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MEXICO AND CANADA REDUCE BAG LIMITS ON MIGRATORY WATERFOWL

Mexico and Canada have joined the United States in providing additional protection to migratory waterfowl during the critical period now being experienced by these birds, the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, reports.

In Mexico bag and possession limits have been reduced and in Canada bag limits have been reduced and hunting seasons shortened in two provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The changes in the Mexico regulations are the first made since 1954. The new regulations not only provide for smaller bag and possession limits of migratory waterfowl but also for the reduction of bag and possession limits of other game birds. The hunting season on one group of shore birds is reduced by 30 days.

Duck hunting in Mexico begins November 16 and continues through March 15, the same as in previous years but the bag possession limit is 10 instead of 15 as formerly. Mourning and white-wing doves can be taken in northern Mexican States from September 1 to December 31 but the bag and possession limit is 10 instead of 20; throughout the rest of the Republic doves may be taken from November 16 through March 15 but the bag and possession limit is 10 instead of 15. The limits on rails and gallinules is 10 instead of 15; on snipe 10 birds instead of 20 and the snipe season is cut by 30 days.

In addition to reducing bag limits and shortening the season in the two Provinces, Canada has also reduced the number of birds which may be exported by Americans who go to the Provinces to hunt. Special reductions are noted on canvasbacks and redheads in Canada.

In Canada and Mexico, the hunting pressures are not as heavy as those of the United States. In certain sections of Canada there are waterfowl depredation problems which are considered in fixing the bag limits.

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