov. 6	1	2
Rest of West Zone	Sept. 28-Nov. 6	1	2
Northwest Zone	Sept. 28-Nov. 6	1	2
Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone:			
West Zone	Sept. 28-Nov. 6	1	2
(special season)	Sept. 14-Dec. 23	2	4
Rest of Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone	Sept. 28-Dec. 6	2	4
(special season)	Dec. 14-Dec. 23	2	4
Twin Cities Metro Zone and Olmsted County	Sept. 28-Dec. 6 & Dec. 14-Dec. 23	2	4
Rest of State	Sept. 28-Dec. 6	2	4
White-fronted and Brant:			
West Zone (8)	Sept. 28-Nov. 6	2	4
Northwest Zone	Sept. 28-Nov. 6	2	4
Rest of State	Sept. 28-Dec. 6	2	4
Light Geese (8)	Sept. 28-Dec. 16	7	14
Mississippi			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Nov. 29-Dec. 8 & Dec. 11-Jan. 19	5	10
Zone 2	Nov. 30-Dec. 24 & Dec. 26-Jan. 19	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 23-Jan. 31	3	6
White-fronted and Brant	Nov. 23-Jan. 31	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 23-Mar. 9	10	30

		Limits			
		Season Dates	Bag	Possession	
Missouri	Ducks and Mergansers:				
	North Zone	Oct. 26-Dec. 14	5	10	
	Middle Zone	Nov. 2-Dec. 21	5	10	
	South Zone	Nov. 23-Jan. 11	5	10	
	Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	
	Geese:				
	Canada (2):				
	North Zone:				
	Swan Lake Zone (2)	Oct. 26-Nov. 3 &	2	4	
	Rest of North Zone	Nov. 29-Dec. 29	2	4	
		Sept. 28-Oct. 6 &	2	4	
		Oct. 26-Nov. 3 &	2	4	
		Nov. 29-Jan. 19	2	4	
	Middle Zone:				
	Schell-Osage Zone	Nov. 29-Jan. 7	2	4	
	Rest of Middle Zone	Nov. 2-Nov. 7 &	2	4	
		Nov. 29-Jan. 31	2	4	
		Nov. 23-Jan. 31	2	4	
	South Zone				
	White-fronted and Brant:				
	North Zone:				
	Swan Lake Zone	Oct. 26-Nov. 3 &	2	4	
	Rest of North Zone	Nov. 29-Jan. 19	2	4	
		Sept. 28-Oct. 6 &	2	4	
		Oct. 26-Nov. 3 &	2	4	
		Nov. 29-Jan. 19	2	4	
		Nov. 2-Nov. 7 &	2	4	
		Nov. 29-Jan. 31	2	4	
		Nov. 23-Jan. 31	2	4	
	Middle Zone				
	South Zone	Oct. 26-Jan. 19 &	10	30	
	Light Geese:	Feb. 17-Mar. 9	10	30	
	North Zone	Nov. 2-Nov. 7 &	10	30	
	Middle Zone	Nov. 29-Mar. 9	10	30	
	South Zone	Nov. 23-Mar. 9	10	30	
Ohio	Pymatuning Area:				
	Ducks (8)	Oct. 12-Oct. 19 &	5	10	
		Nov. 9-Dec. 20	5	10	
	Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	
	Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	
	Canada Geese	Oct. 12-Oct. 19 &	1	2	
		Nov. 9-Dec. 5	1	2	
	Light Geese	Nov. 9-Dec. 11 &	8	24	
		Dec. 28-Mar. 10	8	24	
	Brant	Nov. 2-Nov. 30	2	4	
Ohio (cont.)	Rest of State:				
	Ducks:				
	North Zone	Oct. 19-Nov. 30 &	5	10	
		Dec. 15-Dec. 21	5	10	
	South Zone	Oct. 19-Nov. 2 &	5	10	
		Dec. 16-Jan. 19	5	10	
	Ohio River Zone	Oct. 19-Nov. 2 &	5	10	
		Dec. 16-Jan. 19	5	10	
	Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	
	Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	
	Geese:				
	Canada:				
	North Zone:				
	Lake Erie SIBP Zone	Nov. 16-Nov. 30 &	1	2	
		Dec. 15-Dec. 29	1	2	
	Rest of North Zone	Oct. 19-Nov. 30 &	2	4	
		Dec. 15-Jan. 10	2	4	
	South Zone	Oct. 19-Nov. 11 &	2	4	
		Dec. 16-Jan. 30	2	4	
	Ohio River Zone	Oct. 19-Nov. 11 &	2	4	
		Dec. 16-Jan. 30	2	4	
	White-fronted and Brant	Same as for Canada geese	2	4	
	Light Geese	Same as for Canada geese	10	30	
Tennessee	Ducks:				
	Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 16-Nov. 17 &	5	10	
		Dec. 3-Jan. 19	5	10	
	State Zone	Nov. 30-Dec. 24 &	5	10	
		Dec. 28-Jan. 19	5	10	
	Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	
	Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	
	Geese:				
	Canada (2)(10):				
	Northwest Zone (2)	Nov. 30-Feb. 15	2	4	
Wisconsin	Southwest Zone	Nov. 30-Jan. 31	2	4	
	Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zone (2)	Dec. 13-Jan. 31	2	4	
	Rest of State (10)	Oct. 5-Oct. 13 &	2	4	
		Nov. 30-Jan. 29	2	4	
	White-fronted and Brant	Nov. 23-Jan. 31	2	4	
	Light Geese	Nov. 23-Mar. 8	10	30	
	Ducks:				
	North Zone	Sept. 28-Nov. 16	5	10	
	South Zone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 &	5	10	
	Mergansers	Oct. 12-Nov. 21	5	10	
	Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10	

- (1) In Arkansas, shooting hours for Canada geese are one-half hour before sunrise to noon.
- (2) Harvests of Canada geese will be limited by quotas established in the September 26, 1996, Federal Register. When it has been determined that the quota of Canada geese allotted to the Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, Southern Illinois and Rend Lake Quota Zones in Illinois, Posey County in Indiana, the Ballard and Henderson-Union Subzones in Kentucky, the Allegan County, Muskegon Wastewater, Saginaw County, and Tuscola/Huron Goose Management Units in Michigan, the Lac Qui Parle Zone in Minnesota, the Swan Lake Zone in Missouri, the Northwest and Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zones in Tennessee, and the Exterior Zone in Wisconsin will have been filled, the season for taking Canada geese in the respective zone (and associated area, if applicable) 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.
- (3) In Illinois, shooting hours for geese in the Southern Illinois and Rend Lake Quota Zones through January 28 shall close at 3 p.m.
- (4) In Louisiana, during the Canada goose season, the daily bag limit is 2 Canada and white-fronted geese in the aggregate, no more than 1 of which may be a Canada goose. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. A special permit is required by the State.
- (5) In Michigan, the seasons for white-fronted geese, brant, and light geese are as follows: in the North and Middle Zones, and in the Saginaw County and Tuscola/Huron Goose Management Units (GMU) in the South Zone, the seasons open concurrently with the seasons for Canada geese and run continuously through the end of the duck season. In the Allegan County and Muskegon County Wastewater GMU's in the South Zone, the seasons open on October 19 and run continuously through the end of the Canada goose season in those GMU's, respectively, December 7 and December 22; in the remainder of the South Zone, the seasons open concurrently with the season for Canada geese and run continuously through December 13.
- (6) In Minnesota, North Heron Lake, South Heron Lake, North Marsh, and Duck Lake in Jackson County are closed to the taking of canvasbacks.
- (7) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30, coots, moorhens, and gallinules in the aggregate.
- (8) In Minnesota, in the Lac Qui Parle Zone, seasons for white-fronted geese, brant, and light geese are open only when the Canada goose season is open.
- (9) In Ohio, in the Pymatuning Area, the restrictions of the duck bag limit for Pennsylvania apply.
- (10) In Tennessee, see State regulations for permit requirements and additional restrictions.

CENTRAL FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 5 ducks may include no more than 1 female mallard, 1 mottled duck, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 1 canvasback, and 2 wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The merganser limits include no more than 1 hooded merganser daily and 2 in possession.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits
Colorado Ducks	Sept. 28-Oct. 14 & Nov. 2-Nov. 30 & Dec. 14-Jan. 19	5 5 15	10 10 30
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits
Wisconsin (cont.)			
Geese:			
Canada (2):			
Horicon Zone	Sept. 21-Dec. 15	1	2
Collins Zone	Sept. 21-Nov. 22 & Dec. 2-Dec. 3	1	2
Exterior Zone:			
Rock Prairie Subzone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Dec. 15	1	2
Mississippi River Subzone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Dec. 11	1	2
Rest of Exterior Zone:			
North Duck Zone	Sept. 28-Dec. 15	1	2
South Duck Zone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Dec. 20	1	2
White-fronted and Brant:			
Horicon Zone	Sept. 21-Nov. 29	2	4
Collins Zone	Sept. 21-Nov. 22 & Dec. 2-Dec. 3	2	4
Exterior Zone:			
Rock Prairie Subzone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Dec. 11	2	4
Mississippi River Subzone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Dec. 11	2	4
Rest of Exterior Zone			
North Duck Zone	Sept. 28-Dec. 6	2	4
South Duck Zone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Dec. 11	2	4
Light Geese:			
Horicon Zone	Sept. 21-Dec. 15	10	20
Collins Zone	Sept. 21-Nov. 22 & Dec. 2-Dec. 3	10	20
Exterior Zone:			
Rock Prairie Subzone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Dec. 15	10	20
Mississippi River Subzone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Dec. 11	10	20
Rest of Exterior Zone:			
North Duck Zone	Sept. 28-Dec. 15	10	20
South Duck Zone	Sept. 28-Oct. 6 & Oct. 12-Dec. 20	10	20

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Colorado (cont.)			
Dark Geese:			
Northern Front Range Unit	Sept. 28-Oct. 13 & Nov. 2-Jan. 31	4	8
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit (1)	Sept. 28-Oct. 13 & Nov. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
North Park Unit (1)	Sept. 28-Oct. 13 & Nov. 2-Jan. 1	2	4
Arkansas Valley Unit (2)	Nov. 16-Jan. 31	4	8
Pueblo County	Dec. 14-Jan. 31	2	4
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Nov. 2-Jan. 31	4	8
Light Geese:			
Northern Front Range Unit	Nov. 2-Jan. 31	5	10
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit (2)	Nov. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
North Park Unit (1)	Nov. 2-Jan. 1	2	4
Arkansas Valley Unit	Nov. 16-Jan. 31	5	10
Pueblo County	Nov. 2-Jan. 31	5	10
Eastern Colorado Late Light Geese Unit	Nov. 2-Jan. 31 & Feb. 22-Mar. 9	5	10
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Nov. 2-Jan. 31	5	10
Kansas			
Ducks			
High Plains	Oct. 12-Dec. 1 & Dec. 7-Jan. 7	5	10
Low Plains:			
Early Zone	Oct. 12-Dec. 1 & Dec. 21-Dec. 29	5	10
Late Zone	Nov. 2-Dec. 15 & Dec. 21-Jan. 5	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese (3):			
Canada	Nov. 2-Jan. 26	2	4
White-fronted	Nov. 2-Jan. 26	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 2-Jan. 3 & Jan. 25-Mar. 9	10	40
Montana			
Ducks and Mergansers:			
Zone 1	Sept. 28-Nov. 24 & Dec. 7-Dec. 31	5	10
Zone 2	Sept. 28-Oct. 20 & Nov. 2-Dec. 31	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Dark Geese	Sept. 28-Jan. 12	4	8
Light Geese	Sept. 28-Jan. 12	5	10
Nebraska (4)			
Ducks and Mergansers:			
High Plains	Oct. 5-Dec. 1 & Dec. 7-Dec. 8 & Dec. 14-Jan. 5	5	10
Low Plains:			
Zones 1 and 2	Oct. 19-Oct. 20 & Oct. 26-Dec. 22	5	10
Zones 3 and 4	Sept. 28-Sept. 29 & Oct. 12-Dec. 8	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese:			
North Unit:			
Canada	Oct. 26-Jan. 19	2	4
White-fronted	Oct. 26-Jan. 19	1	2
East Unit:			
Canada	Sept. 28-Sept. 29 & Oct. 5-Dec. 27	2	4
White-fronted	Sept. 28-Sept. 29 & Oct. 5-Dec. 27	2	4
West Unit:			
Canada	Oct. 19-Jan. 12	2	4
White-fronted	Oct. 19-Jan. 12	1	2
Light Geese:			
Rainwater Basin Area	Oct. 5-Dec. 13 & Feb. 1-Feb. 16	10	40
Rest of State	Oct. 5-Dec. 13 & Feb. 2-Mar. 10	10	40
New Mexico			
Ducks and Mergansers:			
North Zone	Oct. 19-Nov. 8 & Nov. 19-Jan. 19	5	10
South Zone	Oct. 29-Jan. 19	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese (5):			
Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit	Dec. 28-Jan. 5	1	1
Rest of State	Oct. 17-Jan. 31	4	8
Light Geese	Nov. 9-Feb. 23	10	40
North Dakota			
Ducks			
Statewide	Sept. 28-Nov. 24 & Nov. 30-Dec. 1	5	10
High Plains	Dec. 7-Dec. 29	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
Texas (cont.)				
Geese:				
East Tier:				
Dark Geese:				
Canada	Nov. 2-Jan. 19 & Jan. 20-Jan. 26	1	1	2
White-fronted	Nov. 2-Jan. 26	2	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 2-Feb. 16	10	10	40
West Tier:				
Dark Geese				
Canada	Nov. 2-Feb. 16	5	5	10
White-fronted	Nov. 2-Feb. 16	4	4	8
Light Geese	Nov. 2-Feb. 16	1	1	2
	Nov. 2-Feb. 16	10	10	40
Wyoming				
Ducks				
Zone 1	Oct. 5-Oct. 20 & Nov. 2-Dec. 15 & Dec. 21-Jan. 12	5	5	10
Zone 2	Sept. 28-Oct. 27 & Nov. 2-Dec. 1 & Dec. 14-Jan. 5	5	5	10
	Same as for ducks	5	5	10
Mergansers				
Coots				
Dark Geese:				
Area 1	Oct. 5-Jan. 19	4	4	8
Area 2 (7)	Oct. 19-Jan. 31	4	4	8
Area 3	Sept. 28-Jan. 12	4	4	8
Area 4 (7)	Nov. 16-Jan. 31	4	4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 5-Dec. 19 & Feb. 8-Mar. 10	10	10	40
		10	10	40
South Dakota				
Ducks and Mergansers:				
High Plains	Oct. 5-Dec. 3 & Dec. 7-Dec. 29	5	5	10
Low Plains:				
North Zone	Sept. 28-Nov. 26	5	5	10
Middle Zone	Oct. 5-Dec. 3	5	5	10
South Zone	Oct. 12-Dec. 10	5	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	
Dark Geese:				
Canada:				
Unit 1	Sept. 28-Dec. 22	2	2	4
Unit 2	Oct. 12-Jan. 5	2	2	4
Unit 3	Oct. 19-Jan. 12	2	2	4
White-fronted	Sept. 28-Dec. 22	1	1	2
Light Geese	Sept. 28-Dec. 22	10	10	20
Texas				
Ducks:				
High Plains	Oct. 26-Oct. 29 & Nov. 2-Jan. 19	5	5	10
Low Plains	Nov. 16-Dec. 1 & Dec. 7-Jan. 19	5	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	15	30

(1) In Colorado, in the North Park and South Park/San Luis Valley Units, the bag limit for the November 2 through January 1 and November 2 through January 31 periods, respectively, are 2 geese. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

(2) In Colorado, in the Arkansas Valley Unit, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to noon November 16 through November 29.

(3) In Kansas, exceptions to the dark goose season are as follows: (a) Marais des Cygnes Valley Unit, South Flint Hills Unit, Central Flint Hills Unit, and Southeast Unit - season dates are December 14, 1996, through January 12, 1997. Dark goose permits issued by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks are required. Unlimited permits are available in all four units with a maximum of one permit per individual per unit. In the Marais des Cygnes Valley, 5 geese permit are allowed. In the South Flint Hills and Central Flint Hills Units, 8 geese per permit are allowed. In the Southeast Unit, 4 geese per permit are allowed. Shooting hours in the Marais des Cygnes Unit shall be one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Shooting hours in all other units shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(4) In Nebraska, see State regulations for additional information on daily bag limits.

(5) In New Mexico, the season for dark geese is closed in Bernalillo, Sandoval, Sierra, Socorro, and Valencia Counties.

- (6) In North Dakota, the shooting hours for geese are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. through October 28 and until 2 p.m. the remainder of the season.
- (7) In Wyoming, the shooting hours for geese in Goshute County are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m., except on January 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26 when shooting hours are until sunset. In Platte County, shooting hours for geese in the area east of Interstate Highway 25 and north of Wyoming Highway 160 are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. In the remainder of Platte County, shooting hours for geese are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. except on January 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26, when shooting hours are until sunset.

PACIFIC FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck and Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit of 7 ducks (including mergansers) may include no more than 1 female mallard, 2 pintails, 2 redheads and 1 canvasback. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Coot and Common Moorhen Limits: Daily bag and possession limits are in the aggregate for the two species.

Goose Limits: Daily bag limits for geese may not exceed 2 white-fronted geese and 3 light geese. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Aleutian Canada Geese: The season is closed throughout the Flyway.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
Arizona				
Ducks (1):				
North Zone	Oct. 11-Jan. 11	7		14
South Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 20 & Oct. 29-Jan. 19	7		14
	Same as for ducks	25		25
Coots and moorhens				
Geese:				
Dark (2):				
GMU 22 & 23	Nov. 15-Jan. 19	2		2
Balance of State	Oct. 18-Jan. 19	2		2
Light (2):				
GMU 22 & 23	Same as dark geese	3		3
Rest of State	Same as dark geese	3		3
California				
Ducks:				
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 5-Jan. 5	7		14
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 20 & Oct. 29-Jan. 19	7		14
	Oct. 19-Jan. 19	7		14
Southern Zone	Oct. 19-Jan. 19	7		14
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Oct. 19-Jan. 19	7		14
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 19-Jan. 19	7		14
Coots and moorhens:				
Northeastern Zone	Same as for ducks	25		25
Colorado River Zone	Same as for ducks	25		25
Southern Zone	Same as for ducks	25		25
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Same as for ducks	25		25
Balance-of-State Zone	Same as for ducks	25		25

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
California (cont.)				
Geese:				
Northeastern Zone:				
Canada Geese	Oct. 5-Jan. 5	3		6
Cackling Geese	Oct. 5-Oct. 27	2		4
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 5-Oct. 27	1		2
Light Geese	Oct. 5-Jan. 5	2		4
Colorado River Zone:				
Canada Geese	Oct. 5-Jan. 5	5		10
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 18-Jan. 19	2		4
Light Geese	Oct. 18-Jan. 19	2		4
Southern Zone:				
Dark Geese:	Oct. 18-Jan. 19	3		6
Canada Geese:				
Cackling Geese	Oct. 19-Jan. 19	5		8
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 19-Jan. 19	2		2
Light Geese	Oct. 19-Jan. 19	2		2
Balance-of-State Zone:				
Dark Geese (3):	Oct. 19-Jan. 19	3		6
Canada:				
Del Norte & Humboldt	Closed	2		2
Sacramento Valley Area	Closed	2		2
San Joaquin Valley Area	Nov. 2-Nov. 22	2		2
Rest of Zone	Nov. 2-Jan. 19	2		2
White-fronted:				
Sacramento Valley Closure	Nov. 2-Dec. 14	1		1
Rest of Zone	Nov. 2-Jan. 5	1		1
Light Geese	Nov. 2-Jan. 19	3		3
Brant	Nov. 1-Nov. 30	2		4
Colorado				
Ducks:				
	Sept. 28-Oct. 13 & Oct. 26-Nov. 27 & Dec. 7-Jan. 19	7		14
	Same as for ducks	25		25
Coots				
Geese:				
West Central Colorado Unit	Oct. 26-Jan. 17	2		4
Gunnison/Saguache Area (4)	Oct. 26-Jan. 17	1 per season		4
Rest of State	Sept. 28-Oct. 13 & Oct. 26-Jan. 17	2		4
Idaho				
Ducks:				
Zone 1	Oct. 5-Jan. 5	7		14
Zone 2	Oct. 5-Jan. 5	7		14
Zone 3	Oct. 5-Oct. 13 & Oct. 26-Jan. 17	7		14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25		25

		Season Dates	Bag	Limits		
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Oregon						
Ducks:						
Zone 1:						
Columbia Basin Unit						
Rest of Zone 1						
Zone 2						
Coots						
Geese:						
Northwest General Goose Zone:						
Dark Goose						
Light Goose						
Northwest Special Permit Zone (9):						
Dark Goose						
Dusky Canada geese						
Cackling Canada geese						
Light Goose						
Southwest General Zone (10):						
Dark Goose						
Light Goose						
Eastern Zone:						
Klamath, Harney, Lake and Malheur Counties:						
Dark Goose						
Cackling Canada geese						
White-fronted geese						
Light Goose						
Remainder of Eastern Zone:						
Dark Goose						
Cackling Canada geese						
White-fronted geese						
Light Goose						
Brant (4)						
Utah (11)						
Ducks:						
Zone 1						
Zone 2						
Coots						
Geese:						
Light						
Dark:						
Washington County (12)						
Rest of State						
Washington						
Ducks:						
East Zone						
West Zone						
Coots						
Geese (13):						
Eastern Management Areas 1 and 2 (14)						
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Idaho (cont.)						
Geese:						
Zone 1:						
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Zone 2:						
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Zone 3:						
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Zone 4 (5)						
Zone 5						
Montana						
Ducks						
Coots						
Geese (6):						
Dark						
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Nevada						
Ducks:						
Lincoln & Clark Counties						
Rest of State						
Coots and moorhens						
Dark Goose:						
Lincoln & Clark Counties						
Rest of State						
Light Goose:						
Lincoln & Clark Counties						
Rest of State (7)						
New Mexico						
Ducks						
Oct. 12-Oct. 27 & Nov. 4-Jan. 19						
Coots						
Moorhens (8)						
Geese:						
North Zone:						
Dark						
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South Zone:						
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4. Section 20.106 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order 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 restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 29, 1996, Federal Register (60 FR 45020).

Note: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 30, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 46357).

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
Oklahoma	Oct. 26-Jan. 26	3	6
Texas (1)			
Zone A	Nov. 9-Feb. 9	3	6
Zone B	Nov. 30-Feb. 9	3	6
Zone C	Jan. 4-Feb. 9	3	6
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(1) Each hunter participating in a regular sandhill crane hunting season must obtain and carry in his possession while hunting sandhill cranes a valid Federal sandhill crane hunting permit available without cost from conservation agencies in the States where crane hunting seasons are allowed. The permit must be displayed to any authorized law enforcement official upon request.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>Washington (cont.)</u>			
Western Management Area 1	Oct. 12-Dec. 29	3	6
Western Management Area 2 (15)	Nov. 23-Jan. 18 & Feb. 5-Mar. 10		
North of Kalama River (15)		4	8
Dusky Canada geese		1	1
Cackling Canada geese		2	4
South of Kalama River (15)		4	8
Dusky Canada geese		1	1
Cackling Canada geese		2	4
Western Management Area 3	Oct. 12-Jan. 19	4	8
Brant (16)	Dec. 7-Dec. 22	2	4
Wyoming			
Ducks	Sept. 28-Dec. 29	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Dark Geese	Sept. 28-Jan. 5	4	8

(1) In Arizona, the daily limit may include no more than either 1 female mallard or 1 Mexican-like duck, but not both; and not more than 2 female mallards, 2 Mexican-like ducks, or 1 of each, may be in possession.

(2) In Arizona, in Yuma County, La Paz County, Game Management Units 13B, 15, and that portion of Unit 16 lying within Mohave County, the bag and possession limit is 2 and 4 for Canada geese and 3 and 6 for light geese, respectively.

(3) In California, the dark goose limits may be expanded to 2 per day and 4 in possession provided they are Canada geese other than cackling geese for which the daily limit is 1. Aleutian geese may not be taken.

(4) State permit is required.

(5) In Idaho, the season on light geese is closed in Fremont and Teton Counties.

(6) In Montana, check State regulations for special seasons/exceptions in Freezeout Lake WMA; Canyon Ferry; Flathead; Deer Lodge County; and Missoula County.

(7) In Nevada, there is no open season on light geese in Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties, White River Valley of Nye County, and Pahrangat Valley of Lincoln County.

(8) In New Mexico, the bag limit is 1 common moorhen daily and 2 in possession; there is no open season on the purple gallinule.

(9) In Oregon, the Northwest Special Permit Zone is closed to all goose hunting, except for designated areas. See State regulations for specific boundary descriptions, times, days, and other conditions of the special permit season.

(10) In Oregon, that portion of Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties west of US 101 is closed to all Canada goose hunting.

(11) In Utah, the shooting hours are 8:00 a.m. to sunset on October 5 (Zone 1) and November 2.

(12) In Utah, the Washington County season is for Canada geese only.

(13) In Washington, daily bag and possession limits may include no more than 3 and 6 light geese, respectively.

(14) In Washington, in State Goose Area 1, hunting is only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and certain holidays. In State Goose Area 2, hunting is everyday. See State regulations for details, including shooting hours.

(15) In Washington, see State regulations for specific dates and conditions of permit hunts and closures for Canada geese.

(16) In Washington, brant may be hunted in Skagit and Pacific Counties only; and only on December 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 22.

5. 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.

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

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>North Carolina</u>	Nov. 4-Jan. 31	1	tundra swan per season
<u>Virginia</u>	Dec. 3-Jan. 31	1	tundra swan per season
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY (1)</u>			
<u>Montana</u>	Sept. 28-Dec. 29	1	tundra swan per season
<u>North Dakota</u>	Sept. 28-Nov. 24	1	tundra swan per season
<u>South Dakota</u>	Sept. 28-Nov. 30	1	tundra swan per season
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY (1)(2)</u>			
<u>Montana</u>	Oct. 12-Dec. 1	1	swan per season
<u>Nevada (3) (4)</u>	Oct. 19-Jan. 5	1	swan per season
<u>Utah (3)</u>	Oct. 5-Dec. 1	1	swan per season

(1) See State regulations for description of area open to swan hunting.

(2) Any species of swan may be taken.

(3) Harvests of trumpeter swans will be limited by quotas established in the September 26, 1996, Federal Register. When it has been determined that the quota of trumpeter swans allotted to Nevada and Utah will 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.

(4) All harvested swans and tags must be checked at the Nevada Division of Wildlife within 5 days of harvest.

6. Section 20.109 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order 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 August 29 and September 26 Federal Registers.

Limits: The daily bag limit may include no more than 3 migratory game birds, singly or in the aggregate. The possession limit is twice 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.

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 30, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 46357)

	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Florida</u>	Ducks and coots Nov. 1-Nov. 13 & Jan. 21-Feb. 28
<u>Georgia</u>	Nov. 15-Nov. 27 & Jan. 21-Feb. 28
<u>Maine</u>	Nov. 15-Nov. 27 & Dec. 2-Dec. 6 & Jan. 21-Feb. 28
<u>North Zone</u>	Nov. 29-Jan. 15
<u>South Zone</u>	Jan. 2-Jan. 18 & Jan. 20-Feb. 15 & Feb. 17-Mar. 1

Extended Falconry Dates		Extended Falconry Dates	
<u>Pennsylvania (cont.)</u>		<u>Illinois</u>	
Canada Geese:		Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
North Zone	Closed	North Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 11 & Dec. 1-Dec. 3 & Feb. 1-Mar. 10
South Zone	Closed	Central Zone	Oct. 20-Oct. 25 & Dec. 15-Dec. 17 & Feb. 1-Mar. 10
Erie, Mercer, and Butler Crawford	Oct. 21-Nov. 1 Oct. 21-Nov. 8 & Dec. 6-Jan. 2	South Zone	Nov. 3-Nov. 8 & Dec. 29-Dec. 31 & Feb. 1-Mar. 10
Brant	Dec. 2-Feb. 17		
<u>South Carolina</u>		<u>Indiana</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 6-Nov. 26 & Dec. 1-Dec. 5	Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
<u>Virginia</u>		North Zone	Sept. 22-Oct. 18 & Dec. 8-Dec. 28
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Nov. 21-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Dec. 8 & Jan. 19-Mar. 2	South Zone	Oct. 5-Oct. 25 & Nov. 2-Nov. 12 & Dec. 30-Jan. 14
Canada Geese	Closed	Ohio River Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 23 & Jan. 13-Jan. 21
Brant	Dec. 2-Dec. 7 & Dec. 9-Dec. 24 & Jan. 19-Mar. 10		
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>		<u>Iowa</u>	
<u>Arkansas</u>		Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Mourning doves	Nov. 1-Nov. 22 & Jan. 23-Feb. 16	Statewide	Dec. 15-Feb. 8
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Nov. 15-Nov. 22 & Dec. 24-Dec. 25 & Jan. 20-Feb. 25	Dark Geese:	
		North Zone	Dec. 7-Jan. 10
		South Zone	Oct. 14-Oct. 18 & Dec. 19-Jan. 19

	Extended Falconry Dates	
<u>Kentucky</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Statewide	Nov. 5-Nov. 27 & Dec. 2-Dec. 4 & Jan. 20-Jan. 31	
Canada Geese:		
Western Goose Zone	Nov. 5-Dec. 4	
Pennyroyal/Coalfield Zone	Nov. 5-Dec. 15 & Jan. 20-Jan. 31	
Rest of State	Nov. 5-Dec. 12	
White-fronted geese, brant, and light geese:		
Western Goose Zone	Nov. 24-Nov. 27	
Rest of State	Nov. 5-Nov. 27	
<u>Michigan</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens:		
North Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 27 & Nov. 17-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	
Middle Zone	Sept. 7-Oct. 4 & Nov. 24-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	
South Zone	Sept. 7-Oct. 11 & Dec. 1-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	
<u>Minnesota</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens		
Canada Geese:		
West Zone:		
West Central Zone		
Rest of West Zone		
Northwest Zone		
Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone:		
West Zone		
Rest of Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone		
Twin Cities Metro Zone		
and Olmsted County		
Rest of State		
White-fronted Geese and Brant:		
West Zone		
Northwest Zone		
Rest of State		
<u>Mississippi</u>		
Mourning doves		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>Missouri</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
North Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 15 & Oct. 6-Oct. 25 & Dec. 15-Jan. 11	Sept. 1-Sept. 27 & Nov. 17-Dec. 16
Middle Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 15 & Oct. 6-Nov. 1 & Dec. 22-Jan. 11	Sept. 1-Sept. 27 & Oct. 7-Oct. 11 & Nov. 22-Dec. 16
South Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 15 & Oct. 6-Nov. 22	Sept. 1-Sept. 13 & Nov. 18-Dec. 16
<u>Ohio</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Pymatuning Area	Oct. 21-Nov. 8 & Dec. 21-Jan. 25	Sept. 14-Sept. 27 & Nov. 17-Dec. 10 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10
Rest of State:		
North Zone	Dec. 22-Jan. 30	Sept. 14-Sept. 27 & Oct. 7-Oct. 11 & Nov. 22-Dec. 10 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10
South Zone	Nov. 3-Nov. 30 & Dec. 15 only & Jan. 20-Jan. 30	
Ohio River Zone	Nov. 3-Nov. 30 & Dec. 15 only & Jan. 20-Jan. 30	Sept. 16-Sept. 20 & Mar. 1-Mar. 9
<u>Tennessee</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Reelfoot Zone	Sept. 19-Nov. 9	Feb. 24-Mar. 9
State Zone	Sept. 19-Nov. 9	Sept. 27-Oct. 11 & Feb. 15-Mar. 9
		Oct. 18-Nov. 1 & Feb. 15-Mar. 9
<u>Wisconsin</u>		
Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules:		
North Zone		
South Zone		
Woodcock		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
North Zone		
South Zone		
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Colorado</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		
<u>Kansas</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		
High Plains		
Low Plains:		
Early Zone		
Late Zone		

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>Montana</u> (4)		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Zone 1	Sept. 14-Sept. 27 & Nov. 25-Dec. 6	
Zone 2	Sept. 14-Sept. 27 & Oct. 21-Nov. 1	
<u>Nebraska</u> (5)		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
High Plains	Sept. 28-Oct. 4 & Dec. 2-Dec. 6 & Dec. 9-Dec. 13 & Jan. 6-Jan. 11	
Low Plains: Zones 1 and 2	Sept. 28-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Oct. 25 & Dec. 23-Jan. 11	
Zones 3 & 4	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Dec. 9-Jan. 11	
<u>New Mexico</u> (4)		
Ducks, coots, moorhens, snipe, sora and Virginia rail:		
North Zone	Oct. 14-Oct. 18 & Nov. 9-Nov. 18	
South Zone	Jan. 20-Feb. 3	
<u>Oklahoma</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
High Plains	Sept. 23-Sept. 30 & Oct. 6-Oct. 11	
Low Plains: Zone 1	Dec. 2-Dec. 6 & Dec. 8-Dec. 13 & Jan. 6-Jan. 31	
Zone 2	Dec. 2-Dec. 6 & Dec. 8-Dec. 13 & Jan. 13-Feb. 7	
<u>South Dakota</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Low Plains: North Zone		Sept. 4-Sept. 27 & Nov. 27-Dec. 19
Middle Zone		Sept. 4-Oct. 4 & Dec. 4-Dec. 19
South Zone		Sept. 4-Oct. 11 & Dec. 11-Dec. 19
High Plains		Sept. 4-Sept. 27
<u>Texas</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
High Plains		Jan. 20-Feb. 3
Low Plains		Jan. 20-Feb. 26
Woodcock		Nov. 25-Nov. 27 & Feb. 1-Mar. 10
<u>Wyoming</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		
Zone 1		Sept. 21-Oct. 4 & Oct. 23-Nov. 1
Zone 2		Sept. 21-Oct. 4 & Oct. 28-Nov. 1
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Arizona</u>		
Ducks and mergansers:		
North Zone		Sept. 21-Oct. 3
South Zone		Feb. 1-Feb. 13

Extended Falconry Dates		Extended Falconry Dates	
<u>California</u>		<u>California (cont.)</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		Brant:	
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 28 only & Jan. 6-Jan. 18	Northeastern Zone	Sept. 28 only & Oct. 5-Oct. 31 & Dec. 1-Jan. 18
Colorado River Zone	Jan. 20-Feb. 2	Southern Zone	Oct. 12 only & Oct. 19-Oct. 31 & Dec. 1-Feb. 1
Southern Zone	Oct. 12 only & Jan. 20-Feb. 1	Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 12 only & Oct. 19-Oct. 31 & Dec. 1-Feb. 1
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 12 only & Jan. 20-Feb. 1	Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 12 only & Oct. 19-Oct. 31 & Dec. 1-Feb. 1
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 12 only & Jan. 20-Feb. 1		
Canada Geese:		Light Geese:	
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 28 only & Jan. 6-Jan. 18	Northeastern Zone	Sept. 28 only & Jan. 6-Jan. 18
Southern Zone	Oct. 12 only & Jan. 20-Feb. 1	Southern Zone	Oct. 12 only & Jan. 20-Feb. 1
Balance-of-State Zone (6)	Oct. 12 only & Jan. 20-Feb. 1	Balance-of-State Zone (6)	Oct. 12 only & Jan. 20-Feb. 1
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 12 only & Jan. 20-Feb. 1	Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 12 only & Jan. 20-Feb. 1
White-fronted Geese:		<u>Colorado</u>	
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 28 only & Oct. 28-Jan. 18	Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 25-Mar. 9
Southern Zone	Oct. 12 only & Jan. 20-Feb. 1	<u>Idaho</u>	
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 12 only & Oct. 19-Nov. 1 & Jan. 6-Feb. 1	Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Areas 1 and 2	Sept. 13-Sept. 18 & Sept. 28 only & Mar. 4-Mar. 10
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 12 only & Oct. 19-Nov. 1 & Jan. 6-Feb. 1		

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>Montana</u> (4)		
Ducks and coots	Feb. 25-Mar. 10	
Geese	Jan. 6-Jan. 12	
<u>Nevada</u> (7)		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese moorhens, and snipe:		
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Jan. 20-Feb. 14	
Rest of State	Jan. 13-Jan. 24	
<u>New Mexico</u> (4)		
Ducks, coots, moorhens, snipe, sora and Virginia rail	Jan. 20-Feb. 2	
Geese:		
North Zone	Nov. 13-Dec. 20 & Jan. 20-Jan. 26	
South Zone	Oct. 12-Oct. 25 & Jan. 20-Jan. 26	
<u>Oregon</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Zone 1:		
Columbia Basin	Jan. 20-Jan. 26	
Rest of Zone 1	Jan. 13-Jan. 26	
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Oct. 4	
Snipe:		
Zone 1	Oct. 5-Oct. 11	
Zone 2	Jan. 6-Jan. 19	
<u>Utah</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Zone 1		Sept. 28-Sept. 29 & Jan. 11-Jan. 22
Zone 2		Jan. 25-Feb. 7
Light Geese		Jan. 13-Jan. 19
Dark Geese:		
Washington County		Oct. 5-Oct. 11
Rest		Jan. 13-Jan. 19
Snipe		Jan. 13-Jan. 19
<u>Washington</u>		
Ducks, mergansers and coots:		
West Zone		Jan. 24-Feb. 5
East Zone		Mar. 4-Mar. 10
Geese (8)		Jan. 20-Jan. 26
Snipe		Oct. 5-Oct. 11
<u>Wyoming</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Sept. 21-Oct. 4

(4) The daily bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.
 (5) In Nebraska, the bag limit is 3, see State regulations for additional information on daily bag limits.
 (6) In California, the falconry season for Canada geese is closed in Del Norte and Humboldt Area, the Sacramento Valley Area, and in the San Joaquin Valley Area.
 (7) In Nevada, the bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 4.
 (8) In Washington, the extended falconry season on geese is Statewide, except for Western Goose Management Area 2 for which there is no extended season.