

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION  
FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION

Amend Section 502  
Title 14, California Code of Regulations  
Re: Waterfowl, Migratory; American Coot; and Common Moorhen (Common  
Gallinule)

- I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: May 9, 2007  
Date of Amended Initial Statement of Reasons: July 30, 2007
- II. Date of Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons: August 6, 2007
- III. Date of Final Statement of Reasons: August 15, 2007
- IV. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:
  - (a) Notice Hearing: Date: June 8, 2007  
Location: Truckee
  - (b) Discussion Hearing Date: July 13, 2007  
Location: Bridgeport
  - (c) Adoption Hearing: Date: August 10, 2007  
Location: Santa Barbara
- V. Update:

The originally proposed language contained a range of season lengths and daily bag limits which are modified to identify specific season lengths and daily bag limits. Four of these changes are outside the range of season dates or season length originally specified: 1) the season opening date in the Balance of State Brant Zone is recommended to begin on the second Saturday in November rather than the second Sunday; 2) the Colorado River Zone youth hunt days begin the Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season and extending for 2 days rather than 1 day (one day of falconry hunting was removed in this zone to keep within the Federal Frameworks of 107 days of hunting of any type of method); 3) the Regular Season hunt in the North Coast Special Management Area is recommended to begin the first Thursday in November rather than the last Tuesday in October extending for 88 days rather than 90; and 4) the season length for the Late Season hunt in the North Coast Special Management Area is recommended at 17 days instead of 15.

The originally proposed regulatory language contained a range of season lengths and daily bag limits which were contingent upon the establishment of Federal framework regulations. These frameworks were established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in early August and now specify the maximum season lengths and daily bag limits. In addition, four changes from the Initial Statement of Reasons are included in response to 1) recommendations from the public, 2) to match Arizona regulations in the Colorado River Zone as required by Federal regulations, 3) to reduce season length so as not to exceed the 107 day maximum of hunting for all species by all methods of take required by Federal regulations and 4) to match Oregon regulations in the North Coast Special Management Area Late Season Hunt.

**At its August 10, 2007 meeting, the Commission adopted the following season lengths, dates and daily bag limits:**

AREA	SPECIES	SEASONS	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
<b>Statewide</b>	Coots & Moorhens	Concurrent w/duck season	25/day. 25 in possession
<b>Northeastern Zone</b>	Ducks	Oct 6 – Jan 18	7/day, no more than 7 mallards, no more than 2 hen mallards, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit double the daily bag.
	Geese	Oct 6 – Jan 13	6/ day, up to 4 white geese, up to 4 white-fronts, up to 2 Large Canada geese, only 1 Small Canada goose. Possession limit double the daily bag.
<b>Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone</b>	Ducks	Oct 6 – Oct 28 & Nov 10 – Jan 27	7/day, no more than 7 mallards, no more than 2 hen mallards, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit double the daily bag.
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<b>Colorado River Zone</b>	Ducks	Oct 19 – Jan 27	7/day, no more than 7 mallards, no more than 2 hen mallards or Mexican-like ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit double the daily bag.
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<b>Balance of State Zone</b>	Ducks	Oct 20 – Jan 27	7/day, no more than 7 mallards, no more than 2 hen mallards, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit double the daily bag.
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<b>SPECIAL AREA</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>SEASON</b>	<b>DAILY BAG &amp; POSSESSION LIMITS</b>
<b>North Coast</b>	All Canada Geese	Nov 1 – Jan 27 and Feb 23 – Mar 10, except the season for Large Canada geese can not extend beyond the last Sunday in January. Only private lands are open to hunting during any season beyond the last Sunday in January.	6/day, only 1 may be a Large Canada goose. Possession limit double the daily bag.

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Sacramento Valley (West)	White-fronted geese	Open from the last Saturday in October through December 14	2/day. Possession limit double the daily bag.
Morro Bay	All species	Open in designated areas only	
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Northern Brant	Black Brant	Nov 3 – Dec 2	2/day. Possession limit double the daily bag.
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Northeastern Zone	Same as regular season	The Saturday fourteen days before the opening of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.	Same as regular season
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone		The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.	
Southern California Zone		The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.	
Colorado River Zone		The Saturday following the closing for waterfowl season extending for 2 days.	
Balance of State Zone		The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.	
<b>FALCONRY</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>SEASON</b>	<b>DAILY BAG &amp; POSSESSION LIMITS</b>
Northeastern Zone	Same as regular season	Oct 6 – Jan 18	3/ day, possession limit 6
Balance of State Zone	Same as regular season	Oct 20 – Feb 3	
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Ducks only	Oct 6 – Oct 28 & Nov 10 – Jan30	
Southern California Zone	Same as regular season	Oct 20 – Feb 3	
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VI. Summary of Primary Considerations Raised in Support of or Opposition to the Proposed Actions and Reasons for Rejecting those considerations:

- (a) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends banning spinning-wing (moto-duck, robo-duck) decoys.

Proposal Source:

Steve Langridge, (email 4/24/07)

Mark Rose, (email 4/29/07)

Raymond Prothero, (email 5/14/07)

Kevin Burroughs, Sonora, (email 6/18/07)

Craig Ferrari, Grass Valley (email 5/16/07)

Mr. and Mrs. James Denison, Long Beach (email 7/12/07)

Karen Raasch, Sacramento, California Federation for Animal Legislation (letter dated 7/23/07)

Recommendation: Reject.

Analysis: The Commission addressed this issue in 2002. Currently, biological information is not sufficient to conclude that it is necessary to regulate this method of take beyond the existing regulation.

- (b) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends a complete ban on all waterfowl hunting in Morro Bay.

Proposal Source:

Janice Peters, Mayor City of Morro Bay, (letter dated 4/19/07).

Syd Brown, (email 11/27/06)

Mark Frank, Los Osos, (email 11/20/06)

Alex Beattie, (email 12/03/06)

Recommendation: Reject.

Analysis: Current regulations provide for reduced-shooting hours (later morning start times) and a substantial hunting closure area in Morro Bay. The limited amount of hunting in Morro Bay is consistent with the conservation of wildlife and the provision of recreational opportunity.

- (c) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends that the mallard limit be 4/day with 1 hen.

Proposal Source:

Fredrick Broad, Jr., (email 10/03/06)

Recommendation: Reject.

Analysis: Population levels of mallards remain above average. Estimates of breeding mallards in California in 2007 were down slightly at 3% compared to 2006 and are 4% above their long-term average. Mallards that originate in California comprise a majority of the mallard harvest in California. Surveys of mallards in the mid-continent region, where the bulk of the remaining mallards that winter in California originate, were similar to both last year and the long-term average. Bag limit changes above, the upper levels (e.g. changing from 7 to 5) will not reduce harvest by a measurable level because most hunters do not achieve the daily bag limit during each day's hunt. A bag limit reduction of 50% for hens will reduce hen harvest, but it is unknown if this level of decrease, when male mallards constitute the majority of the mallard harvest, will necessarily result in an improved mallard population in subsequent years.

- (d) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends that the total bag limit for ducks be 5/day.

Proposal Source:

Fredrick Broad, Jr., (email 10/03/06)

Recommendation: Reject.

Analysis: Population levels of ducks remain above average. Estimates of breeding ducks in California in 2007 were down slightly at 3% compared to 2006 and are 4% above their long-term average. Mallards that originate in California comprise a majority of the mallard harvest in California. Surveys of ducks in the mid-continent region, where the bulk of the remaining ducks that winter in California originate, were similar to both last year and the long-term average. Bag limit changes alone, unless substantial, will not reduce harvest by a measurable level because nearly all hunters do not achieve the daily bag limit during each day's hunt.

- (e) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends the same season length as last year (100 days in most zones).

Proposal Source:

Matt Enochs, El Dorado Hills (email 7/12/07)

Dan Mayberry, (email 7/12/07)

Josh Beam, (letter received 7/18/07)

James McMullen, (email 7/13/07)

NO NAME, (email 7/14/07)

Recommendation: Accept.

Analysis: This season length fits within the Federal frameworks and is the Department's recommendation.

- (f) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends the same duck daily bag limit as last year (7 ducks/day).

Proposal Source:

Matt Enochs, El Dorado Hills (email 7/12/07)

Josh Beam, (letter received 7/18/07)

James McMullen, (email 7/13/07)

Recommendation: Accept.

Analysis: The bag limit fits within the Federal frameworks and is the Department's recommendation.

- (g) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends continuing the late season for Aleutian Canada geese in the North Coast Special Management area and the need to close public areas to provide an alternate habitat for the geese during the late season.

Proposal Source:

Jim Regli, Humboldt County Farm Bureau, Eureka (letter dated 3/29/07)

Recommendation: Accept.

Analysis: This season length fits within the Federal frameworks and is the Department's recommendation.

- (h) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends opening the goose season 3 weeks later and extending 3 weeks later in the Southern California Zone.

Proposal Source:

Larry Grogan, County of Imperial, El Centro (letter dated 7/10/07)

Recommendation: Reject.

Analysis: The Imperial Special Management Area was established in 2002 to use hunting as a tool to decrease depredation on agricultural crops in the area but was removed from State regulation in 2004 when depredation complaints ceased and conflicts were reported by regional law enforcement staff regarding hunting for white geese by adults during the youth-only hunt. This Special Management Area exists in the Federal Frameworks but the date the season must end is currently restricted to February 5. This is only 1 week later than the general season and not the 3 weeks recommended. A change in Federal frameworks would be necessary to accommodate a 3 week extension past the current season closing date of January 27, 2008. The comment letter was submitted in July, after the Flyway procedure deadline of January for States to initiate changes in Federal frameworks. Further, because the recommendation was submitted in July, it was not identified as a potential regulatory change in the Initial Statement of Reasons or in the Draft Environmental Document (DED) for Migratory Game Bird Hunting (Waterfowl, Coot, and Moorhen). The Department will communicate with Imperial County and the Flyway to determine if a change in frameworks is desirable and feasible for a future rulemaking file.

- (i) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends that the pintail limit be 2/day with 1 hen.

Proposal Source:

John Gregg, Verdugo City, (letter dated 7/12/07)  
Matt Enochs, El Dorado Hills (email 7/12/07)

Recommendation: Reject.

Analysis: Population levels of pintails increased significantly in 2006 but dropped slightly in 2007. The Federal frameworks allow only 1 pintail per day. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service developed a harvest strategy for pintails that specifies pintail daily bag limits.

- (j) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends continuing the SHARE program for the Late Season Small Canada goose hunt in North Coast Special Management Area and transferring the program to the Department.

Proposal Source:

Blake Alexandre, Crescent City, Aleutian Goose Working Group, (letter dated 6/8/07)

Analysis: This recommendation is outside the scope of the proposed regulation. The SHARE program was established by the Legislature to encourage private landowners to voluntarily make their land available to the public for wildlife-dependent recreational activities (Sections 1570-1574, Fish and Game Code). The SHARE program is not part of Section 502, waterfowl regulations.

- (k) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends the continuation of the split season, season length, timing and bag limits for the Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone.

Proposal Source:

Arthur Spaulding, Wasco, Tulare Basin Wetlands Association (letter dated 06/01/07 and public testimony 7/13/07).  
Bill Gaines, Sacramento, California Outdoor Heritage Alliance, (public testimony 6/08/07)

Recommendation: Accept.

Analysis: This season length fits within the Federal frameworks and is the Department's recommendation.

- (l) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends the Balance of State Brant Season to open on the second Saturday in November extending for 30 days.

Proposal Source:

Fred Harpster, Sr., Morro Bay, Black Brant Group, (letter dated 06/05/07)  
Bill Gaines, Sacramento, California Outdoor Heritage Alliance, (public testimony 6/08/07)

Recommendation: Accept.

Analysis: This season length fits within the Federal frameworks and is the Department's recommendation.

- (m) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends not increasing bag limits.

Proposal Source:

Karen Raasch, Sacramento, California Federation for Animal Legislation (letter dated 7/23/07)  
Mr. and Mrs. James Denison, Long Beach, (email 7/12/07)

Recommendation: Reject

Analysis: The Department is making three recommendations to increase bag limits (goose, Small Canada goose and the canvasback daily bag limits). The recommendation fits within the Federal Framework and is based on current population trends and status.

- (n) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends the Balance of State Zone to always open on the last Saturday of October.

Proposal Source:

Fredrick Broad Jr., (email 10/03/06)

Recommendation: Reject.

Analysis: The Department's recommendation is to open on the third Saturday in October extending for 100 days. Opening on the last Saturday in October would only provide 92 days of hunting opportunity. The Federal Frameworks allows for a 107 day season.



- (o) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends adopting waterfowl regulations based on science and not personal beliefs.

Proposal Source:

David Barale, (email 7/26/07)  
John Whittington, Walnut Creek, (email 3/05/07)  
Paul Heuser, (email 7/17/07)  
Josh Beam (letter received 7/18/07)  
No Name (email 7/14/07)  
Dan Mayberry (email 7/12/07)

Recommendation: Accept.

Analysis: The Department's recommendations are within the Federal Frameworks. The Federal Frameworks are based on the best available scientific information and are established after analysis through mathematical models. These models use breeding population, habitat data and the effects of harvest on survival rates with the long term goal of ensuring that duck populations are healthy and providing hunting opportunity.

- (p) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Recommends adopting the maximum season length and bag limits permitted by the Federal Frameworks (10/20 – 2/3) or 103 days opening on 10/20 and closing 1/31 with the youth hunt on February 2 and 3.

Proposal Source:

Mike Maier, Temple City, Desert Pacific Wetland Alliance, (letter dated 5/16/07 and letter dated 7/10/07)  
John Gregg (letter dated 7/12/07)

Recommendation: Accept in part.

Analysis: Closing the regular waterfowl season later than January 27 is not within the Federal Frameworks. Federal Frameworks allows the regular waterfowl season to close no later than the last Sunday in January. The regular waterfowl season could start earlier to give more than the proposed 100 days but that would eliminate the falconry only season which is proposed to be January 28 through February 1.

- (q) Description of Proposed Action by Public: Supports the Department's waterfowl hunting recommendations.

Proposal Source:

Bill Gaines, Outdoor Heritage Alliance (testimony 8/10/07)

Robert McLandress, California Waterfowl Association (testimony 8/10/07)

Steve Marvier, Novato, (email received 8/08/07)

Analysis: Support noted.

- (r) Description of Proposed Action by Public: There should be waterfowl report cards similar to abalone report cards.

Proposal Source:

Paul Weakland (testimony 7/13/07)

Recommendation: Reject

Analysis:

There is not an informational need to establish a waterfowl report card.

Waterfowl harvest estimates are obtained from the Federal Harvest Surveys and are the standard for waterfowl management purposes.

VII. Location and Index of Rulemaking File:

A rulemaking file with attached file index is maintained at:

California Fish and Game Commission

1416 Ninth Street

Sacramento, California 95814

VIII. Location of Department files:

Department of Fish and Game

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IX. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

- (a) Alternatives to Regulatory Action:  
No other alternatives were identified.

- (b) No change Alternative:
1. The No Change Alternative would keep the existing name of Humboldt Bay (South) Special Management Area.
  2. The No Change Alternative would keep the goose daily bag limit of 4 in the Northeastern, Southern San Joaquin Valley and Balance of State zones. Continuing with the current goose daily bag limit in the Northeastern, Southern San Joaquin Valley and Balance of State zones does not allow for maximum hunting opportunity.
  3. The No Change Alternative would keep the Small Canada goose daily bag limit of 4 in the San Joaquin Valley and Balance of State zones. Continuing with the current Small Canada goose daily bag limit in the San Joaquin Valley and Balance of State zones does not allow for maximum hunting opportunity and continues to allow unchecked population growth of Aleutians. This would lead to greater depredation complaints on the northwest coast of California in the spring.
  4. The No Change Alternative would keep the existing season lengths and dates and duck daily bag limits in all zones. The California Breeding Pair Survey has not been completed and analyzed and the federal frameworks have not been set. Changes in the existing regulations could result if specific dates and bag limits are proposed before the above items are completed.
  5. The No Change Alternative would keep the canvasback bag limit between 0 and 1 in all zones. Continuing with the current bag limit range of canvasback in all zones does not allow for maximum hunting opportunity.
- (c) Consideration of Alternatives: In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purposes for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to the affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

X. Impact of Regulatory Action:

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The proposed regulations are intended to provide additional recreational opportunity to the public. The response is expected to be minor in nature.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California: None.

- (c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business:

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.

- (e) Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

- (f) Programs mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

- (g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed Under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: None.

- (h) Effect on Housing Costs: None.

## **Updated Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview**

Current regulations in Section 502, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), provide definitions, hunting zone descriptions, season opening and closing dates, and establish daily bag and possession limits. In addition to the five proposals contained herein, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, after analysis of waterfowl population survey and other data, may also initiate changes in federal regulations which will require changes in existing and proposed regulations in California. Changes in federal regulations for season opening and closing dates, elimination or creation of special management areas, season length, and daily bag limits for migratory birds may occur. Items 2, 3, and 5 require changes in the federal regulations and must be approved by the Pacific Flyway Council at their meeting on July 27, 2007. The Service will consider this and other recommendations at their meeting on August 1-2, 2007. Item 4 (including the table) below proposes a range of season dates and bag limits for waterfowl. At this time, the California Breeding Pair Survey has not been conducted and the Service has not established federal regulation “frameworks” which will occur in August after the analysis of current waterfowl population survey, other data, input from the Flyway Councils and the public. Also, minor editorial changes were made to clarify and simplify the regulations and to comply with existing federal frameworks.

The Department’s proposals are as follows:

1. Change the name of Humboldt Bay (South) Special Management Area to Humboldt Bay South Spit Special Management Area.
2. Increase the goose daily bag limit in the Northeastern, Southern San Joaquin Valley and Balance of State zones to 6 geese per day.  
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved this change.
3. Increase the Small Canada goose daily bag limit in the Southern San Joaquin Valley and Balance of State zones to 6 geese per day.  
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved this change.
4. Provide a range of waterfowl hunting season lengths (which may be split into two segments) between 38 and 107 days for all hunting methods. A range of daily bag limits is also given for ducks in all zones and geese in the Northeastern California, Southern San Joaquin Valley, and Balance of State zones. Also, federal regulations require that California’s hunting regulations conform to those of Arizona in the Colorado River Zone. See the following table for season and bag limit ranges.
5. The Pacific Flyway Council has made a recommendation to the Service to increase the canvasback bag limit to 2 per day based on a record high breeding

population estimate. This recommendation was not in the original Initial Statement of Reasons because the Service had not completed the Breeding Pair Survey and results were released in late July.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved this change.

The following table has been amended from the version in the Initial Statement of Reasons to reflect the Department's regulation recommendations consistent with the Federal frameworks as established August 2, 2007. Federal frameworks allow general duck seasons to be as long as 107 days in the Pacific Flyway with a 7-bird daily duck bag limit (including mallards); that the pintail and canvasback seasons could be as long as the general duck season with a 1 and 2-bird bag limit respectively; and that other proposals from California (see above) were accepted.

Four changes from the Initial Statement are incorporated herein relative to season length and bag limits:

1) the season length in the Balance of State Brant Zone is recommended to begin on the second Saturday in November rather than the second Sunday in response to public recommendations;

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**In addition, “Morro” was inserted to the name of the special management area in subsection 502(d)(5)(D)4. This word was removed from the regulations in 2006 due to a printer’s error.**