

Waterfowl Regulations SUMMARY for the 2019/2020 Season

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Summary of Adopted Waterfowl Hunting Regulations			
AREA	SPECIES	SEASONS	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
Statewide	Coots & Moorhens	Concurrent w/duckseason	25/day. 75 in possession
Northeastern Zone	Ducks	Oct 5 – Jan 17	7/day, which may include: 7 mallards no more than 2 females, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	Oct 5– Dec 1 & Dec 21 – Jan 17	
	Geese	Regular Season Canada Geese: Oct 5 – Jan 12 White and white-fronted geese: Oct 5 – Dec 1 & Jan 4 – Jan 17 Late Season White and white-fronted geese: Feb 7 – Mar 10	30/day, which may include: 20 white geese, 10 dark geese no more than 2 Large Canada geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Ducks	Oct 19 – Jan 31	7/day, which may include: 7 mallards no more than 2 females, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	Nov 7 – Jan 31	
	Geese	Oct 19 – Jan 31	30/ day, which may include: 20 white geese, 10 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Southern California Zone	Ducks	Oct 19 – Jan 31	7/day, which may include: 7 mallards no more than 2 females, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	Nov 7 – Jan 31	
	Geese	Oct 19 – Jan 31	23/ day, which may include: 20 white geese, 3 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Colorado River Zone	Ducks	Oct 18 – Jan 26	7/day, which may include: 7 mallards no more than 2 females or Mexican-like ducks, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	Nov 2 – Jan 26	
	Geese	Oct 18 – Jan 26	24/day, up to 20 white geese, up to 4 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Balance of State Zone	Ducks	Oct 19 – Jan 31	7/day, which may include: 7 mallards no more than 2 females, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	Nov 7 – Jan 31	
	Geese	Early Season: (Large CAGO only) Sept 28 – Oct 2 Regular Season: Oct 19 – Jan 26 Late Season: (Whitefronts and White geese) Feb 8 – Feb 12	30/day, which may include: 20 white geese, 10 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.

Summary of Adopted Waterfowl Hunting Regulations, continued

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS	SPECIES	SEASONS	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
North Coast	All Canada Geese	Nov 6 – Jan 31 & Feb 22 – Mar 10	10/day, only 1 may be a Large Canada goose. Possession limit triple the daily bag. Large Canada geese are closed during the Late Season.
Humboldt Bay South Spit (West Side)	All species	Closed during brant season	
Klamath Basin	Dark and white geese	Canada geese Oct 5 – Jan 12 White and White-fronted geese Oct 5 – Jan 17	30/day, which may include: 20 white geese, 10 dark geese only 2 may be a Large Canada goose. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Sacramento Valley	White-fronted geese	Open concurrently with general goose season through Dec 21	3/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Morro Bay	All species	Open in designated area only	Waterfowl season opens concurrently with brant season.
Martis Creek Lake	All species	Closed until Nov 16	
Northern Brant	Black Brant	Nov 8 – Dec 14	2/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Balance of State Brant	Black Brant	Nov 9 – Dec 15	2/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Imperial County	White Geese	Nov 7 – Jan 31 & Feb 8 – 26	20/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS	SPECIES	SEASONS	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
Northeastern Zone	Same as regular season	Sept 21 – 22	Same as regular season
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone		Feb 8 – 9	
Southern California Zone		Feb 8 – 9	
Colorado River Zone		Feb 1 – 2	
Balance of State Zone		Feb 8 – 9	
FALCONRY	SPECIES	SEASONS	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
Northeastern Zone	Same as regular season	Oct 5 – Jan 12	3/day, possession limit 9
Balance of State Zone		Oct 19 – Jan 31 & Feb 8 – 9	
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Ducks only	Oct 19 – Jan 31 & Feb 8 – 9	
Southern California Zone	Same as regular season	Oct 19 – Jan 31 & Feb 8 – 9	
Colorado River Zone	Ducks only	Oct 18 – Jan 30	