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"DOVE CONFERENCE" CALLED

The first of two annual public meetings to set migratory game bird hunting regulations for the 1974-75 season will be held in Washington, D.C., on June 25th, Lynn A. Greenwalt, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

This first conference will discuss proposed migratory shore bird and upland game bird hunting regulations. A second conference to discuss waterfowl hunting regulations will be held during August.

The "Dove Conference," as it is commonly known, will hear reports from wildlife biologists on the status of mourning doves, woodcock, band-tailed pigeons, white-winged doves, rails, gallinules, and common snipe. The conferees will then discuss a proposed set of regulations setting seasons and bag limits for these birds.

Notice of these meetings is required to be published in the Federal Register under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The conference is composed of regional and State fish and game officials plus representatives of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, the Wildlife Society, the National Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, Izaak Walton League, Outdoor Writers Association, and the Wildlife Management Institute.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. Those interested should notify the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C., or call area code 202/343-6025. Written statements from the public should be sent to the Director at the above address. To the extent that time permits, the Committee will hear oral statements from the public at the completion of the agenda provided written copies are provided for the record.

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