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SHOOTING "ON THE RUN" REMAINS ILLEGAL UNDER NEW POWERBOAT HUNTING REGULATIONS

Shooting "on the run" from boats remains illegal, Director John S. Gottschalk of the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife said today in explaining new Federal regulations for the waterfowl hunting season.

The amended rules, which appeared in the Federal Register August 2, say that powerboats must be shut down and forward motion from engines stopped before shooting begins, but that motors can remain in place.

Heretofore, hunters were required to detach motors before shooting. This often proved difficult and was especially dangerous in rough waters.

"We think the new regulations will be a convenience to sportsmen and will not make enforcement of regulations more difficult," said Dr. Gottschalk.

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