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### F. W. S. WARNS DUCK HUNTERS ON NEW REGULATION APPLYING TO PLUGGING OF SHOTGUNS

Duck hunters planning to be in the marshes on the opening day of the migratory waterfowl shooting season should check their guns carefully to see if they comply with an important amendment adopted this year to the hunting regulations which applies to the plugging of shotguns, says the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The regulations which prohibits the use of automatic-loading or repeating shotguns capable of holding more than three shells still continues in effect. The new amendment adopted this year, however, provides that "the metal or wooden filler used in automatic-loading or repeating shotguns, so as to reduce the capacity of such guns to not more than three shells at one time in the magazine and chamber combined, must be incapable of removal without disassembling the gun."

The Service cautions sportsmen to make certain before they go afield that their guns will not hold more than the legal three shells of the type they are using.

The effect of this amendment will be to outlaw the use of any trick plug which would permit the use of the full five shots.

The Service also reminds hunters that according to Federal law all individuals over 16 years of age must have on their person while hunting waterfowl a migratory-bird hunting stamp of current issue properly validated. These stamps may be purchased at \$1.00 each at post offices.

Early October hunting will soon begin in a number of states. On October 8 the season will open at 12 o'clock noon in Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Wyoming, North Dakota, Minnesota, Maine, and New Hampshire.

October 15 will be the opening date for Washington, California, Nevada, South Dakota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, Pennsylvania, New York, and Vermont.

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