welfare benefit of the annual migratory bird hunting frameworks is on the order of $734 million to $1.064 billion, with a midpoint estimate of $899 million. Copies of the cost/benefit analysis are available upon request from the address indicated under **ADDRESSES** or from our Web site at *www.migratorybirds.gov*.

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 through 1995. In 1995, the Service issued a Small Entity Flexibility Analysis (Analysis), which was subsequently updated in 1996, 1998, and 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 2004 Analysis was based on the 2001 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 $481 million and $1.2 billion at small businesses in 2004. Copies of the Analysis are available upon request from the address indicated under **ADDRESSES** or from our Web site at *http://www.migratorybirds.gov*.

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 25, 2004.

Paul Hoffman,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 20—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703–712 and 16 U.S.C. 742 a–j, Pub. L. 106–108.

-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. 4-Nov. 1	15	15
Scaly-naped pigeons	Sept. 4-Nov. 1	5	5
Ducks	Nov. 13-Dec. 20 &	6	12
	Jan. 15-Jan. 31	6	12
Common Moorhens	Nov. 13-Dec. 20 &	6	12
	Jan. 15-Jan. 31	6	12
Common Snipe	Nov. 13-Dec. 20 &	8	16
	Jan. 15-Jan. 31	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 21, 2004, Federal Register (69 FR 43694).

(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 21, 2004, Federal Register (69 FR 43694).

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 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 17, 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, 300 permits each in Units 22 and 23, and 200 permits in Unit 17.

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 21, 2004, Federal Register (69 FR 43694).

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. 11 only	15	15
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 12-Oct. 2 &	15	15
	Oct. 30-Nov. 20 &	15	
	Dec. 18-Jan. 2	15	15
South Zone			
12 noon to sunset	Oct. 9 only	12	12
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 10-Nov. 6 &	12	12
	Nov. 24-Nov. 28 &	12	12
	Dec. 11-Jan. 15	12	12
Delaware			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Sept. 18	12	24
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 18-Oct. 30 &	12	24
	Dec. 6-Jan. 13	12	24
Florida (1)			
12 noon to sunset	Oct. 2-Oct. 25	12	24
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Nov. 13-Nov. 28 &	12	24
	Dec. 11-Jan. 9	12	24
Georgia			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 4 & Oct. 2	12	24
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 5-Sept. 18 &	12	24
	Oct. 3-Oct. 11 &	12	24
	Nov. 25-Jan. 8	12	24
Illinois			
sunrise to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 21 &	15	30
	Nov. 6-Nov. 14	15	30
Indiana	Sept. 1-Oct. 16 &	15	30
	Nov. 5-Nov. 14 &	15	30
	Nov. 25-Nov. 28	15	30
Kentucky			
11 a.m. to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Oct. 24 &	15	30
	Nov. 25-Nov. 30	15	30

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Louisiana			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 4-Sept. 5 &	12	24
	Oct. 9-Oct. 10 &	12	24
	Dec. 18-Dec. 19	12	24
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 6-Sept. 12 &	12	24
	Oct. 11-Nov. 14 &	12	24
	Dec. 20-Jan. 10	12	24
Maryland			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 16	12	24
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Nov. 12-Nov. 20 &	12	24
	Dec. 18-Jan. 1	12	24
Michigan	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Minnesota	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Mississippi	Sept. 4-Sept. 19 &	15	30
	Oct. 9-Oct. 23 &	15	30
	Dec. 18-Jan. 15	15	30
North Carolina			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 4-Sept. 11	12	24
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 12-Oct. 9 &	12	24
	Nov. 22-Nov. 27 &	12	24
	Dec. 20-Jan. 15	12	24
Ohio	Sept. 1-Oct. 17 &	15	30
	Dec. 21-Jan. 2	15	30
Pennsylvania			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 5 &	12	24
	Oct. 23-Nov. 20 &	12	24
	Dec. 27-Jan. 1	12	24
Rhode Island			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 25-Oct. 11	12	24
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 16-Nov. 21 &	12	24
	Dec. 29-Jan. 13	12	24
South Carolina			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 4-Sept. 6	12	24
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 7-Oct.9 &	12	24
	Nov. 20-Nov. 27 &	12	24
	Dec. 21-Jan. 15	12	24
Tennessee			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 26 &	15	30
	Oct. 9-Oct. 24 &	15	30
	Dec. 18-Jan. 4	15	30
Virginia			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 4-Sept. 25	12	24
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 9-Nov. 6 &	12	24
	Dec. 28-Jan. 15	12	24
West Virginia			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only	12	24
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Oct. 9 &	12	24
	Oct. 25-Nov. 6 &	12	24
	Dec. 15-Jan. 1	12	24
Wisconsin	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
CENTRAL MANAGEMENT UNIT			
Arkansas	Sept. 4-Sept. 26 &	15	30
	Oct. 9-Oct. 24 &	15	30
	Dec. 20-Jan. 9	15	30
Colorado	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Kansas (2)	Sept. 1-Oct. 14	15	30
	Nov. 1-Nov. 16	15	30
Missouri (3)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	12	24
Montana	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Nebraska (2)	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
New Mexico (2)			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
South Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 &	15	30
	Dec. 1-Dec. 30	15	30
North Dakota	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Oklahoma (2)	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
South Dakota	Sept. 1-Oct. 15	15	30

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Possession
Texas (4)			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Central Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 31 &	12	24
	Dec. 26-Jan. 3	12	24
South Zone			
Special Area	Sept. 24-Nov. 10 &	12	24
	Dec. 26-Jan. 12	12	24
(Special Season)			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 4-Sept. 5 &	10	20
	Sept. 11-Sept. 12	10	20
Remainder of the			
South Zone	Sept. 24-Nov. 10 &	12	24
	Dec. 26-Jan. 16	12	24
Wyoming	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
WESTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT			
Arizona (5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 &	10	20
	Nov. 19-Jan. 2	10	20
California (6)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 &	10	20
	Nov. 13-Dec. 27	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 (6)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
Washington	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	10	20
OTHER POPULATIONS			
Hawaii (7)	Nov. 6-Nov. 28 &	10	10
	Dec. 1-Dec. 26 &	10	10
	Dec. 29-Jan. 17	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, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 mourning and 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 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 white-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.

(5) 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.

(6) In Utah and the areas of California and Nevada open to white-winged dove hunting, the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 20 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.

(7) In Hawaii, the season is only open on the island of Hawaii. The daily bag and possession limits are 10 mourning 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. 24-Oct. 4	5	10
California			
North Zone	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	2	4
South Zone	Dec. 18-Dec. 26	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.

(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 21, 2004, Federal Register (69 FR 43694).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

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

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	25 (1)	30 (2)	6	16
ATLANTIC FLYWAY				
Connecticut (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 3 & Sept. 7-Nov. 6	Sept. 1-Sept. 3 & Sept. 7-Nov. 6	Oct. 23-Nov. 20	Oct. 23-Nov. 20
Delaware	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Nov. 22-Dec. 11 & Dec. 22-Dec. 31	Nov. 22-Jan.31
Florida	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Dec. 18-Jan. 16	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
Georgia	Sept. 25-Dec. 3	Sept. 25-Dec. 3	Dec. 18-Jan. 16	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
Maine	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Deferred	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Maryland	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Nov. 5-Nov. 26 & Jan. 15-Jan. 22	Sept. 30-Nov. 26 & Dec. 13-Jan. 29
Massachusetts (4)	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Closed	Deferred	Sept. 1-Dec. 15
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. 21-Nov. 13	Sept. 18-Jan. 3
South Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Nov. 13-Nov. 27 & Dec. 24-Jan. 1	Sept. 18-Jan. 3
New York (6)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Sept. 1-Nov. 9
North Carolina	Sept. 1-Sept. 4 & Sept. 6-Nov. 10	Sept. 1-Sept. 4 & Sept. 6- Nov. 10	Dec. 16-Dec. 25 & Dec. 27-Jan. 15	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
Pennsylvania	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 16-Nov. 13	Oct. 16-Nov. 20
Rhode Island (7)	Sept. 4-Nov. 12	Sept. 4-Nov. 12	Oct. 28-Nov. 26	Sept. 4-Nov. 12
South Carolina	Sept. 27-Oct. 2 & Oct. 13-Dec. 15	Sept. 27-Oct. 2 & Oct. 13-Dec. 15	Jan. 2-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
Vermont	Closed	Closed	Deferred	Deferred
Virginia	Sept. 13-Nov. 20	Sept. 13-Nov. 20	Oct. 30-Nov. 13 & Dec. 18-Jan. 1	Oct. 7-Oct. 11 & Oct. 22-Jan. 31
West Virginia	Sept. 1-Nov. 6	Closed	Oct. 22-Nov. 20	Sept. 1-Dec. 11
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY				
Alabama (8)	Sept. 18-Sept. 26 & Nov. 21-Jan. 20	Sept. 18-Sept. 26 & Nov. 21-Jan. 20	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Feb. 27
Arkansas	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 6-Dec. 5 & Dec. 25-Jan. 8	Nov. 6-Feb. 20
Illinois (9)	Sept. 11-Nov. 19	Closed	Oct. 16-Nov. 29	Sept. 11-Dec. 26
Indiana (10)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 1-Nov. 14	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Iowa (11)	Sept. 4-Nov. 12	Closed	Oct. 2-Nov. 15	Sept. 4-Nov. 28
Kentucky	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 16-Nov. 29	Sept. 15-Oct. 31 & Nov. 25-Jan. 23
Louisiana (12)	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Deferred
Michigan (13)	Sept. 15-Nov. 14	Closed	Sept. 25-Nov. 8	Sept. 15-Nov. 14
Minnesota	Sept. 1-Nov. 4	Closed	Sept. 25-Nov. 8	Sept. 1-Nov. 4
Mississippi	Oct. 9-Dec. 17	Oct. 9-Dec. 17	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Feb. 27
Missouri	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15-Nov. 28	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Ohio	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15-Nov. 28	Sept. 1-Nov. 28 & Dec. 6-Dec. 23
Tennessee	Deferred	Closed	Oct. 30-Dec. 13	Nov. 15-Feb. 28

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Wisconsin	Deferred	Closed	Sept. 25-Nov. 8	Deferred
CENTRAL FLYWAY				
Colorado	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Kansas	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 16-Nov. 29	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Montana	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Nebraska (14)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 25-Nov. 8	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
New Mexico	Sept. 18-Nov. 26	Closed	Closed	Oct. 16-Jan. 30
North Dakota	Closed	Closed	Sept. 25-Oct. 31	Sept. 18-Nov. 28
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. 11-Sept. 26 & Oct. 30-Dec. 22	Sept. 11-Sept. 26 & Oct. 30-Dec. 22	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Oct. 30-Feb. 13
Wyoming	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
PACIFIC FLYWAY				
Arizona	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
California	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 16-Jan. 30
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	Deferred
New Mexico	Sept. 18-Nov. 26	Closed	Closed	Oct. 16-Jan. 30
Oregon	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
Utah	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
Washington	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
Wyoming	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16

(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 limits are 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 21, 2004, Federal Register (69 FR 43694).

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	Limits 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-Sept. 4 &	15	30
	Sept. 6-Nov. 10	15	30
Pennsylvania	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
South Carolina	Sept. 27-Oct. 2 &	15	30
	Oct. 13-Dec. 15	15	30
Virginia	Deferred	--	-
West Virginia	Deferred	--	-
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
Alabama	Sept. 18-Sept. 26 &	15	15
	Nov. 21-Jan. 20	15	15
Arkansas	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
Kentucky	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
Louisiana (2)	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	15	30
Michigan	Deferred	--	--
Minnesota	Deferred	--	--
Mississippi	Oct. 9-Dec. 17	15	30
Ohio	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
Tennessee	Deferred	--	--
Wisconsin	Deferred	--	-
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
New Mexico			
Zone 1	Oct. 16-Dec. 24	1	2
Zone 2	Oct. 16-Dec. 24	1	2
Oklahoma	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
Texas	Sept. 11-Sept. 26 &	15	30
	Oct. 30-Dec. 22	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	Limits Possession
Connecticut (1)	Sept. 22-Jan. 22	5	10
Delaware	Sept. 18-Jan. 20	7	14
Georgia	Deferred	--	--
Maine	Deferred	--	-
Maryland	Deferred	--	--
Massachusetts	Deferred	--	--
New Hampshire (2)	Oct. 1-Jan. 15	7	14
New Jersey	Sept. 18-Jan. 18	7	14
New York	Oct. 16-Jan. 30	7	14
North Carolina	Deferred	--	--
Rhode Island	Oct. 9-Jan. 23	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 Connecticut, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 scoters or 4 oldsquaws.

(2) 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	Limits Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
Delaware (1)(2)	Sept. 2-Sept. 11	4	8
Florida (3)	Sept. 25-Sept. 29	4	8
Georgia	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	4	8
Maryland (1)	Sept. 9-Sept. 18	4	8
North Carolina (1)	Sept. 9-Sept. 18	4	8
South Carolina (4)	Sept. 17-Sept. 25	4	8
Virginia (1)	Sept. 16-Sept. 25	4	8
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
Alabama	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	4	8
Arkansas (4)	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	4	8
Illinois (4)	Sept. 11-Sept. 19	4	8
Indiana (4)	Sept. 1-Sept. 9	4	8
Iowa (5)			
North Zone	Sept. 18-Sept. 22	--	--
South Zone	Sept. 25-Sept. 26	--	--
Kentucky (3)	Sept. 15-Sept. 19	4	8
Louisiana	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	4	8
Mississippi	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	4	8
Missouri (4)	Sept. 11-Sept. 19	4	8
Ohio (4)	Sept. 1-Sept. 9	4	8
Tennessee (3)	Sept. 11-Sept. 15	4	8
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
Colorado (1)	Sept. 4-Sept. 12	4	8
Kansas			
Low Plains	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	4	8
High Plains	Sept. 18-Sept. 25	4	8
Nebraska (1)	Sept. 11-Sept. 19	4	8
New Mexico	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	4	8

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Oklahoma			
Low Plains	Sept. 11-Sept. 19	4	8
High Plains	Sept. 11-Sept. 19	4	8
Texas	Sept. 18-Sept. 26	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, 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.

(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.

(d) Special Early Canada Goose Seasons.

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
Connecticut			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 3 &	8	16
	Sept. 7-Sept. 30	8	16
South Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30	8	16
Delaware	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	8	16
Florida (1)	Sept. 4-Sept. 29	5	10
Georgia	Sept. 4-Sept. 26	5	10
Maine	Sept. 7-Sept. 25	4	8
Maryland			
Eastern Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	8	16
Western Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
Massachusetts			
Central Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 25	5	10
Coastal Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 25	5	10
Western Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 25	5	10
New Hampshire	Sept. 7-Sept. 25	5	10
New Jersey	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	8	16
New York			
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 7-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. 7-Sept. 30	8	16
North Carolina (4)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10
Pennsylvania			
Pymatuning Zone	Closed	--	-
Rest of State	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
Rhode Island	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	8	16
South Carolina			
Early-Season Hunt Unit	Sept. 10-Sept. 25	8	16
Vermont			
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 25	3	6
Interior Vermont Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 25	5	10
Connecticut River Zone (6)	Sept. 7-Sept. 25	5	10
Virginia	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	5	10
West Virginia	Sept. 1-Sept. 18	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)			
South Goose Zone			
Des Moines Goose Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	3	6
Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Goose Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	3	6
Remainder of South Zone	Closed	-	-
North Goose Zone	Sept. 11-Sept. 12	2	4
Kentucky (3)	Sept. 4-Sept. 12	2	4

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Michigan			
Upper Peninsula	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	5	10
Lower Peninsula:			
Huron, Saginaw, and Tuscola Counties	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	5	10
Remainder	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Minnesota			
Twin Cities Metro Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 22	5	10
Southeast Goose Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 22	2	4
Five Goose Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 22	5	10
Northwest Goose Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 15	2	4
Mississippi (5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Ohio (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Tennessee	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Wisconsin	Sept. 1-Sept. 3 &	5	10
	Sept. 7-Sept. 15	5	10
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
Kansas:			
Sept. Canada Goose Unit (3)	Sept. 4-Sept. 13	3	6
Nebraska (3)			
Sept. Canada Goose Unit	Sept. 11-Sept. 19	5	10
North Dakota	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Oklahoma	Sept. 11-Sept. 20	3	6
South Dakota (3):			
West Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 6	5	10
North Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 24	5	10
South Unit	Sept. 11-Sept. 24	5	10
PACIFIC FLYWAY			
Colorado:	Sept. 11-Sept. 17	3	6
Oregon:			
Northwest Zone	Sept. 11-Sept. 20	5	10
Southwest Zone	Sept. 9-Sept. 15	5	10
East Zone	Sept. 9-Sept. 15	5	10
Washington:			
Mgmt. Area 2B	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Mgmt. Areas 1 & 3	Sept. 11-Sept. 15	5	10
Mgmt. Area 4 & 5	Sept. 11-Sept. 12	3	6
Mgmt. Area 2A	Sept. 11-Sept. 15	3	6
Wyoming	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	2	4

(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.

(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-Oct. 10 & Dec. 4-Dec. 12
SJBP Zone	Sept. 20-Oct. 10 & Dec. 4-Dec. 12
White-fronted and Brant	Sept. 20-Dec. 12
Light geese	Sept. 20-Dec. 12
Wisconsin	
Horicon Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30
Collins Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30
Exterior Zone	Sept. 18-Sept. 30

(1) In Michigan, season dates for the Muskegon Wastewater, Saginaw County, Allegan County, and 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. 23
Florida	Deferred
Georgia	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Nov. 13 & 14
Maine	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 25
Maryland (1)	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and Canada geese	Deferred
Massachusetts	Deferred
New Hampshire	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 25 & 26
New Jersey	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	
North Zone	Sept. 25
South Zone	Oct. 2
Coastal Zone	Oct. 23
New York	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and Canada geese (2)	
Long Island Zone	Oct. 30 & 31
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 25 & 26
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 18 & 19
Southeastern Zone	Sept. 25 & 26
Western Zone	Oct. 9 & 10
North Carolina	Deferred
Pennsylvania	
Ducks, mergansers, Canada geese, coots, and moorhens	Sept. 25
Rhode Island	
Ducks, mergansers and coots	Oct. 30 & 31
South Carolina	Deferred
Vermont	
Ducks, mergansers and coots	Sept. 25 & 26
Virginia	
Deferred	
West Virginia (3)	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 25
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY	
Alabama	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, moorhens, and gallinules	Feb. 12 & 13
Arkansas	Deferred
Illinois	Deferred
Indiana	Deferred

	Season Dates
Iowa	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone	Oct. 2 & 3
South Zone	Oct. 9 & 10
Kentucky	Deferred
Louisiana	Deferred
Michigan	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 18 & 19
Minnesota (4)	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 18
Mississippi	Deferred
Missouri	Deferred
Ohio	Deferred
Tennessee	Deferred
Wisconsin	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 18 & 19
CENTRAL FLYWAY	
Colorado	
Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 25 & 26
Kansas (5)	Deferred
Montana	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 25 & 26
Nebraska (6)	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 25 & 26
New Mexico	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
North Zone	Oct. 2 & 3
South Zone	Oct. 16 & 17
North Dakota	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 18 & 19
Oklahoma	Deferred
South Dakota (7)	
Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 18 & 19
Texas	Deferred
Wyoming	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
Zone 1	Sept. 25
Zone 2	Sept. 18
PACIFIC FLYWAY	
Arizona	Deferred
California	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 25 & 26
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. 25 & 26
Idaho	
Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 24 & 25
Montana	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 25 & 26
Nevada	Deferred
New Mexico	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 9-Oct. 10
Oregon (8)	
Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 25 & 26
Utah	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 25
Washington	
Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 18 & 19
Wyoming	
Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, coots, and moorhens	Sept. 18

(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 the Northwest Special Permit Goose Zone and the Northwest General Zone.

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 21, 2004, Federal Register (69 FR 43694).

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	Limits Possession
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
Colorado (1)	Oct. 2-Nov. 28	3	6
Kansas (2)	Nov. 6-Jan. 2	3	6
Montana			
Regular Season Area (1)	Sept. 25-Nov. 21	3	6
Special Season Area (3)	Sept. 11-Sept. 19		1 per season
New Mexico			
Regular Season Area (1)	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	3	6
Middle Rio Grande Valley Area (3)(4)(5)	Oct. 30-Oct. 31 &	1	2
	Nov. 20-Nov. 21 &	1	2
	Dec. 11-Dec. 12 &	1	2
	Jan. 15-Jan. 16	1	2
Southwest Area (3)(4)(5)	Nov. 6-Nov. 7 &	2	4
	Jan. 8-Jan. 9	2	4
Estancia Valley (4)(5)	Oct. 30-Oct. 31	2	4
North Dakota (2)			
Area 1	Sept. 18-Nov. 14	3	6
Area 2	Sept. 18-Oct. 24	2	4
Oklahoma (1)	Deferred	--	-
South Dakota (1)	Sept. 25-Nov. 21	3	6
Texas (1)	Deferred	--	-
Wyoming			
Regular Season Area (1)(5)	Sept. 18-Nov. 14	3	6
Riverton-Boysen Unit (Area 4) (3)(5)	Sept. 18-Oct. 8		1 per season
Big Horn and Park Counties (Area 6) (3)(5)	Sept. 18-Oct. 8		1 per season
PACIFIC FLYWAY			
Arizona (3)	Oct. 28-Oct. 30 &		2 per season
	Nov. 2-Nov. 4 &		2 per season
	Nov. 6-Nov. 8 &		2 per season
	Nov. 10-Nov. 12 &		2 per season
	Nov. 14-Nov. 16		2 per season
Idaho (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2	9 per season
Montana			
Special Season Area (3)	Sept. 11-Sept. 19		1 per season
Utah (3)			
Rich County	Sept. 4-Sept. 12		1 per season
Cache County	Sept. 4-Sept. 12		1 per season
Eastern Box Elder County	Sept. 4-Sept. 12		1 per season
Uintah County	Sept. 25-Oct. 3		1 per season

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Wyoming (3)(5)			
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 21, 2004, Federal Register (69 FR 43694). 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 2004 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. 20-Oct. 16 & Jan. 14-Jan. 22
Rail	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Oct. 1-Oct. 14 & Feb. 1-Mar. 3
Snipe	Feb. 1-Mar. 8
Florida	
Mourning and white-winged doves	Oct. 26-Nov. 12 & Nov. 29-Dec. 10 & Jan. 10-Jan. 16
Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Nov. 24-Dec. 17 & Jan. 17-Mar. 10
Common moorhens	Nov. 10-Dec. 14
Georgia	
Moorhens, gallinules, and sea ducks	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 & Nov. 29-Dec. 10 & Jan. 31-Feb. 4
Maryland	
Mourning doves	Oct. 17-Nov. 11 & Dec. 12-Dec. 17 & Jan. 2- Jan. 6
Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Oct. 1-Oct. 30 & Jan. 23-Mar. 10
Pennsylvania	
Mourning doves	Oct. 6-Oct. 16 & Nov. 22-Dec. 17

	Extended Falconry Dates
Pennsylvania (cont.)	
Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Oct. 15 & Nov. 15-Dec. 16
Snipe	Sept. 1-Oct. 15 & Nov. 22-Dec. 17
Moorhens and gallinules	Nov. 10-Dec. 15
Virginia	
Doves	Sept. 26-Oct. 8 & Dec. 4-Dec. 27
Woodcock	Oct. 22-Oct. 29 & Nov. 14-Dec. 17 & Jan. 2-Jan. 31
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY	
Illinois	
Mourning doves	Oct. 22-Nov. 5 & Nov. 15-Dec. 16
Rails	Sept. 1-Sept. 10 & Nov. 20-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Oct. 15 & Nov. 30-Dec. 16
Indiana	
Mourning doves	Oct. 17-Nov. 4 & Jan. 1-Jan. 28
Woodcock	Sept. 18-Sept. 30 & Nov. 15-Jan. 2
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	
North Zone	Sept. 27-Sept. 30
Minnesota	
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Sept. 24 & Nov. 9-Dec. 16

	Extended Falconry Dates
Minnesota (cont.)	
Rails and snipe	Nov. 5-Dec. 16
Missouri	
Mourning and white-winged doves	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 11-Sept. 19
Tennessee	
Mourning doves	Sept. 27-Oct. 8 & Oct. 25-Nov. 28
Ducks (1)	Sept. 16-Sept. 30
Wisconsin	
Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules (1)	Sept. 1-Sept. 24
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Sept. 24
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 18-Sept. 19
CENTRAL FLYWAY	
Montana (2)	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	Sept. 22-Sept. 30
Nebraska	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
High Plains	Sept. 11-Sept. 19 & Sept. 25-Sept. 26
Low Plains	Sept. 4-Sept. 26
New Mexico	
Doves	
North Zone	Oct. 31-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Dec. 30
South Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Nov. 30
Band-tailed pigeons	
North Zone	Sept. 21-Dec. 16
South Zone	Oct. 21-Jan. 15
Ducks and coots	Sept. 18-Sept. 26

	Extended Falconry Dates
New Mexico (cont.)	
Sandhill cranes	
Regular Season Area	Oct. 17-Oct. 30
Common moorhens	Dec. 25-Jan. 30
Sora and Virginia rails	Nov. 27-Jan. 2
North Dakota	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 6-Sept. 10 & Sept. 13-Sept. 17
Snipe	Sept. 1-Sept. 17
South Dakota	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	
High Plains	Sept. 4-Sept. 11
Low Plains	
North Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 17 & Sept. 20-Sept. 24
Middle Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 17 & Sept. 20-Sept. 24
South Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 17 & Sept. 20-Sept. 30
Texas	
Mourning and white-winged doves	Nov. 19-Dec. 25
Rails and gallinules	Dec. 23-Jan. 28
Woodcock	Nov. 24-Dec. 17 & Feb. 1-Mar. 9
Wyoming	
Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	
Zone 1	Sept. 22-Oct. 1
Zone 2	Sept. 15-Sept. 24
PACIFIC FLYWAY	
Arizona	
Doves	Deferred
Idaho	
Mourning doves	Nov. 1-Jan. 16
New Mexico	
Doves	
North Zone	Oct. 31-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Dec. 30
South Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Nov. 30
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. 18

(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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