

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

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Migratory Bird Hunting; Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule prescribes the hunting seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits of mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves; band-tailed pigeons; rails; moorhens and gallinules; woodcock; common snipe; sandhill cranes; sea ducks; early (September) waterfowl seasons; migratory game birds in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and some extended falconry seasons. Taking of migratory birds is prohibited unless specifically provided for by annual regulations. This rule permits taking of designated species during the 2000-01 season.

DATES: This rule is effective on September 1, 2000.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Andrew, Chief, or Ron W. Kokel, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (703) 358-1714.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Regulations Schedule for 2000**

On April 25, 2000, we published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 24260) 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 20, 2000, we published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 38400) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations frameworks and the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2000-01 duck hunting season. The June 20 supplement also provided detailed information on the 2000-01 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 21-22, we held meetings that reviewed information on the current status of migratory shore and upland game birds and developed 2000-01

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 2000-01 regular waterfowl seasons. On July 31, we published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 46840) a third document specifically dealing with the proposed frameworks for early-season regulations and final regulatory alternatives for the 2000-01 duck hunting season.

On August 2-3, 2000, we held a public meeting in Washington, DC, as announced in the April 25, and June 20 **Federal Registers**, to review the status of waterfowl. Proposed hunting regulations were discussed for late seasons. We published proposed frameworks for the 2000-01 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations on August 22, 2000, in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 51174). On August 23, 2000, we published a sixth document in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 51496) which 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.

The final rule described here is the seventh in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR 20. It sets hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves; band-tailed pigeons; rails; moorhens and gallinules; woodcock; common snipe; sandhill cranes; sea ducks; early (September) waterfowl seasons; mourning doves in Hawaii; migratory game birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; youth waterfowl hunting day; and some extended falconry seasons.

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 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 Executive Order 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 million 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 clearance 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 clearance 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 Executive Order 12988.

Takings Implication Assessment

In accordance with Executive Order 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 Executive Order 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) and 512 DM 2, we have evaluated possible effects on Federally recognized Indian tribes and have determined that there are no effects.

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: August 28, 2000.

Stephen C. Saunders,

Acting 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 of the Code of Federal Regulations 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 hunting regulations provided for by §§20.101 through 20.106 and 20.109 of 50 CFR 20 will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations because of their seasonal nature.

2. Section 20.101 is revised to read as follows:

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

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

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

CHECK COMMONWEALTH REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

(a) Puerto Rico

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Doves and Pigeons Zenaida, white-winged, and mourning doves Scaly-naped pigeons	Sept. 2-Oct. 30 Sept. 2-Oct. 30	10 5	10 5
Ducks	Nov. 11-Dec. 18 & Jan. 13-Jan. 29	6 6	12 12
Common Moorhens	Nov. 11-Dec. 18 & Jan. 13-Jan. 29	6 6	12 12
Common Snipe	Nov. 11-Dec. 18 & Jan. 13-Jan. 29	8 8	16 16

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

Closed Areas: Closed areas are described in the August 23, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 51496).

(b) Virgin Islands

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Zenaida doves	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	10
Ducks	CLOSED		

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

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

3. Section 20.102 is revised to read as follows:

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

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

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. Area descriptions were published in the August 23, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 51496).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Area Seasons	Dates
North Zone	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Gulf Coast Zone	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Southeast Zone	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Pribilof & Aleutian Islands Zone	Oct. 8-Jan. 22
Kodiak Zone	Oct. 8-Jan. 22

Daily Bag and Possession Limits

Area	Ducks(1)	Dark Geese(2)(3)	Light Geese (2)	Brant	Common Sandhill Snipe	Cranes(4)
North Zone	10-30	4-8	3-6	2-4	8-16	3-6
Gulf Coast Zone	8-24	4-8	3-6	2-4	8-16	2-4
Southeast Zone	7-21	4-8	3-6	2-4	8-16	2-4
Pribilof and Aleutian Islands Zone	7-21	4-8	3-6	2-4	8-16	2-4
Kodiak Zone	7-21	4-8	3-6	2-4	8-16	2-4

(a) Doves
 Note: Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for mourning doves only.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
EASTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT				
<u>Alabama</u>				
North Zone	Sept. 16 only & Dec. 23-Jan. 7	15	15	15
	12 noon to sunset	15	15	15
	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	15	15	15
South Zone	Sept. 17-Oct. 29	15	15	15
	12 noon to sunset	12	12	12
	Oct. 7-Nov. 25 & Dec. 23-Jan. 11	12	12	12
<u>Delaware</u>				
	Sept. 2-Sept. 23	12	12	24
	12 noon to sunset	12	12	24
	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	12	12	24
<u>Florida (1)</u>				
	Oct. 7-Oct. 30	12	12	24
	12 noon to sunset	12	12	24
	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	12	12	24
<u>Georgia</u>				
Zone 1	Sept. 2 only	12	12	24
	12 noon to sunset	12	12	24
	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	12	12	24
	Sept. 3-Oct. 1 & Nov. 23-Nov. 25 & Dec. 10-Jan. 15	12	12	24
Zone 2	Sept. 23 only	12	12	24
	12 noon to sunset	12	12	24
	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	12	12	24
	Sept. 24-Oct. 22 & Nov. 23-Nov. 25 & Dec. 10-Jan. 15	12	12	24
<u>Illinois</u>				
	sunrise to sunset	15	15	30
	Sept. 1-Oct. 17 & Nov. 4-Nov. 16	15	15	30
<u>Indiana</u>				
	Sept. 1-Oct. 16 & Nov. 3-Nov. 12 & Nov. 23-Nov. 26	15	15	30
		15	15	30
		15	15	30

(1) In State Game Management Units (Units) 1-26 (Statewide), the basic bag limits may include not more than 1 canvasback daily, 3 in possession. In addition to the basic daily bag and possession limits, a daily bag limit of 10 and a possession limit of 20 is permitted singly or in the aggregate of the following species: scoter, king and common eider, and common and red-breasted mergansers. The season is closed for Steller's and spectacled eiders.

(2) Dark geese include Canada and white-fronted geese. Light geese include snow geese and Ross' geese. Separate limits apply to brant and emperor geese. The season for Aleutian Canada geese and emperor geese is closed Statewide.

(3) In Units 5 and 6, the taking of Canada geese is only permitted from September 28 through December 16. In Units 1-26 (Statewide), the taking of Aleutian Canada geese and emperor geese is prohibited. In Unit 9(d) and the Unimak Island portion of Unit 10, the limits for dark geese are 6 daily and 12 in possession. In the Middleton Island portion of Unit 6, the taking of Canada geese is by special permit only, with a daily bag and possession limit of 1.

(4) In Unit 17, the daily bag limit for sandhill cranes is 2 and the possession limit is 4.

Falconry: The total combined bag and possession limit for migratory game birds taken with the use of a falcon under a falconry permit is 3 per day, 6 in possession, and may not exceed a more restrictive limit for any species listed in this subsection.

Special Tundra Swan Season: In Unit 22 and 18, there will be a tundra swan season from September 1 through October 31 with a season limit of 3 tundra swans per hunter. This season is by registration permit only; hunters will be issued 1 permit allowing the take of up to 3 tundra swans. Hunters will be required to file a harvest report after the season is completed. Up to 300 permits may be issued in Unit 22 and 500 permits in Unit 18. In Unit 23, there will be an experimental tundra swan season from September 1 through October 31, with a season limit of 3 tundra swans per hunter. This season is by registration permit only; hunters will be issued 1 permit allowing the take of up to 3 tundra swans. Hunters will be required to file a harvest report after the season is completed. Up to 300 permits may be issued. Season evaluation to adhere to guidelines for experimental seasons as described in the Pacific Flyway Management Plan for the Western Population of (Tundra) swans.

4. Section 20.103 is revised to read as follows:

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

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

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 23, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 51496).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Kentucky</u> 11 a.m. to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 24 Nov. 23-Nov. 28	15 15	30 30
<u>Louisiana</u> 12 noon to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 3 & Oct. 14-Oct. 15 & Dec. 16-Dec. 17	15 15 15	30 30 30
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 4-Sept. 10 & Oct. 16-Nov. 10 & Dec. 18-Jan. 7	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>Maryland</u> 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 21 Nov. 13-Nov. 18 & Dec. 18-Dec. 30	12 12 12	24 24 24
<u>Mississippi</u> North Zone	Sept. 2-Sept. 23 & Oct. 7-Oct. 29 & Dec. 23-Jan. 6	15 15 15	30 30 30
South Zone	Sept. 23-Oct. 14 & Nov. 11-Nov. 26 & Dec. 16-Jan. 6	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>North Carolina</u> 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 8 Sept. 9-Oct. 7 & Nov. 20-Nov. 25 & Dec. 19-Jan. 15	12 12 12 12	24 24 24 24
<u>Ohio</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 16 & Nov. 3-Nov. 26	12 12	24 24
<u>Pennsylvania</u> 12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 6 & Oct. 28-Nov. 25 & Dec. 26-Dec. 30	12 12 12	24 24 24
<u>Rhode Island</u> 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 30-Oct. 14 Oct. 21-Nov. 13 & Dec. 11-Jan. 10	12 12 12	24 24 24
<u>South Carolina</u> 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 4 Sept. 5-Oct. 7 & Nov. 18-Nov. 25 & Dec. 21-Jan. 15	12 12 12 12	24 24 24 24
<u>Tennessee</u> 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 1 only Sept. 2-Sept. 26 & Oct. 14-Oct. 29 & Dec. 16-Jan. 2	15 15 15 15	30 30 30 30
<u>Virginia</u> 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 30 Oct. 7-Nov. 4 & Dec. 30-Jan. 10	12 12 12	24 24 24
<u>West Virginia</u> 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 1 only Sept. 2-Oct. 7 & Oct. 23-Nov. 4 & Dec. 18-Jan. 6	12 12 12 12	24 24 24 24
<u>CENTRAL MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>			
<u>Arkansas</u>	Sept. 2-Sept. 24 & Oct. 7-Oct. 29 & Dec. 16-Dec. 29	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Kansas</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Missouri</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 & Nov. 1-Nov. 30	15 15	30 30
<u>Montana</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Nebraska</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>New Mexico</u> (2) North Zone South Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 Sept. 1-Sept. 30 & Dec. 1-Dec. 30	15 15 15	30 30 30

- (1) In Florida, the daily bag limit is 12 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate, of which not more than 4 may be white-winged doves. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.
- (2) In New Mexico, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.
- (3) In South Dakota, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.
- (4) In Texas, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be white-tipped doves. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit. During the special season in the Special White-winged Dove Area of the South Zone, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 5 may be mourning doves and 2 may be white-tipped doves. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit.
- (5) In Arizona, during September 1 through 10, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 6 may be white-winged doves. During November 20 through January 3, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning doves. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. See State regulations for restrictive shooting hours in certain areas.
- (6) In the areas of California and Nevada open to white-winged dove hunting, the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 20 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.
- (7) In Hawaii, the season is only open on the island of Hawaii. The daily bag and possession limits are 10 mourning and lace-necked doves in the aggregate. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset. Hunting is only permitted on weekends and State holidays.

(b) Band-tailed Pigeons

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Arizona	Sept. 29-Oct. 9	5	10
California	Sept. 16-Sept. 24	2	4
North Zone	Dec. 16-Dec. 24	2	4
South Zone			
Colorado	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10
New Mexico			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 20	5	10
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 20	5	10
Oregon	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	2	4
Utah	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
North Dakota	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Oklahoma	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
South Dakota (3)	Sept. 1-Oct. 20	15	30
Texas (4)	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
North Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 17 & Dec. 28-Jan. 7	15	30
Central Zone			
South Zone			
Special Area	Sept. 22-Nov. 5 & Dec. 26-Jan. 5	15	30
(Special Season)			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 3 & Sept. 9-Sept. 10	10	20
Remainder of the South Zone	Sept. 22-Nov. 5 & Dec. 26-Jan. 9	15	30
Wyoming	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>WESTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>			
Arizona (5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 & Nov. 24-Jan. 7	10	20
California (6)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 & Nov. 11-Dec. 25	10	20
Idaho	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
Nevada (6)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
Oregon	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
Utah	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
Washington	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	10	20
<u>OTHER POPULATIONS</u>			
Hawaii (7)	Nov. 4-Nov. 26 & Dec. 2-Dec. 31 & Jan. 1-Jan. 21	10	10
		10	10

5. Section 20.104 is revised 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 noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 23, 2000, Federal Register, (65 FR 51496).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons may select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

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

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Connecticut (3)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 4	Oct. 28-Nov. 25	Oct. 28-Nov. 25
Delaware	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Nov. 20-Dec. 8 & Dec. 20-Dec. 30	Nov. 20-Jan. 31
Florida	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Dec. 16-Jan. 14	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
Georgia	Sept. 23-Dec. 1	Sept. 23-Dec. 1	Dec. 23-Jan. 21	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
Maine	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Maryland	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Oct. 21-Nov. 11 & Jan. 13-Jan. 20	Sept. 20-Nov. 24 & Dec. 11-Jan. 20
Massachusetts (4)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Deferred	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
New Hampshire	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Sept. 15-Nov. 4
New Jersey (5) North Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Oct. 26-Nov. 18	Sept. 22-Jan. 6
South Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Nov. 11-Nov. 25 & Dec. 22-Dec. 30	Sept. 22-Jan. 6
New York (6)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Sept. 1-Nov. 9
North Carolina	Sept. 4-Nov. 11	Sept. 4-Nov. 11	Dec. 18-Jan. 15	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
Pennsylvania	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 21-Nov. 4	Oct. 21-Nov. 25

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Rhode Island (7)	Sept. 9-Nov. 17	Sept. 9-Nov. 17	Nov. 2-Dec. 1	Sept. 9-Dec. 1
South Carolina	Sept. 26-Oct. 1 & Oct. 13-Dec. 15	Sept. 26-Oct. 1 & Oct. 13-Dec. 15	Dec. 29-Jan. 27	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
Vermont	Deferred	Deferred	Deferred	Deferred
Virginia	Sept. 13-Oct. 2 & Oct. 11-Nov. 29	Sept. 13-Oct. 2 & Oct. 11-Nov. 29	Nov. 4-Nov. 18 & Dec. 23-Jan. 6	Oct. 11-Oct. 14 & Oct. 21-Jan. 31
West Virginia	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 16-Nov. 14	Sept. 1-Dec. 16

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Alabama (8)	Sept. 9-Sept. 24 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20	Sept. 9-Sept. 24 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
Arkansas	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 11-Dec. 10 & Dec. 30-Jan. 13	Nov. 6-Feb. 20
Illinois (9)	Sept. 2-Nov. 10	Closed	Oct. 21-Dec. 4	Sept. 2-Dec. 17
Indiana (10)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 19	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Iowa (11)	Sept. 2-Nov. 10	Closed	Oct. 7-Nov. 20	Sept. 2-Nov. 30
Kentucky	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 21-Dec. 4	Sept. 20-Nov. 5 & Nov. 23-Jan. 21
Louisiana (12)	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Deferred
Michigan (13)	Sept. 15-Nov. 14	Closed	Sept. 23-Nov. 6	Sept. 15-Nov. 14
Minnesota	Sept. 1-Nov. 4	Closed	Sept. 23-Nov. 6	Sept. 1-Nov. 4
Mississippi	Oct. 12-Dec. 20	Oct. 12-Dec. 20	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
Missouri	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15-Nov. 28	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Ohio	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 13-Nov. 26	Sept. 1-Nov. 26 & Dec. 4-Dec. 23
Tennessee	Deferred	Closed	Oct. 28-Dec. 11	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
Wisconsin	Deferred	Closed	Sept. 23-Nov. 6	Deferred

(3) In Connecticut, the daily bag and possession limits may not contain more than 1 king rail. The common snipe daily bag and possession limit is 3 and 6, respectively.

(4) In Massachusetts, the sora bag limit is 5 daily and 5 in possession; the Virginia rail bag limit is 10 daily and 10 in possession.

(5) In New Jersey, the season for king rails is closed by State regulation.

(6) In New York, the rail daily bag and possession limit is 8 and 16, respectively and seasons for sora and Virginia rails and common snipe are closed on Long Island.

(7) In Rhode Island, the sora and Virginia rails bag limit is 5 daily and 10 in possession, singly or in the aggregate; the clapper and king rail bag limit is 5 daily and 10 in possession, singly or in the aggregate; the common snipe bag limit is 5 daily and 10 in possession.

(8) In Alabama, the rail limits are 15 daily and 15 in possession, singly or in the aggregate.

(9) In Illinois, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(10) In Indiana, the sora rail limit is 25 daily and 25 in possession. The season on Virginia rails is closed.

(11) In Iowa, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 12 daily and 24 in possession.

(12) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late season selections.

(13) In Michigan, the aggregate limits for sora and Virginia rails are 8 daily and 16 in possession.

(14) In Nebraska, the rail limits are 10 daily and 20 in possession.

(15) In South Dakota, the snipe limits are 5 daily and 15 in possession.

6. Section 20.105 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (f) to read as follows:

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

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

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 23, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 51496).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons may select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-seasons regulations for further information.

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
CENTRAL FLYWAY				
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Kansas</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 13-Nov. 26	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Montana</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Nebraska</u> (14)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 23-Nov. 6	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>New Mexico</u>	Oct. 7-Dec. 15	Closed	Closed	Oct. 7-Jan. 21
<u>North Dakota</u>	Closed	Closed	Sept. 16-Oct. 29	Sept. 16-Nov. 26
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 1-Dec. 15	Oct. 1-Jan. 15
<u>South Dakota</u> (15)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Oct. 31
<u>Texas</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Oct. 28-Dec. 20	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Oct. 28-Dec. 20	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Oct. 21-Feb. 4
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
PACIFIC FLYWAY				
<u>California</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 21-Feb. 4
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Idaho</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
<u>Montana</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>New Mexico</u>	Oct. 7-Dec. 15	Closed	Closed	Oct. 7-Jan. 21
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16

NOTE: For all other States in the Pacific Flyway, snipe seasons have been deferred and no seasons are prescribed for woodcock and rails.

- (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. In Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 20 in possession.

(a) Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Florida (1)</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Georgia</u>	Nov. 22-Jan. 20	15	30
<u>Maine</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>New Jersey</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	10	20
<u>New York</u>	Closed	--	--
<u>Long Island</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	8	16
<u>Remainder of State</u>			
<u>North Carolina</u>	Sept. 4-Nov. 11	15	30
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>South Carolina</u>	Sept. 26-Oct. 1 & Oct. 13-Dec. 15	15	30
<u>Virginia</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>West Virginia</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Alabama</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 24 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20	15	15
<u>Arkansas</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Indiana</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Kentucky</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Louisiana (2)</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	15	30
<u>Michigan</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Minnesota</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Mississippi</u>	Oct. 12-Dec. 20	15	30

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

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Ohio</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Tennessee</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>New Mexico</u>	Oct. 7-Dec. 15	1	2
<u>Zone 1</u>			
<u>Zone 2</u>	Oct. 7-Dec. 15	1	2
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Texas</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Oct. 28-Dec. 20	15	30
<u>Wyoming</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>All States</u>	Deferred	--	--

(1) The season applies to common moorhens only.

(2) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late season selections.

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

Within the special sea duck areas, the daily bag limit is 7 scoter, eider, and oldsquaw ducks, singly or in the aggregate, 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>	Sept. 19-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 20-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>Georgia</u>	Nov. 22-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>Maine</u>	Deferred	--	--

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Maryland</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>New Hampshire (1)</u>	Sept. 15-Dec. 30	7	14
<u>New Jersey</u>	Sept. 19-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>New York</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>North Carolina</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Rhode Island</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 18	7	14
<u>South Carolina</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Virginia</u>	Deferred	--	--
<p>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.</p>			
<p>(1) In <u>New Hampshire</u>, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 scoter, 4 sider, or 4 oldsquaw.</p>			
<p>(c) <u>Early (September) Duck Seasons.</u></p>			
<p>Note: Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for teal only.</p>			
	Season Dates	Bag	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Delaware (1)(2)</u>	Sept. 7-Sept. 16	4	8
<u>Florida (3)</u>	Sept. 23-Sept. 27	4	8
<u>Georgia</u>	Sept. 16-Sept. 24	4	8
<u>Maryland (1)</u>	Sept. 14-Sept. 23	4	8
<u>North Carolina (1)</u>	Sept. 7-Sept. 16	4	8
<u>South Carolina (5)</u>	Sept. 22-Sept. 30	4	8
	Season Dates	Bag	Possession
<u>Virginia (1)</u>	Sept. 14-Sept. 23	4	8
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Alabama</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 24	4	8
<u>Arkansas (4)</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 24	4	8
<u>Illinois (4)</u>	Sept. 2-Sept. 17	4	8
<u>Indiana (4)</u>	Sept. 2-Sept. 17	4	8
<u>Iowa (6)</u>	Sept. 23-Sept. 27	--	--
<u>North Zone</u>	Sept. 23-Sept. 27	--	--
<u>South Zone</u>	Sept. 23-Sept. 27	--	--
<u>Kentucky (7)</u>	Sept. 20-Sept. 24	4	8
<u>Louisiana</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	4	8
<u>Mississippi</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 24	4	8
<u>Missouri (4)</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 24	4	8
<u>Ohio (4)</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 16	4	8
<u>Tennessee (7)</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 13	4	8
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 2-Sept. 10	4	8
<u>Kansas</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 24	4	8
<u>Low Plains</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 16	4	8
<u>High Plains</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 17	4	8
<u>Nebraska (1)</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 17	4	8
<u>New Mexico</u>	Sept. 16-Sept. 24	4	8
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 24	4	8
<u>Low Plains</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 17	4	8
<u>High Plains</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 17	4	8
<u>Texas</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	4	8

(1) Area restrictions. See State regulations.

- (2) In Delaware, the shooting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 10:00 a.m.
- (3) In Florida, the daily bag limit is 4 wood ducks and teal in the aggregate. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.
- (4) Shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.
- (5) In South Carolina, shooting hours are from sunrise to noon.
- (6) In Iowa, the September season is part of the regular season, and limits will conform to those set for the regular season.
- (7) In Kentucky and Tennessee, the daily bag limit is 4 wood ducks and teal in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.
- (d) Special Early Canada Goose Seasons.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<u>Connecticut</u> North Zone	Sept. 1 &	5	10	10
	Sept. 5-Sept. 25	5	10	10
	Sept. 18-Sept. 25	5	10	10
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10	10
	Sept. 5-Sept. 25	3	6	6

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<u>Maine</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10	10
	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5	10	10
	Sept. 5-Sept. 25	5	10	10
<u>Massachusetts</u> (1)	Sept. 5-Sept. 25	5	10	10
	Sept. 5-Sept. 25	5	10	10
	Sept. 5-Sept. 25	3	6	6
<u>New Hampshire</u>	Sept. 5-Sept. 25	3	6	6
	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10	10
<u>New York</u>	Lake Champlain Zone	2	4	4
	Northeastern Zone	5	10	10
	Western Zone	5	10	10
	Montezuma Zone	5	10	10
	Southeastern Zone	5	10	10
	Long Island Zone (2)	5	10	10
	Remainder	5	10	10

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<u>North Carolina</u> Northeast Hunt Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 20	3	6	6
	Sept. 5-Sept. 30	3	6	6
<u>Pennsylvania</u> Southeast Hunt Area	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5	10	10
	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	3	6	6
<u>Rhode Island</u>	Sept. 11-Sept. 25	5	10	10
	Sept. 16-Sept. 30	5	10	10
<u>Vermont</u> Lake Champlain Zone Interior Vermont Zone: Bennington, Rutland, & Windham Counties	Sept. 5-Sept. 15	2	4	4
	Sept. 5-Sept. 15	5	10	10
	Sept. 5-Sept. 15	2	4	4
	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5	10	10
<u>Virginia</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 16	3	6	6
	Sept. 2-Sept. 15	5	10	10
<u>Illinois</u> North Zone	Sept. 2-Sept. 15	5	10	10
	Sept. 2-Sept. 15	2	4	4
	Sept. 2-Sept. 15	2	4	4
	Sept. 2-Sept. 15	2	4	4
<u>Indiana</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10	10
	Sept. 9-Sept. 10	2	4	4
<u>Michigan</u> Upper Peninsula: Huron, Saginaw, and Tuscola Counties	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	5	10	10
	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2	4	4
<u>Minnesota</u> Twin Cities Metro Zone Southeast Goose Zone Five Goose Zone Northwest Goose Zone	Sept. 2-Sept. 22	5	10	10
	Sept. 2-Sept. 22	2	4	4
	Sept. 2-Sept. 22	5	10	10
	Sept. 2-Sept. 15	2	4	4

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Mississippi (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Ohio (2)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Tennessee Middle Tennessee Zone East Tennessee Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 10 Sept. 1-Sept. 15	3 5	6 10
Wisconsin Early-Season Subzone A Early-Season Subzone B	Sept. 1 only & Sept. 5-Sept. 15 Sept. 1 only & Sept. 5-Sept. 15	5 5 3 3	10 10 6 6
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
Kansas Sept. Canada Goose Units	Sept. 2-Sept. 13	3	6
North Dakota	Sept. 2-Sept. 22	5	10
Oklahoma	Sept. 9-Sept. 17	3	6
South Dakota (2) North Unit South Unit	Sept. 2-Sept. 29 Sept. 16-Sept. 29	5 5	10 10
PACIFIC FLYWAY			
California Humboldt County	Sept. 2-Sept. 10	2	2
Idaho Nez Perce County (1)(2)	Sept. 2-Sept. 9	4	8
Oregon Northwest Zone Southwest Zone East Zone	Sept. 9-Sept. 20 Sept. 9-Sept. 15 Sept. 9-Sept. 15	5 5 5	10 10 10
Washington Western Mgmt. Areas 1 & 3 Rest of State	Sept. 9-Sept. 14 Sept. 9-Sept. 14	5 3	10 6
Wyoming (1)	Sept. 1-Sept. 7	3	6 per season

(1) State permit required.

(2) See State regulations for additional information.

(3) In Mississippi, the season is closed on Roebuck Lake in Leflore County.

(e) Regular Goose Seasons.

Note: Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

	Season Dates
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY	
Michigan (1)	Sept. 17-Oct. 4
Wisconsin Horicon Zone Collins Zone Exterior Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30 Sept. 16-Sept. 30 Sept. 23-Sept. 30

(1) In Michigan, season dates for the Muskegon Wastewater, Saginaw County, Tuscola/Huron Goose Management Units in the South Zone will be established in the late-season regulatory process.

(f) Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days

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.

Definitions

Youth Hunters: Includes youths 15 years of age or younger.

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).

Note: Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

	Season Dates		Season Dates
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Connecticut</u>	Deferred	<u>Vermont</u> Ducks, mergansers and coots Statewide	Sept. 23 & 24
<u>Delaware</u> Ducks, mergansers, snow geese, coots	Oct. 21	<u>Virginia</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules Statewide	Deferred
<u>Florida</u>	Deferred		
<u>Georgia</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Nov. 11 & 12	<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>	Sept. 30
<u>Maine</u> Ducks, mergansers, and coots Statewide	Sept. 23	<u>Alabama</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, moorhens and gallinules Statewide	Feb. 3 & 4
<u>Maryland (1)</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and Canada geese	Sept. 30	<u>Arkansas</u>	Deferred
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Deferred	<u>Illinois</u>	Deferred
<u>New Hampshire</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots Statewide	Sept. 30	<u>Indiana</u>	Deferred
<u>New Jersey</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules Statewide	Sept. 30	<u>Iowa</u> Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers and coots Statewide	Oct. 7 & 8
<u>New York</u> Ducks, mergansers and coots Long Island Zone Lake Champlain Zone Northeastern Zone Southeastern Zone Western Zone	Oct. 28 & 29 Sept. 23 & 24 Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 Oct. 7 & 8	<u>Kentucky</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules East Zone West Zone	Oct. 14 & 15 Feb. 3 & 4
<u>North Carolina</u>	Deferred	<u>Louisiana</u>	Deferred
<u>Pennsylvania</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots and moorhens Statewide	Sept. 30	<u>Michigan</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules Statewide	Sept. 16
<u>Rhode Island</u> Ducks, mergansers and coots	Nov. 4 & 5	<u>Minnesota (3)</u> Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 16
<u>South Carolina</u>	Deferred	<u>Mississippi</u>	Deferred
		<u>Missouri</u>	Deferred
		<u>Ohio</u>	Deferred
		<u>Tennessee</u>	Deferred

	Season Dates		Season Dates
<u>Wisconsin</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules Statewide	Sept. 16 & 17	<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY (7)</u>	
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>		<u>Arizona</u> Ducks, geese, coots, moorhens and gallinules North Zone South Zone	Oct. 7 Jan. 27
<u>Colorado</u> Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots	Sept. 23 & 24	<u>California</u> Ducks, brant, geese, coots, and moorhens Northeastern Zone Colorado River Zone Southern Zone Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone Balance-of-State Zone	Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 Jan. 27 Jan. 27 & 28 Jan. 27 & 28 Jan. 27 & 28
<u>Kansas (4)</u> Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots High Plains Low Plains Early Zone Late Zone	Sept. 23 & 24 Deferred Deferred	<u>Colorado</u> Ducks, dark geese and coots	Sept. 23 & 24
<u>Montana</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	Sept. 23 & 24	<u>Idaho</u> Ducks, geese, coots, moorhens, and gallinules Statewide	Sept. 23 & 24
<u>Nebraska (5)</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese	Sept. 23 & 24	<u>Montana</u> Ducks, geese, and coots	Sept. 23 & 24
<u>New Mexico</u> Ducks, mergansers, and coots North Zone South Zone	Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 Oct. 14 & 15	<u>Nevada</u> Ducks, geese, coots, moorhens, and gallinules Clark and Lincoln Counties Rest of State	Jan. 29 Sept. 25
<u>North Dakota</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots Statewide	Sept. 23 & 24	<u>Oregon</u> Ducks, Canada geese, and coots Statewide (8)	Sept. 23 & 24
<u>Oklahoma</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots High Plains Low Plains	Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 Deferred	<u>Utah</u> Ducks, geese, and coots Statewide	Sept. 30
<u>South Dakota (6)</u> Ducks, Canada geese, and mergansers Statewide	Sept. 23 & 24 Deferred	<u>Washington</u> Ducks, Canada geese, and coots Statewide	Sept. 23 & 24
<u>Texas</u>		<u>Wyoming</u> Ducks, dark geese, and coots	Sept. 23
<u>Wyoming</u> Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots Statewide	Sept. 23		

(1) In Maryland, the accompanying adult must be at least 21 years of age and possess a valid Maryland hunting license (or be exempt from the license requirement). This accompanying adult may not shoot or possess a firearm.

(2) In West Virginia, the accompanying adult must be at least 21 years of age.

(3) In Minnesota, the Canada goose limit is 1, except that in the West Goose Zone, the limit is 5.

(4) In Kansas, the adult accompanying the youth must possess any licenses and/or stamps required by law for that individual to hunt waterfowl.

(5) In Nebraska, see State regulations for additional information on the daily bag limit.

(6) In South Dakota, the limit for Canada geese is 3, except in areas where the Special Early Canada goose season is open. In those areas, the limit is the same as for that special season.

(7) In the Pacific Flyway, the daily bag limit for ducks includes mergansers.

(8) In Oregon, the Canada goose season is closed for the youth hunt in Western Washington Goose Management Area 2.

7. Section 20.106 is revised to read as follows:

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

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

Shooting and Hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 23, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 51496).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons may select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
CENTRAL FLYWAY				
<u>Colorado</u> (1)	Oct. 7-Dec. 3	3	3	6
<u>Kansas</u> (2)	Nov. 4-Dec. 31	2	2	4
<u>Montana</u>	Sept. 30-Nov. 26 Sept. 9-Sept. 17	3	3	6 1 per season

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
New Mexico				
Regular Season Area (1) Middle Rio Grande Valley Area (3)(4)(5)	Oct. 31-Jan. 31 Oct. 28-Oct. 29 & Nov. 18-Nov. 19 & Dec. 9-Dec. 10 & Jan. 13-Jan. 14 Nov. 4-Nov. 5 & Jan. 6-Jan. 7	3 2 2 2 2 2		6 3 3 3 3 4 4
Southwest Area (3)(4)(5)				
<u>North Dakota</u> (2)	Sept. 16-Nov. 12	3	3	6
<u>Oklahoma</u> (1)	Deferred	--	--	--
<u>South Dakota</u> (1)	Sept. 23-Nov. 19	3	3	6
Texas (1)				
Zone A	Nov. 11-Feb. 11	3	3	6
Zone B	Dec. 2-Feb. 11	3	3	6
Zone C	Dec. 30-Feb. 4	3	3	6
Wyoming				
Regular Season Area (1)(5) Riverton-Boysen Unit (3)(5) Big Horn and Park Counties (3)(5)	Sept. 9-Nov. 5 Sept. 16-Oct. 6 Sept. 16-Oct. 1	3 1 1		6 1 per season 1 per season
PACIFIC FLYWAY				
Arizona (3)				
<u>Idaho</u> (3)	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 & Nov. 3-Nov. 5 & Nov. 7-Nov. 9 & Nov. 11-Nov. 13 & Nov. 15-Nov. 17	2 2 2 2 2		2 per season 2 per season 2 per season 2 per season 2 per season
<u>Montana</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	1	1	1 per season
<u>Special Season Area (3)</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 10 & Sept. 16-Sept. 17	1 1		1 per season 1 per season
Utah (3)				
Rich County	Sept. 2-Sept. 10	1	1	1 per season
Cache County	Sept. 16-Sept. 24	1	1	1 per season
Box Elder County	Sept. 2-Sept. 10	1	1	1 per season

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. Only extended falconry seasons are shown below. Many States permit falconry during the gun seasons. Please consult State regulations for details.

For ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, and some moorhen seasons; additional season days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late-season selections. Some States have deferred selections. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

Extended Falconry Dates

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Delaware

Mourning dove

Sept. 24-Oct. 14 &
Oct. 30-Nov. 9 &
Jan. 29-Feb. 3

Rail

Nov. 10-Dec. 16

Woodcock

Oct. 2-Nov. 9 &
Jan. 1-Feb. 7

Snipe

Feb. 1-Mar. 6

Florida

Mourning and white-winged doves

Oct. 31-Nov. 10 &
Nov. 27-Dec. 8 &
Jan. 8-Jan. 21

Rails

Nov. 10-Dec. 16

Woodcock

Nov. 24-Dec. 15 &
Jan. 15-Mar. 10

Common moorhens

Nov. 10-Dec. 14

Georgia

Moorhens, gallinules, and sea ducks

Nov. 13-Nov. 21 &
Jan. 21-Feb. 16

Maryland

Mourning doves

Oct. 22-Nov. 12 &
Dec. 10-Dec. 17 &
Dec. 31-Jan. 6

Rails

Nov. 10-Dec. 16

Woodcock

Oct. 1-Oct. 20 &
Jan. 21-Mar. 10

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Wyoming			
Bear River Area (3)(5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 14	1	1 per season
Salt River Area (3)(5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 7	1	1 per season
Eden-Farson Area (3)(5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 7	1	1 per season

(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.

(2) In Kansas and North Dakota, 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 issued and validated by the State. The permit must be displayed to any authorized law enforcement official upon request.

(3) Hunting is by State permit only.

(4) In New Mexico, the seasonal bag limit is 3 in the Middle Rio Grande Valley Area and 8 in the Southwest Area.

(5) Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

8. Section 20.109 is revised to read as follows:

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

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

Hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 23, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 51496). For those extended seasons for Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots, area descriptions were published in the September 27, 1999, Federal Register (64 FR 52124) and will be published again in a September 2000 Federal Register.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Daily bag limit 3 migratory birds, singly or in the aggregate.

Possession limit 6 migratory birds, singly or in the aggregate.

These limits apply to falconry during both regular hunting seasons and extended falconry seasons -- unless

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>Pennsylvania</u>		
Mourning doves	Oct. 7-Oct. 27 & Nov. 27-Dec. 12	Sept. 1-Sept. 22 & Nov. 7-Dec. 16
<u>Virginia</u>		
Doves	Oct. 1-Oct. 6 & Dec. 9-Dec. 29 & Jan. 11-Jan. 20	Nov. 5-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Oct. 30-Nov. 3 & Nov. 19-Dec. 22 & Jan. 7-Jan. 31	Oct. 1-Oct. 31 & Dec. 1-Dec. 16
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Illinois</u>		
Mourning doves	Oct. 18-Nov. 3 & Nov. 17-Dec. 16	Sept. 27-Oct. 13 & Oct. 30-Nov. 28
Rails	Nov. 11-Dec. 17	Sept. 14-Sept. 29
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Oct. 20 & Dec. 5-Dec. 16	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
<u>Indiana</u>		
Mourning doves	Oct. 17-Nov. 2 & Jan. 1-Jan. 30	Sept. 1-Sept. 22
Woodcock	Sept. 23-Oct. 5 & Nov. 20-Jan. 7	Sept. 21-Sept. 38
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1) North Zone	Sept. 30	
<u>Michigan</u>		
Rails and snipe	Sept. 7-Sept. 14 & Nov. 15-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	Sept. 9-Sept. 17 & Sept. 23-Sept. 24 Sept. 9-Sept. 29
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens (1) Woodcock	Sept. 7-Sept. 30 Sept. 7-Sept. 22 & Nov. 7-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	Oct. 31-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Dec. 30 Oct. 1-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Nov. 30
<u>Minnesota</u>		
Woodcock		
Rails and snipe		
<u>Missouri</u>		
Mourning doves		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		
<u>Tennessee</u>		
Mourning doves		
Ducks (1)		
<u>Wisconsin</u>		
Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules (1) Woodcock		
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Montana</u> (2)		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)		
<u>Nebraska</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots High Plains Low Plains		
<u>New Mexico</u> (2)		
Doves North Zone South Zone		
Band-tailed pigeons North Zone South Zone		

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>New Mexico</u> (2)		
Doves		Oct. 31-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Dec. 30
North Zone		Oct. 1-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Nov. 30
South Zone		
Band-tailed pigeons		Sept. 21-Dec. 16 Oct. 21-Jan. 15
North Zone		
South Zone		
<u>Oregon</u> (3)		
Mourning doves		Oct. 1-Dec. 16
Band-tailed pigeons		Sept. 1-Sept. 14 & Sept. 24-Dec. 16
<u>Utah</u>		
Mourning doves and band-tailed pigeons		Oct. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Washington</u>		
Mourning doves		Oct. 1-Dec. 31
<u>Wyoming</u>		
Rails		Nov. 10-Dec. 16
		(1) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late-season selections.
		(2) In <u>Montana</u> and <u>New Mexico</u> , the bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.
		(3) In <u>Oregon</u> , no more than 1 pigeon daily in bag or possession.
<u>New Mexico</u> (cont.)		
Sandhill cranes		Oct. 17-Oct. 30
Regular Season Area		
Ducks and coots		Sept. 16-Sept. 24
Moorhen and sora and Virginia rails		Dec. 16-Jan. 21
<u>North Dakota</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Sept. 18-Sept. 29
Snipe		Sept. 1-Sept. 15
<u>South Dakota</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)		Sept. 4-Sept. 11
High Plains		Sept. 4-Sept. 22 & Sept. 25-Sept. 29
Low Plains		Sept. 11-Sept. 22 & Sept. 25-Sept. 30
North & Middle Zones		
South Zone		
<u>Texas</u>		
Mourning and white-winged doves		Nov. 9-Dec. 25
Rails and gallinules		Dec. 21-Jan. 26
Woodcock		Nov. 24-Dec. 17 & Feb. 1-Mar. 10
<u>Wyoming</u>		
Rails		Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)		
Zone 1		Sept. 23-Oct. 2
Zone 2		Sept. 20-Sept. 29
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Arizona</u>		
Doves		Sept. 14-Oct. 30
<u>Idaho</u>		
Mourning doves		