

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 20**

RIN 1018-AH79

**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 the taking of designated species during the 2001–02 season.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on September 29, 2001.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Regulations Schedule for 2001**

On April 30, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 21298) 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 §§ 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. On June 14, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 32297) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations frameworks and the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2001–02 duck hunting season. The June 14 supplement also provided detailed information on the 2001–02 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 20–21, we held meetings that reviewed information on the current status of migratory shore and upland game birds and developed 2001–02 migratory game bird regulations recommendations for these species plus regulations for migratory game birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, special September waterfowl seasons in designated States, special sea duck seasons in the Atlantic Flyway, and extended falconry seasons. In addition, we reviewed and discussed

preliminary information on the status of waterfowl as it relates to the development and selection of the regulatory packages for the 2001–02 regular waterfowl seasons. On July 24, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 38494) a third document specifically dealing with the proposed frameworks for early-season regulations and final regulatory alternatives for the 2001–02 duck hunting season. On August 21, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 44010) a final rule that contained 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 29, 2001, we published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 45730) a final rule amending subpart K of title 50 CFR part 20 to set hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for early seasons.

On August 1–2, 2001, we held a public meeting in Washington, DC, as announced in the April 30, and June 14 **Federal Registers**, to review the status of waterfowl. Proposed hunting regulations were discussed for late seasons. We published proposed frameworks for the 2001–02 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations on August 28, 2001, in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 45516). We 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 2001–02 in the September 27, 2001, **Federal Register**.

The final rule described here is the eighth and final in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations for 2001–02 and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR part 20. It sets 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 the Environmental Protection Agency on June 9, 1988. We published a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 1988 (53 FR 22582). We published our Record of Decision on August 18, 1988 (53 FR 31341). Copies are available from the

address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

**Endangered Species Act Consideration**

We have considered provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543; hereinafter the Act) to ensure that hunting is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any species designated as endangered or threatened or modify or destroy its critical habitat and that the action is consistent with conservation programs for those species.

**Executive Order (E.O.) 12866**

This rule was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The migratory bird hunting regulations are economically significant and are annually reviewed by OMB under E.O. 12866.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act**

These 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 in detail and issued a Small Entity Flexibility Analysis (Analysis) in 1998. The Analysis documented the significant beneficial economic effect on a substantial number of small entities. The primary source of information about hunter expenditures for migratory game bird hunting is the National Hunting and Fishing Survey, which is conducted at 5-year intervals. The Analysis was based on the 1996 National Hunting and Fishing Survey and the U.S. Department of Commerce's County Business Patterns, from which it was estimated that migratory bird hunters would spend between \$429 million and \$1.084 billion at small businesses in 1998. Copies of the Analysis are available upon request from the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

**Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act**

This 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 has an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more. However, because this rule establishes 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**

We examined these regulations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

We utilize the various recordkeeping and reporting requirements imposed under regulations established in 50 CFR part 20, Subpart K, in the formulation of migratory game bird hunting regulations. Specifically, OMB has approved the information collection requirements of the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program and assigned control number 1018-0015 (expires 9/30/2001). This information is used to provide a sampling frame for voluntary national surveys to improve our harvest estimates for all migratory game birds in order to better manage these populations. OMB has also approved the information collection requirements of the Sandhill Crane Harvest Questionnaire and assigned control number 1018-0023 (expires 7/31/2003). The information from this survey is used to estimate the magnitude and the geographical and temporal distribution of harvest, and the portion it constitutes of the total population. A Federal 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.

#### 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 “significantly or uniquely” affect small governments, and will not produce a Federal mandate 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 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, reduces restrictions on the use of private and public property.

#### 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 and 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 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 Assessment.

#### 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.

#### Energy Effects—E.O. 13211

On May 18, 2001, the President issued E.O. 13211 on regulations that significantly affect energy supply, distribution, and use. 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.

#### Regulations Promulgation

The rulemaking process for migratory game bird hunting must, by its nature, operate under severe time constraints. However, we intend that the public be given the greatest possible opportunity to comment on the regulations. Thus, when the preliminary proposed rulemaking was published, we established what we believed were the longest periods possible for public comment. In doing this, we 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 would have insufficient time to implement their selected season dates and limits and start their seasons in a timely manner.

We therefore find 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.

#### List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20

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

Dated: September 19, 2001.

**Joseph E. Doddridge,**

*Acting 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—[AMENDED]

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, Pub. L. 106–108.

**BILLING CODE** 4310–55–P

**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 21 and September 27 Federal Registers.

**NOTE:** The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 29, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 45730).

	Sora & Virginia Rails	Clapper & King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	25 (1)	30 (2)	6	16

**ATLANTIC FLYWAY**

Massachusetts (4) Sept. 1-Nov. 9 Closed Oct. 18-Oct. 27 &  
Oct. 29-Nov. 17 Sept. 1-Dec. 15

Vermont Closed Oct. 6-Nov. 4 Oct. 10-Dec. 13

**MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY**

Louisiana Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Nov. 10-Jan. 2 Nov. 15-Jan. 28 Nov. 3-Dec. 3 &  
Dec. 15-Feb. 28

Tennessee  
Reelfoot Zone Nov. 17-Nov. 18 & Dec. 1-Jan. 18 Closed Oct. 27-Dec. 10 Nov. 14-Feb. 28  
State Zone Dec. 1-Dec. 3 & Dec. 15-Jan. 20 Closed Oct. 27-Dec. 10 Nov. 14-Feb. 28

	Sora & Virginia Rails	Clapper & King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
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Wisconsin  
North Zone Sept. 29-Nov. 27 Closed Sept. 22-Nov. 5 Sept. 29-Nov. 27  
South Zone Sept. 29-Nov. 27 Closed Sept. 22-Nov. 5 Sept. 29-Nov. 27

**CENTRAL FLYWAY**

New Mexico (16) Oct. 6-Dec. 14 Closed Oct. 6-Jan. 20

**PACIFIC FLYWAY**

Arizona (17)  
North Zone Closed Closed Oct. 12-Jan. 20  
South Zone Closed Closed Oct. 12-Jan. 20  
California Closed Closed Oct. 20-Feb. 3

Idaho  
Zone 1 Closed Closed Oct. 6-Jan. 18  
Zones 2 & 3 Closed Closed Oct. 6-Oct. 17 &  
Oct. 20-Jan. 20

Nevada  
Clark County Closed Closed Oct. 13-Jan. 20  
Rest of State Closed Closed Oct. 13-Jan. 20  
New Mexico (16) Oct. 6-Dec. 14 Closed Oct. 6-Jan. 20

Oregon  
Zone 1 Closed Closed Oct. 6-Nov. 23 &  
Dec. 29-Feb. 24

Zone 2 Closed Closed Oct. 6-Nov. 23 &  
Dec. 29-Feb. 24  
Utah Closed Closed Oct. 6-Jan. 19



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

**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 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' 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 FLYWAYFlyway-wide Restrictions

**Duck Limits:** The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (2 hen mallards), 3 scaup, 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 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
Connecticut Ducks (1):			
North Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 21-Jan. 12	6	12
Other ducks	Oct. 10-Oct. 20 & Nov. 16-Jan. 12		
South Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 28-Jan. 19		
Other ducks	Oct. 10-Oct. 17 & Nov. 20-Jan. 19		
Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for Other ducks	15	30

PACIFIC FLYWAYAll States

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

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
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(2) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 coots and moorhens 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 29, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 45730).

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>Maine</u> (1)	Oct. 1-Jan. 19	7	14
<u>Maryland</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 19	5	10
<u>Massachusetts</u> (2)	Oct. 5-Jan. 20	7	14
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<u>North Carolina</u>	Oct. 1-Jan. 19	7	14
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<u>South Carolina</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>Virginia</u>	Oct. 10-Jan. 19	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.

(1) In Maine, the daily bag limit for eiders is 5, possession 10.

(2) In Massachusetts, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 eiders (only 1 of which may be a hen) and 4 oldsquaws.

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
Georgia (cont.)				
Georgia (cont.)	Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5	10
	Coots	Same as for Other ducks	15	30
	Canada Geese (special season)	Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Jan. 30	3	6
	Light Geese	Same as for Canada geese	3	6
	Brant	Closed	--	--
	Maine			
	Ducks (6):			
	North Zone:			
	Canvasbacks	Oct. 1-Oct. 20		
	Other ducks	Oct. 1-Dec. 8		
	South Zone:			
	Canvasbacks	Oct. 1-Oct. 20		
	Other ducks	Oct. 1-Oct. 20 & Nov. 5-Dec. 22		
	Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5	10
	Coots	Same as for Other ducks	15	30
	Canada Geese:			
	North Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 21	2	4
	South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 20 & Nov. 15-Dec. 15	2	4
	Light Geese	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	15	--
Brant	Oct. 1-Nov. 27	2	4	
Maryland				
Ducks (7):				
Canvasbacks	Dec. 28-Jan. 19	5	10	
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Oct. 13 & Nov. 2-Nov. 23 & Dec. 12-Jan. 19			
Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5	10	
Coots	Same as for Other ducks	15	30	
Canada Geese:				
SJBP Zone	Closed	--	--	
(special season)	Nov. 15-Nov. 23 & Dec. 8-Jan. 14	2	4	
AP Zone	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	3	6	
Light Geese (8)	Nov. 19-Nov. 23 & Dec. 22-Jan. 19	1	2	
Brant	Oct. 13-Nov. 23 & Dec. 6-Jan. 31 & Feb. 1-Mar. 9	15	--	
Massachusetts				
Ducks (9):				
Western Zone:				
Canvasbacks	Nov. 6-Nov. 23 & Dec. 12-Jan. 19	2	4	
Other ducks	Closed			
	Oct. 9-Nov. 24 & Dec. 11-Jan. 1			

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<b>Massachusetts (cont.)</b>			
Central Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Closed		
Other ducks	Oct. 10-Nov. 24 & Dec. 14-Jan. 5		
Coastal Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 21-Jan. 12		
Other ducks	Oct. 11-Oct. 27 & Nov. 22-Jan. 12		
Same as for Other ducks	Same as for Other ducks	5	10
Same as for Other ducks	Same as for Other ducks	15	30
Mergansers			
Coots			
Canada Geese:			
MAP Zone			
Central Zone:	Oct. 10-Nov. 24 & Dec. 14-Dec. 19	2	4
Coastal Zone:	Oct. 11-Oct. 27 & Dec. 10-Jan. 12	2	4
Special season:	Jan. 15-Feb. 9	2	4
AP Zone	Oct. 27-Nov. 24 & Dec. 11-Dec. 15	1	2
Light Geese:			
Western Zone	Same as for ducks	15	30
Central Zone	Same as for ducks & Jan. 15-Feb. 9	15	30
Coastal Zone	Same as for ducks & Jan. 15-Feb. 9	15	30
Brent:			
Western & Central Zone	Closed		
Coastal Zone	Nov. 22-Jan. 18	2	4
<b>New Hampshire</b>			
Ducks:			
Inland Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Closed		
Other ducks	Oct. 2-Nov. 4 & Nov. 21-Dec. 18		
Coastal Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Closed		
Other ducks	Oct. 3-Oct. 21 & Nov. 21-Dec. 31		
Same as for Other ducks	Same as for Other ducks	5	10
Same as for Other ducks	Same as for Other ducks	15	30
Mergansers			
Coots			
Canada Geese:			
Inland Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 4 & Nov. 21-Dec. 1	2	4
Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 14 & Nov. 21-Dec. 23	2	4
Light Geese:			
Inland Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 18	15	
Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 31	15	
Brent:			
Inland Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 4 & Nov. 21-Dec. 8	2	4
Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 21 & Nov. 21-Dec. 21	2	4
<b>New Jersey</b>			
Ducks (110):			
North Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 12-Jan. 3		
Other ducks	Oct. 13-Nov. 3 & Nov. 17-Jan. 3	6	12
South Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 18-Jan. 9		
Other ducks	Oct. 20-Dec. 1 & Dec. 14-Jan. 9		
Coastal Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 28-Jan. 19		
Other ducks	Nov. 3-Nov. 13 & Nov. 22-Jan. 19		
Same as for Other ducks	Same as for Other ducks	5	10
Same as for Other ducks	Same as for Other ducks	15	30
Mergansers			
Coats			
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Nov. 17-Nov. 24 & Dec. 25-Jan. 19	2	4
South Zone	Nov. 22-Dec. 1 & Dec. 27-Jan. 19	2	4
Coastal Zone	Nov. 22-Nov. 24 & Dec. 20-Jan. 19	2	4
Special season:	Jan. 21-Feb. 15	5	10
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 13-Feb. 14	15	
South Zone	Oct. 20-Oct. 27 & Nov. 13-Jan. 21 & Jan. 23-Mar. 9	15	
Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Feb. 4	15	
Brent:			
North Zone	Oct. 13-Nov. 3 & Nov. 22-Dec. 27	2	4
South Zone	Oct. 20-Nov. 3 & Nov. 17-Dec. 29	2	4
Coastal Zone	Nov. 3-Nov. 13 & Nov. 22-Jan. 8	2	4
<b>New York</b>			
Ducks (111):			
Long Island Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Jan. 1-Jan. 20		
Other ducks	Nov. 16-Nov. 25 & Dec. 2-Jan. 20	6	12
Lake Champlain Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Nov. 6-Nov. 25		
Other ducks	Oct. 10-Oct. 14 & Oct. 20-Dec. 13		
Northeastern Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Nov. 17-Dec. 6		
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Nov. 12 & Nov. 17-Dec. 8		

		Limits	
Season Dates	Bag	Possession	
<u>New York (cont.)</u>			
Southeastern Zone:			
Canvasbacks			
Other ducks			
Dec. 4-Dec. 23			
Oct. 13-Oct. 21 &			
Nov. 3-Dec. 23			
Western Zone:			
Canvasbacks			
Other ducks			
Dec. 27-Jan. 6			
Oct. 20-Dec. 7 &			
Dec. 27-Jan. 6			
Same as for Other ducks	5	10	
Same as for Other ducks	15	30	
Mergansers			
Coots			
Canada Geese:			
Long Island (NAPI) Zone			
Nov. 16-Nov. 25 &	2	4	
Dec. 17-Jan. 20	2	4	
Oct. 27-Nov. 25	2	4	
Oct. 27-Nov. 25	2	4	
Nov. 3-Nov. 17 &	2	4	
Dec. 29-Jan. 12	2	4	
Oct. 27-Nov. 14 &	2	4	
Oct. 27-Jan. 6	2	4	
Dec. 27-Dec. 13 &	2	4	
Dec. 22-Jan. 12	2	4	
Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10	
Light Geese:			
(special season)			
Long Island Zone	15	--	
Nov. 16-Nov. 25 &	15	--	
Dec. 17-Mar. 10	15	--	
Oct. 10-Dec. 28 &	15	--	
Mar. 1-Mar. 10	15	--	
Oct. 6-Jan. 10 &	15	--	
Mar. 1-Mar. 10	15	--	
Oct. 13-Jan. 17 &	15	--	
Mar. 1-Mar. 10	15	--	
Oct. 20-Jan. 24 &	15	--	
Mar. 1-Mar. 10	15	--	
Brant:			
Long Island Zone	2	4	
Dec. 12-Jan. 20	2	4	
Oct. 10-Nov. 28	2	4	
Oct. 6-Nov. 24	2	4	
Oct. 13-Dec. 1	2	4	
Oct. 13-Dec. 1	2	4	
North Carolina			
Ducks (12):	6	12	
Canvasbacks			
Other ducks			
Dec. 28-Jan. 19			
Oct. 3-Oct. 6 &			
Nov. 3-Nov. 24 &			
Dec. 8-Jan. 19			
Same as for Other ducks	5	10	
Same as for Other ducks	15	30	
Nov. 3-Dec. 31	2	4	
Closed			
Mergansers			
Coots			
Canada Geese:			
Western Unit			
Remainder of State			
<u>North Carolina (cont.)</u>			
Light Geese			
Brant			
Oct. 22-Oct. 31 &	15	--	
Nov. 16-Mar. 9	15	--	
Nov. 10-Nov. 24 &	2	4	
Dec. 8-Jan. 19	2	4	
Pennsylvania			
Ducks:	6	12	
North Zone:			
Canvasbacks			
Other ducks			
Nov. 2-Nov. 24			
Oct. 6-Nov. 24 &			
Dec. 22-Jan. 10			
South Zone:			
Canvasbacks			
Other ducks			
Dec. 1-Dec. 24			
Oct. 6-Oct. 13 &			
Nov. 15-Jan. 15			
Northwest Zone:			
Canvasbacks			
Other ducks			
Dec. 1-Dec. 24			
Oct. 6-Oct. 20 &			
Nov. 3-Dec. 27			
Lake Erie Zone:			
Canvasbacks			
Other ducks			
Dec. 14-Jan. 5			
Oct. 29-Nov. 3 &			
Nov. 8-Jan. 9			
Same as for Other ducks	5	10	
Same as for Other ducks	15	30	
Mergansers			
Coots			
Canada Geese:			
Eastern (API) Zone			
Nov. 15-Nov. 24 &	2	4	
Dec. 20-Jan. 12	2	4	
Nov. 15-Dec. 31	2	4	
Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10	
Nov. 15-Dec. 25	1	2	
Nov. 6-Mar. 9	15	--	
Oct. 6-Dec. 3	2	4	
Rhode Island			
Ducks:	6	12	
Canvasbacks			
Other ducks			
Jan. 1-Jan. 20			
Oct. 12-Oct. 15 &			
Nov. 17-Nov. 25 &			
Dec. 5-Jan. 20			
Same as for Other ducks	5	10	
Same as for Other ducks	15	30	
Nov. 22-Nov. 25 &	2	4	
Dec. 11-Jan. 20	2	4	
Jan. 21-Feb. 15	5	10	
Oct. 12-Jan. 20	15	--	
Nov. 17-Nov. 25 &	2	4	
Dec. 11-Jan. 20	2	4	
(special season)			
Light Geese			
Brant			



		Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<u>West Virginia (cont.)</u>					
Zone 2:					
Canvasbacks					
Other ducks					
Mergansers		Dec. 18-Jan. 6			
Coots		Oct. 1-Oct. 14 &			
Canada Geese:		Nov. 22-Jan. 6			
Zone 1		Same as for Other ducks	5		10
Zone 2		Same as for Other ducks	15		30
Light Geese:		Oct. 1-Oct. 14 &	3		6
Zone 1		Dec. 7-Jan. 31	3		6
Zone 2		Oct. 1-Oct. 28 &	3		6
Light Geese:		Dec. 21-Jan. 31	3		6
Zone 1		Same as for Canada geese	5		10
Zone 2		Same as for Canada geese	5		10
Brant		Dec. 1-Jan. 19	2		4
(1) In Connecticut, the season is closed for black ducks prior to November 16 in the North Zone and prior to November 20 in the South Zone.					
(2) In Delaware, the season on black ducks is only open November 19 through January 15.					
(3) In Delaware, the January 21 to March 9 snow goose season is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only.					
(4) In Florida, the Canada goose season is only open in the Florida waters of Lake Seminole in Jackson County that are south of SR2, north of the Jim Woodruff Dam, and east of SR271.					
(5) In Florida, the light goose season is only open north and west of the Suwannee River.					
(6) In Maine, the season is closed for black ducks October 1 through October 5; in addition to the daily bag limit, 2 additional teal may be taken. A possession limit of 12 ducks is permitted provided it includes 4 or more teal.					
(7) In Maryland, the black duck season is closed October 6 through October 13. In addition to the daily bag limit, 1 additional teal may be taken.					
(8) In Maryland, the February 1 to March 9 snow goose season is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only.					
(9) In Massachusetts, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 of any single species in addition to the flyway-wide bag restrictions.					
(10) In New Jersey, the daily bag limit for buffleheads is 4.					
(11) In New York, in the Lake Champlain Zone, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 goldeneyes.					
(12) In North Carolina, the season is closed for black ducks October 3 through October 6 and November 3 through November 24.					
(13) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit of 6 may not exceed 1 female mallard and 1 black duck or 1 mottled duck in the aggregate.					
(14) In Virginia, the season is closed for black ducks October 10 through October 13 and December 1 through December 15.					
(15) In West Virginia, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 oldsquaws and the season is closed for scoters, eiders, whistling ducks, and mottled ducks.					
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>					
<u>Flyway-wide Restrictions</u>					
<b>Duck Limits:</b> The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, and 2 wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.					

		Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<u>South Carolina</u>					
Ducks (13):					
Canvasbacks		Jan. 1-Jan. 20	6		12
Other ducks		Nov. 21-Nov. 24 & Nov. 26-Jan. 20			
Mergansers		Same as for Other ducks	5		10
Coots		Same as for Other ducks	15		30
Canada Geese (special season)		Nov. 21-Nov. 24 & Nov. 26-Jan. 30	5		10
Light Geese		Same as for ducks	5		10
Brant		Dec. 2-Jan. 20	2		4
<u>Vermont</u>					
Ducks:					
Lake Champlain Zone:					
Canvasbacks		Nov. 6-Nov. 25	6		12
Other ducks		Oct. 10-Oct. 14 & Oct. 20-Dec. 13			
Interior Zone:					
Canvasbacks		Nov. 6-Nov. 25			
Other ducks		Oct. 10-Dec. 8			
Connecticut River Zone:					
Canvasbacks		Closed			
Other ducks		Oct. 2-Nov. 4 & Nov. 21-Dec. 16			
Mergansers		Same as for Other ducks	5		10
Coots		Same as for Other ducks	15		30
Canada Geese		Oct. 27-Nov. 25	1		2
Light Geese		Oct. 10-Dec. 28 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	15		--
Brant		Oct. 10-Nov. 28	2		4
<u>Virginia</u>					
Ducks (14):					
Canvasbacks		Dec. 28-Jan. 19	5		10
Other ducks		Oct. 10-Oct. 13 & Nov. 16-Jan. 19			
Mergansers		Same as for Other ducks	5		10
Coots		Same as for Other ducks	15		30
Canada Geese:					
Back Bay Area		Closed	--		--
Eastern (AP) Zone		Nov. 21-Nov. 24 & Dec. 21-Jan. 19	1		2
Western (SUBP) Zone		Nov. 16-Nov. 24 & Dec. 8-Jan. 14	2		4
(special season)		Jan. 15-Feb. 15	4		8
Light Geese		Nov. 6-Mar. 9	15		--
Brant		Nov. 23-Jan. 19	2		4
<u>West Virginia</u>					
Ducks (15):					
Zone 1:					
Canvasbacks		Jan. 1-Jan. 20	6		12
Other ducks		Oct. 1-Oct. 14 & Dec. 6-Jan. 20			

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- (2) In Delaware, the season on black ducks is only open November 19 through January 15.
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- (7) In Maryland, the black duck season is closed October 6 through October 13. In addition to the daily bag limit, 1 additional teal may be taken.
- (8) In Maryland, the February 1 to March 9 snow goose season is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only.
- (9) In Massachusetts, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 of any single species in addition to the flyway-wide bag restrictions.
- (10) In New Jersey, the daily bag limit for buffleheads is 4.
- (11) In New York, in the Lake Champlain Zone, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 goldeneyes.
- (12) In North Carolina, the season is closed for black ducks October 3 through October 6 and November 3 through November 24.
- (13) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit of 6 may not exceed 1 female mallard and 1 black duck or 1 mottled duck in the aggregate.
- (14) In Virginia, the season is closed for black ducks October 10 through October 13 and December 1 through December 15.
- (15) In West Virginia, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 oldsquaws and the season is closed for scoters, eiders, whistling ducks, and mottled ducks.

#### 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 black duck, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 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. In states that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

	Season Dates		Limits	
	Bag	Possession	Bag	Possession
<b>Alabama</b>				
Ducks:				
North Zone:				
Canvasbacks	Jan. 12-Jan. 31	6		12
Other ducks	Nov. 23-Nov. 25 & Dec. 15-Jan. 31			
South Zone:				
Canvasbacks	Jan. 12-Jan. 31			
Other ducks	Nov. 23-Nov. 25 & Dec. 15-Jan. 31			
Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5		10
Coots	Same as for Other ducks	15		30
Geese:				
Dark Geese:				
North Zone:				
SJBP Zone	Dec. 15-Jan. 31	2		4
Rest of North Zone	Sept. 29-Oct. 20 & Dec. 15-Jan. 31	2		4
South Zone	Sept. 29-Oct. 20 & Dec. 15-Jan. 31	2		4
Light Geese	Same as for dark geese	5		5
<b>Arkansas</b>				
Ducks:				
Canvasbacks	Jan. 1-Jan. 20	6		12
Other ducks	Nov. 17-Dec. 20 & Dec. 26-Jan. 20			
Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5		10
Coots	Same as for Other ducks	15		30
Geese:				
Canada (1):	Jan. 9-Jan. 31	2		4
White-fronted	Nov. 7-Jan. 31	2		4
Brant	Closed	--		--
Light Geese	Nov. 7-Jan. 31	20		--
<b>Illinois</b>				
Ducks:				
North Zone:				
Canvasbacks	Nov. 10-Nov. 29	6		12
Other ducks	Oct. 13-Dec. 11			
Central Zone:				
Canvasbacks	Nov. 17-Dec. 6			
Other ducks	Oct. 25-Dec. 23			
South Zone:				
Canvasbacks	Nov. 24-Dec. 13			
Other ducks	Nov. 8-Jan. 6	5		10
Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	15		30
Coots	Same as for Other ducks			
Geese:				
Canada (2):				
North Zone:				
Rest of North Zone				
Possey County (2)				
Rest of South Zone				
<b>Illinois (cont.)</b>				
North Illinois Quota Zone (2)				
Rest of North Zone				
Central Illinois Quota Zone (2)				
Rest of Central Zone				
South Zone:				
Southern Illinois Quota Zone (2)(3)				
Rest of South Zone				
White-fronted (4):				
North Zone				
Central Zone				
South Zone				
Brant (4)				
Light Geese (4):				
North Zone				
Central Zone				
South Zone				
<b>Indiana</b>				
Ducks:				
North Zone:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
South Zone:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Ohio River Zone:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Mergansers				
Coots				
Geese:				
Canada (2):				
North Zone:				
SJBP Area				
Rest of North Zone				
South Zone:				
Possey County (2)				
Rest of South Zone				

		Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<u>Kentucky (cont.)</u>					
Ohio River Zone: Posey County (2) Rest of Ohio River Zone White-fronted and Brant Light Geese		Dec. 7-Jan. 31	2	4	
		Dec. 7-Jan. 31	2	4	
		Oct. 13-Oct. 15 & Oct. 20-Jan. 31	1	2	
		Oct. 13-Oct. 15 & Oct. 20-Jan. 31	1	2	
		Oct. 13-Oct. 15 & Oct. 20-Jan. 31	20	-	
		Oct. 20-Jan. 31	20	-	
Iowa Ducks: North Zone: Canvasbacks Other ducks South Zone: Canvasbacks Other ducks Mergansers Coots Geese: Canada: North Zone South Zone White-fronted: North Zone South Zone Brant: North Zone South Zone Light Geese		Oct. 27-Nov. 15 Sept. 22-Sept. 26 & Oct. 13-Dec. 6	6	12	
		Nov. 17-Dec. 6 Sept. 22-Sept. 26 & Oct. 13-Dec. 6			
		Same as for Other ducks Same as for Other ducks	5 15	10 30	
		Sept. 29-Dec. 7 Sept. 29-Oct. 21 & Nov. 10-Dec. 26	2 2 2	4 4 4	
		Same as for Canada geese Same as for Canada geese	2 2	4 4	
		Same as for Canada geese Same as for Canada geese	2 2	4 4	
		Same as for Canada geese Same as for Canada geese	2 2	4 4	
		Sept. 29-Jan. 13	20	-	
Kentucky Ducks: West Zone: Canvasbacks Other ducks East Zone: Canvasbacks Other ducks Mergansers Coots Geese: Canada (2): Western Goose Zone (2): Fulton County Rest of Zone Pennyroyal/Coalfield Zone Rest of State White-fronted Brant		Jan. 1-Jan. 20 Nov. 22-Jan. 20	6	12	
		Jan. 1-Jan. 20 Nov. 22-Jan. 20			
		Jan. 1-Jan. 20 Nov. 22-Jan. 20			
		Same as for Other ducks Same as for Other ducks	5 15	10 30	
		Dec. 13-Feb. 15 Dec. 13-Jan. 31 Dec. 13-Jan. 31 Dec. 13-Jan. 31 Nov. 22-Jan. 31 Dec. 13-Jan. 31	2 2 2 2 2 2	4 4 4 4 4 4	
Kentucky (cont.) Light Geese Western Goose Zone: Fulton County (5): Rest of Zone: Rest of State Louisiana Ducks: West Zone: Canvasbacks Other ducks East Zone (including Catahoula Lake): Canvasbacks Other ducks Mergansers Coots Geese: Canada (6) White-fronted and Brant: West Zone East Zone Light Geese: West Zone East Zone Michigan Ducks (7): North Zone: Canvasbacks Other ducks Middle Zone: Canvasbacks Other ducks South Zone: Canvasbacks Other ducks Mergansers Coots Geese: Canada (2): MVP Zone: Muskegon Wastewater Goose Management Unit (GMU) (2) Allegan County GMU (2) Rest of MVP Zone		Nov. 22-Feb. 15 Nov. 22-Feb. 3 Nov. 22-Feb. 3	20 20 20	- - -	
		Jan. 1-Jan. 20 Nov. 10-Dec. 2 & Dec. 15-Jan. 20	6	12	
		Jan. 1-Jan. 20 Nov. 17-Dec. 2 & Dec. 8-Jan. 20 Same as for Other ducks Same as for Other ducks			
		Jan. 15-Jan. 23 Nov. 3-Dec. 2 & Dec. 15-Feb. 8 Oct. 27-Dec. 2 & Dec. 8-Jan. 25	1 2 2 2	2 4 4 4	
		Nov. 3-Dec. 2 & Dec. 15-Feb. 8 Oct. 27-Dec. 2 & Dec. 8-Jan. 25	20 20 20 20	- - - -	
		Nov. 8-Nov. 27 Sept. 29-Nov. 27	6	12	
		Nov. 8-Nov. 27 Sept. 29-Nov. 27			
		Nov. 13-Dec. 2 Oct. 6-Dec. 2 & Jan. 5-Jan. 6 Same as for Other ducks Same as for Other ducks			

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<b>Michigan (cont.)</b>				
SUBP Zone:				
Saginaw County GMU (2)	Oct. 6-Nov. 24	1	2	
Tuscola/Huron GMU (2)	Oct. 6-Nov. 24	1	2	
Rest of SUBP Zone	Sept. 17-Oct. 7 & Dec. 15-Dec. 23	2 2	4 4	
Special Season:				
Southern Michigan GMU	Jan. 5-Feb. 3	5	10	
Central Michigan GMU	Jan. 5-Feb. 3	5	10	
White-fronted and Brant	Sept. 17-Dec. 2	1	2	
Light Geese	Sept. 17-Dec. 2	10	30	
<b>Minnesota</b>				
Ducks:				
Canvasbacks	Oct. 13-Nov. 1	6	12	
Other ducks	Sept. 29-Nov. 27			
Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5	10	
Coots (8)	Same as for Other ducks	15	30	
Geese:				
Canada (2):				
West Zone:				
Lac qui Parle Zone (2)	Oct. 6-Nov. 14	1	2	
Rest of West Central Zone	Oct. 6-Nov. 14	1	2	
Rest of West Zone	Sept. 29-Nov. 7	1	2	
(Special season)	Dec. 8-Dec. 17	5	10	
Northwest Zone	Sept. 29-Nov. 7	1	2	
(Special season)	Dec. 8-Dec. 17	5	10	
Southeast Zone	Sept. 29-Dec. 7	2	4	
(special season)	Dec. 14-Dec. 23	2	4	
Rest of State	Sept. 29-Dec. 7	2	4	
(special season)	Dec. 8-Dec. 17	5	10	
White-fronted (9)	Sept. 29-Dec. 23	2	4	
Brant (9)	Sept. 29-Dec. 23	1	2	
Light Geese (9)	Sept. 29-Dec. 23	20	40	
<b>Mississippi</b>				
Ducks:				
Canvasbacks	Jan. 11-Jan. 30	6	12	
Other ducks	Dec. 1-Dec. 2 & Dec. 8-Dec. 9 & Dec. 15-Jan. 30			
Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5	10	
Coots	Same as for Other ducks	15	30	
Geese:				
Canada	Nov. 23-Jan. 31	3	6	
White-fronted	Nov. 7-Jan. 31	2	4	
Brant	Nov. 23-Jan. 31	2	4	
Light Geese	Oct. 17-Jan. 31	20	--	
<b>Missouri</b>				
Ducks and Mergansers:				
North Zone:				
Canvasbacks	Oct. 27-Nov. 15			
Other ducks/mergers	Oct. 27-Dec. 25			
Middle Zone:				
South Zone:				
Canvasbacks	Nov. 3-Nov. 22			
Other ducks/mergers	Nov. 3-Jan. 1			
Canvasbacks	Jan. 1-Jan. 20			
Other ducks/mergers	Nov. 22-Jan. 20			
Same as for Other ducks	Same as for Other ducks	15	30	
<b>Ohio</b>				
Ducks:				
North Zone:				
Canvasbacks	Nov. 6-Nov. 25			
Other ducks	Oct. 20-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Dec. 23			
South Zone:				
Canvasbacks	Dec. 8-Dec. 27			
Other ducks	Oct. 27-Nov. 11 & Dec. 8-Jan. 20			
Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5	10	
Coots	Same as for Other ducks	15	30	

		Season Dates	Bag	Limits
				Possession
<u>Ohio (cont.)</u>				
Geese:				
North Zone:				
Lake Erie SJBZ Zone				
			1	2
			1	2
Rest of North Zone			2	4
			2	4
(special season)			2	4
South Zone			2	4
			2	4
White-fronted and Brant			2	4
Light Geese			10	30
<u>Tennessee</u>				
Ducks:				
Reelfoot Zone:			6	12
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
State Zone:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Mergansers			5	10
Coots			15	30
Geese:				
Canada (2/10):				
Northwest Zone (2)			2	4
Southwest Zone			2	4
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zone			2	4
Rest of State (10)			2	4
			2	4
White-fronted			2	4
Brant			2	4
Light Geese			20	--
<u>Wisconsin</u>				
Ducks:				
North Zone:			6	12
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
South Zone:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Mergansers			5	10
Coots			10	20
Geese:				
Canada (2):				
Horicon Zone				
Collins Zone				

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<b>Colorado</b>			
Ducks:			
Canvasbacks	Sept. 29-Oct. 21	6	12
Other ducks	Sept. 29-Oct. 21 & Nov. 3-Nov. 29 & Dec. 6-Jan. 20		
Coots	Same as for Other ducks		
Mergansers	Sept. 29-Oct. 10 & Nov. 17-Feb. 17	15	30
Dark Geese:	Same as for Other ducks	5	10
Northern Front Range Unit			
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit (1)			
North Park Unit (1)	Sept. 29-Oct. 10 & Nov. 17-Feb. 17	5	10
Arkansas Valley Unit (2)	Sept. 29-Oct. 10 & Nov. 17-Feb. 17	5	10
Pueblo County	Sept. 29-Oct. 10 & Nov. 17-Feb. 17	2	4
Rest of State in	Sept. 29-Oct. 10 & Nov. 17-Feb. 17	2	4
Central Flyway	Sept. 29-Oct. 10 & Nov. 17-Feb. 17	2	4
Light Geese:			
Northern Front Range Unit	Nov. 17-Feb. 17	5	10
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit (1)			
North Park Unit (1)	Nov. 17-Feb. 17	20	--
Arkansas Valley Unit (2)	Nov. 17-Feb. 17	2	4
Pueblo County	Nov. 17-Feb. 17	2	4
Eastern Colorado Late	Nov. 17-Feb. 17	20	--
Light Goose Unit	Nov. 17-Feb. 17 & Feb. 25-Mar. 10	20	--
Rest of State in	Nov. 17-Feb. 17	20	--
Central Flyway			
<b>Kansas</b>			
Ducks (3):			
High Plains:			
Canvasbacks	Oct. 6-Oct. 30	6	12
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Jan. 1 & Jan. 12-Jan. 20		
Low Plains:			
Early Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Oct. 13-Nov. 6		
Other ducks	Oct. 13-Dec. 16 & Dec. 24-Jan. 1		
Late Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Nov. 10-Dec. 4		
Other ducks	Oct. 27-Nov. 4 & Nov. 10-Jan. 13		
Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for Other ducks	15	30
Dark Geese (4):			
Canada	Oct. 20-Oct. 21 & Nov. 3-Feb. 3	3	6
White-fronted	Oct. 20-Oct. 21	3	6
Light Geese	Nov. 3-Jan. 25	2	4
	Oct. 20-Feb. 3	20	--
<b>Montana</b>			
Ducks:			
Zone 1:			
Canvasbacks	Sept. 29-Oct. 23	6	12
Other ducks	Sept. 29-Jan. 3		
Zone 2:			
Canvasbacks	Sept. 29-Oct. 23		
Other ducks	Sept. 29-Jan. 3		
Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for Other ducks	15	30
Dark Geese	Sept. 29-Jan. 11	4	8
Light Geese	Sept. 29-Jan. 11	5	10
<b>Nebraska</b>			
Ducks:			
High Plains:			
Canvasbacks	Oct. 20-Nov. 13	6	12
Other ducks	Sept. 29-Dec. 9 & Dec. 14-Jan. 6		
Low Plains:			
Zones 1 and 2:			
Canvasbacks	Oct. 20-Nov. 13		
Other ducks	Oct. 13-Oct. 14 & Oct. 20-Dec. 30		
Zones 3 and 4:			
Canvasbacks	Oct. 20-Nov. 13		
Other ducks	Sept. 29-Dec. 9 & Dec. 15-Dec. 16		
Mergansers	Same as for Other ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for Other ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
North Unit	Oct. 27-Jan. 29	3	6
East Unit	Sept. 29-Sept. 30 & Oct. 13-Jan. 13	3	6
North Central Unit	Sept. 29-Jan. 1	3	6
Platte River Unit	Oct. 27-Jan. 29	3	6
White-fronted	Sept. 29-Dec. 23	2	4
Light Geese:			
Rainwater Basin Area - East	Sept. 29-Jan. 11	20	--
Rainwater Basin Area - West	Sept. 29-Jan. 11	20	--
Rest of State	Sept. 29-Jan. 11	20	--

			Limits	
Season Dates	Bag	Possession		
<b>New Mexico</b>				
Ducks and Mergansers:				
North Zone:	6	12		
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks/mergs.				
South Zone:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks/mergs.				
Coots				
Dark Geese (5):	15	30		
Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit (5)				
Rest of State	1 per season			
Light Geese	4	8		
	20	80		
<b>North Dakota</b>				
Ducks:	6	12		
High Plains:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Remainder of State:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Mergansers				
Coots				
Geese:				
Canada Geese (6):				
Missouri River Zone				
Rest of State				
White-fronted (6)				
Light Geese (6)				
<b>Oklahoma</b>				
Ducks:	6	12		
High Plains:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Low Plains:				
Zone 1:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Zone 2:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Mergansers				
Coots				
Geese:				
Canada				
White-fronted				
Light Geese				
<b>South Dakota</b>				
Ducks:				
High Plains:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Low Plains:				
North Zone:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Middle Zone:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
South Zone:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Mergansers				
Coots				
Geese:				
White-fronted				
Canada:				
Unit 1				
Unit 2				
Unit 3:				
Power Plant Area				
Rest of Unit				
Unit 4				
Light Geese				
<b>Texas</b>				
Ducks:				
High Plains:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Low Plains:				
North Zone:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
South Zone:				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Mergansers				
Coots				
Geese:				
East Tier:				
Canada and brant				
White-fronted				
Light Geese				
West Tier:				
Dark Geese:				
Canada				

**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, 4 scaup, 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.

	Season Dates	Bag	Possession
<b>Arizona</b>			
Ducks (1):		7	14
North Zone			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 14-Jan. 20		
Other ducks	Oct. 12-Jan. 20		
South Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 14-Jan. 20		
Other ducks	Oct. 12-Jan. 20		
Coots and moorhens	Same as for Other ducks	25	25
Geese:			
Dark (2):			
GMU 22 & 23	Nov. 15-Jan. 20	3	3
GMU 1 & 27	Dec. 1-Jan. 20	3	3
Balance of State	Oct. 15-Jan. 20	3	3
Light (2):			
GMU 22 & 23	Nov. 15-Jan. 20	3	3
Rest of State	Oct. 15-Jan. 20	3	3
<b>California</b>			
Ducks:		7	14
Northeastern Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Oct. 27-Dec. 3		
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Jan. 13		
Colorado River Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 14-Jan. 20		
Other ducks	Oct. 12-Jan. 20		
Southern Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 14-Jan. 20		
Other ducks	Oct. 13-Jan. 20		
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 14-Jan. 20		
Other ducks	Oct. 13-Jan. 20		
Balance-of-State Zone:			
Canvasbacks	Dec. 14-Jan. 20		
Other ducks	Oct. 13-Jan. 20		
Coots and moorhens:			
Northeastern Zone	Same as for Other ducks	25	25
Colorado River Zone	Same as for Other ducks	25	25
Southern Zone	Same as for Other ducks	25	25
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Same as for Other ducks	25	25
Balance-of-State Zone	Same as for Other ducks	25	25

	Season Dates	Bag	Possession
<b>Texas (cont.)</b>			
White-fronted	Oct. 27-Feb. 10	1	2
Light Geese	Oct. 27-Feb. 10	20	--
<b>Wyoming</b>			
Ducks:		6	12
Zone 1:			
Canvasbacks	Oct. 6-Oct. 21 & Oct. 27-Oct. 30		
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Oct. 21 & Oct. 27-Jan. 15		
Zone 2:			
Canvasbacks	Sept. 29-Oct. 21 Sept. 29-Oct. 21 & Oct. 27-Jan. 8	5	10
Other ducks	Same as for Other ducks	15	30
<b>Mergansers</b>			
Coots	Same as for Other ducks	5	10
Dark Geese:			
Area 1	Oct. 6-Jan. 19	5	10
Area 2	Oct. 18-Jan. 31	5	10
Area 3	Sept. 29-Oct. 21 & Oct. 27-Jan. 17	5	10
Area 4(7):	Oct. 6-Oct. 21 & Nov. 17-Feb. 14	1	2
Light Geese	Oct. 6-Dec. 31 & Jan. 27-Feb. 14	5	10
		10	40

(1) In Colorado, in the North Park and South Park/San Luis Valley Units, the bag limit for the November 17 through February 17 period is 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 17 through November 23.

(3) In Kansas, the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 scaup and 1 hen mallard.

(4) See State regulations for additional restrictions.

(5) In New Mexico, the season for dark geese is closed in Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties. In the Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit, a state permit is required.

(6) In North Dakota, the shooting hours for geese are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. through October 27 and until 2 p.m. the remainder of the season, except that during October 13 through December 21, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

(7) In Wyoming, the shooting hours for dark geese in Goshute County are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m., except during the period October 6 through October 21 and on all Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays after November 30 until the close of the dark goose season, when shooting hours are until sunset. In Platte County, shooting hours for dark 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 dark geese are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. except during the period October 6 through October 21 and on all Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays after November 30 until the close of the dark goose season, when shooting hours are until sunset.



	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
<b>California (cont.)</b>				
Geese:				
Northeastern Zone:				
Canada Geese	Oct. 6-Jan. 13	3	6	
Small Canada Geese (3)	Oct. 6-Nov. 18	2	4	
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 6-Nov. 18	1	2	
Light Geese	Oct. 6-Jan. 13	2	4	
Colorado River Zone:				
Canada Geese	Oct. 15-Jan. 20	5	10	
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 15-Jan. 20	3	6	
Light Geese	Oct. 15-Jan. 20	3	6	
Southern Zone:				
Dark Geese:	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	5	10	
Canada geese	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	3	6	
Small Canada Geese (3)	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	1	2	
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	3	6	
Light Geese	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	3	6	
Balance-of-State Zone:				
Dark Geese:	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	3	6	
Canada:				
Del Norte & Humboldt	Closed	2	4	
Sacramento Valley Area	Closed	--	--	
San Joaquin Valley Area	Closed	--	--	
Rest of Zone:	Nov. 3-Jan. 20	2	4	
Canada geese	Nov. 3-Jan. 20	2	4	
Small Canada geese (3)	Nov. 3-Jan. 20	1	2	
White-fronted:				
Sacramento Valley Closure	Nov. 3-Dec. 14	2	4	
Rest of Zone	Nov. 3-Jan. 20	2	4	
Light Geese	Nov. 3-Jan. 20	2	4	
Nov. 10-Dec. 9				
<b>Brant</b>				
Colorado				
Ducks:				
Canvasbacks	Sept. 29-Oct. 14	7	14	
Other ducks	Sept. 29-Oct. 14 & Oct. 24-Jan. 20			
Same as for Other ducks		25	25	
Coots	Sept. 29-Oct. 14 & Oct. 29-Jan. 20	2	4	
Geese:				
Idaho				
Ducks:				
Zone 1:				
Canvasbacks	Closed	7	14	
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Jan. 18			
Zone 2:				
Canvasbacks	Closed			
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20			
Zone 3:				
Canvasbacks	Closed			
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20			
Coots	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	25	25	
<b>Idaho (cont.)</b>				
Geese:				
Zone 1 (4):				
Dark	Oct. 6-Jan. 11	4	8	
Light	Oct. 6-Jan. 11	4	8	
Zone 2:				
Dark	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 27-Jan. 20	3	6	
Light	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 27-Jan. 20	3	6	
Zone 3:				
Dark	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 27-Jan. 20	3	6	
Light	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 27-Jan. 20	3	6	
Montana				
Ducks:				
Canvasbacks	Sept. 29-Nov. 5	7	14	
Other ducks	Sept. 29-Jan. 11			
Coots	Same as for Other ducks	25	25	
Geese (5):				
Dark	Sept. 29-Jan. 6	4	8	
Light	Sept. 29-Jan. 6	3	6	
Nevada				
Ducks:				
Lincoln & Clark Counties:				
Canvasbacks	Oct. 27-Dec. 2	7	14	
Other ducks	Oct. 13-Jan. 20			
Rest of State:				
Canvasbacks	Oct. 27-Dec. 2			
Other ducks	Oct. 13-Jan. 20			
Coots and moorhens	Same as for Other ducks	25	25	
Dark Geese:				
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Nov. 17-Jan. 20	2	4	
Scripps/Washoe Lake Zone	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	3	6	
Rest of State	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	3	6	
Light Geese:				
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Nov. 17-Jan. 20	3	6	
Scripps/Washoe Lake Zone	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	3	6	
Rest of State (6)	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	3	6	
New Mexico				
Ducks:				
Canvasbacks	Oct. 6-Nov. 12	7	14	
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Jan. 20			
Coots and Moorhens	Same as for Other ducks	12	24	
Dark Geese:				
North Zone	Sept. 29-Oct. 28 & Nov. 12-Jan. 20	3	6	
South Zone	Oct. 13-Jan. 20	3	6	
Light Geese:				
North Zone	Sept. 29-Oct. 28 & Nov. 12-Jan. 20	1	2	
South Zone	Oct. 13-Jan. 20	1	2	

Season Dates			Bag	Limits
				Possession
Oregon Ducks:				
Zone 1:			7	14
Columbia Basin Unit:				
Canvasbacks	Nov. 1-Dec. 8			
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20			
Rest of Zone 1:				
Canvasbacks	Nov. 1-Dec. 8			
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20			
Zone 2:				
Canvasbacks	Nov. 1-Dec. 8			
Other ducks	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20			
Coots	Nov. 1-Dec. 8			
Geese:	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20			
Northwest General Goose Zone:				
Dark Geese	Nov. 1-Dec. 8			
Light Geese	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20			
Dark Geese	Same as for Other ducks	25		25
Dusky Canada geese				
Light Geese	Nov. 3-Nov. 15 & Nov. 24-Jan. 20			
Dark Geese	Oct. 13-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20			
Light Geese	Oct. 13-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20			
Eastern Zone:				
Klamath, Harney, Lake, and Malheur Counties:				
Dark Geese	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 13			
Cackling Canada geese				
White-fronted geese:				
Lake County	Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 13			
Rest of Zone				
Light Geese	Oct. 13-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20			
Dark Geese	Oct. 13-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20			
White-fronted geese				
Light Geese				
Dark Geese				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Coots				
Geese:				
Dark Geese				
Light Geese				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Coots				
Geese:				
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Geese:				
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Light Geese				
Canvasbacks				
Other ducks				
Coots				
Geese:				

	Season Dates
(1) In <u>Arizona</u> , the daily limit may include no more than either 2 female mallards or 2 Mexican-like ducks, or 1 of each; and not more than 4 female mallards and Mexican-like ducks, in the aggregate, may be in possession.	
(2) In <u>Arizona</u> , 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 limits are 3 and 6 for Canada geese and 3 and 6 for light geese, respectively.	
(3) In <u>California</u> , small Canada geese are cackling and Aleutian Canada geese.	
(4) In <u>Idaho</u> , the season on light geese is closed in Fremont and Teton Counties.	
(5) In <u>Montana</u> , check State regulations for special seasons/exceptions in Freezeout Lake WMA; Canyon Ferry; Flathead; Deer Lodge County; and Missoula County.	
(6) In <u>Nevada</u> , 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.	
(7) In <u>Oregon</u> , 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.	
(8) In <u>Oregon</u> , those portions of Coos and Curry Counties west of US 101 are closed to all Canada goose hunting.	
(9) In <u>Utah</u> , the shooting hours are 8:00 a.m. to sunset on October 6 in Cache, Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, and Box Elder Counties, and November 3 statewide.	
(10) In <u>Utah</u> , the season in Washington County is for Canada geese only.	
(11) In <u>Washington</u> , the daily bag limit in the West Zone may include no more than 4 scoters and 4 oldsquaws, with the possession limit twice the daily bag limit. The daily bag and possession limit for harlequins is 1.	
(12) In <u>Washington</u> , daily bag and possession limits may include no more than 3 and 6 light geese, respectively.	
(13) In <u>Washington</u> , see State regulations for specific dates and conditions of permit hunts and closures for Canada geese.	
(14) In <u>Washington</u> , in State Goose Area 4, hunting is only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and certain holidays. In State Goose Areas 3 and 5, hunting is everyday. See State regulations for details, including shooting hours.	
(15) In <u>Washington</u> , brant may be hunted in Skagit and Pacific Counties only; see State regulations for specific dates.	
(f) <u>Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day</u>	
The following seasons are open only to youth hunters. Youth Hunters must be accompanied into the field by an adult at least 18 years of age. This adult can not duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons.	
<b>Definition</b>	
<b>Youth Hunters:</b> Includes youths 15 years of age or younger.	
<b>NOTE:</b> The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 29, 2001, <u>Federal Register</u> (66 FR 45730). Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.	
	Season Dates
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Connecticut</u>	
Ducks (except canvasbacks), mergansers, coots, and geese	Oct. 6 & 8
<u>Florida</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and light geese (9)	Jan. 26 & 27
<u>Illinois</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese (10):	
North Zone	Oct. 6 & 7
Central Zone	Oct. 20 & 21
South Zone	Oct. 27 & 28
<u>Indiana</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and Canada geese:	
North Zone	Oct. 6 & 7
South Zone	Nov. 10 & 11
Ohio River Zone	Nov. 10 & 11
<u>Massachusetts</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 6 & 8
<u>New York</u>	
Ducks, coots, mergansers, and Canada geese:	
Long Island Zone	Nov. 3 & 4
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 22 & 23
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 29 & 30
Southeastern Zone	Sept. 29 & 30
Western Zone	Oct. 6 & 7
<u>North Carolina</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
Jan. 26	
<u>South Carolina</u>	
Ducks and geese	
Jan. 26 & 27	
<u>Virginia</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and Canada geese (10)	Oct. 21
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Arkansas</u>	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Jan. 26 & 27

		Season Dates	
<u>Iowa</u>			
Ducks, Canada geese, snow geese, mergansers, and coots		Oct. 6 & 7	
High Plains	* * *		
Low Plains			
North			
South			
<u>Louisiana</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:			
West Zone		Nov. 3 & 4	
East Zone		Nov. 10 & 11	
<u>Mississippi</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese		Nov. 24 & 25	
<u>Missouri</u>			
Ducks, coots, and geese:			
North Zone		Oct. 20 & 21	
Middle Zone		Oct. 27 & 28	
South Zone		Nov. 17 & 18	
<u>Ohio</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese		Oct. 13 & 14	
<u>Tennessee</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Feb. 9 & 10	
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Kansas (5)</u>			
Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots:		Sept. 29 & 30	
High Plains		Oct. 6 & 7	
Low Plains		Oct. 13 & 14	
Early Zone			
Late Zone			
<u>Oklahoma</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese:		Sept. 29 & 30	
High Plains		Oct. 20 & 21	
Low Plains:		Oct. 27 & 28	
Zone 1			
Zone 2			

Texas

Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

High Plains

Low Plains:

North

South

(5) In Kansas, the adult accompanying the youth and nonresident youth, must be licensed and possess state and federal duck stamps as required by state or federal regulation to hunt waterfowl.

(9) In Florida, the light goose season is only open north and west of the Suwannee River.

(10) In Illinois and Virginia, the daily bag limit for Canada geese is 1.

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 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010).

Note: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 29, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 45730).

	Season Dates		Limits	
			Bag	Possession
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Oklahoma</u> (1)	* * *	Nov. 3-Feb. 3	3	6
	* * *			
<u>Texas</u> (1):				
Zone A		Nov. 10-Feb. 10	3	6
Zone B		Dec. 1-Feb. 10	3	6
Zone C		Dec. 29-Jan. 20	2	4

(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.

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 21 and September 27 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 29, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 45730).

		Extended Falconry Dates	
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Delaware</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	*	*	Jan. 25-Mar. 9
Brant			Oct. 23-Nov. 8 & Jan. 21-Mar. 9
<u>Florida</u>			
Ducks, light geese and coots (6)	*	*	Nov. 1-Nov. 12 & Feb. 1-Feb. 28
<u>Georgia</u>			
Sea Ducks			Nov. 10-Nov. 16 & Nov. 26-Nov. 30 & Jan. 21-Feb. 15
Ducks, mergansers, gallinules, and coots			Nov. 10-Nov. 16 & Nov. 26-Nov. 30 & Jan. 21-Feb. 15
<u>Maine</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (4): North Zone South Zone			Dec. 10-Jan. 31 Jan. 7-Feb. 28

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	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>North Carolina</u>	Oct. 22-Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per season	
<u>Virginia</u>	Dec. 1-Jan 31	1 tundra swan per season	
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY (1)</u>			
<u>Montana</u>	Sept. 29-Jan. 3	1 tundra swan per season	
<u>North Dakota</u>	Sept. 29-Dec. 9	1 tundra swan per season	
<u>South Dakota</u>	Sept. 29-Dec. 23	1 tundra swan per permit	
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY (1)(2)</u>			
<u>Montana (3)</u>	Oct. 13-Dec. 1	1 swan per season	
<u>Nevada (3)(4)</u>	Oct. 20-Jan. 6	1 swan per season	
<u>Utah (3)(4)</u>	Oct. 6-Dec. 9	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) All harvested swans and tags must be checked or registered within 3 days of harvest.

(4) Harvests of trumpeter swans are limited to 5 in Nevada and 10 in Utah. 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.

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.**

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>Maryland</u>		<u>New York</u>
Ducks	* * * * *	Ducks, mergansers and coots: Long Island Zone
Brant	Oct. 1-Oct. 5 & Jan. 21-Mar. 8	Nov. 1-Nov. 15 & Nov. 26-Dec. 1 & Jan. 21-Jan. 31
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Jan. 21-Mar. 9	Oct. 1-Oct. 5 & Nov. 13-Nov. 16 & Dec. 9-Dec. 31
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Western Zone		Oct. 1-Oct. 12 & Oct. 22-Nov. 2 & Dec. 24-Dec. 31
Central Zone	Oct. 5-Oct. 8 & Nov. 26-Dec. 10 & Jan. 2-Jan. 19	Oct. 1-Oct. 19 & Dec. 8-Dec. 26
Coastal Zone	Oct. 5-Oct. 9 & Nov. 26-Dec. 13 & Jan. 7-Jan. 19	
	Oct. 5-Oct. 10 & Oct. 29-Nov. 21 & Jan. 14-Jan. 19	<u>Pennsylvania</u>
<u>New Hampshire</u>		Mourning doves
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Inland Zone		Ducks: North Zone
Coastal Zone	Nov. 5-Nov. 20 & Dec. 17-Jan. 14 Jan. 25-Mar. 10	Nov. 26-Dec. 20 & Jan. 11-Jan. 15 & Feb. 15-Mar. 9
<u>New Jersey</u>		Oct. 15-Nov. 13 & Feb. 15-Mar. 9
Woodcock: North Zone		Oct. 22-Nov. 1 & Dec. 28-Jan. 15 & Feb. 15-Mar. 9
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 17 & Nov. 12-Jan. 15	Nov. 5-Nov. 8 & Jan. 10-Jan. 15 & Jan. 26-Mar. 9
	Oct. 1-Nov. 9 & Nov. 26-Dec. 20 & Dec. 31-Jan. 15	Jan. 1-Jan. 14
Ducks: North Zone		Jan. 15-Mar. 9
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 12 & Nov. 5-Nov. 16 & Jan. 4-Jan. 31	Jan. 9-Mar. 9
Coastal Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 19 & Dec. 3-Dec. 13 & Jan. 10-Jan. 31	Dec. 8-Feb. 11
	Oct. 1-Nov. 2 & Nov. 14-Nov. 21 & Jan. 21-Jan. 31	

		Extended Falconry Dates	
<u>South Carolina</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Oct. 15-Nov. 20 & Nov. 25 only	
<u>Virginia</u>			
	*	*	*
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules		Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Jan. 21-Feb. 28	
Canada Geese		Feb. 16-Mar. 7	
Brant		Nov. 6-Nov. 22 & Jan. 21-Mar. 9	
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Arkansas</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Dec. 21-Dec. 25 & Jan. 21-Feb. 15	
<u>Illinois</u>			
	*	*	*
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Feb. 10-Mar. 10	
<u>Indiana</u>			
	*	*	*
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:			
North Zone		Sept. 29-Oct. 5 & Feb. 17-Mar. 10	
South Zone		Oct. 7-Oct. 13 & Feb. 17-Mar. 10	
Ohio River Zone		Oct. 7-Oct. 13 & Feb. 17-Mar. 10	
<u>Iowa</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Dec. 15-Jan. 28	
Dark Geese:			
North Zone		Dec. 8-Jan. 13	
South Zone		Oct. 22-Nov. 9 & Dec. 27-Jan. 13	
<u>Kentucky</u>		Extended Falconry Dates	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Nov. 5-Nov. 21 & Jan. 21-Jan. 31	
Canada Geese:			
Western Goose Zone		Nov. 6-Dec. 12	
Pennroyal/Coalfield Zone		Nov. 5-Dec. 12	
Rest of State		Nov. 5-Dec. 12	
White-fronted geese and brant		Nov. 5-Nov. 21	
Light geese		Nov. 5-Nov. 21	
<u>Michigan</u>			
	*	*	*
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens:			
North Zone		Sept. 7-Sept. 28 & Nov. 28-Dec. 10 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	
Middle Zone		Sept. 7-Sept. 28 & Nov. 28-Dec. 10 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	
South Zone		Sept. 7-Oct. 5 & Dec. 3-Dec. 10 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	
<u>Minnesota</u>			
	*	*	*
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules		Nov. 28-Jan. 12	
<u>Mississippi</u>			
Mourning Doves		Nov. 24-Dec. 16 & Jan. 13-Feb. 5	
Ducks, mergansers and coots		Feb. 1-Mar. 10	
<u>Missouri</u>			
	*	*	*
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:			
North Zone		Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Sept. 26-Oct. 26	
Middle Zone		Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Oct. 3-Nov. 2	
South Zone		Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Oct. 22-Nov. 21	

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>Ohio</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 1-Sept. 16 & Oct. 13-Oct. 14 & Feb. 1-Feb. 28	
<u>Tennessee</u>	* * * * *	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 13-Oct. 31	
<u>Wisconsin</u>		
Mourning doves	Oct. 31-Dec. 16	
Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 1-Sept. 28 & Nov. 28-Dec. 16	
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Sept. 21 & Nov. 6-Dec. 16	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Jan. 25-Mar. 10	
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Kansas</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Low Plains:		
Early Zone	Feb. 17-Mar. 3	
Late Zone	Feb. 17-Mar. 3	
<u>Montana (2)</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Zone 1	Sept. 19-Sept. 28	
Zone 2	Sept. 19-Sept. 28	
<u>Oklahoma</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Low Plains:		
Zone 1	Dec. 3-Dec. 7 & Jan. 14-Jan. 23	
Zone 2	Dec. 3-Dec. 7 & Jan. 21-Jan. 30	
<u>South Dakota</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Low Plains:		
North Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 21 & Sept. 24-Sept. 28 & Dec. 12-Dec. 19	
Middle Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 21 & Sept. 24-Sept. 28 & Dec. 12-Dec. 19	
South Zone	Sept. 11-Sept. 21 & Sept. 24-Oct. 12 & Dec. 26 only	
High Plains	Sept. 4-Sept. 11	
<u>Texas</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Low Plains	* * * * *	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Low Plains	Jan. 21-Feb. 4	
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Arizona</u>		
Ducks and mergansers:		
North Zone	* * * * *	
South Zone	* * * * *	
<u>California</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 11	
Colorado River Zone	Jan. 22-Jan. 26	
Southern Zone		
Balance-of-State Zone		
Southern San Joaquin Zone		
<u>Canada Geese:</u>		
Northeastern Zone	Jan. 14-Jan. 18	
Southern Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 19 & Jan. 21-Jan. 27	
Balance-of-State Zone (5)	Oct. 13-Nov. 2 & Jan. 21-Jan. 27	
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 13-Nov. 2 & Jan. 21-Jan. 27	



Extended Falconry Dates	
<u>California (cont.)</u>	
White-fronted Geese: Northeastern Zone Southern Zone	Nov. 19-Jan. 18 Oct. 13-Oct. 19 & Jan. 21-Jan. 27
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 13-Nov. 2 & Jan. 21-Jan. 27
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 13-Nov. 2 & Jan. 21-Jan. 27
Brant	
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 6-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan. 18
Southern Zone	Oct. 13-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan. 27
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 13-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan. 27
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 13-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan. 27
Light Geese: Northeastern Zone Southern Zone	Jan. 14-Jan. 18 Oct. 13-Oct. 19 & Jan. 21-Jan. 27
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 13-Nov. 2 & Jan. 21-Jan. 27
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<u>New Mexico</u>	
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Dark Geese: North Zone South Zone	Dec. 15-Jan. 20 Nov. 5-Nov. 11 Oct. 6-Oct. 12
Light Geese: North Zone South Zone	Nov. 5-Nov. 11 Oct. 6-Oct. 12
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Utah

## Light Geese

Jan. 14-Jan. 19

## Dark Geese:

Washington County

Rest of State

Oct. 7-Oct. 12

Jan. 14-Jan. 19

(2) In Montana, the bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.

(4) In Maine, the daily bag and possession limits for black ducks are 1 and 2, respectively.

(5) In California, the falconry season for Canada geese is closed in the Del Norte and Humboldt Area, the Sacramento Valley Area, and in the San Joaquin Valley Area.

(6) In Florida, light geese may only be taken north and west of the Suwannee River.