

PROPOSED REGULATORY TEXT

Section 502, Title 14, CCR, is amended as follows:

§ 502. Waterfowl, Migratory; American Coot and Common Moorhen (Common Gallinule).

... [No changes to subsections (a) through (b)(6)]

(c) Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for American Coots, and Common Moorhens.		
(1) Statewide Provisions.		
<i>(A) Species</i>	<i>(B) Season</i>	<i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
American Coot and Common Moorhen	Concurrent with duck season(s)	Daily bag limit: 25, either all of one species or a mixture of these species. Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
(d) Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Ducks and Geese by Zone.		
(1) Northeastern California Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)		
<i>(A) Species</i>	<i>(B) Season</i>	<i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the first Saturday in October extending for 105 days. Scaup: from the first Saturday in October extending for a period of 58 days and from the fourth Saturday in December extending for a period of 28 days. <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31. Season may be split into two segments and will be between 38 and 105 days except for some species that may have a shorter season than the general duck season.]</u>	Daily bag limit: 7 <u>[4-7]</u> Daily bag limit may include: • 7 <u>[3-7]</u> mallards, but not more than 2 <u>[1-2]</u> females. • 2 2 pintail (either sex). • 2 canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup (either sex). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	Regular Season: Small and Large Canada Geese: from the first Saturday in October extending for 100 days. <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31. Season will be no longer than 100 days.]</u>	Daily bag limit: 30 Daily bag limit may include: • 20 white geese. • 10 dark geese but not more than 2 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).

	<p>White-fronted geese and white geese from the first Saturday in October extending for a period of 58 days and from the first Saturday in January extending for a period of 14 days. <u>[opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31. Season may be split into two segments and no longer than 100 days.]</u></p> <p>Late Season: White-fronted and white geese from February 6 extending for 33 days. <u>[Season will be no longer than 33 days and closing no later than March 10.]</u></p> <p>During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on Type C wildlife areas listed in Section 550-552, navigable waters, and private lands with the permission of the land owner under provisions of Section 2016, Fish and Game Code. Hunting is prohibited on Type A and Type B wildlife areas, the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex, the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge, and any waters which are on, encompassed by, bounded over, flow over, flow through, or are adjacent to any Type A and Type B wildlife areas, the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex, or the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge.</p>	<p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>
<p>(2) Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)</p>		
<p><i>(A) Species</i></p>	<p><i>(B) Season</i></p>	<p><i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i></p>
<p>Ducks (including Mergansers)</p>	<p>From the third Saturday in October extending for 100 days. Scaup: from the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days. <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31.]</u></p> <p><u>Season may be split into two segments and will be between 38 and 105 days except for some species that may have</u></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 7<u>[4-7]</u> Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7<u>[3-7]</u> mallards, but not more than 2<u>[1-2]</u> females. • 2<u>1</u> pintail (either sex). • 2 canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup (either sex). <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>

	<u>a shorter season than the general duck season.]</u>	
Geese	From the third Saturday in October extending for 100 days. <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31. Season will be no longer than 105 days.]</u>	Daily bag limit: 30 Daily bag limit may include: • 20 white geese. • 10 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
(3) Southern California Zone (NOTE: SE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)		
<i>(A) Species</i>	<i>(B) Season</i>	<i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the third Saturday in October extending for 100 days. Scaup: from the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days. <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31.]</u> <u>Season may be split into two segments and will be between 38 and 105 days except for some species that may have a shorter season than the general duck season.]</u>	Daily bag limit: 7 [4-7] Daily bag limit may include: • 7 [3-7] mallards, but not more than 2 [1-2] females. • 2 1 pintail (either sex). • 2 canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup (either sex). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	From the third Saturday in October extending for 100 days. <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31. Season will be no longer than 105 days.]</u>	Daily bag limit: 23 Daily bag limit may include: • 20 white geese. • 3 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
(4) Colorado River Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)		
<i>(A) Species</i>	<i>(B) Season</i>	<i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
Ducks (including Mergansers).	From the third Friday in October extending for 101 days. Scaup: from the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days. <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later</u>	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: • 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females or Mexican-like ducks. • 2 1 pintail (either sex). • 2 canvasback (either sex).

	<p><u>than January 31. Season will be 101 days except for some species that may have a shorter season than the general duck season.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup (either sex). <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>
Geese	<p>From the third Friday in October extending for 101 days. <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31. Season will be 101 days.]</u></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 24 Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 white geese. • 4 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)). <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>
(5) Balance of State Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)		
<i>(A) Species</i>	<i>(B) Season</i>	<i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
Ducks (including Mergansers).	<p>From the third Saturday in October extending for 100 days.</p> <p>Scaup: from the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days. <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31.]</u></p> <p><u>Season may be split into two segments and will be between 38 and 105 days except for some species that may have a shorter season than the general duck season.</u></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 7 [4-7] Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 [3-7] mallards, but not more than 2 [1-2] females. • 2 1 pintail (either sex). • 2 canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup (either sex). <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>
Geese	<p>Early Season: Large Canada geese only from the Saturday closest to October 1 for a period of 5 days EXCEPT in the North Coast Special Management Area where Large Canada geese are closed during the early season.</p> <p>Regular Season: Dark and white geese <u>[opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31]</u> from the third Saturday in October extending for 100 days EXCEPT in the Sacramento Valley Special Management Area where the white-fronted goose season will close</p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 30 Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 white geese. • 10 dark geese <p>EXCEPT in the Sacramento Valley Special Management Area where only 3 may be white-fronted geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</p> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>

		<p>after December 21.</p> <p>Late Season: White-fronted geese and white geese from the second Saturday in February extending for a period of 5 days EXCEPT in the Sacramento Valley Special Management Area where the white-fronted goose season is closed. During the Late Season, hunting is not permitted on wildlife areas listed in Sections 550-552 EXCEPT on Type C wildlife areas in the North Central and Central regions.</p>	
(6) Special Management Areas (see descriptions in 502(b)(6))			
	<i>(A) Species</i>	<i>(B) Season</i>	<i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
1. North Coast	All Canada Geese	<p>From October 31 <u>November 1</u> extending for a period of 89 <u>87</u> days (Regular Season) and from February 23 <u>22</u> extending for a period of 46 <u>18</u> days (Late Season). During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on private lands with the permission of the land-owner under provisions Section 2016, Fish and Game Code.</p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 10 Canada Geese of which only 1 may be a Large Canada goose (see definitions: 502(a)), EXCEPT during the Late Season the bag limit on Large Canada geese is zero.</p> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>
2. Humboldt Bay South Spit (West Side)	All Species	Closed during brant season	
3. Klamath Basin	Geese	<p>Small and Large Canada Geese from the first Saturday in October <u>opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31</u> extending for 100 days.</p> <p>White-fronted and white geese from the first Saturday in October <u>opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than January 31</u></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 30 Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 white geese. • 10 dark geese but not more than 2 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)). <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>

		extending for 105 days.	
4. Sacramento Valley	White-Fronted Geese	Open concurrently with the goose season through December 21, and during Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days.	Daily bag limit: 3 white-fronted geese. Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
5. Morro Bay	All species	Open in designated area only from the opening day of brant season through the remainder of waterfowl season.	
6. Martis Creek Lake	All species	Closed until November 16.	
7. Northern Brant	Black Brant	From November 8 extending for 37 days. <u>Season will be between 0 and 37 days, closing no later than December 14.</u>	Daily bag limit: 2- 0-2 Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
8. Balance of State Brant	Black Brant	From November 9 extending for 37 days. <u>Season will be between 0 and 37 days, closing no later than December 15.</u>	Daily bag limit: 0-2 Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
9. Imperial County	White Geese	From the first Saturday in November extending for a period of 86 days (Regular Season) and from the first <u>second</u> Saturday in February extending for a period of 47 <u>16</u> days (Late Season). During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on private lands with the permission of the land owner under provisions of Section 2016, Fish and Game Code.	Daily bag limit: 20 Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.

(e) Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days Regulations (NOTE: To participate in these Youth Waterfowl Hunts, federal regulations require that hunters must be 17 years of age or younger and must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 18 years of age or older.)

(1) Statewide Provisions.

<i>(A) Species</i>	<i>(B) Season</i>	<i>(C) Daily Bag Limit</i>
Ducks (including Mergansers), American Coot,	1. Northeastern California Zone: The Saturday fourteen days before the opening of waterfowl season extending	Same as regular season.

<p>Common Moorhen, Black Brant, Geese</p>	<p>for 2 days.</p> <p>2. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: The <u>[first or second] Saturday in February</u> following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.</p> <p>3. Southern California Zone: The <u>[first or second] Saturday in February</u> following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.</p> <p>4. Colorado River Zone: The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.</p> <p>5. Balance of State Zone: The <u>[first or second] Saturday in February</u> following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.</p>	
<p>(f) Falconry Take of Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coots, and Common Moorhens.</p>		
<p>(1) Statewide Provisions</p>		
<p><i>(A) Species</i></p>	<p><i>(B) Season</i></p>	<p><i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i></p>
<p>Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coot and Common Moorhen</p>	<p>1. Northeastern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season through January 13, 2019. <u>[No longer than 105 days.]</u></p> <p>2. Balance of State Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and February 2-3, 2019 <u>[No longer than 107 days]</u> EXCEPT in the North Coast Special Management Area where the falconry season for geese runs concurrently with the season for Small Canada geese (see 502(d)(6))</p> <p>3. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and January 28-30, 2019. <u>[No longer than 107 days.]</u> Goose hunting in this zone by means of</p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 3 Daily bag limit makeup: • Either all of 1 species or a mixture of species allowed for take.</p> <p>Possession limit: 9</p>

falconry is not permitted.

4. Southern California Zone. ~~Open concurrently with duck season and January 28-February 1, 2019.~~ [No longer than 107 days] EXCEPT in the Imperial County Special Management Area where the falconry season for geese runs concurrently with the season for white geese.

5. Colorado River Zone. ~~Open concurrently with duck season and January 28-31, 2019.~~ [No longer than 105 days.] Goose hunting in this zone by means of falconry is not permitted. Federal regulations require that California's hunting regulations conform to those of Arizona, where goose hunting by means of falconry is not permitted.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 265 and 355, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 265, 355 and 356, Fish and Game Code.