

NOTICE PUBLICATION/REGULATIONS SUBMISSION

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AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY Fish and Game Commission	AGENCY FILE NUMBER (if any)
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A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE Waterfowl Regulations	TITLE(S) 14	FIRST SECTION AFFECTED 502	2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE April 24, 2015
3. NOTICE TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice re Proposed Regulatory Action <input type="checkbox"/> Other	4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON Jon Snellstrom	TELEPHONE NUMBER (916) 643-4899	FAX NUMBER (Optional) (916) 653-5040
OAL USE ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Modified <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved/Withdrawn	ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE	NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER 2015 17	PUBLICATION DATE 4/24/2015

B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) Mammal Hunting 2015-2016 <i>Waterfowl Regulations</i>	per agency request	1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S) 9/22/15 (TH)
2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (Including title 26, if toxics related)	SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.)	
	ADOPT	
	AMEND	502
	REPEAL	
TITLE(S) 14		

3. TYPE OF FILING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute.	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h))	<input type="checkbox"/> Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)
<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn nonemergency filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1)	<input type="checkbox"/> File & Print	<input type="checkbox"/> Print Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency (Gov. Code, §11346.1(b))		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	

4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, §44 and Gov. Code §11347.1)

5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)

<input type="checkbox"/> Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a))	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective on filing with Secretary of State	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effective other (Specify) on filing with SOS Effect. 09/26/15 per 355 Fish Game Code
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6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY

<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM §6660)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Political Practices Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> State Fire Marshal
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		

7. CONTACT PERSON Jon Snellstrom	TELEPHONE NUMBER (916) 653-4899	FAX NUMBER (Optional)	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) jon.snellstrom@fgc.ca.gov
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8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE <i>Sonke Mastrup</i>	DATE 8/27/15
TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY Sonke Mastrup, Executive Director	

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REGULATORY TEXT

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

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

... [No changes to 502(a) through (c)]

(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.)		
(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	<p>From the first<u>second</u> Saturday in October extending for 105 days.</p> <p>Scaup: from the first<u>second</u> Saturday in October extending for a period of 58 days and from the third<u>fourth</u> Saturday in December extending for a period of 28 days.</p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 7</p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females. • 2 pintail (either sex). • 4<u>2</u> canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup (either sex). <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>
Geese	<p>Regular Season:</p> <p>Dark geese from the first<u>second</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days.</p> <p>White geese from the last Friday in October<u>first Saturday in November</u> extending for 73<u>72</u> days.</p> <p>Late Season: White-fronted geese from the first Friday<u>Sunday</u> in March extending for 5 days.</p> <p>White geese from the first Saturday<u>Sunday</u> in February extending for 32<u>33</u> days.</p> <p>During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on private lands with the</p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 25</p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 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>

	permission of the land owner under provisions of Section 2016, Fish and Game Code.	
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(2) Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the third <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days. Scaup: from the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days.	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: • 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females. • 2 pintail (either sex). • 4 <u>2</u> canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup (either sex). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	From the third <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days.	Daily bag limit: 25 Daily bag limit may include: • 15 white geese. • 10 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.

(3) Southern California Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the third <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days. Scaup: from the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days.	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: • 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females. • 2 pintail (either sex). • 4 <u>2</u> canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup (either sex). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	From the third <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days.	Daily bag limit: 18 Daily bag limit may include: • 15 white geese. • 3 dark geese

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		(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 <u>last</u> Saturday in November <u>October</u> extending for 86 days.	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: • 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females or Mexican-like ducks. • 2 pintail (either sex). • 1 <u>2</u> canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup (either sex). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	From the third Friday in October extending for 101 days.	Daily bag limit: 10 <u>14</u> Daily bag limit may include: • 10 white geese. • 3 <u>4</u> dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
(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).	From the third <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days. Scaup: from the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days.	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: • 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females. • 2 pintail (either sex). • 1 <u>2</u> canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup (either sex). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	Early Season: Large Canada geese only from the Saturday closest to October 1 for a period of 5 days EXCEPT	Daily bag limit: 25 Daily bag limit may include: • 15 white geese. • 10 dark geese

	<p>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 third<u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days EXCEPT in the Sacramento Valley Special Management Area where the white-fronted goose season will close 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>	<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>
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(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	From the last Friday <u>first Saturday second Sunday</u> in October <u>November</u> extending for a period of 87-86-85 days (Regular Season) and from the third Saturday <u>Sunday</u> in February extending for a period of 18-19 <u>20</u> days (Late Season). During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on private lands with the permission	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. Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.

		of the land owner under provisions Section 2016, Fish and Game Code.		
2. Humboldt Bay South Spit (West Side)	All Species	Closed during brant Season		
3. 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.	
4. Morro Bay	All species	Open in designated area only from the opening day of brant season through the remainder of waterfowl season.		
5. Martis Creek Lake	All species	Closed until November 16.		
6. Northern Brant	Black Brant	From November 7 <u>8</u> extending for 30 <u>37</u> days.	Daily bag limit: 2 Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.	
7. Balance of State Brant	Black Brant	From the second Saturday in November <u>9</u> extending for 30 <u>37</u> days.	Daily bag limit: 2 Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.	
8. Imperial County	White Geese	From the first Saturday in November extending for a period of 86 days (Regular Season) and from the first Saturday in February extending for a period of 16 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: 15 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 15 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, Common Moorhen, Black Brant, Geese	<p>1. Northeastern California Zone: The Saturday fourteen days before the opening of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.</p> <p>2. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.</p> <p>3. Southern California Zone: The Saturday 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 Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.</p>	Same as regular season.

(f) 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>
Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coot and Common Moorhen	<p>1. Northeastern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season <u>through January 17, 2016</u>.</p> <p>2. Balance of State Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and <u>January 31-February 1, 2015, February 4-26-7, 2016</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</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>

	<p>Valley Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and January 31-February 1, 2015 <u>February 1-3, 2016</u>. Goose hunting in this zone by means of falconry is not permitted.</p> <p>4. Southern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and January 26-30, 2015 <u>February 1-5, 2016</u>. EXCEPT in the Imperial County Special Management Area where the falconry season for geese runs concurrently with the season for white geese.</p> <p>5. Colorado River Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and January 26-29, 2015 <u>February 1-4, 2016</u> <u>January 25-28, 2016</u>. 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</p>	
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Note: Authority cited: Sections 202 and 355, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 202, 355 and 356, Fish and Game Code.