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### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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#### NONRESIDENTS CAN AGAIN HUNT IN MEXICO

Hunting in Mexico, which has been banned to nonresidents for the past two years, will be permitted again this season, according to a dispatch received by the Fish and Wildlife Service from the American Embassy in Mexico, D.F.

The head of the Hunting Department of the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture is now issuing instructions to all agencies of that Ministry throughout Mexico to resume the issuance of hunting permits to nonresident aliens, which had been suspended on October 17, 1951.

The dispatch states that: "Permits are to be issued to the interested persons directly, without the use of intermediaries such as hunting clubs. The cost of the permits will be 240 pesos. (At the present rate of exchange, about \$20.69.) They will be valid for a period of six months and will authorize the holder to hunt in one State and those adjacent to it. The permits will be issued by the agencies of the Ministry of Agriculture at State capitals. Arrangements are also being made for the granting of permits by Federal officials at the following border ports: Nuevo Laredo, Villa Acuna, Ciudad Juarez, Nogales, and Mexicali. The permits will include authorization to export from Mexico the game obtained, subject to the limitations imposed by the regulations on hunting seasons and on species the hunting of which is permanently prohibited, such as migratory birds."

The Fish and Wildlife Service reminds American sportsmen who may plan to hunt ducks, geese, and other migratory game birds in Mexico during the coming season that they must comply with certain requirements when bringing such birds into the United States.

These requirements specify that birds transported from Mexico must be dressed, drawn and have the head and feet removed. Such birds exported from Mexico require a Mexican export permit, or an endorsement on the license by a Mexican game official granting permission to export the birds, or exhibition of the hunting license on which the official seal of the issuing office has been impressed or endorsed for exporting birds.

United States hunters may import during any one calendar week within the open season in Mexico where killed, not more than the following limits of migratory game birds lawfully taken and exported in accordance with the laws of Mexico.

Ducks (except American, red-breasted and hooded mergansers)--10 of any species, or 11 provided such limit contains at least 4 pintail or widgeon singly or in the aggregate, but such limits, may not include more than one wood duck. American and red-breasted mergansers--25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds. Hooded merganser--1. Scoters (sea coots), elder or 'old-squaw ducks--14 singly or in the

aggregate. Geese (except Ross' Goose)--6, which limit may include not more than (a) 5 blue, (b) or 4 Canada or 4 white-fronted, (c) or 3 tule or 3 emperor, singly or in the aggregate of these kinds. Brant--6. Goot--25. Woodcock--8. Jacksnipe--8. Band-tailed pigeons--6. Doves, mourning and white-winged--10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds. Rails and Gallinules (except sora)--15, singly or in the aggregate. Sora--25.

A shipment made not later than 5 days after the close of the season may continue in transit for not over 5 additional days to permit delivery at destination.

A hunter may not transport into or possess at any one time in the United States any migratory game birds of the kinds stated above in excess of these limits regardless of where any such birds were killed. The Federal regulations do not authorize importation into or possession of such birds where contrary to State laws.

Packages must be marked with name and address of shipper and consignee, with an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds clearly and conspicuously shown on the outside.

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