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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
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GOOSE SEASON TO CLOSE IN DODGE, FOND DU LAC, AND JUNEAU COUNTIES

Shooting of Canada geese in Dodge, Fond du Lac, and Juneau Counties, Wisconsin, will be closed at sundown Sunday, October 16. According to Allan T. Studholme, Chief of wildlife activities for the Minneapolis Regional Office of the Federal Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, this closure is a joint action of the Wisconsin Conservation Department and the Federal Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. To avoid a difficult law-enforcement problem, the Wisconsin Conservation Department is taking further action by also closing the season on all species of geese in these three counties.

Studholme points out that Federal waterfowl hunting regulations this year include a provision that when 7,000 Canada geese are killed in these three counties, the season will be closed on these birds. Similarly, when the kill of Canada geese in southern Illinois reaches 14,000, the season will be closed there. The Illinois hunting season opens on October 28.

The Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, an important stopping place for Canada geese, is located in Juneau County. Horicon National Wildlife Refuge and the adjacent Horicon Marsh public shooting area, lie in Dodge and Fond du Lac Counties.

Last year, after several years of increase, the Mississippi Valley goose flock declined. Subsequently, the Mississippi Flyway Council, which

LEGAL NOTICE OF CLOSING OF CANADA GOOSE SEASON

Pursuant to the regulations prescribed and published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of September 9, 1960 (25 F.R. 8717), which limit to 7,000 the number of Canada geese that may be killed in the counties of Dodge, Fond du Lac, and Juneau, Wisconsin, it having been determined that on the basis of the daily kill which has occurred since the opening of the hunting season October 7, 1960, that the permissive kill of 7,000 Canada geese will occur on or before sunset Sunday, October 16, 1960, the hunting season on Canada geese will be closed effective at sunset October 16, 1960, and no Canada geese shall be killed in these three counties after sunset on said date.

D. H. Jansen, Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

Dated this thirteenth day of October 1960, at 4:45 p.m.

The attached press release came in about 3:15 p.m. with today's (Oct. 14) release date. At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Quick called and told us about the closing order. I showed both to Mr. Newman. He stated that since the regional press release had been issued there was no need of a late general release. I showed the press release and order to A.P. Mac was not interested.

represents all of the fourteen States in the Mississippi Flyway, asked the Federal Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to limit the kill this fall in the vicinity of Horicon and Necedah National Wildlife Refuges in Wisconsin, and Horseshoe Lake, Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, and other concentration areas in southern Illinois to not more than a total of 21,000 Canada geese. Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton approved the proposal.

A count of the Canada geese in the Mississippi Valley flock last winter showed 136,000. In prior years the normal winter count amounted to about 200,000.

The season on all species of geese is closed in Dodge, Fond du Lac, and Juneau Counties. Otherwise the seasons on waterfowl hunting remain unchanged throughout the State.

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