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DUCK HUNTERS IN CERTAIN STATES GET COMPENSATORY SHOOTING

Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, announced today that he has signed an amendment to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Regulations extending the 1952-53 hunting season for waterfowl and coot in those States in which shooting was curtailed during the prescribed season because of emergency fire conditions.

Drought conditions in Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Missouri, Kansas, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and in portions of New Hampshire and New York caused the closing of the waterfowl season to hunters as a forest fire prevention measure for a limited time ranging from three to nine days.

The States so affected are authorized to add to the end of their current season the number of days that hunters were not permitted a field because of State action. No season can be extended beyond January 10, 1953, however.

Director Day stated that it has been determined that these slight compensatory extensions are not likely to result in a heavier kill of the birds than was contemplated for the hunting season as originally scheduled.

The Service official also said that each State will announce the date of its extended season. Interested sportsmen should contact their State conservation commissions for this information.

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