

## 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><del>From the second Saturday in October extending for 105 days.</del>  <del>Scaup: from the second Saturday in October extending for a period of 58 days and from the fourth Saturday in December extending for a period of 28 days.</del>  <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than the last Sunday in January. 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: <del>7</del><u>4-7</u>                      Daily bag limit may include:                      • <del>7</del><u>3-7</u> mallards, but not more than <del>2</del><u>1-2</u> females.                      • 2 pintail (either sex).                      • 2 canvasback (either sex).                      • 2 redheads (either sex).                      • 3 scaup (either sex).</p> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>
Geese	<p>Regular Season:  <del>Dark geese from the second Saturday in October extending for 100 days.</del>  <del>White geese from the first Saturday in November extending for 72 days.</del>  <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than the last Sunday in January. Season will be no longer than 100 days.]</u>                      White geese <u>[opening no</u></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: <del>25</del> <u>30</u>                      Daily bag limit may include:                      • <del>15</del> <u>20</u> white geese.                      • 10 dark geese but not more than 2 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</p> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>

	<p><u>earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than the last Sunday in January.]</u></p> <p>Late Season: <del>White-fronted geese from the first Sunday in March extending for 5 days. White geese from the first Sunday in February extending for 33 days. White-fronted geese from March 6 extending for 5 days.</del></p> <p><u>White geese [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 <u>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.</u></p>	
(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)	<p><del>From the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days. Scaup: from the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days.</del></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: <del>7</del><u>4-7</u></p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>7</del><u>3-7</u> mallards, but not more than <del>2</del><u>1-2</u> females.</li> <li>• 2 pintail (either sex).</li> </ul>

	<u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than the last Sunday in January. 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• 3 scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>
Geese	<p>From the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days.</p> <p><u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than the last Sunday in January. Season will be no longer than 100 days.]</u></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: <del>25</del> <u>30</u></p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 <u>20</u> white geese.</li> <li>• 10 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>
(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)	<p>From the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days.</p> <p>Scaup: from the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days.</p> <p><u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than the last Sunday in January. 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: <del>7</del><u>[4-7]</u></p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>7</del><u>[3-7]</u> mallards, but not more than <del>2</del><u>[1-2]</u> females.</li> <li>• 2 pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• 3 scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>
Geese	<p>From the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days.</p> <p><u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than the last Sunday in January. Season will be no longer than</u></p>	<p>Daily bag limit: <del>48</del> <u>23</u></p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 <u>20</u> white geese.</li> <li>• 3 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>

	<u>100 days.]</u>	
(4) Colorado River 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 Friday in October extending for 101 days. Scaup: from the last Saturday in October extending for 86 days. [Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than the last Sunday in January. Season will be 101 days except for some species that may have a shorter season than the general duck season.]	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). • 2 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. [Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than the last Sunday in January. Season will be 101 days.]	Daily bag limit: 14 Daily bag limit may include: • 10 white geese. • 4 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.)		
(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers).	From the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days. Scaup: from the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days. [Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than the last Sunday in January. Season may be split into two segments and will be between 38 and 100 days except for some species that may have a shorter season than the general duck season.]	Daily bag limit: 7[4-7] Daily bag limit may include: • 7[3-7] mallards, but not more than 2[1-2] females. • 2 pintail (either sex). • 2 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	Daily bag limit: 25 30 Daily bag limit may include:

	<p>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 <del>from the fourth Saturday in October extending for 100 days</del> <u>[Opening no earlier than the Saturday closest to October 1 and closing no later than the last Sunday in January. Season will be no longer than 100 days]</u> 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 <u>20</u> white geese.</li> <li>• 10 dark geese</li> </ul> <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	<del>From the second Sunday in November</del> <u>From November 5</u> extending for a period of <del>85</del> <u>86</u> days (Regular Season) and <del>from the third Saturday in February</del> <u>20</u> extending for a period of <del>20</del> <u>19</u> days	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

		(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.	geese is zero.  Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.	
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 8 extending for 37 days.	Daily bag limit: 2  Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.	
7. Balance of State Brant	Black Brant	From November 9 extending for 37 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: <del>45</del> <u>20</u>  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~~ 17 years of age

or younger and must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 18 years of age or older.)		
(1) Statewide Provisions.		
(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag Limit
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		
(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coot and Common Moorhen	<p>1. Northeastern California Zone. <del>Open concurrently with duck season through January 17, 2016. [No longer than 105 days.]</del></p> <p>2. Balance of State Zone. <del>Open concurrently with duck season [No longer than 102 days]</del> 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. <del>Open concurrently with duck season and February 1-3, 2016. [No longer than 107 days.]</del>  Goose hunting in this zone by means of falconry is not permitted.</p> <p>4. Southern California Zone. <del>Open concurrently with duck season and February 1-5, 2016. [No longer than 107 days]</del> 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 <del>and January 25-28, 2016 [not to exceed 105 days.]</del> 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.