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WATERFOWL HUNTING REGULATIONS
REFLECT INCREASED POPULATIONS

Waterfowl regulation frameworks for States to use in selecting their 1969-70 hunting seasons will be more liberal than last year, reflecting improved summer production, Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel announced today.

"These liberalized regulations are designed to share a more abundant resource among hunters while insuring that greater numbers of breeding birds return northward," Secretary Hickel said.

The regulations, he noted, are based upon predictions by biologists for the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, who forecast larger flights of ducks this fall because of a more successful nesting season. He pointed out that habitat conditions rebounded after several years of drought on the prairie pothole country of Canada and the northern United States. Many of the favored game ducks breed in these areas.

The regulations announced today, which permit seasons and bag limits commensurate with the duck resource and the desire to increase stocks, reflect results of Bureau surveys of waterfowl production, plus recommendations of State wildlife agencies, flyway councils and major private conservation organizations.

Although relaxed, the regulations provide for special protection for mallards, black ducks, canvasbacks, redheads, wood ducks and some of the goose flocks that need greater attention. Frameworks for goose, coot, and crane seasons are similar to a year ago.

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Summary of 1969-70 Regulations Frameworks for
Waterfowl, Coots, Cranes, Snipe, and Gallinule

In considering amendments to regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Secretary of the Interior has approved frameworks which prescribe season lengths, bag limits, shooting hours, and dates within which States may select 1969-70 seasons for hunting waterfowl, coots, and gallinules; cranes in parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, and Oklahoma; and for common snipe in the Pacific Flyway. Frameworks are summarized below.

GENERAL

States may select split seasons for ducks within any option, subject to a 10 percent penalty in days, and split seasons for geese without penalty.

States in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways are reminded that if they did not select their gallinule season in July, they should do so at the time of their waterfowl selections. Frameworks for gallinule were approved by the Secretary on June 25 and are:

GALLINULE

Outside dates - Sept. 1 - Jan. 15; season length - not more than 70 consecutive days; shooting hours - 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset daily; limits - 15 daily, 30 in possession.

Those States and portions of States in the Pacific Flyway will be allowed a coot and gallinule season running concurrently with the season selected for ducks, with a daily bag and possession limit of 25 coots and gallinule, singly or in the aggregate.

GALLINULE IN
THE PACIFIC
FLYWAY

States in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways are permitted to select a special scaup-only hunting season not to exceed 16 consecutive days with a daily bag limit of 5 and a possession limit of 10 scaup subject to the following conditions:

SPECIAL SCAUP-
ONLY SEASON

1. Any such special season must fall between October 1 and January 31, inclusive.

2. Such special season must fall outside the open season for any other ducks except sea ducks.
3. Such season be limited to described areas mutually agreed upon between the State and the Bureau prior to August 27.
4. Agreed upon open areas must be described and delineated under State hunting regulations.
5. Shooting hours from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset; or

States in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways are permitted to select an additional 2 scaup daily and 4 in possession, in addition to the bag limits on other ducks, during the regular duck hunting season subject to conditions 3, 4, and 5 listed above.

EXTRA SCAUP

Basic Shooting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset.

SHOOTING HOURS

Dates within which States may select open seasons; the length of open season; bag limit options; and other special provisions are listed below by Flyway.

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Between October 4, 1969, and January 15, 1970, States in this Flyway are permitted to select concurrent open seasons on ducks and coots of: (a) 40 consecutive days; or a split season totaling 36 days with basic limits on ducks of 4 daily and 8 in possession; or (b) 47 consecutive days; or a split season totaling 42 days with basic limits on ducks of 4 daily and 8 in possession; or (c) 50 consecutive days; or a split season totaling 45 days with basic limits on ducks of 3 daily and 6 in possession; or (d) 57 consecutive days; or a split season totaling 51 days with basic limits on ducks of 3 daily and 6 in possession; and the limits on coots are 10 daily and 20 in possession under either option.

OUTSIDE DATES

DUCKS AND
COOTS

Under options (a) and (c), the limits on ducks may not include more than 2 black ducks daily and 4 in possession. Under options (b) and (d), the limits on ducks may not include more than 1 black duck daily and 2 in possession.

RESTRICTIONS
ON BLACK DUCKS

The daily bag limit on ducks shall not include more than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 1 canvasback or 1 redhead. The possession limit on ducks shall not include more than: (a) 4 wood ducks; and (b) 1 canvasback or 1 redhead.

RESTRICTIONS
ON OTHER DUCKS

The limit on mergansers is 5 daily and 10 in possession, of which only 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

LIMIT ON
MERGANSERS

That portion of the State of New York (Lake Champlain area) lying east and north of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad tracks running south from the Canadian line to Whitehall, New York and east to the New York-Vermont State line will take the waterfowl seasons, limits, and shooting hours selected by Vermont. The State of New York may select the open season date for the Long Island area independent of the season for the rest of the State.

RECIPROCAL
NEW YORK WITH
VERMONT

Between October 4, 1969, and January 25, 1970: The States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia (excluding the Back Bay Area), may select an open season on geese (except snow geese), of 77 days; 3 daily and 6 in possession. The States of North Carolina, South Carolina, and the Back Bay Area of Virginia may select an open season on geese (except snow geese), of 50 days; 1 daily and 2 in possession. There will be no open season on geese in the States of Florida and Georgia.

OUTSIDE DATES
GEESE

SEASON LENGTHS

RESTRICTIONS

Between October 4, 1969, and January 25, 1970, all States in this Flyway may select a season for brant not to exceed 70 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 6.

OUTSIDE DATES
BRANT
SEASON LENGTH

The shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power is permitted on those coastal water areas open to sea duck hunting during the special open season and all waters of rivers and streams lying seaward from the first upstream bridge in the States of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; in the State of Maryland in those areas described, delineated, and designated in its hunting regulations as being open to sea duck hunting; and in those coastal waters of New York State lying in Long Island and Block Island Sounds and associated bays eastward from a line running between Miamogue Point in the town of Riverhead to Red Cedar Point in the town of Southampton, including any ocean waters of New York lying south of Long Island.

CRIPPLES,
PURSUING AND
SHOOTING

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Between October 1, 1969, and January 15, 1970, States in this Flyway may select concurrent open seasons on ducks and coots of: (a) 30 consecutive days or a split season totaling 27 days with a basic limit of 4 daily and 8 in possession; or (b) 40 consecutive days or a split season totaling 36 days with a basic limit of 4 daily and 8 in possession. A daily bag limit of 10 and 20 in possession on coots.

OUTSIDE DATES,
OPTIONS FOR
SEASON LENGTH
AND LIMITS ON
DUCKS AND COOTS

The daily bag limit on ducks in all States shall not include more than: Under option (a), 2 mallards; and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead; and 2 wood ducks. The possession limit shall not include more than: 4 mallards; and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead; and 4 wood ducks. Under option (b), 1 mallard; and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead; and 2 wood ducks. The possession limit shall not include more than 2 mallards; and 1 canvasback or 1 redhead; and 4 wood ducks.

LIMITS FOR
DUCKS

OPTIONS

The limit on mergansers is 5 daily and 10 in possession of which not more than 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

MERGANSERS

Between September 27, 1969, and January 11, 1970, States in this Flyway except Louisiana, may select an open season on geese totaling 70 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 5; and there will be no open season for taking Canada geese in Issaquena, Sharkey, and Washington Counties of Mississippi, and in the States of Arkansas and Louisiana.

OUTSIDE DATES

GEESE
CLOSED AREA

Between September 27, 1969, and January 11, 1970, Louisiana may select an open season not to exceed 70 days on white-fronted geese; between September 27, 1969, and February 15, 1970, Louisiana may select an open season not to exceed more than 70 days on blue and snow geese.

LOUISIANA GEESE
OUTSIDE DATES
AND LIMITS

During any open season days on which only white-fronted geese may be hunted, the daily bag and possession limit is 2 white-fronted geese.

LOUISIANA
WHITE-FRONTS

During any open season days on which white-fronted, blue, and snow geese may all be hunted, the daily bag and possession limit is 5 geese in the aggregate of all species of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted geese.

LIMITS

During any open season days on which only blue and snow geese may be hunted, the daily bag and possession limit is 5 in the aggregate of these species.

BLUE AND SNOW
GEESE ONLY

In all States except Wisconsin, Illinois, and Missouri, the daily bag and possession limits shall not include in the alternative, more than: (a) 2 Canada geese; or (b) 2 white-fronted geese; or (c) 1 Canada goose and 1 white-fronted goose. In the States of Illinois and Missouri, the daily bag limit shall not include, in the alternative, more than 2 Canada geese or 2 white-fronted geese, or 1 of each; the possession limit shall not include more than 4 Canada and white-fronted geese in the aggregate, of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted geese. In Wisconsin, the daily bag limit may not include more than 1 Canada goose and the possession limit not more than 2 Canada geese except in the Horicon Zone where the possession limit is only 1 Canada goose.

RESTRICTIONS

LIMITS ON
GEESE

In the States of Illinois and Wisconsin, the kill of Canada geese is limited to 25,000 birds in each State.

QUOTA LIMIT
CANADA GEESE

In Missouri, the kill of Canada geese in the Swan Lake area is limited to 20,000 birds, and Missouri may select separate open seasons of 70 days for each of the following 3 areas: (1) Swan Lake area; (2) Squaw Creek area (same descriptions as last year); and (3) the remainder of the State. Canada geese may be taken only during the first 30 days of the open season selected for the Squaw Creek area. The daily bag limit in this area is 1 Canada goose and the possession limit is 2.

SWAN LAKE AREA

Geese taken in the States of Illinois and Missouri may not be transported, shipped, or delivered for transportation or shipment by common carrier, the postal service, or by any person except as the personal baggage of the hunter taking the birds.

RESTRICTIONS
ON TRANSPORT-
ING GEESE IN
ILL. & MO.

When it has been determined by the Director that the quota of Canada geese allotted for the State of Illinois and Missouri Swan Lake area will have been killed in these States respectively, the season for taking Canada geese therein will be closed by the Director upon giving public notice through local information media at least 48 hours in advance of the time and day of closing.

SPECIAL
CLOSURE FOR
GEESE IN ILL.,
AND MISSOURI,

Between the dates of September 1, 1969, and September 21, 1969, all States in this Flyway may select an open hunting season of not more than 9 consecutive days for teal ducks (blue-winged, green-winged, and cinnamon) or; any State may take 2 additional blue-winged teal daily and 4 in possession, in addition to the regular daily bag and possession limit on other ducks, for a period of 9 consecutive days during the regular open hunting season for ducks.

SPECIAL AND
BONUS TEAL

Between October 1, 1969, and January 15, 1970, in the Shiawasee River State Game Area in Saginaw County, Michigan, a 40 day experimental open season on ducks, coots, mergansers, and gallinule is prescribed. The specific daily bag and possession limit will depend upon the sexes and species taken as determined by a point system to be developed between the State and Bureau.

SHIAWASEE
EXPERIMENTAL
POINT SYSTEM

CENTRAL FLYWAY

Between October 4, 1969, and January 11, 1970, States in this Flyway may select, a concurrent open season on ducks and coots of: (a) 40 consecutive days or a split season totaling 36 days with basic limits on ducks of 4 daily and 8 in possession; or (b) 55 consecutive days or a split season totaling 50 days with basic limits on ducks of 4 daily and 8 in possession; and the limit on coots is 10 daily and 20 in possession under either option.

OUTSIDE DATES

DUCKS AND
COOTS

LIMITS

The daily bag limit on ducks shall not include more than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 1 canvasback or 1 redhead. The possession limit on ducks shall not include more than: (a) 4 wood ducks; and (b) 1 canvasback or 1 redhead.

RESTRICTIONS
ON OTHER
DUCKS

The daily bag and possession limit on mallards under option (a) may not include more than 2 and 4 respectively. The daily bag and possession limit on mallards under option (b) may not include more than 1 and 2 respectively.

LIMITS ON
OPTIONS

The limit on mergansers is 5 daily and 10 in possession, of which not more than 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

MERGANSERS

Between December 13, 1969, and January 4, 1970, in the Central Flyway portion of Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, and that portion of Nebraska west of U.S. Highway 83, and in South Dakota all of the counties of Butte, Lawrence, Custer, and Fall River; that part of Pennington County lying west of the Cheyenne River, and that part of Meade County lying west of the Cheyenne and south of the Belle Fourche Rivers, an experimental season under a special permit is prescribed for ducks, coots, and mergansers. Provided, that the State shortens its regular duck season by 7 days and such season ends by December 12, 1969. Daily shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

HIGH PLAIN
EXPERIMENTAL
POINT SYSTEM

The daily bag limit is from 1 to 4 ducks, coots, and mergansers in the aggregate; and a specific daily bag limit depending

upon the sexes and species taken as determined by the following point system is prescribed: Mallard drakes counting 10 points each and mallard hens and all other species, including coots and mergansers count as 40 points each. The limit will be reached when the point value for the duck, coot, or merganser last taken during the day when added to the sum of the point values for ducks, coots, and mergansers already taken during that day reaches or exceeds 40 points. The possession limit shall consist of 2 legal daily bag limits.

SPECIFIC
POINT VALUES
IN THE HIGH
PLAINS AREA

Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming may select open seasons on waterfowl and coots in accordance with the frameworks for the Pacific Flyway as follows: (a) those portions of the States of Colorado and Wyoming lying west of the Continental Divide; (b) that portion of New Mexico lying west of the Continental Divide plus the entire area of the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation; and (c) the Montana Counties of Hill, Choteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park, and all counties west thereof.

COLORADO,
MONTANA, NEW
MEXICO, &
WYOMING, NEW
MEXICO--WEST OF
THE CONTINENTAL
DIVIDE

In the Colorado Counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, and Rio Grande, and those portions of Saguache, Hinsdale, and Mineral Counties lying east of the Continental Divide, an experimental open season on ducks and coots under a special permit is prescribed from October 1 through October 18, 1969, with a daily bag limit of 70 points. Daily shooting hours are from sunrise until sunset. The daily bag limit is from 2 to 7 ducks and coots in the aggregate, the specific daily limit depending upon the sexes and species taken as determined by the following point system: mallard drakes, pintail drakes, all teal, shoveler, and coots count 10 points each; mallard hens, redheads, and canvasback ducks count 60 points each; all other species of ducks count 35 points each. The daily bag limit will be reached when the point value of the last bird taken during the day and added to the sum of the point value of the other ducks already taken during that day reaches or exceeds 70 points. The possession limit shall consist of 2 legal daily bag limits.

COLORADO
(SAN LUIS VALLEY)

POINT SYSTEM

Between October 1, 1969, and January 15, 1970, States in this Flyway may select an open season on geese totaling 86 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 5, but not more than 1 Ross' goose.

OUTSIDE DATES
GEESE
LIMITS

In the Central Flyway portions of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico, the daily bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 4 geese. In Nebraska, Kansas, and in that portion of South Dakota lying west of U.S. Highway 281 and south of U.S. Highway 34; that portion of Texas

EAST OF THE
CONTINENTAL
DIVIDE

lying west of U.S. Highway 81; and all of Oklahoma except Alfalfa, Bryan, Johnston, and Marshall Counties, the daily bag and possession limit shall not include more of the following species than: (a) 1 Ross' goose and (b) in the alternative, 1 white-fronted goose; or 1 white-fronted goose and 1 Canada goose; or 2 Canada geese.

GEESE LIMITS

In that portion of North Dakota lying west of State Highway 3, the daily bag limit shall not include more than 1 Ross' goose and in the alternative more than (a) 2 white-fronted geese, or (b) 2 Canada geese, or (c) 1 of each. In that portion of North Dakota lying east of State Highway 3, the daily bag limit shall not include more than 1 Ross' goose and in the alternative more than (a) 1 Canada goose, or (b) 1 Canada goose and 1 white-fronted goose, or (c) 2 white-fronted geese. The possession limit shall not include more than: (a) 1 Ross' goose, and (b) 2 Canada and white-fronted geese in the aggregate of these species.

NORTH DAKOTA
GEESE
LIMITS

In that portion of South Dakota lying east of U.S. Highway 281, north of State Highway 34, except those portions of Roberts County, east of U.S. Highway 81 and Grant County, north of U.S. Highway 12; and in Alfalfa, Bryan, Johnston, and Marshall Counties, Oklahoma, the daily bag limit shall not include more than 1 Ross' goose, and 1 Canada goose, and 1 white-fronted goose; and the possession limit shall not be more than 1 Ross' goose and in the alternative, not more than (a) 2 Canada or (b) 1 Canada and 1 white-fronted goose, or (c) 1 white-fronted goose.

SOUTH DAKOTA

GEESE
LIMITS

In that portion of Texas lying east of U.S. Highway 81, the daily bag limit shall not include more than 1 Ross' goose and in the alternative not more than (a) 1 Canada goose or (b) 1 white-fronted goose; and the possession limit not more than 1 Ross' goose and in the alternative not more than (a) 2 Canada geese or (b) 1 Canada and 1 white-fronted goose.

TEXAS
LIMITS

GEESE

No open season is prescribed for the taking of geese in portions of Conejos, Alamosa, Rio Grande, and Mineral Counties of Colorado (as described by Colorado).

CONJOS, ALAMOSA,
RIO GRANDE &
MINERAL CO.

Between the dates of September 1, 1969, and September 21, 1969, all States in this Flyway may select an open hunting season of not more than 9 consecutive days for teal ducks (blue-winged, green-winged, and cinnamon); Or, any State is permitted to take 2 additional blue-winged teal daily and 4 in possession, in addition to the regular daily bag and possession limit on other ducks, for a period of 9 consecutive days during the regular open hunting season for ducks.

SPECIAL AND
BONUS TEAL

Open seasons are prescribed for taking sandhill (little brown) cranes with a daily bag limit of 3 and a possession limit of 6, and with shooting hours from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset, in the following described areas:

LITTLE BROWN
CRANES

- (a) 30 consecutive days from October 4 through November 2, 1969, in the Central Flyway portion of Colorado except in the San Luis Valley area.
- (b) 58 consecutive days between November 1 and December 28, 1969, in New Mexico Counties of Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt, and in that portion of the State of Texas lying west of a line from the International Toll Bridge in Del Rio, Val Verde County; thence northward following U.S. Highway 277 to the junction with U.S. Highway 87 at San Angelo, Tom Green County; thence northwesterly following U.S. Highway 87 to the junction with U.S. Highway 287 at Dumas, Moore County; thence northwesterly following U.S. Highway 287 to the point of intersection with the Texas-Oklahoma State line in Dallam County.
- (c) 30 consecutive days between November 8 and December 7, 1969, in the North Dakota counties of Kidder, Stutsman, McLean, and Burleigh. In South Dakota, in parts of Campbell, Walworth, Potter, Dewey, and Corson Counties described as follows: Beginning at the North Dakota State line, south on U.S. Highway 83 to U.S. Highway 212; west on U.S. Highway 212 to the Promise Road; North on the Promise Road to State Highway 20; North on State Highway 20 to U.S. Highway 12; Northwest on U.S. Highway 12 to State Highway 63; North on State Highway 63 to the North Dakota State line; and east to the point of beginning.
- (d) 30 consecutive days between December 13, 1969, and January 11, 1970, in that portion of Texas lying west of a line from San Angelo along U.S. Highway 277 to Abilene, then State Highway 351 from Abilene to Albany and U.S. Highway 283 from Albany to Vernon, and then U.S. Highway 183 east from Vernon to the point of intersection with the Texas-Oklahoma State line in Wilbarger County; and east of a line from San Angelo along U.S. Highway 87 to the junction of Highways 87 and 287 at Dumas, Moore County, and then along U.S. Highway 287 from Dumas to the point of intersection with the Texas-Oklahoma State line in Dallam County; and in that portion of Oklahoma lying west of U.S. Highway 81.

PACIFIC FLYWAY

States in this Flyway may, between October 4, 1969, and January 11, 1970, select concurrent open seasons on ducks, coots, and gallinule of: (a) 86 consecutive days or a split season totaling 77 days with basic limits on ducks of 5 daily and 10 in possession; or a daily bag and possession limit of 6 ducks; or (b) 72 consecutive days or a split season totaling 65 days with basic limits on ducks of 6 daily and 12 in possession; or a daily bag and possession limit of 7 ducks. Provided, that in that area of California lying south of the Tehachapi Mountains (or other description furnished by California), and west of the Colorado River area as described in Title 14, Section 502, of the California Administrative Code, the State may select the single daily bag and double possession bag limit consistent with the length of season selected by California.

OUTSIDE DATES

DUCKS
SEASON LENGTHS
AND LIMITS

CALIFORNIA
TEHACHAPI MNTS.

In Clark and Lincoln Counties in Nevada, the area east of U.S. Highway 95 from the Nevada-California State line to Los Vegas and south of U.S. Highway 91 to the Nevada-Arizona State line, open season dates, limits, and shooting hours will coincide with those of Arizona.

NEVADA-
ARIZONA AREA

The bag and possession limits on ducks may not include more than 2 canvasbacks.

RESTRICTIONS ON
CANVASBACKS

The limit on mergansers is 5 daily and 10 in possession, of which not more than 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers; and the daily bag and possession limit on coots and gallinule is 25, singly or in the aggregate of these species.

MERGANSERS,
COOTS, AND
GALLINULE

In the Columbia Basin areas of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho (same areas as last year), those States may select concurrent open seasons for ducks, coots, and gallinule of 100 consecutive days between October 4, 1969, and January 18, 1970, with basic limits on ducks of 6 daily and 12 in possession. The daily bag and possession limit for coots and gallinule is 25, singly or in the aggregate. In the Washington Counties of Adams, Franklin, Grant, Walla Walla, Lincoln, Douglas, Yakima, Benton, and Klickitat, the goose season to be concurrent with the Columbia Basin duck season, with the same limits for geese as the rest of the State. In these areas the daily shooting hours for geese, ducks, coots, and gallinule are from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset.

DUCKS,
COOTS, AND
GALLINULE
OUTSIDE DATES

LIMITS

Between October 4, 1969, and January 11, 1970, States in this Flyway may select an open season on geese of 93 days with a basic daily bag and possession limit of 6.

GEESE

<p>In all States in the Flyway, the daily bag limit shall not include more than 3 geese of the dark species; and that in the entire States of Arizona and Utah; in Clark County, Nevada; in the Idaho Counties of Bear Lake, Bonneville, Caribou, Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Power, Bannock, Oneida, and Franklin; and in those portions of the States of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico placed in the Pacific Flyway, the daily bag and possession limit shall not include more than 2 Canada geese.</p>	<p>GEESE LIMITS</p>
<p>In that portion of California Fish and Game District No. 22 for which California selects the open season, the daily bag and possession limits shall not include more than 1 Canada goose.</p>	<p>CAL. FISH & GAME DISTRICT</p>
<p>No open season on snow, blue, and Ross' geese is prescribed in the <u>Idaho</u> Counties of Clark, Madison, Fremont, and Teton; nor the <u>Montana</u> Counties of Beaverhead, Gallatin, and Madison.</p>	<p>CLOSED SEASON</p>
<p>In all States in the Flyway, the daily bag and possession limit shall not include more than 1 Ross' goose.</p>	<p>RESTRICTION GOOSE (ROSS')</p>
<p>In the States of Washington and Idaho, the daily bag limit is 3 geese and the possession limit is 6.</p>	<p>GEESE LIMITS</p>
<p>The boundaries of the Tule Lake Area and the Colorado River area in California remain the same as last year and seasons coincide with the adjacent areas of Oregon and Arizona respectively. The remainder of the State of California waterfowl season is to be selected under the appropriate option.</p>	<p>TULE LAKE AND COLORADO RIVER AREA</p>
<p>Between October 4, 1969, and January 11, 1970, States in this Flyway may select seasons on Wilson's snipe of 50 consecutive days with a daily bag limit of 8 and possession limit of 16.</p>	<p>WILSON'S SNIPE</p>
<p>In the States of Utah and Nevada, an open season for taking a limited number of whistling swans under special permit is prescribed with the following conditions: (a) the season to run concurrently with the season for ducks; (b) in the State of Utah, not more than 2500 permits may be issued authorizing each permittee to take 1 whistling swan; (c) in the State of Nevada, in the Counties of Churchill and Pershing only, not more than 500 permits may be issued authorizing each permittee to take 1 whistling swan. (d) permit forms and correspondingly numbered metal locking seals will be furnished by the Bureau and issued by the appropriate Department of Game and Fish without charge on an equitable basis.</p>	<p>WHISTLING SWAN</p>
<p>Between October 4, 1969, and February 22, 1970, States in this Flyway may select seasons on brant of 93 consecutive days with daily bag limit of 4 and possession limit of 8.</p>	<p>BRANT</p>