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DATES ANNOUNCED FOR 1958-59 WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS

Hunting dates, as selected by State game administrators, for the shooting of migratory waterfowl during the 1958-59 season, were announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Within the prescribed framework announced by the Department of the Interior on August 12 the States were permitted to choose the specific dates most desirable to them, based on the number of days given to each flyway.

States in the Atlantic Flyway were offered concurrent open season on waterfowl and coots of 60 consecutive full days or two seasons aggregating 54 full days. Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York elected to take split seasons.

All States in the Mississippi Flyway will have a season of 70 consecutive days.

This year the States in the Central Flyway were offered an option, on an impermental basis, of extending their 75-day season on ducks and coots by 15 days with a reduction of one bird in the daily bag and two in possession limits. Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Dakota elected to participate in this experiment; the remaining States in the Flyway will continue to have a 75-day season on ducks and coots.

States in the Central Flyway generally were permitted to select a season of 75 consecutive days on blue and snow geese and a season of 60 consecutive days on Canada geese including their subspecies and white-fronted geese. Special provisions are included to give added protection again this year for the Great Basin Canada goose.

The Pacific Flyway will have a 95-day open season on ducks and geese, and 105 days for coots.

The game department of Alabama has recommended a season on rails and gallinules to open concurrently with the seasons on ducks, geese, and coots in that State--from November 7 through January 15. Daily bag and possession limits on rails and gallinules (except coots) will be 15; for sora, 25.

In the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island, the season for taking scoters, eider, and old-squaw ducks beyond outer-harbor lines will be from October 1 to January 15, inclusive. In areas other than those beyond outer-harbor lines scoters, eider, and old-squaw ducks may be taken only during the open season for other ducks. In the States listed, the daily bag and possession limits, singly or in the aggregate of scoters, eider, or old-squaw ducks, is 7 and 14 respectively.

For quick reference, the open seasons and the bag and possession limits prescribed by the amended regulations are presented in tabular form in the attached schedules.

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Atlantic Flyway States

	: Ducks:	Geese (except snow geese)	: Coots:	Brant:	Wilson's snipe
Daily bag limits	: 4 <u>1</u> /:	2	: 10	: 6	: 8
Possession limits	: 8 <u>1</u> /:	4	: 10	: 6	: 8
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Seasons in:	:	:	:	:	:
Connecticut	:	(Oct.25-Nov.8 and Nov. 29-Jan. 6)	:	Closed season	: Closed season
Delaware	:	Nov. 7- Jan. 5	:	Nov. 7-Dec. 6	: Nov. 7-Dec. 6
District of Columbia	:	Closed season	:	Closed season	: Closed season
Florida	:	Nov. 22-Jan. 15	:	Dec. 13-Jan. 11	: Dec. 13-Jan. 11
Georgia	:	Nov. 17-Jan. 15	:	Dec. 5-Jan. 3	: Dec. 5-Jan. 3
Maine	:	Oct. 10-Dec. 8	:	Oct. 10-Nov. 8	: Oct. 10-Nov. 8
Maryland	:	Nov. 17-Jan. 15	:	Nov. 17-Dec. 16	: Nov. 17-Dec. 16
Massachusetts	:	(Oct. 20-Nov. 8 and Dec. 8-Jan. 10)	:	Oct. 20-Nov. 18	: Oct. 20-Nov. 18
New Hampshire	:	Oct. 10-Dec. 8	:	Oct. 10-Nov. 8	: Oct. 10-Nov. 8
New Jersey	:	Nov. 10-Jan. 8	:	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	: Nov. 10-Dec. 9
New York:	:	:	:	:	:
Counties of Nassau and Suffolk, and that part of Westchester County lying south of the Hutchinson River Parkway:	:	Nov. 10-Jan. 8	:	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	: Nov. 10-Dec. 9
Remainder of State	:	(Oct. 16-Nov.25 and Dec. 27-Jan. 8)	:	Oct. 16-Nov. 14	: Oct. 16-Nov. 14
North Carolina	:	Nov. 17-Jan. 15	:	Nov. 27-Dec. 26	: Nov. 27-Dec. 26
Pennsylvania:	:	:	:	:	:
Counties of Bucks, Philadelphia, and Delaware, and the Delaware River bordering on such counties	:	Nov. 10-Jan. 8	:	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	: Nov. 10-Dec. 9
Remainder of State	:	Oct. 15-Dec. 13	:	Oct. 15-Nov. 13	: Oct. 15-Nov. 13
Puerto Rico	:	Dec. 15-Feb. 12	:	Closed season	: Closed season
Rhode Island	:	Nov. 17-Jan. 15	:	Nov. 17-Dec. 16	: Nov. 17-Dec. 16
South Carolina	:	Nov. 17-Jan. 15	:	Dec. 17-Jan. 15	: Dec. 17-Jan. 15
Vermont	:	Oct. 10-Dec. 8	:	Oct. 10-Nov. 8	: Oct. 10-Nov. 8
Virginia	:	Nov. 14-Jan. 12	:	Nov. 14-Dec. 13	: Nov. 14-Dec. 13
West Virginia	:	Nov. 12-Jan. 10	:	Nov. 12-Dec. 11	: Nov. 12-Dec. 11

1/ Limitations and exceptions for daily bag and possession limit on ducks: the daily bag limit may not include more than (a) 2 canvasbacks, or (b) 2 redheads, or (c) 1 canvasback and 1 redhead and the possession limit may not include more than (a) 4 canvasbacks, or (b) 4 redheads, or (c) 4 in the aggregate of both canvasbacks and redheads. Nor may such daily bag limit include more than 1 wood duck and 1 hooded merganser, and the possession limit more than 2 wood ducks and 1 hooded merganser. In addition to the limits on other ducks, the daily bag limit on American and red-breasted mergansers is 5, possession limit 10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

Mississippi Flyway States

	: Ducks	: Geese	: Coots	: Wilson's snipe
Daily bag limits	: 4 <u>1/</u>	: 5 <u>2/</u>	: 10	: 8
Possession limits	: 8 <u>1/</u>	: 5 <u>2/</u>	: 10	: 8
Seasons in:				
Alabama <u>3/</u>	: Nov. 7-Jan. 15	: Dec. 17-Jan. 15		
Arkansas	: Nov. 7-Jan. 15	: Dec. 17-Jan. 15		
Illinois	: Oct. 18-Dec. 26	: Oct. 18-Nov. 16		
Indiana	: Oct. 25-Jan. 2	: Oct. 25-Nov. 23		
Iowa	: Oct. 4-Dec. 12	: Oct. 4-Nov. 2		
Kentucky	: Nov. 7-Jan. 15	: Nov. 20-Dec. 19		
Louisiana <u>3/</u>	: See footnote 4	: Dec. 6-Jan. 4		
Michigan	: Oct. 1-Dec. 9	: Oct. 1-Oct. 30		
Minnesota	: Oct. 4-Dec. 12	: Oct. 4-Nov. 2		
Mississippi <u>3/</u>	: See footnote 5	: Dec. 17-Jan. 15		
Missouri	: Oct. 24-Jan. 1	: Nov. 10-Dec. 9		
Ohio <u>3/</u>	: See footnote 6	: Oct. 24-Nov. 22		
Tennessee <u>3/</u>	: Nov. 7-Jan. 15	: Nov. 27-Dec. 26		
Wisconsin	: Oct. 1-Dec. 9	: Oct. 1-Oct. 30		

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2/ Geese: Such limit may not include, in the alternative, more than (a) 2 Canada geese or its subspecies; (b) 2 white-fronted geese; or (c) 1 Canada goose or its subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose.

3/ Shooting hours for waterfowl and coots in the States of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee, shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour before sunset.

4/ Louisiana: Waterfowl and coots, Nov. 1-Jan. 9: Provided, That for lands and waters of the State of Louisiana lying easterly of the center line of the main navigable channel of the Mississippi River between the northerly boundary of Louisiana to latitude 31° N., the season shall be Nov. 7-Jan. 15.

5/ Mississippi: Waterfowl and coots, Nov. 7-Jan. 15: Provided, That for lands and waters of the State of Mississippi lying westerly of the center line of the main navigable channel of the Mississippi River from the northerly boundary of Louisiana to latitude 31° N., the season shall be Nov. 1-Jan. 9.

6/ Ohio: Waterfowl and coots, Oct. 24-Jan. 1: Provided, That for Pymatuning Reservoir in Ashtabula County, and 1/4 mile distant in any direction from said reservoir, the season shall be Oct. 15-Dec. 13 and the shooting hours for the area described shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Central Flyway States

	Ducks	Coots	White-fronted & Canada:	Geese (except Ross's Geese)	Blue and Snow	Wilson's snipe
Daily bag limits	5	1/2/3/	10	See Footnote 4/		8
Possession limits	10	1/2/3/	10	See Footnote 4/		8
Seasons in:						
Colorado	Oct. 10-Jan. 7		Nov. 17-Jan. 15	Nov. 2-Jan. 15		Oct. 1-Oct. 30
Kansas	Oct. 11-Jan. 8		Oct. 4-Dec. 2	Oct. 4-Dec. 2		Oct. 11-Nov. 9
Montana:						
East of Continental						
Divide	Oct. 11-Dec. 24		Oct. 11-Dec. 9	Oct. 11-Dec. 9		(Closed season
West of Continental						(Closed season
Divide	Oct. 11-Dec. 24		Oct. 11-Nov. 24	Oct. 11-Nov. 24		
Nebraska	Oct. 1-Dec. 29		Oct. 1-Nov. 29	Oct. 1-Dec. 14		Oct. 1-Oct. 30
New Mexico	Nov. 2-Jan. 15		Nov. 17-Jan. 15	Nov. 17-Jan. 15		Nov. 2-Dec. 1
North Dakota	Oct. 1-Dec. 14		Oct. 1-Nov. 29	Oct. 1-Dec. 14		Oct. 1-Oct. 30
Oklahoma	Oct. 18-Jan. 15		Oct. 18-Dec. 16	Oct. 18-Dec. 31		Oct. 18-Nov. 16
South Dakota	Oct. 1-Dec. 29		Oct. 6-Dec. 4	Oct. 6-Dec. 4		Closed season
Texas 5/	Nov. 1-Jan. 14		Nov. 16-Jan. 14	Nov. 1-Jan. 14		Dec. 16-Jan. 14
Wyoming:						
Teton County; that						
part of Lincoln County						
within the drainages of						
Bear, Grey's, Salt, and						
Snake Rivers; and that part of						
Uinta County within the drainage						
of Bear River	Oct. 11-Dec. 24		Oct. 11-Dec. 24	Closed season		Closed season
Remainder of State	Oct. 11-Dec. 24		Oct. 26-Dec. 24	Closed season		Closed season

Central Flyway States (continued)

- 1/ Wood ducks and mergansers: Daily bag and possession limits may not include more than 1 wood duck and 1 hooded merganser: Provided, That the season on wood ducks in New Mexico is closed. In addition to the daily bag and possession limits on the other ducks, the daily bag limit on American and red-breasted mergansers is 5, possession limit 10, single or in aggregate of both kinds.
- 2/ In the States of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Dakota, the daily bag and possession limits on ducks are 4 and 8, respectively.
- 3/ The daily bag limit on ducks may not include more than (a) 2 canvasbacks, or (b) 2 redheads, or (c) 1 canvasback and 1 redhead. The possession limit may not include more than (a) 4 canvasbacks, or (b) 4 redheads, or (c) 4 in the aggregate of both canvasback and redheads.
- 4/ Geese: The daily bag and possession limit on geese is 5: Provided, That throughout all States in the Central Flyway the bag and possession limit on geese in no event may include more than 1 white-fronted goose. In Goshen County, Wyoming, and throughout all other States in the flyway, the bag and possession limit on geese may not include more than (a) 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or (b) 1 Canada goose and 1 white-fronted goose. In Wyoming (other than Goshen County) the bag and possession limit on geese may not include more than 1 Canada goose or its subspecies. A closed season is prescribed on Canada geese in Moffat County, Colorado. A closed season is prescribed on blue and snow geese in Beaverhead, Gallatin, and Madison Counties in Montana, and in the entire State of Wyoming.
- 5/ Texas: Closed season on black-bellied tree ducks.

Pacific Flyway States

	: Ducks	: Geese (except : Ross's geese)	: Coots and Gallinules : (singly or in aggregate)	: Brant	: Wilson's snipe
Daily bag limits	5 <u>2</u> /	6 <u>3</u> /	25	3	8
Possession limits	10 <u>2</u> /	6 <u>3</u> /	25	3	8
Seasons in:					
Arizona	Oct. 11-Jan. 13	Oct. 11-Jan. 13	Oct. 11-Jan. 23	: Closed season	: Closed season
California	Oct. 11-Jan. 13	Oct. 11-Jan. 13	Oct. 11-Jan. 23	: Nov. 23-Jan. 31	: Nov. 29-Dec. 28
Idaho	Oct. 4-Jan. 6	Oct. 4-Jan. 6	Oct. 4-Jan. 6	: Closed season	: Oct. 4-Nov. 2
Nevada	Oct. 11-Jan. 13	Oct. 11-Jan. 13	Oct. 11-Jan. 13	: Closed season	: Oct. 11-Nov. 9
Oregon	Oct. 11-Jan. 13	Oct. 11-Jan. 13	Oct. 11-Jan. 23	: Nov. 22-Jan. 30	: Nov. 1-Nov. 30
Utah	Oct. 4-Jan. 6	Oct. 4-Jan. 6	Oct. 4-Jan. 15	: Closed season	: Closed season
Washington	Oct. 12-Jan. 14	Oct. 12-Jan. 14	Oct. 12-Jan. 24	: Nov. 23-Jan. 31	: Nov. 1-Nov. 30

1/ Arizona: Closed season on gallinules.

2/ In all States except California, the daily bag limit is 5 and the possession limit is 10. These limits may be increased to 9 and 14 respectively, provided such limits contain not less than 4 pintails, 4 widegeons, or 4 of these species in the aggregate. In California the daily bag and possession limit is 6, which may be increased to 10, provided such limit contains not less than 4 pintails, 4 widegeons, or 4 of these species in the aggregate. Wood ducks and mergansers: Daily bag and possession limits in all States may not include more than 1 wood duck and 1 hooded merganser. In addition to the limits on other ducks, the daily bag limit on American and red-breasted mergansers is 5, possession limit 10, singly or in aggregate of both kinds.

3/ Geese: Throughout all States in the Pacific Flyway the daily bag and possession limit may not include more than 3 of the dark species, and in the State of Washington such limits may not include more than 1 snow goose. Provided, That in the counties of Bear Lake, Caribou, and Bonneville, Idaho; Clark County, Nevada; Mohave and that portion of Yuma County, Arizona, lying north of U. S. Highways numbered 60 and 70; that portion of California Fish and Game District No. 22 (as defined in the California Fish and Game Code) lying north of U. S. Highways numbered 60 and 70; and the entire State of Utah, the daily bag and possession limit may not include more than 1 Canada goose or its subspecies. In those portions of Yuma County, Arizona, and California Fish and Game District No. 22 lying south of U. S. Highways numbered 60 and 70, the season on Canada geese and their subspecies will be closed. Closed season on snow geese in Clark, Fremont, Madison, and Teton Counties, Idaho.