

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 2001–02 season.

DATES: This rule is effective on September 1, 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 provided a background and overview of the migratory bird hunting regulations process, and 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 (SRC) and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 20–21, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council

Consultants at which the participants reviewed information on the current status of migratory shore and upland game birds and developed recommendations for the 2001–02 regulations 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 the final regulatory alternatives for the 2001–02 duck hunting season.

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. On August 21, 2001, we published a fourth document in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 44010) 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. We published proposed frameworks for the 2001–02 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations on August 28, 2001, in the **Federal Register**.

The final rule described here is the sixth 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 (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 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), 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: August 23, 2001.

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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, Pub. L. 106–108.

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 | Bag | Limits | Possession |
|---|----------------------------------|-----|--------|--|
| Doves and Pigeons | | | | |
| Zenaida, white-winged, and mourning doves | Sept. 1-Oct. 30 | 10 | 10 | |
| Scaly-naped pigeons | Sept. 1-Oct. 30 | 5 | 5 | |
| Ducks | Nov. 3-Dec. 10 & Jan. 12-Jan. 28 | 6 | 12 | |
| Common Moorhens | Nov. 3-Dec. 10 & Jan. 12-Jan. 28 | 6 | 12 | |
| Common Snipe | Nov. 3-Dec. 10 & Jan. 12-Jan. 28 | 8 | 16 | |
| | | 8 | 16 | |
| | | | | Daily Bag and Possession Limits |
| | | | | |

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. Hunting is closed in the area known as Caño Tiburones.

Closed Areas: Closed areas are described in the August 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010).

(b) Virgin Islands

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits | 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, 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 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010).

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 |
| | | |

Restrictions: In Alaska, the seasons are closed for the ruddy duck, white-cheeked pintail, West Indian whistling duck, fulvous whistling duck, masked duck, purple gallinule, American coot, and Common Sandhill Cranes(4).

Closed Areas: Closed areas are described in the August 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010).

(b) Virgin Islands

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

(1) The basic duck bag limits may include no more than 1 canvasback daily and 3 in possession, and may not include sea ducks. In addition to the basic duck limits, Alaska may select sea duck limits of 10 daily, 20 in possession, singly or in the aggregate, including no more than 6 each of either harlequin or long-tailed ducks. Sea ducks include scoters, common and king eiders, harlequin ducks, long-tailed ducks, 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. The season for 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 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 Units 18, 22, and 23, 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 500 permits may be issued in Unit 18 and 300 permits each in Units 22 and 23. In Unit 17, 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 200 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 21, 2001, *Federal Register* (66 FR 44010).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

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

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits | Possession |
|--------------------------------|---|---|----------------|----------------|
| EASTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT | | | | |
| Alabama | | | | |
| North Zone | 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 15 only Sept. 16-Oct. 28 & Dec. 22-Jan. 6 | 15 15 | 15 |
| South Zone | 12 noon to sunset | Oct. 6-Nov. 25 & Dec. 22-Jan. 9 | 12 12 | 12 |
| Delaware | 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 1-Sept. 22 Oct. 15-Oct. 27 & Dec. 10-Jan. 12 | 12 12 | 24 |
| Florida (1) | 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Oct. 6-Oct. 29 Nov. 10-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Jan. 6 | 12 12 | 24 |
| Georgia | Zone 1 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 1 only Sept. 2-Sept. 30 & Nov. 22-Nov. 24 & Dec. 10-Jan. 15 | 12 12 | 24 |
| | Zone 2 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 22 only Sept. 23-Oct. 21 & Nov. 22-Nov. 24 & Dec. 10-Jan. 15 | 12 12 | 24 |
| Illinois | sunrise to sunset | Sept. 1-Oct. 17 & Nov. 3-Nov. 15 | 15 15 | 30 30 |
| Indiana | | Sept. 1-Oct. 16 & Nov. 9-Nov. 18 & Nov. 22-Nov. 25 | 15 15 15 | 30 30 30 |

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession | Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession |
|---|---|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| <u>Kentucky</u> 11 a.m. to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 1-Oct. 24 Nov. 22-Nov. 27 | 15 15 | 30 30 | <u>South Carolina</u> 1/2 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 1-Sept. 3 Sept. 4-Oct. 6 & Nov. 17-Nov. 24 & Dec. 21-Jan. 15 | 12 12 12 12 |
| <u>Louisiana</u> 1/2 noon to sunset | Sept. 1-Sept. 2 & Oct. 13-Oct. 14 & Dec. 22-Dec. 23 | 15 15 | 30 30 | <u>Tennessee</u> 1/2 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 1 only Sept. 2-Sept. 26 & Oct. 13-Oct. 28 & Dec. 15-Jan. 1 | 15 15 15 15 |
| 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 3-Sept. 9 & Oct. 15-Nov. 18 & Dec. 24-Jan. 4 | 15 15 15 | 30 30 30 | <u>Virginia</u> 1/2 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 1-Sept. 29 Oct. 13-Nov. 10 & Dec. 29-Jan. 9 | 12 12 12 |
| <u>Maryland</u> 1/2 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>West Virginia</u> 1/2 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 1 only Sept. 2-Oct. 6 & Oct. 28-Nov. 10 & Dec. 17-Jan. 5 | 12 12 12 |
| <u>Mississippi</u> Sept. 1-Sept. 23 & Oct. 13-Oct. 27 & Dec. 22-Jan. 12 | 15 15 15 | 30 30 30 | <u>Wisconsin</u> Sept. 1-Oct. 30 | Sept. 1-Oct. 30 | 12 12 | 24 24 |
| <u>North Carolina</u> 1/2 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 1-Sept. 7 Sept. 8-Oct. 6 & Nov. 19-Nov. 24 & Dec. 19-Jan. 15 | 12 12 12 12 | 24 24 24 24 | <u>CENTRAL MANAGEMENT UNIT</u> | | 30 30 30 30 |
| <u>Ohio</u> Sept. 1-Oct. 16 & Nov. 2-Nov. 25 | 12 12 | 24 24 | | <u>Arkansas</u> Sept. 1-Sept. 23 & Oct. 6-Oct. 21 & Dec. 15-Jan. 4 | 15 15 15 | 30 30 30 |
| <u>Pennsylvania</u> 1/2 noon to sunset | Sept. 1-Oct. 5 & Oct. 27-Nov. 24 & Dec. 26-Dec. 31 | 12 12 12 | 24 24 24 | <u>Colorado</u> Sept. 1-Oct. 30 | 15 | 30 |
| <u>Rhode Island</u> 1/2 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Sept. 13-Sept. 30 Oct. 20-Nov. 17 & Dec. 22-Jan. 13 | 12 12 12 | 24 24 24 | <u>Kansas</u> Sept. 1-Oct. 30 | 15 | 30 |
| | | | | <u>Missouri</u> Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 12 | 24 |
| | | | | <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 |

| Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| North Dakota | Sept. 1-Oct. 28 | 15 30 |
| Oklahoma | Sept. 1-Oct. 30 | 15 30 |
| South Dakota (3) | Sept. 1-Oct. 19 | 15 30 |
| Texas (4) | Sept. 1-Oct. 30 Sept. 1-Oct. 28 & Dec. 26-Jan. 6 | 15 30 12 24 12 24 |
| South Zone Special Area (Special Season) | Sept. 21-Nov. 4 & Dec. 22-Jan. 11 | 12 24 12 24 |
| North Zone Central Zone | Sept. 1-Oct. 28 & Dec. 26-Jan. 6 | 10 20 10 20 |
| Remainder of the South Zone | Sept. 8-Sept. 9 Sept. 21-Nov. 4 & Dec. 22-Jan. 15 | 12 24 12 24 |
| Wyoming | Sept. 1-Oct. 30 | 15 30 |
| WESTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT | | |
| Arizona (5) | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 & Nov. 23-Jan. 6 | 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 |
| OTHER POPULATIONS | | |
| Hawaii (7) | Nov. 3-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Dec. 30 & Jan. 1-Jan. 21 | 10 10 10 10 10 10 |
| New Mexico | Sept. 1-Sept. 20 North Zone | 5 10 |
| South Zone | Oct. 1-Oct. 20 | 5 10 |
| Oregon | Sept. 15-Sept. 23 | 2 4 |
| Utah | Sept. 1-Sept. 30 | 5 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 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010).

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 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ATLANTIC FLYWAY | | | | |
| <u>Connecticut</u> (3) | Sept. 1-Nov. 4 | Sept. 27-Nov. 24 | Oct. 27-Nov. 24 | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 |
| <u>Delaware</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Nov. 19-Dec. 7 & Dec. 19-Dec. 29 | Nov. 19-Jan. 31 |
| <u>Florida</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Dec. 15-Jan. 13 | Nov. 1-Feb. 15 |
| <u>Georgia</u> | Sept. 8-Nov. 16 | Sept. 8-Nov. 16 | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 | Nov. 15-Feb. 28 |
| <u>Maine</u> | Closed | Sept. 1-Nov. 3 | Oct. 6-Nov. 15 | Sept. 1-Dec. 15 |
| <u>Maryland</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Oct. 20-Nov. 10 & Jan. 12-Jan. 19 | Sept. 19-Nov. 23 & Dec. 10-Jan. 19 |
| <u>Massachusetts</u> (4) | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Deferred | Sept. 1-Dec. 15 |
| <u>New Hampshire</u> | Closed | Closed | Oct. 6-Nov. 4 | Sept. 15-Nov. 4 |
| <u>New Jersey</u> (5) North Zone | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Oct. 18-Nov. 10 | Sept. 22-Jan. 6 |
| <u>South Zone</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Nov. 10-Nov. 24 & Dec. 21-Dec. 29 | Sept. 21-Jan. 5 |
| <u>New York</u> (6) | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Oct. 6-Nov. 4 | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 |
| <u>North Carolina</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Dec. 17-Jan. 15 | Nov. 14-Feb. 28 |
| <u>Pennsylvania</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Oct. 20-Nov. 17 | Oct. 20-Nov. 24 |

| | Sora and Virginia Rails | Clapper and King Rails | Woodcock | Common Snipe |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY | | | | |
| <u>Alabama</u> (8) | Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20 | Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20 | Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20 | Sept. 8-Nov. 14 |
| <u>Arkansas</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Nov. 14-Feb. 28 |
| <u>Illinois</u> (9) | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Nov. 14-Feb. 28 |
| <u>Indiana</u> (10) | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Nov. 14-Feb. 28 |
| <u>Iowa</u> (11) | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Nov. 14-Feb. 28 |
| <u>Kentucky</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Nov. 14-Feb. 28 |
| <u>Louisiana</u> (12) | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 | Sept. 1-Nov. 14 |
| <u>Michigan</u> (13) | Sept. 15-Nov. 14 | Closed | Sept. 15-Nov. 14 | Sept. 1-Nov. 14 |
| <u>Minnesota</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 4 | Closed | Sept. 1-Nov. 4 | Sept. 1-Nov. 4 |
| <u>Mississippi</u> | Oct. 12-Dec. 20 | Oct. 12-Dec. 20 | Oct. 12-Dec. 20 | Oct. 12-Dec. 20 |
| <u>Missouri</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 |
| <u>Ohio</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 |
| <u>Tennessee</u> | Deferred | Closed | Deferred | Deferred |
| <u>Wisconsin</u> | Deferred | Closed | Deferred | 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 limits are 3 and 6, respectively.

(4) In Massachusetts, the sora rail limits are 5 daily and 5 in possession; the Virginia rail limits are 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 limits are 8 and 16, respectively. Seasons for sora and Virginia rails and common snipe are closed on Long Island.

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

(16) In South Dakota, the sora rail limit is 15 daily and 15 in possession.

(17) In South Dakota, the Virginia rail limit is 15 daily and 15 in possession.

(18) In South Dakota, the common snipe limit is 15 daily and 15 in possession.

(19) In South Dakota, the clapper rail limit is 15 daily and 15 in possession.

(20) In South Dakota, the king rail limit is 15 daily and 15 in possession.

(21) In South Dakota, the gallinule limit is 15 daily and 15 in possession.

(22) In South Dakota, the waterfowl, coots, and gallinules limit is 15 daily and 15 in possession.

(23) In South Dakota, the shooting hours for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules are 15 daily and 15 in possession.

(24) In South Dakota, the hunting areas are open to hunting, shooting, and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Montana: Oct. 1-Dec. 16
New Mexico: Oct. 6-Dec. 14
Wyoming: Sept. 1-Nov. 9

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 21, 2001, *Federal Register* (66 FR 44010).

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.

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.

| | Sora and Virginia Rails | Clapper and King Rails | Woodcock | Common Snipe |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| CENTRAL FLYWAY | | | | |
| Colorado | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Closed | Sept. 1-Dec. 16 |
| Kansas | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Oct. 12-Nov. 25 | Sept. 1-Dec. 16 |
| Montana | Closed | Closed | Closed | Sept. 1-Dec. 16 |
| Nebraska (14) | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Sept. 22-Nov. 5 | Sept. 1-Dec. 16 |
| New Mexico | Oct. 6-Dec. 14 | Closed | Closed | Oct. 6-Jan. 20 |
| North Dakota | Closed | Closed | Sept. 22-Nov. 4 | Sept. 15-Nov. 25 |
| Oklahoma | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Nov. 1-Dec. 15 | Oct. 1-Jan. 15 |
| South Dakota (15) Closed | | Closed | Closed | Sept. 1-Oct. 31 |
| Texas | Sept. 15; Sept. 30 & Oct. 27-Dec. 19 | Sept. 15; Sept. 30 & Oct. 27-Dec. 19 | Dec. 18-Jan. 31 | Oct. 20-Feb. 3 |
| Wyoming | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Closed | Sept. 1-Dec. 16 |
| PACIFIC FLYWAY | | | | |
| Arizona | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 12-Jan. 20 |
| Colorado | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Closed | Sept. 1-Dec. 16 |
| Idaho: Area 1 | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 6-Jan. 18 |
| Area 2 | Closed | Closed | Closed | Oct. 6-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 20 |
| Montana | Closed | Closed | Closed | Sept. 1-Dec. 16 |
| New Mexico | Oct. 6-Dec. 14 | Closed | Closed | Oct. 6-Jan. 20 |
| Wyoming | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | Closed | Closed | Sept. 1-Dec. 16 |

(a) Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession | Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----|
| <u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u> | | | | | | | |
| <u>Delaware</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 15 | 30 | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 15 | 30 | |
| <u>Florida (1)</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 15 | 30 | Ohio | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 15 | 30 |
| <u>Georgia</u> | Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Jan. 20 | 15 | 30 | <u>Tennessee</u> | Deferred | -- | |
| <u>Maine</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 15 | 30 | <u>Wisconsin</u> | Deferred | -- | |
| <u>New Jersey</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 10 | 20 | <u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u> | | | |
| <u>New York</u> <u>Long Island</u> <u>Remainder of State</u> | <u>Closed</u> | 8 | 16 | <u>New Mexico</u> <u>Zone 1</u> | Oct. 6-Dec. 14 | 1 2 | |
| <u>North Carolina</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 15 | 30 | <u>Zone 2</u> | Oct. 6-Dec. 14 | 1 2 | |
| <u>Pennsylvania</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 15 | 30 | <u>Oklahoma</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 15 30 | |
| <u>South Carolina</u> | Sept. 16-Sept. 23 & Oct. 15-Dec. 15 | 15 | 30 | <u>Texas</u> | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Oct. 27-Dec. 19 | 15 30 | |
| <u>Virginia</u> | Deferred | -- | -- | <u>Wyoming</u> | Deferred | -- | |
| <u>West Virginia</u> | Deferred | -- | -- | <u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u> | | | |
| <u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u> | | | | | | | |
| <u>Alabama</u> | Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20 | 15 | 15 | <u>All States</u> | Deferred | -- | |
| <u>Arkansas</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 15 | 30 | (1) The season applies to common moorhens only. | | | |
| <u>Indiana</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 15 | 30 | (2) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late season selections. | | | |
| <u>Kentucky</u> | Sept. 1-Nov. 9 | 15 | 30 | (b) <u>Sea Ducks</u> (scooter, eider, and oldsquaw ducks in Atlantic Flyway). | | | |
| <u>Louisiana (2)</u> | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 | 15 | 30 | Within the special sea duck areas, the daily bag limit is 7 scooter, 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. | | | |
| <u>Michigan</u> | Deferred | -- | -- | | | | |
| <u>Minnesota</u> | Deferred | -- | -- | | | | |
| <u>Mississippi</u> | Oct. 12-Dec. 20 | 15 | 30 | | | | |
| | | | | <u>Season Dates</u> | | | |
| | | | | <u>Bag</u> | | | |
| | | | | <u>Limits Possession</u> | | | |
| <u>Connecticut</u> | | | | | | | |
| <u>Delaware</u> | Sept. 20-Jan. 20 | 7 | 14 | | | | |
| <u>Georgia</u> | Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Jan. 20 | 7 | 14 | | | | |
| <u>Maine</u> | Deferred | -- | -- | | | | |

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits | Possession | Season Dates | Bag | Limits | Possession |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----|--------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------|------------|
| <u>Maryland</u> | Deferred | -- | -- | -- | Virginia (1) | Sept. 15-Sept. 25 | 4 | 8 |
| <u>Massachusetts</u> | Deferred | -- | -- | -- | <u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u> | | | |
| <u>New Hampshire</u> (1) | Sept. 15-Dec. 30 | 7 | 14 | | <u>Alabama</u> | Sept. 8-Sept. 23 | 4 | 8 |
| <u>New Jersey</u> | Sept. 18-Jan. 19 | 7 | 14 | | <u>Arkansas</u> (4) | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 | 4 | 8 |
| <u>New York</u> | Oct. 6-Jan. 20 | 7 | 14 | | <u>Illinois</u> (4) | Sept. 1-Sept. 16 | 4 | 8 |
| <u>North Carolina</u> | Deferred | -- | -- | | <u>Indiana</u> (4) | Sept. 1-Sept. 16 | 4 | 8 |
| <u>Rhode Island</u> | Oct. 6-Jan. 20 | 7 | 14 | | <u>Iowa</u> (5) | Sept. 22-Sept. 26 | -- | -- |
| <u>South Carolina</u> | Deferred | -- | -- | | <u>North Zone</u> | Sept. 22-Sept. 26 | -- | -- |
| <u>Virginia</u> | Deferred | -- | -- | | <u>South Zone</u> | Sept. 22-Sept. 26 | -- | -- |
| | | | | | <u>Kentucky</u> (6) | Sept. 19-Sept. 23 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | <u>Louisiana</u> | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | <u>Mississippi</u> | Sept. 8-Sept. 23 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | <u>Missouri</u> (4) | Sept. 8-Sept. 23 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | <u>Ohio</u> (4) | Sept. 1-Sept. 16 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | <u>Tennessee</u> (7) | Sept. 8-Sept. 12 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | <u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u> | | | |
| | | | | | <u>Colorado</u> | Sept. 8-Sept. 16 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | <u>Kansas</u> | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | | Low Plains | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | | High Plains | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | <u>Nebraska</u> (1) | Sept. 8-Sept. 16 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | <u>New Mexico</u> | Sept. 15-Sept. 23 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | <u>Oklahoma</u> | Sept. 8-Sept. 23 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | | Low Plains | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | | High Plains | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | <u>Texas</u> | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | | |

(c) Early (September) Duck Seasons.Note: Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for teal only.

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits | Possession | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----|--------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| <u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u> | | | | | <u>Kansas</u> | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 | 4 | 8 |
| <u>Delaware</u> (1)(2) | Sept. 6-Sept. 15 | 4 | 8 | | | Sept. 15-Sept. 22 | 4 | 8 |
| <u>Florida</u> (3) | Sept. 22-Sept. 26 | 4 | 8 | | <u>Nebraska</u> | Sept. 8-Sept. 16 | 4 | 8 |
| <u>Georgia</u> | Sept. 15-Sept. 23 | 4 | 8 | | <u>New Mexico</u> | Sept. 15-Sept. 23 | 4 | 8 |
| <u>Maryland</u> (1) | Sept. 13-Sept. 22 | 4 | 8 | | <u>Oklahoma</u> | Sept. 8-Sept. 16 | 4 | 8 |
| <u>North Carolina</u> (1) | Sept. 6-Sept. 15 | 4 | 8 | | | Low Plains | 4 | 8 |
| <u>South Carolina</u> (4) | Sept. 22-Sept. 30 | 4 | 8 | | | High Plains | 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise to 10:00 a.m.

(3) In Florida, the daily bag limit is 4 wood ducks and teal in the aggregate, no more than 2 of which may be wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

(4) Shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(5) In Iowa, the September season is part of the regular season, and limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

(6) 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>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u> | | | | |
| <u>Connecticut</u> | Sept. 4-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| North Zone | Sept. 17-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Delaware</u> | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Maine</u> | Sept. 4-Sept. 25 | 3 | 6 | |
| <u>Maryland</u> | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 5 | 10 | |
| Eastern Unit | Sept. 1-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| Western Unit | Sept. 1-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Massachusetts (1)</u> | Sept. 4-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| Central Zone | Sept. 4-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| Coastal Zone | Sept. 4-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| Western Zone | Sept. 4-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>New Hampshire</u> | Sept. 4-Sept. 25 | 3 | 6 | |
| <u>New Jersey</u> | Sept. 1-Sept. 29 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>New York</u> | Sept. 4-Sept. 25 | 2 | 4 | |
| Lake Champlain Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| Northeastern Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| Western Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| Montezuma Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| Southeastern Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| Long Island Zone (2) | Sept. 4-Sept. 30 | 5 | 10 | |

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits | Possession |
|--|-------------------|-----|--------|------------|
| <u>North Carolina</u> | | | | |
| Northeast Hunt Unit (3) | Sept. 1-Sept. 20 | 5 | 10 | |
| Rest of State | Sept. 4-Sept. 29 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Pennsylvania</u> | | | | |
| Southeast Hunt Area | Sept. 1-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| Rest of State | Sept. 1-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Rhode Island</u> | | | | |
| | Sept. 1-Sept. 30 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>South Carolina</u> | | | | |
| Early Season Hunt Unit | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Vermont</u> | | | | |
| Lake Champlain Zone | Sept. 4-Sept. 25 | 2 | 4 | |
| Interior Vermont Zone: Bennington, Rutland, & Windham Counties | Sept. 4-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| Rest of Zone | Sept. 4-Sept. 25 | 2 | 4 | |
| <u>Virginia</u> | | | | |
| | Sept. 1-Sept. 25 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>West Virginia</u> | | | | |
| | Sept. 1-Sept. 16 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u> | | | | |
| <u>Alabama</u> | | | | |
| | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Illinois</u> | | | | |
| Northeast Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 5 | 10 | |
| North Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 2 | 4 | |
| Central Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 2 | 4 | |
| South Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 2 | 4 | |
| <u>Indiana</u> | | | | |
| | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Kentucky</u> | | | | |
| | Sept. 8-Sept. 12 | 2 | 4 | |
| <u>Michigan</u> | | | | |
| Upper Peninsula | Sept. 1-Sept. 10 | 5 | 10 | |
| Lower Peninsula: Huron, Saginaw, and Tuscola Counties | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 2 | 4 | |
| Remainder | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Minnesota</u> | | | | |
| Twin Cities Metro Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 22 | 5 | 10 | |
| Southeast Goose Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 22 | 2 | 4 | |
| Five Goose Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 22 | 5 | 10 | |
| Northwest Goose Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 2 | 4 | |

(2) See State regulations for additional information.
 (3) In North Carolina, in Currituck and Dare Counties, the daily bag and possession limits are 2 and 4, respectively.
 (4) In Mississippi, the season is closed on Robuck Lake in Leflore County.
 (5) The West Unit includes Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson, Spink, and Walworth Counties.

(e) Regular Goose Seasons.

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

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession | |
|--|-------------------|-----|-------------------|--|
| <u>Mississippi (4)</u> | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Ohio (2)</u> | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Tennessee</u> Middle Tennessee Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 3 | 6 | |
| East Tennessee Zone | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Wisconsin</u> Early Season Subzone A | Sept. 4-Sept. 15 | 5 | 10 | |
| Early Season Subzone B | Sept. 4-Sept. 15 | 3 | 6 | |
| <u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u> | | | | |
| <u>Kansas:</u> Sept. Canada Goose Units | Sept. 6-Sept. 15 | 3 | 6 | |
| <u>North Dakota</u> | Sept. 1-Sept. 21 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Oklahoma</u> | Sept. 15-Sept. 23 | 3 | 6 | |
| <u>South Dakota (2):</u> West Unit (5) | Sept. 1-Sept. 14 | 5 | 10 | |
| North Unit | Sept. 1-Sept. 28 | 5 | 10 | |
| South Unit | Sept. 15-Sept. 28 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u> | | | | |
| <u>California:</u> Humboldt County | Sept. 1-Sept. 9 | 2 | 2 | |
| <u>Idaho</u> Nez Perce County (1)(2) | Sept. 8-Sept. 14 | 4 | 8 | |
| <u>Oregon:</u> Northwest Zone | Sept. 8-Sept. 20 | 5 | 10 | |
| Southwest Zone | Sept. 8-Sept. 14 | 5 | 10 | |
| East Zone | Sept. 8-Sept. 14 | 5 | 10 | |
| <u>Washington:</u> Mgmt. Area 2B | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 5 | 10 | |
| Mgmt. Areas 1 & 3 | Sept. 8-Sept. 13 | 5 | 10 | |
| Rest of State | Sept. 8-Sept. 13 | 3 | 6 | |
| <u>Wyoming (1)</u> | Sept. 1-Sept. 7 | 3 | 6 per season | |

(1) State permit required.

(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 |
|--|---|---------------|
| ATLANTIC FLYWAY | | |
| <u>Connecticut</u> | Deferred | Sept. 22 & 23 |
| <u>Delaware</u> Ducks, geese, and coots | Oct. 20 | Deferred |
| <u>Florida</u> | Deferred | Sept. 22 & 23 |
| <u>Georgia</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules | Nov. 10 & 11 | Sept. 22 & 23 |
| <u>Maine</u> Ducks, mergansers, and coots | Sept. 22 | Deferred |
| <u>Maryland</u> (1) Ducks, mergansers, coots, and Canada geese | Sept. 29 | Deferred |
| <u>Massachusetts</u> | Deferred | Deferred |
| <u>New Hampshire</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots | Sept. 22 & 23 | Oct. 6 & 7 |
| <u>New Jersey</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules | Sept. 22 | Oct. 13 & 14 |
| <u>New York</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and Canada geese (2) Long Island Zone Lake Champlain Zone Northeastern Zone Southeastern Zone Western Zone | Deferred Sept. 22 & 23 Sept. 29 & 30 Sept. 29 & 30 Deferred | Feb. 2 & 3 |
| <u>North Carolina</u> | Deferred | Sept. 15 & 16 |
| <u>Pennsylvania</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots and moorhens | Sept. 22 | Sept. 15 |
| <u>Rhode Island</u> Ducks, mergansers and coots | Nov. 3 & 4 | Deferred |
| <u>South Carolina</u> | Deferred | Deferred |
| MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY | | |
| <u>Alabama</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, moorhens and gallinules | Feb. 9 & 10 | Deferred |
| <u>Arkansas</u> | Deferred | Deferred |
| <u>Illinois</u> | Deferred | Deferred |
| <u>Indiana</u> | Deferred | Deferred |
| <u>Iowa</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots | Oct. 6 & 7 | Oct. 6 & 7 |
| <u>Kentucky</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules East Zone West Zone | Deferred | Oct. 13 & 14 |
| <u>Louisiana</u> | Deferred | Feb. 2 & 3 |
| <u>Michigan</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules | Deferred | Sept. 15 & 16 |
| <u>Minnesota</u> (4) Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules | Deferred | Sept. 15 |
| <u>Mississippi</u> | Deferred | Deferred |
| <u>Missouri</u> | Deferred | Deferred |
| <u>Ohio</u> | Deferred | Deferred |
| <u>Tennessee</u> | Deferred | Deferred |

| | | Season Dates | Season Dates |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------|--------------|
| PACIFIC FLYWAY | | | |
| <u>Wisconsin</u> | Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules | Sept. 15 & 16 | |
| CENTRAL FLYWAY | | | |
| <u>Colorado</u> | Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots | Sept. 22 & 23 | |
| <u>Kansas (6)</u> | Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots | Sept. 29 & 30 | |
| High Plains | | Deferred | |
| Low Plains | | Deferred | |
| Early Zone | | | |
| Late Zone | | | |
| <u>Montana</u> | Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots | Sept. 22 & 23 | |
| <u>Nebraska (6)</u> | Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese | Sept. 22 & 23 | |
| <u>New Mexico</u> | Ducks, mergansers, and coots | Sept. 29 & 30 | |
| North Zone | | Oct. 13 & 14 | |
| South Zone | | | |
| <u>North Dakota</u> | Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots | Sept. 22 & 23 | |
| <u>Oklahoma</u> | Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots | Sept. 29 & 30 | |
| High Plains | | Deferred | |
| Low Plains | | | |
| <u>South Dakota (7)</u> | Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, and coots | Sept. 22 & 23 | |
| <u>Texas</u> | | Deferred | |
| <u>Wyoming</u> | Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules | Sept. 22 | |
| Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots | | | |

| | Season Dates | Bag | Limits | Possession |
|---|--|--------------|--------------|------------|
| <u>New Mexico</u> | | | | |
| Regular Season Area (1) | Oct. 31-Jan. 31 | 3 | 6 | |
| Middle Rio Grande & Valley Area (1)(4)(5) | Oct. 27-Oct. 28 & Nov. 17-Nov. 18 & Dec. 8-Dec. 9 & Jan. 12-Jan. 13 | 2 | 3 | |
| Southwest Area (3)(4)(5) | Nov. 3-Nov. 4 & Jan. 5-Jan. 6 | 2 | 4 | |
| Estancia Valley (3) | Oct. 27-Oct. 28 | 2 | 4 | |
| <u>North Dakota (2)</u> | | | | |
| Area 1 | Sept. 15-Nov. 11 | 3 | 6 | |
| Area 2 | Sept. 15-Oct. 21 | 2 | 4 | |
| <u>Oklahoma (1)</u> | Deferred | ~ | ~ | |
| <u>South Dakota (1)</u> | Sept. 22-Nov. 18 | 3 | 6 | |
| <u>Texas (1)</u> | | | | |
| Zone A | Deferred | ~ | ~ | |
| Zone B | Deferred | ~ | ~ | |
| Zone C | Deferred | ~ | ~ | |
| <u>Wyoming</u> | | | | |
| Regular Season Area (1) | Sept. 15-Nov. 11 | 3 | 6 | |
| Riverton-Boysen Unit (3) | Sept. 15-Oct. 5 | 1 per season | 1 per season | |
| Big Horn and Park Counties (3) | Sept. 15-Sept. 30 | 1 per season | 1 per season | |
| <u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u> | | | | |
| <u>Arizona (3)</u> | Nov. 1-Nov. 3 & Nov. 5-Nov. 7 & Nov. 9-Nov. 11 & Nov. 13-Nov. 15 & Nov. 17-Nov. 19 | 2 per season | 2 per season | |
| <u>Idaho (3)</u> | Sept. 1-Sept. 15 | 2 | 9 per season | |
| <u>Montana</u> | | | | |
| Special Season Area (3) | Sept. 8-Sept. 9 & Sept. 15-Sept. 16 | 1 per season | 1 per season | |
| <u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u> | | | | |
| <u>Colorado (1)</u> | Oct. 7-Dec. 3 | 3 | 6 | |
| <u>Kansas (2)</u> | Nov. 3-Dec. 30 | 2 | 4 | |
| <u>Montana</u> | | | | |
| Regular Season Area (1) | Sept. 29-Nov. 25 | 3 | 6 | |
| Special Season Area (3) | Sept. 8-Sept. 16 | 1 per season | 1 per season | |
| <u>Utah (3)</u> | | | | |
| Rich County | Sept. 1-Sept. 9 | 1 per season | 1 per season | |
| Cache County | Sept. 15-Sept. 23 | 1 per season | 1 per season | |
| Box Elder County | Sept. 1-Sept. 9 | 1 per season | 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

| Season Dates | Bag | Limits Possession |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Wyoming (3) Bear River Area | Sept. 1-Sept. 14 | 1 per season |
| Salt River Area | Sept. 1-Sept. 7 | 1 per season |
| Eden Farson Area | Sept. 1-Sept. 7 | 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 21, 2001, Federal Register (66 FR 44010). For those extended seasons for Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots, area descriptions were published in the September 28, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 58314) and will be published again in a September 2001 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

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Delaware

Mourning dove

Sept. 24-Oct. 13 &
Oct. 29-Nov. 8 &
Jan. 28-Feb. 2

Nov. 10-Dec. 16

Oct. 1-Nov. 8 &
Dec. 31-Feb. 6

Feb. 2-Mar. 6

Florida

Mourning and white-winged doves

Oct. 30-Nov. 9 &
Nov. 26-Dec. 7 &
Jan. 7-Jan. 20

Rails

Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Nov. 24-Dec. 14 &
Jan. 14-Mar. 10

Common moorhens

Nov. 10-Dec. 14
Nov. 10-Nov. 16 &
Nov. 26-Nov. 30 &
Jan. 21-Feb. 15

Georgia

Moorhens, gallinules, and sea ducks

Oct. 22-Nov. 12 &
Dec. 9-Dec. 17 &
Dec. 31-Jan. 5
Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Oct. 1-Oct. 19 &
Jan. 20-Mar. 10

Maryland

Mourning doves

Oct. 22-Nov. 12 &
Dec. 9-Dec. 17 &
Dec. 31-Jan. 5

Rails

Woodcock

| | | Extended Falconry Dates | Extended Falconry Dates |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| <u>Pennsylvania</u> | <u>Mourning doves</u> | Oct. 6-Oct. 26 & Nov. 26-Dec. 11 | Sept. 1-Sept. 21 & Nov. 6-Dec. 16 |
| <u>Virginia</u> | <u>Doves</u> | Sept. 30-Oct. 12 & Dec. 15-Dec. 28 & Jan. 10-Jan. 19 | Nov. 5-Dec. 16 |
| | <u>Woodcock</u> | Oct. 29-Nov. 2 & Nov. 18-Dec. 21 & Jan. 6-Jan. 31 | Mourning doves Ducks, mergansers, and coots |
| | | | <u>Tennessee</u> |
| | | | Mourning doves |
| | | | Sept. 27-Oct. 12 & Oct. 29-Nov. 27 |
| | | | Sept. 13-Sept. 30 |
| | | | <u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u> |
| | | | <u>Illinois</u> |
| | | | Mourning doves |
| | | | Oct. 18-Nov. 2 & Nov. 16-Dec. 16 |
| | | | Nov. 10-Dec. 16 |
| | | | Sept. 1-Oct. 19 & Dec. 4-Dec. 16 |
| | | | <u>Indiana</u> |
| | | | Mourning doves |
| | | | Oct. 17-Nov. 1 & Jan. 1-Jan. 31 |
| | | | Sept. 22-Oct. 4 & Nov. 19-Jan. 6 |
| | | | <u>Michigan</u> |
| | | | Ducks, mergansers, and coots {1} North Zone |
| | | | Sept. 29-Sept. 30 |
| | | | <u>Michigan</u> |
| | | | Rails and snipe |
| | | | Sept. 7-Sept. 14 & Nov. 15-Dec. 10 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10 |
| | | | Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens {1} |
| | | | <u>Woodcock</u> |
| | | | Sept. 7-Sept. 28 |
| | | | Sept. 7-Sept. 21 & Nov. 6-Dec. 10 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10 |
| | | | <u>Michigan</u> |
| | | | Rails and snipe |
| | | | Oct. 31-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Dec. 30 |
| | | | Oct. 1-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Nov. 30 |
| | | | <u>Michigan</u> |
| | | | Doves |
| | | | North Zone |
| | | | South Zone |
| | | | <u>Michigan</u> |
| | | | Band-tailed pigeons |
| | | | North Zone |
| | | | South Zone |
| | | | <u>Michigan</u> |
| | | | Sept. 21-Dec. 16 |
| | | | Oct. 21-Jan. 15 |

| | Extended Falconry Dates | Extended Falconry Dates |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <u>New Mexico</u> (cont.) | | |
| Sandhill cranes | Oct. 17-Oct. 30 | Doves North Zone |
| Regular Season Area | Sept. 15-Sept. 23 | South Zone |
| Ducks and coots | Dec. 15-Jan. 20 | Band-tailed pigeons North Zone |
| Moorhens and sora and Virginia rails | Sept. 17-Sept. 28 | South Zone |
| <u>North Dakota</u> | Sept. 1-Sept. 14 | Oregon (3) |
| Ducks, mergansers, and coots | Sept. 4-Sept. 11 | Mourning doves |
| Snipe | Sept. 24-Sept. 28 | Band-tailed pigeons |
| <u>South Dakota</u> | Sept. 11-Sept. 21 & Sept. 24-Sept. 30 | Utah |
| Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1) | Sept. 4-Sept. 21 & Sept. 24-Sept. 28 | Mourning doves and band-tailed pigeons |
| High Plains | Sept. 24-Sept. 28 | Washington |
| Low Plains | Sept. 24-Sept. 28 | |
| North & Middle Zones | Sept. 24-Sept. 28 | |
| South Zone | Sept. 24-Sept. 30 | |
| <u>Texas</u> | | Mourning doves |
| Mourning and white-winged doves | Nov. 19-Dec. 25 | Wyoming |
| Rails and gallinules | Dec. 20-Jan. 25 | Rails |
| Woodcock | Nov. 24-Dec. 17 & Feb. 1-Mar. 10 | |
| <u>Wyoming</u> | Nov. 10-Dec. 16 | |
| Rails | | |
| Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1) | Sept. 22-Oct. 1 | |
| Zone 1 | Sept. 19-Sept. 28 | |
| Zone 2 | | |
| PACIFIC FLYWAY | | |
| <u>Arizona</u> | Sept. 14-Oct. 30 | Doves |
| <u>Idaho</u> | Nov. 1-Jan. 16 | Mourning doves |

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

- (2) In Montana, the bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.
- (3) In Oregon, no more than 1 pigeon daily in bag or possession.