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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 2003–04 season.

DATES: This rule is effective on September 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Millsap, Chief, or Ron W. Kokel, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (703) 358–1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations Schedule for 2003

On May 6, 2003, we published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 24324) 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, the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2002–03 duck hunting season, and other regulations for migratory game birds under §§ 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. On June 23, 2003, we published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 37362) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations frameworks and the regulatory alternatives for the 2003–04 duck hunting season. The June 23 supplement also provided detailed information on the 2003–04 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee (SRC) meetings.

On June 18 and 19, 2003, 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 2003–04 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 2003–04 regular waterfowl seasons. On July 17, 2003, we published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 42546) a third document specifically dealing with the proposed frameworks for early-season regulations.

On July 30–31, 2003, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council Consultants at which the participants reviewed the status of waterfowl and developed recommendations for the 2003–04 regulations for these species. Proposed hunting regulations were discussed for late seasons. We published proposed frameworks for the 2003–04 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations on August 19, 2003, in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 50016). On August 27, 2003, we published a fifth document in the **Federal Register** 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 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 part 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) and our Record of Decision on August 18, 1988 (53 FR 31341). Copies are available from the address indicated under **ADDRESSES.** Additionally, in a proposed rule published in the April 30, 2001, **Federal Register** (66 FR 21298), we expressed our intent to begin the process of developing a new EIS for the migratory bird hunting program. We plan to begin the public scoping process in 2005.

Endangered Species Act Consideration

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543; 87 Stat. 884), provides that, ''The Secretary shall review other programs administered by him and utilize such programs in furtherance of the purposes of this Act'' (and) shall ''insure that any action authorized, funded or carried out * * * is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of [critical] habitat * * *.'' Consequently, we conducted formal consultations to ensure that actions resulting from these regulations would not likely jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat. Findings from these consultations are included in a biological opinion, which concluded that the regulations are not likely to adversely affect any endangered or threatened species. Additionally, these findings may have caused modification of some regulatory measures previously proposed, and the final frameworks reflect any such modifications. Our biological opinions resulting from this Section 7 consultation are public documents available for public inspection at the address indicated under **ADDRESSES.**

Executive Order 12866

The migratory bird hunting regulations are economically significant and were reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866. As such, a cost/benefit analysis was initially prepared in 1981. This analysis was subsequently revised annually from 1990–96, and then updated in 1998. We will update again in 2004. It is further discussed below under the heading Regulatory

Flexibility Act. Results from the 1998 analysis indicate that the expected welfare benefit of the annual migratory bird hunting frameworks is on the order of $50 to $192 million. Copies of the cost/benefit analysis are available upon request from the address indicated under **ADDRESSES.**

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 as part of the 1981 cost-benefit analysis discussed under Executive Order 12866. This analysis was revised annually from 1990–95. In 1995, the Service issued a Small Entity Flexibility Analysis (Analysis), which was subsequently updated in 1996 and 1998 and will be updated again in 2004. 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 1998 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 2003. Copies of the Analysis are available upon request from the address indicated under **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 required by 5 U.S.C. 801 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 10/31/2004). 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 10/31/2004). 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 it will not unduly burden the judicial system and that it meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988.

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), Executive Order 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—Executive Order 13211

On May 18, 2001, the President issued Executive Order 13211 on regulations that significantly affect energy supply, distribution, and use. Executive Order 13211 requires agencies to prepare Statements of Energy Effects when undertaking certain actions. While this rule is a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, it is not expected to adversely affect energy supplies, distribution, or use. Thus, this action is not a significant energy action and no Statement of Energy Effects is required.

Takings Implication Assessment

In accordance with Executive Order 12630, this rule, authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), 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, it will reduce 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 MBTA. Annually, we prescribe frameworks from which the States make selections and employ guidelines to establish special regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. We develop the frameworks in a cooperative process with the States and the Flyway Councils. This process allows States to participate in the development of frameworks from which they will ultimately make season selections, thereby having an influence on their own regulations. This process preserves the ability of the States and Tribes to determine which seasons meet their individual needs. Further, any State or Tribe may be more restrictive than the Federal frameworks at any time. 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.

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 was 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 8, 2003.

Craig Manson,

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.

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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	Limits Possession
Doves and Pigeons			
Zenaida, white-winged, and mourning doves	Sept. 6-Nov. 3	15	15
Scaly-naped pigeons	Sept. 6-Nov. 3	5	5
Ducks	Nov. 16-Dec. 22 &	6	12
	Jan. 10-Jan. 26	6	12
Common Moorhens	Nov. 16-Dec. 22 &	6	12
	Jan. 10-Jan. 26	6	12
Common Snipe	Nov. 16-Dec. 22 &	8	16
	Jan. 10-Jan. 26	8	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. Hunting is closed in the area known as Caño Tiburones.

Closed Areas: Closed areas are described in the July 17, 2003, Federal Register (68 FR 42546).

(b) Virgin Islands

	Season Dates	Limits 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, 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 July 17, 2003, Federal Register (68 FR 42546).

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 Snipe	Sandhill 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

(1) The basic duck bag limits may include no more than 1 canvasback daily, 3 in possession, and may not include sea ducks. In addition to the basic duck limits, 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, are allowed. Special sea duck limits will be available to non-residents, but at lower daily limits than residents, and they may take no more than a possession limit of 20 per season , including no more than 4 each of harlequin and long-tailed ducks, black, surf, and white-winged scoters, and king and common eiders. Sea ducks include scoters, common and king eiders, harlequin ducks, long-tailed ducks, and common and red-breasted mergansers. The season for Steller's and spectacled eiders is closed statewide.

(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 the Middleton Island portion of Unit 6, the taking of Canada geese is by special permit and archery only, with a daily bag and possession limit of 1. 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 Unit 10 (except Unimak Island) the season for Canada geese is closed. Canada goose season will be closed in Unit 8 (Kodiak).

(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. Evaluation of experimental seasons must adhere to guidelines 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 July 17, 2003, Federal Register (68 FR 42546).

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	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
EASTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT			
Alabama			
North Zone			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 6 only	15	15
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 7-Oct. 19 & Dec. 20-Jan. 4	15	15
South Zone			
12 noon to sunset	Oct. 18 only	12	12
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 19-Nov. 9 & Nov. 26-Nov. 30 & Dec. 5-Jan. 15	12	12
Delaware			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Sept. 20	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 20-Nov. 1 &	12	24
	Dec. 8-Jan. 13	12	24
Florida (1)			
12 noon to sunset	Oct. 4-Oct. 27	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Nov. 15-Nov. 30 &	12	24
	Dec. 13-Jan. 11	12	24
Georgia			
Zone 1			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 6 only	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 7-Oct. 5 &	12	24
	Nov. 27-Nov. 29 &	12	24
	Dec. 10-Jan. 15	12	24
Zone 2			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 27 only	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 28-Oct. 26 &	12	24
	Nov. 27-Nov. 29 &	12	24
	Dec. 10-Jan. 15	12	24
Illinois			
sunrise to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 14 &	15	30
	Nov. 1-Nov. 16	15	30
Indiana	Sept. 1-Oct. 16 &	15	30
	Nov. 7-Nov. 16 &	15	30
	Nov. 27-Nov. 30	15	30

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Kentucky			
11 a.m. to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 24	15	30
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Nov. 27-Dec. 2	15	30
Louisiana			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 6-Sept. 7 &	12	24
	Oct. 11-Oct. 12 &	12	24
	Dec. 20-Dec. 21	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 8-Sept. 14 &	12	24
	Oct. 13-Nov. 23 &	12	24
	Dec. 22-Jan. 5	12	24
Maryland			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 18	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Nov. 10-Nov. 15 &	12	24
	Dec. 20-Jan. 3	12	24
Mississippi	Sept. 1-Sept. 21 &	15	30
	Oct. 11-Nov. 2 &	15	30
	Dec. 27-Jan. 11	15	30
North Carolina			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Sept. 7	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 8-Oct. 4 &	12	24
	Nov. 24-Nov. 29 & Dec. 17-Jan. 15	12	24
Ohio	Sept. 1-Oct. 19 &	15	30
	Dec. 13-Dec. 23	15	30
Pennsylvania			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 4 &	12	24
	Nov. 1-Nov. 29 &	12	24
	Dec. 26-Jan. 1	12	24
Rhode Island			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 27-Oct. 13	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 18-Nov. 23 &	12	24
	Dec. 31-Jan. 15	12	24

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Possession
South Carolina			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Sept. 6	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 7-Oct. 4 &	12	24
	Nov. 22-Nov. 29 &	12	24
	Dec. 19-Jan. 15	12	24
Tennessee			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	30
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 26 &	15	30
	Oct. 11-Oct. 26 &	15	30
	Dec. 20-Jan. 6	15	30
Virginia			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Sept. 27	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 8-Nov. 8 &	12	24
	Dec. 31-Jan. 10	12	24
West Virginia			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Oct. 4 &	12	24
	Oct. 27-Nov. 8 &	12	24
	Dec. 12-Jan. 3	12	24
Wisconsin	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
CENTRAL MANAGEMENT UNIT			
Arkansas	Sept. 6-Sept. 28 &	15	30
	Nov. 22-Nov. 30 &	15	30
	Dec. 20-Jan. 15	15	30
Colorado	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Kansas (2)	Sept. 1-Oct. 28	15	30
	Nov. 8-Nov. 9	15	30
Missouri (3)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	12	24
Montana	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Nebraska	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
New Mexico (4)			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
South Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 &	15	30
	Nov. 15-Dec. 14	15	30

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Possession
North Dakota	Sept. 1-Oct. 26	15	30
Oklahoma (5)	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
South Dakota (6)	Sept. 1-Oct. 17	15	30
Texas (7)			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Central Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 &	12	24
	Dec. 26-Jan. 4	12	24
South Zone			
Special Area	Sept. 20-Nov. 5 &	12	24
	Dec. 20-Jan. 7	12	24
(Special Season)			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 6-Sept. 7 &	10	20
	Sept. 13-Sept. 14	10	20
Remainder of the			
South Zone	Sept. 20-Nov. 5 &	12	24
	Dec. 20-Jan. 11	12	24
Wyoming	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
WESTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT			
Arizona (8)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 &	10	20
	Nov. 21-Jan. 4	10	20
California (9)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 &	10	20
	Nov. 8-Dec. 22	10	20
Idaho	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
Nevada (9)	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 (10)	Nov. 1-Nov. 30 &	10	10
	Dec. 3-Dec. 28 &	10	10
	Dec. 31-Jan. 19	10	10

(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 Kansas, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 mourning white-winged doves in the aggregate. See State regulations for additional information on daily bag and possession limits.

(3) In Missouri, the daily bag limit is 12 and the possession limit is 24 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.

(4) In New Mexico, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 mourning white-winged doves in the aggregate. See State regulations for additional information on daily bag and possession limits.

(5) In Oklahoma, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 mourning white-winged doves in the aggregate. See State regulations for additional information on daily bag and possession limits.

(6) In South Dakota, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(7) In Texas, the daily bag limit is either15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be white-tipped doves with a maximum 60-day season or 12 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be whie-tipped doves with a maximum 70-day season. 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.

(8) In Arizona, during September 1 through 15, 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 22 through January 5, 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.

(9) 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.

(10) In Hawaii, the season is only open on the island of Hawaii. The daily bag and possession limits are 10 mourning doves, spotted doves and chestnut-bellied sandgrouse in the aggregate. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset. Hunting is permitted only on weekends and State holidays.

(b) Band-tailed Pigeons

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Arizona	Sept. 26-Oct. 6	5	10
California			
North Zone	Sept. 20-Sept. 28	2	4
South Zone	Dec. 20-Dec. 28	2	4
Colorado	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10
New Mexico (1)			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 20	5	10
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 20	5	10
Oregon	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	2	4
Utah (2)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10
Washington	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	2	4

(1) In New Mexico, each band-tailed pigeon hunter must have a band-tailed pigeon hunting permit issued by the State. The North Zone is defined as that area lying either norht or east of a line following U. S. Highway 60 from the Arizona State line east to Interstate Highway 25 at Socorro and then south along Interstate Highway 25 to the Texas State line. The South Zone is that area lying south and west of the North Zone.
(2) In Utah, each band-tailed pigeon hunter must have either a band-tailed pigeon hunting permit or a special bird permit stamp issued by the respective State.

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 July 17, 2003, Federal Register (68 FR 42546).

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. 2-Nov. 1	Sept. 2-Nov. 1	Oct. 25-Nov. 22	Oct. 25-Nov. 22
Delaware	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Nov. 24-Dec. 13 & Dec. 18-Dec. 27	Nov. 24-Jan.31
Florida	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Dec. 20-Jan. 18	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
Georgia	Sept. 20-Nov. 28	Sept. 20-Nov. 28	Dec. 20-Jan. 18	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
Maine	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Closed	Deferred	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Maryland	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Oct. 25-Nov. 15 & Jan. 10-Jan. 17	Sept. 24-Nov. 28 & Dec. 15-Jan. 24
Massachusetts (4)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Deferred	Sept. 1-Dec. 14
New Hampshire	Closed	Closed	Oct. 1-Oct. 30	Sept. 15-Oct. 30
New Jersey (5)				
North Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Oct. 16-Nov. 8	Sept. 19-Jan. 3
South Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Nov. 8-Nov. 29 & Dec. 26-Dec. 27	Sept. 19-Jan. 3
New York (6)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Sept. 1-Nov. 9
North Carolina	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Dec. 17-Jan. 15	Nov. 14-Feb. 28

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Pennsylvania	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Closed	Oct. 18-Nov. 15	Oct. 18-Nov. 22
Rhode Island (7)	Sept. 6-Nov. 14	Sept. 6-Nov. 14	Oct. 30-Nov. 28	Sept. 6-Nov. 14
South Carolina	Sept. 26-Sept. 30 & Oct. 24-Dec. 27	Sept. 26-Sept. 30 & Oct. 24-Dec. 27	Jan. 2-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
Vermont	Closed	Closed	Deferred	Deferred
Virginia	Sept. 10-Nov. 18	Sept. 10-Nov. 18	Nov. 1-Nov. 15 & Dec. 20-Jan. 3	Oct. 8-Oct. 11 & Oct. 21-Jan. 31
West Virginia	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Closed	Oct. 24-Nov. 22	Sept. 1-Dec. 13
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY				
Alabama (8)	Sept. 6-Sept. 21 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20	Sept. 6-Sept. 21 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
Arkansas	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 8-Dec. 6 & Dec. 27-Jan. 11	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
Illinois (9)	Sept. 6-Nov. 14	Closed	Oct. 18-Dec. 1	Sept. 6-Dec. 21
Indiana (10)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 3-Nov. 16	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Iowa (11)	Sept. 6-Nov. 14	Closed	Oct. 4-Nov. 17	Sept. 6-Nov. 30
Kentucky	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 18-Dec. 1	Sept. 17-Nov. 2 & Nov. 27-Jan. 25
Louisiana (12)	Sept. 13-Sept. 28	Sept. 13-Sept. 28	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
Michigan (13)	Sept. 15-Nov. 14	Closed	Sept. 20-Nov. 3	Sept. 15-Nov. 14
Minnesota	Sept. 1-Nov. 4	Closed	Sept. 20-Nov. 3	Sept. 1-Nov. 4
Mississippi	Oct. 11-Dec. 19	Oct. 11-Dec. 19	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. 17-Nov. 30	Sept. 1-Nov. 30 & Dec. 8-Dec. 23
Tennessee	Deferred	Closed	Oct. 25-Dec. 8	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
Wisconsin	Deferred	Closed	Sept. 20-Nov. 3	Deferred

	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. 11-Nov. 24	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Montana	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Nebraska (14)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 20-Nov. 3	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
New Mexico	Sept. 20-Nov. 28	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11-Jan. 25
North Dakota	Closed	Closed	Sept. 20-Nov. 2	Sept. 20-Nov. 30
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. 20-Sept. 28 & Oct. 25-Dec. 24	Sept. 20-Sept. 28 & Oct. 25-Dec. 24	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Oct. 18-Feb. 1
Wyoming	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
PACIFIC FLYWAY				
Arizona	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
Colorado	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Idaho:				
Area 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
Area 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
Montana	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Nevada	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4-Jan. 16
New Mexico	Sept. 20-Nov. 28	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11-Jan. 25
Wyoming	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.

(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) In Louisiana, 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 July 17, 2003, Federal Register (68 FR 42546).

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.

(a) Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
Delaware	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	15	30
Florida (1)	Sept. 1-Nov.9	15	30
Georgia	Deferred	--	--
Maine	Closed	--	--
New Jersey	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	10	20
New York			
Long Island	Closed	--	--
Remainder of State	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	8	16
North Carolina	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	15	30
Pennsylvania	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	15	30
South Carolina	Sept. 26-Sept. 30 &	15	30
	Oct. 24-Dec. 27	15	30
Virginia	Deferred	--	--
West Virginia	Deferred	--	--
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
Alabama	Sept. 6-Sept. 21 &	15	15
	Nov. 28-Jan. 20	15	15
Arkansas	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
Indiana	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
Kentucky	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
Louisiana (2)	Sept. 13-Sept. 28	15	30
Michigan	Deferred	--	--
Minnesota	Deferred	--	--
Mississippi	Oct. 11-Dec. 19	15	30

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Possession
Ohio	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
Tennessee	Deferred	--	--
Wisconsin	Deferred	--	--
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
New Mexico			
Zone 1	Oct. 11-Dec. 19	1	2
Zone 2	Oct. 11-Dec. 19	1	2
Oklahoma	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
Texas	Sept. 20-Sept. 28 &	15	30
	Oct. 25-Dec. 24	15	30
Wyoming	Deferred	--	--
PACIFIC FLYWAY			
All States	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
Connecticut	Sept. 24-Jan. 24	7	14
Delaware	Sept. 19-Jan. 20	7	14
Georgia	Deferred	--	--
Maine	Deferred	--	--

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Possession
Maryland	Deferred	--	--
Massachusetts	Deferred	--	--
New Hampshire (1)	Sept. 15-Dec. 30	7	14
New Jersey	Sept. 18-Jan. 20	7	14
New York	Oct. 11-Jan. 25	7	14
North Carolina	Deferred	--	--
Rhode Island	Oct. 11-Jan. 25	7	14
South Carolina	Deferred	--	--
Virginia	Deferred	--	--

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

(1) In New Hampshire, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders, or 4 oldsquaws.

(c) Early (September) Duck Seasons.

Note: Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for teal only.

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
Delaware (1)(2)	Sept. 4-Sept. 13	4	8
Florida (3)	Sept. 20-Sept. 24	4	8
Georgia	Sept. 20-Sept. 28	4	8
Maryland (1)	Sept. 11-Sept. 20	4	8
North Carolina (1)	Sept. 11-Sept. 20	4	8
South Carolina (4)	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	4	8

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Possession
Virginia (1)	Sept. 13-Sept. 23	4	8
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
Alabama	Sept. 6-Sept. 21	4	8
Arkansas (4)	Sept. 13-Sept. 28	4	8
Illinois (4)	Sept. 6-Sept. 21	4	8
Indiana (4)	Sept. 1-Sept. 16	4	8
Iowa (5)			
North Zone	Sept. 20-Sept. 24	--	--
South Zone	Sept. 20-Sept. 22	--	--
Kentucky (6)	Sept. 17-Sept. 21	4	8
Louisiana	Sept. 13-Sept. 28	4	8
Mississippi	Sept. 13-Sept. 28	4	8
Missouri (4)	Sept. 6-Sept. 21	4	8
Ohio (4)	Sept. 1-Sept. 16	4	8
Tennessee (6)	Sept. 13-Sept. 17	4	8
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
Colorado (1)	Sept. 6-Sept. 14	4	8
Kansas			
Low Plains	Sept. 20-Sept. 27	4	8
High Plains	Sept. 13-Sept. 28	4	8
Nebraska (1)	Sept. 13-Sept. 21	4	8
New Mexico	Sept. 20-Sept. 28	4	8
Oklahoma			
Low Plains	Sept. 13-Sept. 28	4	8
High Plains	Sept. 13-Sept. 28	4	8
Texas	Sept. 13-Sept. 28	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, 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	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
Connecticut			
North Zone	Sept. 2-Sept. 30	8	16
South Zone	Sept. 17-Sept. 30	8	16
Delaware	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	8	16
Florida (1)	Sept. 20-Sept. 24	5	10
Georgia	Sept. 20-Sept. 28	5	10
Maine	Sept. 2-Sept. 25	3	6
Maryland			
Eastern Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Western Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5	10
Massachusetts (2)			
Central Zone	Sept. 2-Sept. 25	5	10
Coastal Zone	Sept. 2-Sept. 25	5	10
Western Zone	Sept. 2-Sept. 25	5	10
New Hampshire	Sept. 2-Sept. 25	3	6
New Jersey	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	8	16
New York			
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 2-Sept. 25	3	6
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
Western Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
Southeastern Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
Long Island Zone (3)	Sept. 2-Sept. 30	8	16

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
North Carolina (4)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10
Pennsylvania			
Southeast Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
Rest of State	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5	10
Rhode Island	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	8	16
South Carolina			
Early-Season Hunt Unit	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	8	16
Vermont			
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 2-Sept. 25	3	6
Interior Vermont Zone	Sept. 2-Sept. 25	3	6
Connecticut River Zone (6)	Sept. 2-Sept. 25	3	6
Virginia	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5	10
West Virginia	Sept. 1-Sept. 13	5	10
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
Alabama	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Illinois			
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
Indiana	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Iowa (3)			
Des Moines Goose Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	3	3
Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Goose Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	3	3
Kentucky	Sept. 6-Sept. 10	2	4
Michigan			
Upper Peninsula	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	5	10
Lower Peninsula:			
Huron, Saginaw, and Tuscola Counties	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	2	4
Remainder	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Minnesota			
Twin Cities Metro Zone	Sept. 6-Sept. 22	5	10
Southeast Goose Zone	Sept. 6-Sept. 22	2	4
Five Goose Zone	Sept. 6-Sept. 22	5	10
Northwest Goose Zone	Sept. 6-Sept. 15	2	4

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Mississippi (5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Ohio (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Tennessee	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Wisconsin			
Early-Season Subzone A	Sept. 2-Sept. 15	5	10
Early-Season Subzone B	Sept. 2-Sept. 15	3	6
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
Kansas:			
Sept. Canada Goose Units	Sept. 6-Sept. 15	3	6
North Dakota	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Oklahoma	Sept. 13-Sept. 22	3	6
South Dakota (3):			
West Unit (7)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
North Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 26	5	10
South Unit	Sept. 13-Sept. 26	5	10
PACIFIC FLYWAY			
California:			
Humboldt County	Closed		
Colorado:	Sept. 6-Sept. 14	3	6
Idaho			
East Canada Goose Zone	Closed		
Nez Perce County	Closed		
Oregon:			
Northwest Zone	Sept. 6-Sept. 19	5	10
Southwest Zone	Sept. 6-Sept. 12	5	10
East Zone	Sept. 6-Sept. 12	5	10
Washington:			
Mgmt. Area 2B	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Mgmt. Areas 1 & 3	Sept. 6-Sept. 11	5	10
Mgmt. Area 4 & 5	Sept. 6-Sept. 7	3	6
Mgmt. Area 2A	Sept. 6-Sept. 11	3	6
Wyoming (2)	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	3	6 per season

(1) In Florida, the September Canada goose season is only open in the Florida waters of Lake Seminole in Jackson County that are south of State Route 2, north of the Jim Woodruff Dam, and east of State Route 2.

(2) State permit required.

(3) See State regulations for additional information.

(4) In North Carolina, in Currituck and Dare Counties, the daily bag and possession limits are 2 and 4, respectively.

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

(6) In Vermont, the Connecticut River Zone set by New Hampshire, is the same as the New Hampshire Inland Zone.

(7) In South Dakota, 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
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY	
Michigan (1)	
Canada:	
MVP Zone	Sept. 20-Nov. 6 & Dec. 13-Dec. 19
SJBP Zone	Sept. 20-Oct. 12 & Dec. 13-Dec. 19
White-fronted and Brant	Sept. 20-Dec. 7
Light geese	Sept. 20-Dec. 7
Wisconsin	
Horicon Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30
Collins Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30
Exterior Zone	Sept. 20-Sept. 30

(1) In Michigan, season dates for the Muskegon Wastewater, Saginaw County, Allegan 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 cannot 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 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
ATLANTIC FLYWAY	
Connecticut	Deferred
Delaware	
Ducks, geese, and coots	Oct. 25
Florida	
Deferred	
Georgia	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Nov. 15 & 16
Maine	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 20
Maryland (1)	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and Canada geese	Deferred
Massachusetts	Deferred
New Hampshire	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 27 & 28
New Jersey	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 27
New York	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and Canada geese (2)	
Long Island Zone	Nov. 8 & 9
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 27 & 28
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 20 & 21
Southeastern Zone	Sept. 27 & 28
Western Zone	Oct. 4 & 5
North Carolina	Deferred
Pennsylvania	
Ducks, mergansers, Canada geese, coots and moorhens	Sept. 27
Rhode Island	
Ducks, mergansers and coots	Nov. 1 & 2
South Carolina	Deferred

	Season Dates
Vermont	
Ducks, mergansers and coots	Sept. 27 & 28
Virginia	Deferred
West Virginia (3)	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 20
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY	
Alabama	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, moorhens and gallinules	Feb. 7 & 8
Arkansas	Deferred
Illinois	Deferred
Indiana	Deferred
Iowa	
Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	Oct. 4 & 5
Kentucky	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	
East Zone	Oct. 11 & 12
West Zone	Feb. 7 & 8
Louisiana	Deferred
Michigan	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 20 & 21
Minnesota (4)	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 20
Mississippi	Deferred
Missouri	Deferred
Ohio	Deferred
Tennessee	Deferred

	Season Dates
Wisconsin	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 20 & 21
CENTRAL FLYWAY	
Colorado	
Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots	Sept. 27 & 28
Kansas (5)	
Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots	
High Plains	Deferred
Low Plains	
Early Zone	Deferred
Late Zone	Deferred
Montana	
Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	Sept. 27 & 28
Nebraska (6)	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese	Sept. 27 & 28
New Mexico	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone	Oct. 4 & 5
South Zone	Oct. 18 & 19
North Dakota	
Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	Sept. 20 & 21
Oklahoma	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots	
High Plains	Deferred
Low Plains	Deferred
South Dakota (7)	
Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 20 & 21
Texas	Deferred
Wyoming	
Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	
Zone 1	Sept. 27
Zone 2	Sept. 20

	Season Dates
PACIFIC FLYWAY	
Arizona	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	
North Zone	Deferred
South Zone	Deferred
California	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 27 & 28
Colorado River Zone	Deferred
Southern Zone	Deferred
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Deferred
Balance-of-State Zone	Deferred
Colorado	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 27 & 28
Idaho	
Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 27 & 28
Montana	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 27 & 28
Nevada	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	
Clark and Lincoln Counties	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
Rest of State	Sept. 27 & 28
New Mexico	
Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	Oct. 11-Oct. 12
Oregon (8)	
Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 27 & 28
Utah	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 27
Washington	
Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 20 & 21
Wyoming	
Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens and gallinules	Sept. 20

(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 New York, the daily bag limit for Canada geese is 2.

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

(4) In Minnesota, the Canada goose limit is 5, except that in the Twin Cities, Southeast, and Northwest Goose Zones, Swan Lake Area, and Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area the limit is 1.

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

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

(7) 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.

(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 July 17, 2003, Federal Register (68 FR 42546).

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	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
Colorado (1)	Oct. 4-Nov. 30	3	6
Kansas (2)	Nov. 1-Dec. 28	3	6
Montana			
Regular Season Area (1)	Sept. 27-Nov. 23	3	6
Special Season Area (3)	Sept. 6-Sept. 14	1 per season	

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Possession
New Mexico			
Regular Season Area (1)	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	3	6
Middle Rio Grande Valley Area (3)(4)(5)	Oct. 25-Oct. 26 &	1	2
	Nov. 15-Nov. 16 &	1	2
	Dec. 6-Dec. 7 &	1	2
	Jan. 10-Jan. 11	1	2
Southwest Area (3)(4)(5)	Nov. 1-Nov. 2 &	2	4
	Jan. 3-Jan. 4	2	4
Estancia Valley (4)(5)	Oct. 25-Oct. 26	2	4
North Dakota (2)			
Area 1	Sept. 20-Nov. 16	3	6
Area 2	Sept. 20-Oct. 26	2	4
Oklahoma (1)	Deferred	--	--
South Dakota (1)	Sept. 27-Nov. 23	3	6
Texas (1)			
Zone A	Deferred	--	--
Zone B	Deferred	--	--
Zone C	Deferred	--	--
Wyoming			
Regular Season Area (1)	Sept. 13-Nov. 9	3	6
Riverton-Boysen Unit (Area 4) (3)	Sept. 20-Oct. 10	1 per season	
Big Horn and Park Counties (Area 6) (3)	Sept. 20-Oct. 5	1 per season	
PACIFIC FLYWAY			
Arizona (3)	Oct. 31-Nov. 2 &	2 per season	
	Nov. 4-Nov. 6 &	2 per season	
	Nov. 8-Nov. 10 &	2 per season	
	Nov. 12-Nov. 14 &	2 per season	
	Nov. 16-Nov. 18	2 per season	
Idaho (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2	9 per season
Montana			
Special Season Area (3)	Sept. 6-Sept. 14	1 per season	
Utah (3)			
Rich County	Sept. 6-Sept. 14	1 per season	
Cache County	Sept. 6-Sept. 14	1 per season	
Eastern Box Elder County	Sept. 6-Sept. 14	1 per season	
Uintah County	Sept. 27-Oct. 5	1 per season	

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Possession
Wyoming (3)			
Bear River Area (Area 1)	Sept. 1-Sept. 14	1 per season	
Salt River Area (Area 2)	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	1 per season	
Eden-Farson Area (Area 3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	1 per season	

(1) Each hunter participating in a regular sandhill crane hunting season must obtain and carry in his or her 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 or her 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 2 in the Middle Rio Grande Valley Area, 4 in the Estancia Valley, and 8 in the Southwest Area.

(5) Shooting hours are one-half hour before 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 July 17, 2003, Federal Register (68 FR 42546). For those extended seasons for ducks, mergansers, and coots, area descriptions were published in the August 19, 2003, Federal Register (68 FR 50016) and will be published again in a September 2003 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

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. 22-Oct. 18 & Jan. 14-Jan. 23
Rail	Nov. 10-Dec. 17
Woodcock	Oct. 1-Nov. 14 & Feb. 1-Mar. 3
Snipe	Feb. 1-Mar. 9
Florida	
Mourning and white-winged doves	Oct. 28-Nov. 14 & Dec. 1-Dec. 12 & Jan. 12-Jan. 18
Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Nov. 24-Dec. 19 & Jan. 19-Mar. 9
Common moorhens	Nov. 10-Dec. 14
Georgia	
Moorhens, gallinules, and sea ducks	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 & Dec. 1-Dec. 5 & Jan. 26-Feb. 15
Maryland	
Mourning doves	Oct. 19-Nov. 9 & Dec. 14-Dec. 19 & Jan. 4- Jan. 13
Rails	Nov. 9-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Oct. 1-Oct. 24 & Jan. 20-Mar. 10

	Extended Falconry Dates
Pennsylvania	
Mourning doves	Oct. 6-Oct. 31 & Dec. 1-Dec. 11
Virginia	
Doves	Sept. 28-Oct. 7 & Dec. 11-Dec. 30 & Jan. 11-Jan. 17
Woodcock	Oct. 29-Oct. 31 & Nov. 16-Dec. 19 & Jan. 4-Feb. 1
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY	
Illinois	
Mourning doves	Oct. 15-Oct. 31 & Nov. 17-Dec. 16
Rails	Sept. 1-Sept. 5 & Nov. 15-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Oct. 17 & Dec. 2-Dec. 16
Indiana	
Mourning doves	Oct. 17-Nov. 6 & Jan. 1-Jan. 26
Woodcock	Sept. 20-Oct. 2 & Nov. 17-Jan. 4
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1) North Zone	Sept. 27-Sept. 30
Michigan	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens	Deferred

	Extended Falconry Dates
Minnesota	
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Sept. 19 & Nov. 4-Dec. 16
Rails and snipe	Nov. 5-Dec. 16
Mississippi	Deferred
Missouri	
Mourning and white-winged doves	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 6-Sept. 21
Ohio	Deferred
Tennessee	
Mourning doves	Sept. 27-Oct. 10 & Oct. 27-Nov. 28
Ducks (1)	Sept. 18-Sept. 30
Wisconsin	
Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules (1)	Sept. 1-Sept. 26
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Sept. 19
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 20-Sept. 21
CENTRAL FLYWAY	
Montana (2)	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	Sept. 24-Sept. 30
Nebraska	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
High Plains	Sept. 13-Sept. 21 & Sept. 27-Sept. 28
Low Plains	Sept. 6-Sept. 28
New Mexico	
Doves	
North Zone	Oct. 31-Dec. 16
South Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 14 & Dec. 15-Dec. 16

	Extended Falconry Dates
New Mexico (cont.)	
Band-tailed pigeons	
North Zone	Sept. 21-Dec. 16
South Zone	Oct. 21-Jan. 15
Sandhill cranes	
Regular Season Area	Oct. 17-Oct. 30
Ducks and coots	Sept. 20-Sept. 28
Common moorhens	Dec. 20-Jan. 25
Sora and Virginia rails	Nov. 29-Jan. 4
North Dakota	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 8-Sept. 12 & Sept. 15-Sept. 19
Snipe	Sept. 1-Sept. 19
South Dakota	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	
High Plains	Sept. 4-Sept. 11
Low Plains	
North Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 19 & Sept. 22-Sept. 26
Middle Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 19 & Sept. 22-Sept. 26
South Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 19 & Sept. 22-Sept. 30
Texas	
Mourning and white-winged doves	Nov. 19-Dec. 25
Rails and gallinules	Dec. 26-Jan. 31
Woodcock	Nov. 24-Dec. 17 & Feb. 1-Mar. 10
Wyoming	
Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	
Zone 1	Sept. 24-Oct. 3
Zone 2	Sept. 17-Sept. 26

	Extended Falconry Dates
PACIFIC FLYWAY	
Arizona	
Doves	Sept. 12-Oct. 28
Idaho	
Mourning doves	Nov. 1-Jan. 16
New Mexico	
Doves	
North Zone	Oct. 31-Dec. 16
South Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 14 & Dec. 14-Dec. 16
Band-tailed pigeons	
North Zone	Sept. 21-Dec. 16
South Zone	Oct. 21-Jan. 15
Oregon (3)	
Mourning doves	Oct. 1-Dec. 16
Band-tailed pigeons	Sept. 1-Sept. 14 & Sept. 24-Dec. 16
Utah	
Mourning doves and band-tailed pigeons	Oct. 1-Dec. 16
Washington	
Mourning doves	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
Wyoming	
Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	Sept. 20

(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.

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