



## Certification Page Regular and Emergency Rules

<b>1. General Information</b>			
a. Agency/Board Name <i>See attached list for references</i> Wyoming Game and Fish Department			
b. Agency/Board Address 3030 Energy Lane		c. Agency/Board City Casper	d. Agency/Board Zip Code 82604
e. Name of Contact Person Mike Choma		f. Contact Telephone Number 307-473-3400	
g. Contact Email Address mike.choma@wyo.gov			h. Adoption Date: August 8, 2012
i. Program(s) <i>See attached list for references</i> Game and Fish Commission - Hunt			
<b>2. Rule Type and Information</b>			
a. These rules are: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Emergency Rules</b> ( <i>After completing all of Section 2, proceed to Section 5 below</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Regular Rules</b>			
b. Choose all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Rules*</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Amended Rules</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Repealed Rules</b>			
* "New" rules means the first set of regular rules to be promulgated by the Agency after the Legislature adopted a new statutory provision or significantly amended an existing statute.			
If "New," provide the Enrolled Act number and year enacted:			
c. Provide the Chapter Number, and Short Title of Each Chapter being Created/Amended/Repealed ( <i>if more than 5 chapters are being created/amended/repealed, please use the Additional Rule Information form and attach it to this certification</i> )			
Chapter Number:	14	Short Title:	Late Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons
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d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Statement of Reasons is attached to this certification.			
e. If applicable, describe the emergency which requires promulgation of these rules without providing notice or an opportunity for a public hearing:  See attached justification			
<b>3. State Government Notice of Intended Rulemaking</b>			
a. Date on which the Notice of Intent containing all of the information required by W.S. 16-3-103(a) was filed with the <b>Secretary of State:</b>			N/A
b. Date on which the Notice of Intent and proposed rules in strike and underscore format were provided to the <b>Legislative Service Office:</b>			N/A
c. Date on which the Notice of Intent and proposed rules in strike and underscore format were provided to the <b>Attorney General:</b>			N/A

**4. Public Notice of Intended Rulemaking**

a. Notice was mailed 45 days in advance to all persons who made a timely request for advance notice.  Yes  No  N/A

b. A public hearing was held on the proposed rules.  Yes  No

If "Yes:"	Date:	Time:	City:	Location:

**5. Final Filing of Rules**

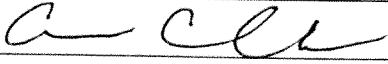
a. Date on which the Certification Page with original signatures and final rules were sent to the **Attorney General's Office** for the Governor's signature: August 10, 2012

b. Date on which final rules were sent to the **Legislative Service Office**: August 10, 2012

c. Date on which a PDF of the final rules was electronically sent to the **Secretary of State**: August 10, 2012

**6. Agency/Board Certification**

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing information is correct.

Signature of Authorized Individual	
Printed Name of Signatory	Aaron Clark
Signatory Title	President, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission
Date of Signature	August 8, 2012

**7. Governor's Certification**

I have reviewed these rules and determined that they:

1. Are within the scope of the statutory authority delegated to the adopting agency;
2. Appear to be within the scope of the legislative purpose of the statutory authority; and, if emergency rules,
3. Are necessary and that I concur in the finding that they are an emergency.

Therefore, I approve the same.

Governor's Signature	
Date of Signature	

**Distribution List:**

**Attorney General**

1. Statement of Reasons;
2. Original Certification Page;
3. Summary of Comments (regular rules);
4. Hard copy of rules: clean and strike/underscore; and
5. Memo to Governor documenting emergency (emergency rules).

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# WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

### EMERGENCY RULE

#### CHAPTER 14 LATE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

W.S. §23-1-302(a)(i) directs and empowers the Commission to fix seasons and bag limits, shorten or close seasons on any species or sex of wildlife for any type of legal weapon, except predatory animals, predacious birds, protected animals and protected birds, in any specified locality of Wyoming, and to give notice thereof.

In March each year, the Department prepares alternative regulations for late migratory game bird hunting seasons to present at the public meetings. The alternatives are based upon moderate and liberal frameworks defined under the federal Adaptive Harvest Management (AHM) process. The Department did not seek approval of a specific framework at the April Commission Meeting because the USFWS does not set the final waterfowl seasons until much later in the summer after population data and waterfowl breeding conditions have been analyzed. The public review process for the federal framework also extends into late summer.

On July 25-26, 2012, the Service Regulations Committee (SRC) met and selected the liberal regulatory framework for the 2012-2013 late migratory game bird hunting season. In addition, the SRC removed the internal bag restriction on scaup ducks, as recommended by the scaup harvest management strategy. Regulations adopted by the Commission shall be no less restrictive than regulations governing the taking of migratory game birds adopted by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service, in order that State regulations do not conflict with Federal regulations. Therefore, the liberal regulatory framework version of Chapter 14 is provided for Commission action in the form of an emergency regulation. An emergency regulation is necessary because the final federal framework was not announced in sufficient time to promulgate a final regulation at the Commission meeting on July 9-11, 2012, and Chapter 14 must be approved prior to the September 13-14, 2012, Commission meeting in order that regulations can be printed and distributed before the first opening date of the late migratory bird hunting seasons (youth hunt day) on September 15.

The following additional changes have been made to the version of Chapter 14 that was presented at public meetings earlier in the year:

#### Section 4

- The internal bag restriction on scaup ducks has been eliminated.

# WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

## CHAPTER 14

### LATE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

#### EMERGENCY RULE

(Emergency rules are no longer in effect 120 days after filing with the Secretary of State.)

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of late migratory game birds as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) "Adult" means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (b) "Central Flyway" means that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.
- (c) "Daily Bag Limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (d) "Dark Geese" means Canada goose, cackling goose, white-fronted goose and brant.
- (e) "Federal Duck Stamp" means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.
- (f) "Light Geese" means snow goose, blue goose and Ross' goose.
- (g) "Migratory Game Bird" means all migratory game birds defined under federal law.
- (h) "Nontoxic Shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (i) "Pacific Flyway" means that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.
- (j) "Possession Limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally in possession. Migratory game birds in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. When a person hunts in more than one (1) state, flyway, or zone, the person's total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states, flyways, or zones in which the hunting takes place.
- (k) "Waterfowl" means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

#### **Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) **Wounding and Retrieving.** No person shall wound or kill any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and reduce it to possession.

(b) Federal Regulations. 16 USC 703-711 and 718a; 50 CFR 10 and 50 CFR 20, revised as of October 1, 2011, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the hunting, taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, the requirement for a valid federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp and the requirement for state participation in the National Harvest Information Program, are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

(i) Automatic loading, pump, or repeating shotguns shall be plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine.

(ii) Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. A federal duck stamp is required for persons sixteen (16) years of age and older to hunt ducks, geese and mergansers, but a federal duck stamp is not required to hunt coots, sandhill cranes, crows, mourning doves, rail or snipe.

(iii) National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit. Each person obtaining a HIP permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Hunters who obtain a HIP permit through the Electronic License Service shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this Section. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate validation is required from each state in which you hunt.

(c) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of migratory game birds, except mourning doves, in the field and while the birds are being transported.

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) Nontoxic Shot. No person shall hunt cranes, ducks, geese, mergansers or coots while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot shall also be required when hunting any game with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(e) Species and Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Shooting Hours, Bag Limit and Limitations.

(i) For information regarding rail, snipe, sandhill crane and early Canada goose seasons, refer to Chapter 39, Early Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

(ii) Pacific Flyway

WATERFOWL - PACIFIC FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>						
DUCKS and MERGANSERS	Sep. 22	Jan. 4	See Sec. 6	d, e	7**	14**
COOTS	Sep. 22	Jan. 4	See Sec. 6	d, e	25	25
DARK GEESE	Sep. 22	Dec. 27	See Sec. 6	d, e	3	6

\*\* The daily bag limit of seven (7) ducks and mergansers may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than one (1) canvasback;
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than two (2) hen mallards; and,
- no more than two (2) redheads.

The possession limit shall be two (2) daily bag limits.

(iii) Central Flyway Zones. The Central Flyway is divided into two (2) zones for the 2012-2013 season. Refer to the season dates for the zone in which you are hunting.

(A) ZONE C1 shall include Big Horn, Converse, Goshen, Hot Springs, Natrona, Park, Platte and Washakie counties, and Fremont County excluding those portions south or west of the Continental Divide.

(B) ZONE C2 shall include Albany, Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Laramie, Niobrara, Sheridan and Weston counties; and that portion of Carbon County east of the Continental Divide.

## (iv) Central Flyway

<b>WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY</b>						
<b>Species and Hunt Areas</b>	<b>Dates of Season</b>		<b>Shooting Hours</b>	<b>Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>	
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>			<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>
LIGHT GEESE	Oct. 6	Dec. 30	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	10	40
	Jan. 30	Feb. 17	See Sec. 6	a, b, c	10	40
<b><u>ZONE C1</u></b>						
DUCKS	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	See Sec. 6	b	6**	12**
	Nov. 3	Jan. 22	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	See Sec. 6	b	5**	10**
	Nov. 3	Jan. 22	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	5**	10**
COOTS	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	See Sec. 6	b	15	30
	Nov. 3	Jan. 22	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. 20 c after Nov. 14	15	30
DARK GEESE All counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Nov. 3	Dec. 2	See Sec. 6	c after Nov. 14	5	10
	Dec. 8	Feb. 4	See Sec. 6		5	10
DARK GEESE Goshen and Platte Counties*	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	See Sec. 6	b	2	4
	Nov. 21	Feb. 17	See Sec. 6	a, b	4	8

\*For Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt information, see Section 8.

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
<b><u>ZONE C2</u></b>						
DUCKS	Sep. 22	Nov. 25	See Sec. 6		6**	12**
	Dec. 8	Jan. 8	See Sec. 6		6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Sep. 22	Nov. 25	See Sec. 6		5**	10**
	Dec. 8	Jan. 8	See Sec. 6		5**	10**
COOTS	Sep. 22	Nov. 25	See Sec. 6		15	30
	Dec. 8	Jan. 8	See Sec. 6		15	30
DARK GEESE	Sep. 22	Nov. 25	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Dec. 8	Jan. 16	See Sec. 6		5	10

\*\*The daily bag limit of six (6) ducks may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than five (5) mallards of which not more than one (1) shall be a hen;
- no more than one (1) canvasback;
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than three (3) wood ducks; and,
- no more than two (2) redheads.

The daily bag limit of five (5) mergansers shall not include more than two (2) hooded mergansers. Except for light geese, the possession limit shall be two (2) daily bag limits.

(f) Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days. In the Pacific Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 15-16, 2012. In Zone C1 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 29-30, 2012. In Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 15-16, 2012. Only persons fifteen (15) years of age and younger may take ducks, mergansers, coots and geese (light geese cannot be taken in the Pacific Flyway) on the special youth waterfowl hunting days, subject to the following conditions:

(i) All youth hunters shall be accompanied in the field by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(ii) No more than four (4) youths shall be supervised by any one (1) adult.

(iii) The adult shall not take ducks, coots, mergansers or geese, but may participate in other open seasons.

(iv) All license and stamp requirements, daily bag limits, species and sex restrictions, shooting hours and other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose seasons, as defined for each

flyway, shall apply during the special youth hunting days. In Goshen and Platte Counties, the daily bag limit for dark geese shall be four (4) on the youth hunting days.

(v) The areas described in Section 5(b), (d) and (e) shall be closed to hunting during youth days.

**Section 5. Description of Closed Areas.** The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Section 4.

(a) Goshen County

(i) Hawk Springs Reservoir. Beginning where the east fence of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way meets the south fence enclosing Hawk Springs Reservoir; due east along said fence to Goshen County Road 51; northerly along said road to the access road to the northeast dam of the reservoir; southwesterly along said road to the northeast dam and the fence enclosing the reservoir; northwesterly along said fence to the second gate; southwesterly from said gate to the northwest corner of the fence enclosing the reservoir; southerly along said fence to the beginning point.

(ii) Springer Reservoir. Beginning on U.S. Highway 85 at the George Marlatt farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake; southerly to the northwest corner of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary south of the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south across the Whispering Wings LLC property to the Craig and Roberta Fulmer pasture fence; southerly and westerly along said fence to the Yoder-Bump-Sullivan Road (Goshen County Road 37); southerly along said road to the county road (Goshen County Road 42) on the south boundary of the Springer WHMA; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse. See Section 8 regarding the portion of the Springer WHMA south of Goshen County Road 42.

(iii) Pond No. 1 Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Pond No. 1 and adjacent lands as marked by colored signs and posts.

(iv) Miller Lake (Glomill Reservoir). Miller Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(v) North Platte River. That portion of the North Platte River and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of each bank of said river located between the two river crossings of Wyoming Highway 157.

(b) Platte County

(i) Festo Lake. Festo Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(ii) Wheatland Reservoir No. 1. Wheatland Reservoir No. 1 and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line and all Wheatland Irrigation District lands adjacent to the reservoir, in addition to those included in the three hundred (300) yard closure, shall be closed to hunting.

(c) Fremont County

(i) Ocean Lake. The waters of Ocean Lake and the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands within approximately one-half (1/2) mile of the aeration system on the north side of the lake shall be closed to migratory game bird hunting beginning November 15 through December 31 and

January 1 through March 10 of each year. Beginning December 15 through March 10, the area shall be closed to all human presence, except for Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access, within one-half (1/2) mile of the aerator on the ice and as marked by signs on Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands around the aerator.

(d) Sweetwater County

(i) Eden Reservoir. Eden Reservoir and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(e) Lincoln County

(i) Palisades Reservoir. Beginning at the junction of the McCoy Creek Road and U.S. Highway 89; northerly on U.S. Highway 89 for one and six-tenths (1.6) miles to the Palisades Reservoir high water line; westerly along said high water line to the Wyoming - Idaho state line; south along said state line to the McCoy Creek Road; southeasterly along the McCoy Creek Road to U.S. Highway 89 shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

**Section 6. Shooting Hours.** Except as provided in Section 6(a), shooting hours for all migratory game birds shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in Section 6(b).

(a) Within the following areas: Goshen County north of Wyoming Highway 313 and County Road 28; and those portions of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25 or south of Wyoming Highway 160 (Gray Rocks Road) and Riverview Road (Platte County Road 271). Shooting hours for dark geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m., except on the dates listed in subsections (i), (ii) and (iii), when shooting hours shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in subsection 6(b) – Area D.

(i) October 6 through October 21.

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 21 through December 31.

(iii) All Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays from January 1 through the close of the dark goose season.

(b) 2012 - 2013 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for migratory game bird hunting. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

ST = Starting Time      QT = Quitting Time

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
<b>September</b>								
1-7	6:18	7:48	6:12	7:42	6:04	7:34	5:58	7:28
8-14	6:25	7:35	6:19	7:29	6:11	7:21	6:05	7:15
15-21	6:33	7:23	6:27	7:17	6:19	7:09	6:13	7:03
22-30	6:41	7:08	6:35	7:02	6:27	6:54	6:21	6:48
<b>October</b>								
1-7	6:51	6:54	6:45	6:48	6:37	6:40	6:31	6:34
8-14	6:59	6:42	6:53	6:36	6:45	6:28	6:39	6:22
15-21	7:07	6:31	7:01	6:25	6:53	6:17	6:47	6:11
22-31	7:17	6:18	7:11	6:12	7:03	6:04	6:57	5:58
<b>November</b>								
1-3	7:26	6:10	7:20	6:04	7:12	5:56	7:06	5:50
*4-14	6:34	5:02	6:28	4:56	6:20	4:48	6:14	4:42
15-21	6:45	4:53	6:39	4:47	6:31	4:39	6:25	4:33
22-30	6:55	4:48	6:49	4:42	6:41	4:34	6:35	4:28
<b>December</b>								
1-7	7:04	4:45	6:58	4:39	6:50	4:31	6:44	4:25
8-14	7:10	4:45	7:04	4:39	6:56	4:31	6:50	4:25
15-21	7:15	4:47	7:09	4:41	7:01	4:33	6:55	4:27
22-31	7:19	4:52	7:13	4:46	7:05	4:38	6:59	4:32
<b>January</b>								
1-7	7:20	4:59	7:14	4:53	7:06	4:45	7:00	4:39
8-14	7:19	5:06	7:13	5:00	7:05	4:52	6:59	4:46
15-21	7:15	5:14	7:09	5:08	7:01	5:00	6:55	4:54
22-31	7:09	5:26	7:03	5:20	6:55	5:12	6:49	5:06
<b>February</b>								
1-7	7:00	5:37	6:54	5:31	6:46	5:23	6:40	5:17
8-14	6:51	5:46	6:45	5:40	6:37	5:32	6:31	5:26
15-17	6:44	5:53	6:38	5:47	6:30	5:39	6:24	5:33

\*Start Mountain Standard Time

AREA A - Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta counties

AREA B - Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie counties

AREA C - Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan counties

AREA D - Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston counties

**Section 7. Falconry Seasons.** Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of falcons in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season and special extended seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 6, Section 5 and Section 4(a), (b) and (c) and the closures identified in Section 4(e).

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed six (6) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the open hunting season or special extended falconry season. The falconry

bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 4, Hunting Regulations.

FALCONRY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Open Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
<b>ZONE C1</b> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 29	Oct. 24	See Sec. 6	Limitations in effect in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply	3**	6**
	Nov. 3	Jan. 22				
<b>ZONE C2</b> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 15	Sep. 16				
	Sep. 22	Dec. 3				
	Dec. 8	Jan. 8				
Dark Geese - Central Flyway, Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 6	Oct. 21				
	Nov. 21	Feb. 17				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. 6	Oct. 21				
	Nov. 3	Dec. 2				
	Dec. 8	Feb. 4				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all Counties in Zone C2	Sep. 22	Nov. 25				
	Dec. 8	Jan. 16				
Light Geese - Central Flyway	Oct. 6	Dec. 30				
	Jan. 30	Feb. 17				
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots – Pacific Flyway	Sep. 15	Sep. 16				
	Sep. 22	Jan. 4				
Dark Geese - Pacific Flyway	Sep. 1	Sep. 8				
	Sep. 22	Dec. 27				

\*\*The daily bag and possession limits, singly or in the aggregate, may include any species and sex of ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, rail, snipe and mourning doves when seasons for these species are open.

**Section 8. Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.** Nineteen (19) numbered pits/blinds shall be available each day during the dark goose hunting season and shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis within the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area in Goshen County. From November 21, 2012, through February 17, 2013, hunting during dark goose shooting hours shall only be allowed from pits/blinds. Maps of pits/blinds shall be posted at the Springer Check Station one and one-quarter (1-1/4) miles west of Highway 85 on Goshen County Road 42, and at the established parking areas. The check station shall not be operated during the 2012-2013 goose hunting season. Hunters shall not be required to register or obtain a goose special management permit to participate in the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.

(a) Selection of pits/blinds. Hunters and hunting parties shall occupy pits/blinds by parking one vehicle directly in front of the post that is marked with the corresponding number of the pit/blind. Vehicles shall not be parked overnight to reserve a pit/blind. Vehicles shall also not be parked in front of the numbered post of a pit/blind other than the one the hunting party is occupying.

(b) Access to pits/blinds. Hunters shall only park in the established parking areas. No more than two (2) vehicles per pit/blind shall be allowed in the parking lots. No person shall drive a vehicle beyond the established parking areas during the goose and duck hunting seasons, except for Department administrative access. Hunters may use a non-motorized cart, watercraft or toboggan to transport decoys and other gear to and from the pit/blind. Hunters shall not change pits/blinds except by returning to the parking area and moving their vehicle to the numbered post corresponding to the new pit/blind.

(c) Leaving pits/blinds. Hunters may arrive at and depart from pits/blinds at any time, but while hunting, hunters shall remain at the pit/blind at all times except hunters may leave to arrange decoys, retrieve downed birds or to return to the parking lot.

(d) Condition of pits/blinds. Hunters shall not damage or modify pits/blinds or use staples or nails to attach objects. It is permissible to move natural cover such as driftwood around or against the outside of a blind or pit. At the end of the hunt, all doors and lids shall be closed.

(e) Commercial operations. No person shall conduct a commercially guided or outfitted hunt on the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area.

(f) Trash removal. Hunters shall remove all trash or litter, including spent shell casings.

(g) The Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area is open to light goose hunting during the Light Goose Conservation Order. Only the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area and the portion of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area south of Goshen County Road 42 are open to light goose hunting. Participants shall be required to park only in the established parking locations. Pits/blinds shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis, however participants are not required to hunt from the established pits or blinds. There shall be no registration requirement. Participants shall comply with all requirements set forth in Chapter 48, Light Goose Conservation Order.

**Section 9. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

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**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 14**

**LATE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS**

**EMERGENCY RULE**

**(Emergency rules are no longer in effect 120 days after filing with the Secretary of State.)**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of late migratory game birds as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) “Adult” means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (b) “Central Flyway” means that portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.
- (c) “Daily Bag Limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (d) “Dark Geese” means Canada goose, cackling goose, white-fronted goose and brant.
- (e) “Federal Duck Stamp” means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.
- (f) “Light Geese” means snow goose, blue goose and Ross’ goose.
- (g) “Migratory Game Bird” means all migratory game birds defined under federal law.
- (h) “Nontoxic Shot” means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.
- (i) “Pacific Flyway” means that portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.
- (j) “Possession Limit” means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally in possession. Migratory game birds in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. When a person hunts in more than one (1) state, ~~or~~ flyway, **or zone**, the person’s total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states, ~~or~~ flyways, **or zones** in which the hunting takes place.
- (k) “Waterfowl” means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Wounding and Retrieving. No person shall wound or kill any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and reduce it to possession.

(b) Federal Regulations. 16 USC 703-711 and 718a; 50 CFR 10 and 50 CFR 20, revised as of October 1, ~~2010~~2011, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the hunting, taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, the requirement for a valid federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp and the requirement for state participation in the National Harvest Information Program, are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

(i) Automatic loading, pump, or repeating shotguns shall be plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine.

(ii) Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. A federal duck stamp is required for persons sixteen (16) years of age and older to hunt ducks, geese and mergansers, but a federal duck stamp is not required to hunt coots, sandhill cranes, crows, mourning doves, rail or snipe.

(iii) National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit. Each person obtaining a HIP permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Hunters who obtain a HIP permit through the Electronic License Service shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this Section. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate validation is required from each state in which you hunt.

(c) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of migratory game birds, except mourning doves, in the field and while the birds are being transported.

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) Nontoxic Shot. No person shall hunt cranes, ducks, geese, mergansers or coots while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot shall also be required when hunting any game with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(e) Species and Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Shooting Hours, Bag Limit and Limitations.

(i) For information regarding rail, snipe, sandhill crane and early Canada goose seasons, refer to Chapter 39, Early Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

(ii) Pacific Flyway

<b>WATERFOWL - PACIFIC FLYWAY</b>						
<b>Species and Hunt Areas</b>	<b>Dates of Season</b>		<b>Shooting Hours</b>	<b>Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>	
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>			<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>

WATERFOWL - PACIFIC FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
<b><u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u></b>						
DUCKS and MERGANSERS	Sep. <del>24</del> <u>22</u>	Jan. 6 <u>4</u>	See Sec. 6	d, e	7**	14**
COOTS	Sep. <del>24</del> <u>22</u>	Jan. 6 <u>4</u>	See Sec. 6	d, e	25	25
DARK GEESE	Sep. <del>24</del> <u>22</u>	Dec. <del>29</del> <u>27</u>	See Sec. 6	d, e	3	6

In the Pacific Flyway, the scaup season shall be closed except on the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days and during the period September 24 through December 18 when the daily bag limit for scaup ducks shall be three (3) and shall be counted as part of the aggregate bag limit for ducks.

\*\* The daily bag limit of seven (7) ducks and mergansers may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than one (1) canvasback;
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than two (2) hen mallards; **and**,
- no more than two (2) redheads; **and**,
- ~~no more than three (3) scaup during the dates scaup may be taken.~~

The possession limit shall be two (2) daily bag limits.

(iii) Central Flyway Zones. The Central Flyway is divided into two (2) zones for the ~~2011-2012~~**2012-2013** season. Refer to the season dates for the zone in which you are hunting.

(A) ZONE C1 shall include **Big Horn**, Converse, Goshen, Hot Springs, Natrona, **Park**, Platte, and Washakie Counties, **and Fremont County excluding those portions south or west of the Continental Divide**; ~~and that portion of Park County east of the Shoshone National Forest boundary and south of a line beginning where the Shoshone National Forest boundary crosses Park County Road 8VC, easterly along said road to Park County Road 1AB, easterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 120, northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 294, southeasterly along said highway to Lane 9, easterly along said lane to the town of Powell and Wyoming Highway 14A, easterly along said highway to the Park County line.~~

(B) ZONE C2 shall include Albany, ~~Big Horn~~, Campbell, Crook, ~~Fremont~~, Johnson, Laramie, Niobrara, Sheridan, **and Weston** Counties; **and** that portion of Carbon County east of the Continental Divide; ~~that portion of Park County west of the Shoshone National Forest boundary, and that portion of Park County north of a line beginning where the Shoshone National Forest boundary crosses Park County Road 8VC, easterly along said road to Park County Road 1AB, easterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 120, northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 294, southeasterly along said highway to Lane 9, easterly along said lane to the town of Powell and Wyoming Highway 14A, easterly along said highway to the Park County line.~~

(iv) Central Flyway

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
LIGHT GEESE	Oct. <del>16</del>	Dec. <del>25</del> <u>30</u>	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. <del>18</del> <u>20</u> c after Nov. 14	10	40
	Jan. <del>28</del> <u>30</u>	Feb. <del>15</del> <u>17</u>	See Sec. 6	a, b, c	10	40
<b><u>ZONE C1</u></b>						
DUCKS	Oct. <del>16</del>	Oct. <del>16</del> <u>21</u>	See Sec. 6	b	6**	12**
	<del>Oct. 29</del> Nov. <del>3</del>	Jan. <del>17</del> <u>22</u>	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. <del>18</del> <u>20</u> c after Nov. 14	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Oct. <del>16</del>	Oct. <del>16</del> <u>21</u>	See Sec. 6	b	5**	10**
	<del>Oct. 29</del> Nov. <del>3</del>	Jan. <del>17</del> <u>22</u>	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. <del>18</del> <u>20</u> c after Nov. 14	5**	10**
COOTS	Oct. <del>16</del>	Oct. <del>16</del> <u>21</u>	See Sec. 6	b	15	30
	<del>Oct. 29</del> Nov. <del>3</del>	Jan. <del>17</del> <u>22</u>	See Sec. 6	b a after Nov. <del>18</del> <u>20</u> c after Nov. 14	15	30
DARK GEESE All counties <b><u>in Zone C1</u></b> except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. <del>16</del>	Oct. <del>16</del> <u>21</u>	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Nov. <del>5</del> <u>3</u>	Dec. <del>4</del> <u>2</u>	See Sec. 6	<b>c after Nov. 14</b>	5	10
	Dec. <del>10</del> <u>8</u>	Feb. <del>6</del> <u>4</u>	See Sec. 6		5	10
DARK GEESE Goshen and Platte Counties*	Oct. <del>16</del>	Oct. <del>16</del> <u>21</u>	See Sec. 6	b	2	4
	Nov. <del>19</del> <u>21</u>	Feb. <del>12</del> <u>17</u>	See Sec. 6	a, b	4	8

\*For Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt information, see Section 8.

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
<b><u>ZONE C2</u></b>						
DUCKS	Sep. <del>24</del> <u>22</u>	Nov. <del>27</del> <u>25</u>	See Sec. 6	<del>e after Nov. 14</del>	6**	12**

WATERFOWL - CENTRAL FLYWAY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Shooting Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession
	Dec. <del>4</del> <u>8</u>	Jan. <del>4</del> <u>8</u>	See Sec. 6	e	6**	12**
MERGANSERS	Sep. <del>24</del> <u>22</u>	Nov. <del>27</del> <u>25</u>	See Sec. 6	e after Nov. 14	5**	10**
	Dec. <del>4</del> <u>8</u>	Jan. <del>4</del> <u>8</u>	See Sec. 6	e	5**	10**
COOTS	Sep. <del>24</del> <u>22</u>	Nov. <del>27</del> <u>25</u>	See Sec. 6	e after Nov. 14	15	30
	Dec. <del>4</del> <u>8</u>	Jan. <del>4</del> <u>8</u>	See Sec. 6	e	15	30
DARK GEESE Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sep. <del>24</del> <u>22</u>	<del>Oct. 18</del> <u>Nov. 25</u>	See Sec. 6		5	10
	<del>Nov. 5</del> <u>Dec. 8</u>	<del>Dec. 4</del> <u>Jan. 16</u>	See Sec. 6	e after Nov. 14	5	10
	<del>Dec. 10</del>	<del>Jan. 28</del>	See Sec. 6	e	5	10
DARK GEESE All counties except Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sep. 24	Nov. 27	See Sec. 6		5	10
	Dec. 10	Jan. 18	See Sec. 6		5	10

\*\*The daily bag limit of six (6) ducks may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than five (5) mallards of which not more than one (1) shall be a hen;
- no more than one (1) canvasback;
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than three (3) wood ducks; **and,**
- no more than two (2) redheads;
- ~~no more than two (2) scaup.~~

The daily bag limit of five (5) mergansers shall not include more than two (2) hooded mergansers. Except for light geese, the possession limit shall be two (2) daily bag limits.

(f) Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days. In the Pacific Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September ~~15-16, 2012~~17-18, 2011. In Zone C1 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September ~~29-30, 2012~~24-25, 2011. In Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September ~~15-16, 2012~~17-18, 2011. Only persons fifteen (15) years of age and younger may take ducks, mergansers, coots and geese (light geese cannot be taken in the Pacific Flyway) on the special youth waterfowl hunting days, subject to the following conditions:

(i) All youth hunters shall be accompanied in the field by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(ii) No more than four (4) youths shall be supervised by any one (1) adult.

(iii) The adult shall not take ducks, coots, mergansers or geese, but may participate in other open seasons.

(iv) All license and stamp requirements, daily bag limits, species and sex restrictions, shooting hours and other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose seasons, as defined for each flyway, shall apply during the special youth hunting days. In Goshen and Platte Counties, the daily bag limit for dark geese shall be four (4) on the youth hunting days.

(v) The areas described in Section 5(b), (d) and (e) shall be closed to hunting during youth days.

**Section 5. Description of Closed Areas.** The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Section 4.

(a) Goshen County

(i) Hawk Springs Reservoir. Beginning where the east fence of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way meets the south fence enclosing Hawk Springs Reservoir; due east along said fence to Goshen County Road 51; northerly along said road to the access road to the northeast dam of the reservoir; southwesterly along said road to the northeast dam and the fence enclosing the reservoir; northwesterly along said fence to the second gate; southwesterly from said gate to the northwest corner of the fence enclosing the reservoir; southerly along said fence to the beginning point.

(ii) Springer Reservoir. Beginning on U.S. Highway 85 at the George Marlatt farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake; southerly to the northwest corner of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary south of the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south across the Whispering Wings LLC property to the Craig and Roberta Fulmer pasture fence; southerly and westerly along said fence to the Yoder-Bump-Sullivan Road (Goshen County Road 37); southerly along said road to the county road (Goshen County Road 42) on the south boundary of the Springer WHMA; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse. See Section 8 regarding the portion of the Springer WHMA south of Goshen County Road 42.

(iii) Pond No. 1 Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Pond No. 1 and adjacent lands as marked by colored signs and posts.

(iv) Miller Lake (Glomill Reservoir). Miller Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(v) North Platte River. That portion of the North Platte River and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of each bank of said river located between the two river crossings of Wyoming Highway 157.

(b) Platte County

(i) Festo Lake. Festo Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(ii) Wheatland Reservoir No. 1. Wheatland Reservoir No. 1 and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line and all Wheatland Irrigation District lands adjacent to the reservoir, in addition to those included in the three hundred (300) yard closure, shall be closed to hunting.

(c) Fremont County

(i) Ocean Lake. The waters of Ocean Lake and the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands within approximately one-half (1/2) mile of the aeration system on the north side of the lake shall be closed to migratory game bird hunting beginning November 15 through December 31 and January 1 through March 10 of each year. Beginning December 15 through March 10, the area shall be closed to all human presence, except for Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access, within one-half (1/2) mile of the aerator on the ice and as marked by signs on Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands around the aerator.

(d) Sweetwater County

(i) Eden Reservoir. Eden Reservoir and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(e) Lincoln County

(i) Palisades Reservoir. Beginning at the junction of the McCoy Creek Road and U.S. Highway 89; northerly on U.S. Highway 89 for one and six-tenths (1.6) miles to the Palisades Reservoir high water line; westerly along said high water line to the Wyoming - Idaho state line; south along said state line to the McCoy Creek Road; southeasterly along the McCoy Creek Road to U.S. Highway 89 shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

**Section 6. Shooting Hours.** Except as provided in Section 6(a), shooting hours for all migratory game birds shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in Section 6(b).

(a) Within the following areas: Goshen County north of Wyoming Highway 313 and County Road 28; and those portions of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25 or south of Wyoming Highway 160 (Gray Rocks Road) and Riverview Road (Platte County Road 271). Shooting hours for dark geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m., except on the dates listed in subsections (i), (ii) and (iii), when shooting hours shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in subsection 6(b) – Area D.

(i) October ~~16~~ through October ~~16~~**21**.

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November ~~19~~**21** through December 31.

(iii) All Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays from January 1 through the close of the dark goose season.

(b) **2012 - 2013**~~2011 - 2012~~ Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for migratory game bird hunting. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

ST = Starting Time      QT = Quitting Time

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
<b>September</b>								
1-7	6: <del>17</del> <b>18</b>	7: <del>49</del> <b>48</b>	6: <del>11</del> <b>12</b>	7: <del>43</del> <b>42</b>	6: <del>03</del> <b>04</b>	7: <del>35</del> <b>34</b>	5: <del>57</del> <b>58</b>	7: <del>29</del> <b>28</b>
8-14	6: <del>24</del> <b>25</b>	7: <del>37</del> <b>35</b>	6: <del>18</del> <b>19</b>	7: <del>31</del> <b>29</b>	6: <del>10</del> <b>11</b>	7: <del>23</del> <b>21</b>	6: <del>04</del> <b>05</b>	7: <del>17</del> <b>15</b>
15-21	6: <del>32</del> <b>33</b>	7: <del>24</del> <b>23</b>	6: <del>26</del> <b>27</b>	7: <del>18</del> <b>17</b>	6: <del>18</del> <b>19</b>	7: <del>10</del> <b>09</b>	6: <del>12</del> <b>13</b>	7: <del>04</del> <b>03</b>

22-30	6:40 <u>41</u>	7:09 <u>08</u>	6:34 <u>35</u>	7:03 <u>02</u>	6:26 <u>27</u>	6:55 <u>54</u>	6:20 <u>21</u>	6:49 <u>48</u>
<b>October</b>								
1-7	6:50 <u>51</u>	6:56 <u>54</u>	6:44 <u>45</u>	6:50 <u>48</u>	6:36 <u>37</u>	6:42 <u>40</u>	6:30 <u>31</u>	6:36 <u>34</u>
8-14	6:58 <u>59</u>	6:44 <u>42</u>	6:52 <u>53</u>	6:38 <u>36</u>	6:44 <u>45</u>	6:30 <u>28</u>	6:38 <u>39</u>	6:24 <u>22</u>
15-21	7:06 <u>07</u>	6:32 <u>31</u>	7:00 <u>01</u>	6:26 <u>25</u>	6:52 <u>53</u>	6:18 <u>17</u>	6:46 <u>47</u>	6:12 <u>11</u>
22-31	7:16 <u>17</u>	6:19 <u>18</u>	7:10 <u>11</u>	6:13 <u>12</u>	7:02 <u>03</u>	6:05 <u>04</u>	6:56 <u>57</u>	5:59 <u>58</u>
<b>November</b>								
1-5 <u>3</u>	7:26	6:09 <u>10</u>	7:20	6:03 <u>04</u>	7:12	5:55 <u>56</u>	7:06	5:49 <u>50</u>
*6 <u>4</u> -14	6:35 <u>34</u>	5:01 <u>02</u>	6:29 <u>28</u>	4:55 <u>56</u>	6:21 <u>20</u>	4:47 <u>48</u>	6:15 <u>14</u>	4:41 <u>42</u>
15-21	6:44 <u>45</u>	4:54 <u>53</u>	6:38 <u>39</u>	4:48 <u>47</u>	6:30 <u>31</u>	4:40 <u>39</u>	6:24 <u>25</u>	4:34 <u>33</u>
22-30	6:54 <u>55</u>	4:48	6:48 <u>49</u>	4:42	6:40 <u>41</u>	4:34	6:34 <u>35</u>	4:28
<b>December</b>								
1-7	7:03 <u>04</u>	4:45	6:57 <u>58</u>	4:39	6:49 <u>50</u>	4:31	6:43 <u>44</u>	4:25
8-14	7:10	4:45	7:04	4:39	6:56	4:31	6:50	4:25
15-21	7:15	4:47	7:09	4:41	7:01	4:33	6:55	4:27
22-31	7:19	4:52	7:13	4:46	7:05	4:38	6:59	4:32
<b>January</b>								
1-7	7:20	4:58 <u>59</u>	7:14	4:52 <u>53</u>	7:06	4:44 <u>45</u>	7:00	4:38 <u>39</u>
8-14	7:19	5:06	7:13	5:00	7:05	4:52	6:59	4:46
15-21	7:16 <u>15</u>	5:13 <u>14</u>	7:10 <u>09</u>	5:07 <u>08</u>	7:02 <u>01</u>	4:59 <u>5</u> <b>00</b>	6:56 <u>55</u>	4:53 <u>54</u>
22-31	7:09	5:25 <u>26</u>	7:03	5:19 <u>20</u>	6:55	5:11 <u>12</u>	6:49	5:05 <u>06</u>
<b>February</b>								
1-7	7:01 <u>00</u>	5:36 <u>37</u>	6:55 <u>54</u>	5:30 <u>31</u>	6:47 <u>46</u>	5:22 <u>23</u>	6:41 <u>40</u>	5:16 <u>17</u>
8-15	6:52	5:46	6:46	5:40	6:38	5:32	6:32	5:26
<b>8-14</b>	<b>6:51</b>	<b>5:46</b>	<b>6:45</b>	<b>5:40</b>	<b>6:37</b>	<b>5:32</b>	<b>6:31</b>	<b>5:26</b>
<b>15-17</b>	<b>6:44</b>	<b>5:53</b>	<b>6:38</b>	<b>5:47</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>5:39</b>	<b>6:24</b>	<b>5:33</b>

\*Start Mountain Standard Time

AREA A - Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta counties

AREA B - Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie counties

AREA C - Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan counties

AREA D - Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston counties

**Section 7. Falconry Seasons.** Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of falcons in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season and special extended seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 6, Section 5 and Section 4(a), (b) and (c) and the closures identified in Section 4(e).

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed six (6) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the open hunting season or special extended falconry season. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 4, Hunting Regulations.

FALCONRY						
Species and Hunt Areas	Dates of Season		Open Hours	Closed Areas Section 5 Subsections	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes			Daily	Possession

<b><u>ZONE C1</u></b> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. <del>24</del> <u>29</u>	<del>Sep.</del> <del>25</del> <u>Oct.</u> <u>24</u>	See Sec. 6	Limitations in effect in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply	3**	6**
	Oct. 1	Oct. 24				
	Oct. <del>29</del> <u>Nov.</u> <u>3</u>	Jan. <del>17</del> <u>22</u>				
<b><u>ZONE C2</u></b> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. <del>17</del> <u>15</u>	Sep. <del>18</del> <u>16</u>				
	Sep. <del>24</del> <u>22</u>	Dec. <del>5</del> <u>3</u>				
	Dec. <del>10</del> <u>8</u>	Jan. <del>10</del> <u>8</u>				
Dark Geese - Central Flyway, Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. <del>16</del> <u>16</u>	Oct. <del>16</del> <u>21</u>				
	Nov. <del>19</del> <u>21</u>	Feb. <del>12</del> <u>17</u>				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte Counties	Oct. <del>16</del> <u>16</u>	Oct. <del>16</del> <u>21</u>				
	Nov. <del>5</del> <u>3</u>	Dec. <del>4</del> <u>2</u>				
	Dec. <del>10</del> <u>8</u>	Feb. <del>6</del> <u>4</u>				
<del>Dark Geese – Central Flyway, Big Horn and Fremont Counties</del>	<del>Sep. 24</del>	<del>Oct. 18</del>				
	<del>Nov. 5</del>	<del>Dec. 4</del>				
	<del>Dec. 10</del>	<del>Jan. 28</del>				
Dark Geese – Central Flyway, all Counties in Zone C2 except Big Horn and Fremont Counties	Sep. <del>24</del> <u>22</u>	Nov. <del>27</del> <u>25</u>				
	Dec. <del>10</del> <u>8</u>	Jan. <del>18</del> <u>16</u>				
Light Geese - Central Flyway	Oct. <del>16</del> <u>16</u>	Dec. <del>25</del> <u>30</u>				
	Jan. <del>28</del> <u>30</u>	Feb. <del>15</del> <u>17</u>				
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots – Pacific Flyway	Sep. <del>17</del> <u>15</u>	Sep. <del>18</del> <u>16</u>				

	Sep. <del>24</del> <sup>22</sup>	Jan. <del>6</del> <sup>4</sup>			
Dark Geese - Pacific Flyway	Sep. 1	Sep. 8			
	Sep. <del>24</del> <sup>22</sup>	Dec. <del>29</del> <sup>27</sup>			

\*\*The daily bag and possession limits, singly or in the aggregate, may include any species and sex of ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, rail, snipe and mourning doves when seasons for these species are open.

**Section 8. Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.** Nineteen (19) numbered pits/~~blinds or hunting locations~~ shall be available each day during the dark goose hunting season and shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis within the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area in Goshen County. From ~~November 19, 2011~~ **November 21, 2012** through ~~February 12, 2012~~ **February 17, 2013**, hunting ~~during dark goose shooting hours~~ shall only be allowed from pits/~~blinds and hunting locations during dark goose shooting hours~~. Maps of pits/~~blinds and hunting locations~~ shall be posted at the Springer Check Station one and one-quarter (1-1/4) miles west of Highway 85 on Goshen County Road 42, and at the established parking areas. The check station shall not be operated during the ~~2011-2012~~ **2012-2013** goose hunting season. Hunters shall not be required to register or obtain a goose special management permit to participate in the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.

(a) ~~Selection of pits/~~blinds or hunting locations~~.~~ Hunters and hunting parties shall occupy pits/~~blinds or hunting locations~~ by parking one vehicle directly in front of the post that is marked with the corresponding number of the pit/~~blind or hunting location~~. Vehicles shall not be parked overnight to reserve a pit/~~blind or hunting location~~. Vehicles shall also not be parked in front of the numbered post of a pit/~~blind or hunting location~~ other than the one the hunting party is occupying.

(b) ~~Access to pits/~~blinds or hunting locations~~.~~ Hunters shall only park in the established parking areas. No more than two (2) vehicles per pit/~~blind or hunting location~~ shall be allowed in the parking lots. No person shall drive a vehicle beyond the established parking areas during the goose and duck hunting seasons, except for Department administrative access. Hunters may use a non-motorized cart, watercraft or toboggan to transport decoys and other gear to and from the pit/~~blind or hunting location~~. Hunters shall not change pits/~~blinds or hunting locations~~ except by returning to the parking area and moving their vehicle to the numbered post corresponding to the new pit/~~blind or hunting location~~.

~~(c) Springer Field Hunting Locations. Three (3) field hunting locations identified by stakes numbered 17 through 19 shall be established in the portion of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area south of Goshen County Road 42 and shall be available for each day of the Bump Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.~~

~~(i) All persons in each party shall only hunt from within ten (10) yards of the assigned stake location. Decoys may be set up outside the ten (10) yard perimeter. Persons may leave the ten (10) yard perimeter to arrange decoys or retrieve downed waterfowl. Persons are responsible for providing their own means of concealment, which may include portable blinds, tarps, or other materials provided all materials shall be removed and transported from the hunt area at the end of the day's hunt.~~

~~(ii) All other requirements of this section shall apply while hunting from the three (3) Springer field hunting locations.~~

~~(d) Leaving pits/~~blinds or Hunting Locations~~.~~ Hunters may arrive at and depart from pits/~~blinds or hunting locations~~ at any time, but while hunting, hunters shall remain at the pit/~~blind or hunting location~~ at all times except hunters may leave to arrange decoys, retrieve downed birds or to return to the parking lot.

~~(e) Condition of pits/~~blinds and Hunting Locations~~.~~ Hunters shall not damage or modify pits/~~blinds or hunting locations~~ or use staples or nails to attach objects. It is permissible to move natural cover

such as driftwood around or against the outside of a blind or pit. At the end of the hunt, all doors and lids shall be closed.

(~~fe~~) Commercial operations. No person shall conduct a commercially guided or outfitted hunt on the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area.

(~~gf~~) Trash removal. Hunters shall remove all trash or litter, including spent shell casings.

(~~hg~~) The Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area is open to light goose hunting during the Light Goose Conservation Order. Only the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area and the portion of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area south of Goshen County Road 42 are open to light goose hunting. Participants shall be required to park only in the established parking locations. ~~Pits, blinds and hunting locations~~ shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis, however participants are not required to hunt from the established pits, or blinds ~~or hunting locations~~. There shall be no registration requirement. Participants shall comply with all requirements set forth in Chapter 48, Light Goose Conservation Order.

**Section 9. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

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Dated: ~~November 17, 2011~~ August 8, 2012