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WIDGEON ORDER ISSUED FOR IMPERIAL COUNTY

Widgeon ducks causing or about to cause serious injuries to agricultural crops in Imperial county, California, may be taken under an order issued today by John L. Farley, director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Farley's action was taken under emergency powers granted annually by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay. Such action has the support of the Pacific Flyway council.

Leo L. Laythe, regional director of FWS, said Director Farley's order provides that ~~widgeons~~ widgeons may be taken only by the owners, operators, tenants, or sharecroppers of lands upon which depredations are being committed or threatened and by other persons when duly authorized in writing by such landowners, operators, tenants, or sharecroppers, or when possessing permits issued by U. S. game management agents or California state game wardens.

Widgeons may not be taken beyond May 30 under this order. Only shotguns of No. 10 gauge or less, fired from the shoulder, are authorized. The ducks may be used for food in California but may not be sold, bartered, wantonly **wasted or destroyed.**

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