

**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) <i>Species</i>	(B) <i>Season</i>	(C) <i>Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the <del>first</del> <u>second</u> Saturday in October extending for 105 days.  Scaup: from the <del>first</del> <u>second</u> Saturday in October extending for a period of 58 days and from the <del>third</del> <u>fourth</u> Saturday in December extending for a period of 28 days.	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: • 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females. • 2 pintail (either sex). • <del>4</del> <u>2</u> canvasback (either sex). • 2 redheads (either sex). • 3 scaup (either sex).  Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	Regular Season: Dark geese from the <del>first</del> <u>second</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days. White geese from the <del>last Friday in October</del> <u>first Saturday in November</u> extending for <del>73</del> <u>72</u> days.  Late Season: White-fronted geese from the first <del>Friday</del> <u>Sunday</u> in March extending for 5 days. White geese from the first <del>Saturday</del> <u>Sunday</u> in February extending for <del>32</del> <u>33</u> days.  During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on private lands with the	Daily bag limit: 25 Daily bag limit may include: • 15 white geese. • 10 dark geese but not more than 2 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).  Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.

	permission of the land owner under provisions of Section 2016, Fish and Game Code.	
(2) Southern San Joaquin Valley 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 <del>third</del> <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 <del>third</del> <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.)		
<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 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 <del>third</del> <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

		(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 <del>first</del> <u>last</u> Saturday in <del>November</del> <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). • <del>1</del> <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: <del>10</del> <u>14</u> Daily bag limit may include: • 10 white geese. • <del>3</del> <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 <del>third</del> <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). • <del>1</del> <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 <del>third</del><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 <del>last Friday</del> <u>first Saturday</u> <del>second Sunday</del> <u>in October</u> <del>November</del> extending for a period of <del>87-86-85</del> days (Regular Season) and from the third Saturday <del>Sunday</del> in February extending for a period of <del>18-19-20</del> 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 <del>7</del> <u>8</u> extending for <del>30</del> <u>37</u> days.	Daily bag limit: 2  Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.	
7. Balance of State Brant	Black Brant	From <del>the second</del> Saturday in November <u>9</u> extending for <del>30</del> <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 1-26-7, 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 <del>January 31-February 1, 2015</del> <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 <del>January 26-30, 2015</del> <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 <del>January 26-29, 2015</del> <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.