

## Approved Regulatory Language

Section 502, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

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

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

(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) 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 103 days.  Scaup: from the first Saturday in October extending for a period of 58 days and from the third Thursday in December extending for a period of 28 days.	Daily bag limit: 7  Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females.</li> <li>• 3 pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.

<i>(A) Species</i>	<i>(B) Season</i>	<i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
Geese	<p>Regular Season: Canada Geese: from the first Saturday in October extending for 100 days.</p> <p>White-fronted and white geese from the first Saturday in October extending for a period of 58 days and from January <del>2</del><u>1</u> extending for a period of 13 days.</p> <p>Late Season: White-fronted and white geese from February 5 extending for 34 days.</p> <p>During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on Type C wildlife areas listed in sections 550 through 552, navigable waters, and private lands with the permission of the landowner under provisions of Section 2016, Fish and Game Code.</p> <p>During the Late Season, 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>Daily bag limit: 30</p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese.</li> <li>• <del>10 dark geese but not more than 2 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</del></li> <li>• <u>10 dark geese, but not more than 6 white-fronted geese or 3 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</u></li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>

(2) Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone (Note: See subsection 502(d)(6) 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 <del>third</del> <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for <del>403</del> <u>100</u> days.  Scaup: from November <del>4</del> <u>7</u> extending for 86 days.	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females.</li> <li>• 3 pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	From the <del>third</del> <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for <del>403</del> <u>100</u> days.	Daily bag limit: 30 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese.</li> <li>• 10 dark geese <u>but not more than 6 white-fronted geese</u> (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.

(3) Southern California Zone (Note: See subsection 502(d)(6) 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 <del>third</del> <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for <del>403</del> <u>100</u> days.  Scaup: from November <del>4</del> <u>7</u> extending for 86 days.	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females.</li> <li>• 3 pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	From the <del>third</del> <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for <del>403</del> <u>100</u> days.	Daily bag limit: 23 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese.</li> <li>• 3 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.

(4) Colorado River Zone (Note: See subsection 502(d)(6) 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 October 23 extending for 101 days.  Scaup: from November 7 extending for 86 days.	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females or Mexican ducks.</li> <li>• 3 pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	From October 23 extending for 101 days.	Daily bag limit: 25 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese.</li> <li>• 5 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.

(5) Balance of State Zone (Note: See subsection 502(d)(6) 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 <del>third</del> <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for <del>103</del> <u>100</u> days.  Scaup: from November <del>4</del> <u>7</u> extending for 86 days.	Daily bag limit: 7  Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females.</li> <li>• 3 pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.

<i>(A) Species</i>	<i>(B) Season</i>	<i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
Geese	<p>Early Season: Large Canada geese only from the Saturday closest to October 1 for a period of 3 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 from the <del>third</del><u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for <del>403</del><u>100</u> days except in the Sacramento Valley Special Management Area where the white-fronted goose season will close after December 21.</p> <p>Late Season: Canada geese from the <del>second</del><u>third</u> Saturday in February extending for 2 days. White-fronted and white geese from the <del>second</del><u>third</u> 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.</p> <p>During the Late Season, hunting is not permitted on wildlife areas listed in sections 550 through 552 except on Type C wildlife areas in the North Central and Central regions.</p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 30</p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese.</li> <li>• 10 dark geese <u>but not more than 6 white-fronted geese.</u> <del>except in</del> <u>In</u> the Sacramento Valley Special Management Area <del>where</del> only 3 may be white-fronted geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>

(6) Special Management Areas (see descriptions in subsection 502(b)(6))

	(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
1. North Coast	All Canada Geese	From October 4-3 extending for a period of 78 days (Regular Season) and from February 12 extending for a period of 27 days (Late Season).  During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on private lands with the permission of the landowner under provisions Section 2016, Fish and Game Code.	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 (see definitions: 502(a)).  Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
2. Humboldt Bay South Spit (West Side)	All Species	Closed during brant season	
3. Klamath Basin	Geese	Canada Geese from the first Saturday in October extending for 100 days.  White-fronted and white geese from the first Saturday in October extending for 105 days.	Daily bag limit: 30 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese.</li> <li>• <del>10 dark geese but not more than 2 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</del></li> <li>• <u>10 dark geese but not more than 6 white-fronted geese or 3 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</u></li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
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.	

	(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
7. Northern Brant	Black Brant	From November 29 extending for 16 days.	Daily bag limit: 2 Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
8. Balance of State Brant	Black Brant	From November 30 extending for 16 days.	Daily bag limit: 2 Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
9. Imperial County	White Geese	From November <del>4</del> <u>4</u> extending for a period of 89 days (Regular Season) and <del>January 31 - February 6, 2026 and February 12 - 20, 2026</del> <u>February 1 through 5, 2027, February 8 through 12, 2027 and February 16 through 21, 2027</u> (Late Season). During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on private lands with the permission of the landowner 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, youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 18 years of age or older. Federal regulations require that hunters must be 17 years of age or younger.)

(1) Statewide Provisions.

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag Limit
Ducks (including Mergansers), American Coot, Common Moorhen, Black Brant, Geese	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Northeastern California Zone: The Saturday fourteen days before the opening of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.</li> <li>2. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: The <del>first</del> <u>second</u> Saturday in February extending for 2 days.</li> <li>3. Southern California Zone: The <del>first</del> <u>second</u> Saturday in February extending for 2 days</li> <li>4. Colorado River Zone: The first Saturday in February extending for 2 days.</li> <li>5. Balance of State Zone: The <del>first</del> <u>second</u> Saturday in February extending for 2 days</li> </ol>	Same as regular season.

(f) Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunting Days Regulations.

Note: Veterans (as defined in Section 101 of Title 38, United States Code) and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than training), may participate. Persons participating in this special hunt must possess and present upon demand verification of eligibility to participate in this hunt. Verification includes: Veteran’s ID Card, or Military ID Card for active duty, or a State-issued driver’s license or Identification Card with Veteran Designation.

(1) Statewide Provisions.

<i>(A) Species</i>	<i>(B) Season</i>	<i>(C) Daily Bag Limit</i>
Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coot, Common Moorhen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Northeastern California Zone: The Saturday following the closing of the regular duck season extending for 2 days. Goose hunting in this zone is not permitted during these days.</li> <li>2. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: The <del>last</del><u>first</u> Saturday in <del>January</del> <u>February</u> extending for 2 days.</li> <li>3. Southern California Zone: The <del>last</del><u>first</u> Saturday in <del>January</del> <u>February</u> extending for 2 days.</li> <li>4. Balance of State Zone: The <del>last</del><u>first</u> Saturday in <del>January</del> <u>February</u> extending for 2 days. Goose hunting in this zone is not permitted during these days.</li> </ol>	Same as regular season.

(g) Falconry Take of Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coots, and Common Moorhens.

1) Statewide Provisions.

<i>(A) Species</i>	<i>(B) Season</i>	<i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
<p>Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coot and Common Moorhen</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Northeastern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season through <u>January 14-13, 2026-2027</u>.</li> <li>2. Balance of State Zone. Open concurrently with duck season, <del>January 31-February 1, 2026 and February 7-8, 2026</del> <u>February 6 and 7, 2027, February 13 and 14, 2027 and February 27 through March 1, 2027</u> except in the North Coast Special Management Area where the falconry season for geese runs concurrently with the season for Canada geese (see 502(d)(6)).</li> <li>3. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone. Open concurrently with duck season, <del>January 31-February 1, 2026 and February 7-8, 2026</del> <u>February 6 and 7, 2027, February 13 and 14, 2027 and February 27 through March 1, 2027</u>. Goose hunting in this zone by means of falconry is not permitted.</li> <li>4. Southern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season, <del>January 31-February 1, 2026 and February 7-8, 2026</del> <u>February 6 and 7, 2027, February 13 and 14, 2027 and February 27 through March 1, 2027</u> except in the Imperial County Special Management Area where the falconry season for geese runs concurrently with the season for white geese.</li> <li>5. Colorado River Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and <del>February 1-4, 2026</del> <u>1 through 4, 2027</u>. Goose hunting in this zone by means of falconry is not permitted. Federal regulations provide that California's hunting regulations should conform to those of Arizona, where goose hunting by means of falconry is not permitted.</li> </ol>	<p>Daily bag limit: 3</p> <p>Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Either all of 1 species or a mixture of species allowed for take.</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: 9</p>

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