

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

(a) Definitions.

(1) Dark geese. Dark geese include Canada geese, cackling geese, Aleutian geese and white-fronted geese ("specklebelly").

(2) Large Canada geese. Large Canada geese include western Canada geese ("honker") and lesser Canada geese ("lessers").

(3) Small Canada geese. Small (about the size of a mallard) Canada geese include cackling geese and Aleutian geese. Both are white-cheeked geese nearly identical in appearance to Large Canada geese. Aleutian geese have a thin white neck ring and Cackling geese have dark breasts. Both species have a high-pitched cackle as opposed to the deeper "honking".

(4) White geese. White geese include Ross' geese and snow geese.

(b) Waterfowl Hunting Zones.

(1) Northeastern California Zone: In that portion of California lying east and north of a line beginning at the intersection of Interstate 5 with the California-Oregon state line; south along Interstate 5 to its junction with Walters Lane south of the town of Yreka; west along Walters Lane to its junction with Easy Street; south along Easy Street to the junction with Old Highway 99; south along Old Highway 99 to the point of intersection with Interstate 5 north of the town of Weed; south along Interstate 5 to its junction with Highway 89; east and south along Highway 89 to Main Street in Greenville; north and east to its junction with North Valley Road; south to its junction of Diamond Mountain Road; north and east to its junction with North Arm Road; south and west to the junction of North Valley Road; south to the junction with Arlington Road (A22); west to the junction of Highway 89; south and west to the junction of Highway 70; east on Highway 70 to Highway 395; south and east on Highway 395 to the point of intersection with the California-Nevada state line; north along the California-Nevada state line to the junction of the California-Nevada-Oregon state lines west along the California-Oregon ~~line~~ state line to the point of origin.

(2) Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: All of Kings and Tulare counties and that portion of Kern County north of the Southern California Zone.

(3) Southern California Zone: In that portion of southern California (but excluding the Colorado River zone) lying south and east of a line beginning at the mouth of the Santa Maria River at the Pacific Ocean; east along the Santa Maria River to where it crosses Highway 166 near the City of Santa Maria; east on Highway 166 to the junction with Highway 99; south on Highway 99 to the crest of the Tehachapi Mountains at Tejon Pass; east and north along the crest of the Tehachapi Mountains to where it intersects Highway 178 at Walker Pass; east on Highway 178 to the junction of Highway 395 at the town of Inyokern; south on Highway 395 to the junction of Highway 58; east on Highway 58 to the junction of Interstate 15; east on Interstate 15 to the junction with Highway 127; north on Highway 127 to the point of intersection with the California-Nevada state line.

(4) Colorado River Zone: In those portions of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial counties lying east of the following lines: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 95 with the California-Nevada state line; south along Highway 95 to Vidal Junction; south through the town of Rice to the San Bernardino-Riverside county line on a road known as "Aqueduct Road" in San Bernardino County; south from the San Bernardino-Riverside county line on road known in Riverside County as the "Desert Center to Rice Road" to the town of Desert Center; east 31 miles on Interstate 10 to its intersection with the Wiley Well Road; south on this road to Wiley Well; southeast along the Army-

Milpitas Road to the Blythe, Brawley, Davis Lake intersections; south on the Blythe-Brawley paved road to its intersection with the Ogilby and Tumco Mine Road; south on this road to Highway 80; east seven miles on Highway 80 to its intersection with the Andrade-Algodones Road; south on this paved road to the intersection of the Mexican boundary line at Algodones, Mexico.

(5) Balance of State Zone: That portion of the state not included in Northeastern California, Southern California, Colorado River or the Southern San Joaquin Valley zones.

(A) Special Management Areas

1. North Coast. All of Del Norte and Humboldt counties.
2. Humboldt Bay South Spit. Beginning at the intersection of the north boundary of Table Bluff County Park and the South Jetty Road; north along the South Jetty Road to the South Jetty; west along the South Jetty to the mean low water line of the Pacific Ocean; south along the mean low water line to its intersection with the north boundary of the Table Bluff County Park; east along the north boundary of the Table Bluff County Park to the point of origin.
3. Sacramento Valley (~~West~~). Beginning at the town of Willows; south on Interstate 5 to the junction with Hahn Road; east on Hahn Road and the Grimes-Arbuckle Road to the town of Grimes; north on Highway 45 to its junction with Highway 162; north on Highway 45-162 to the town of Glenn; west on Highway 162 to the point of beginning.
4. Morro Bay. Beginning at a point where the high tide line intersects the State Park boundary west of Cuesta by the Sea; northeasterly to a point 200 yards offshore of the high tide line at the end of Mitchell Drive in Baywood Park; northeasterly to a point 200 yards offshore of the high tide line west of the Morro Bay State Park Boundary, adjacent to Baywood Park; north to a point 300 yards south of the high tide line at the end of White Point; north along a line 400 yards offshore of the south boundary of the Morro Bay City limit to a point adjacent to Fairbanks Point; northwesterly to the high tide line on the sand spit; southerly along the high tide line of the sand spit to the south end of Morro Bay; easterly along the Park boundary at the high tide line to the beginning point.

5. Martis Creek Lake. The waters and shoreline of Martis Creek Lake, Placer and Nevada counties.

6. Northern Brant. Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino ~~Counties~~counties.

7. Balance of State Brant. That portion of the state not included in the Northern Brant Special Management Area.

8. Imperial County. Beginning at Highway 86 and the Navy Test Base Road; south on Highway 86 to the town of Westmoreland; continue through the town of Westmoreland to Route S26; east on Route S26 to Highway 115; north on ~~highway~~Highway 115 to Weist Rd.; north on Weist Rd. to Flowing Wells Rd.; northeast on Flowing Wells Rd. to the Coachella Canal; northwest on the Coachella Canal to Drop 18; a straight line from Drop 18 to Frink Rd.; south on Frink Rd. to Highway 111; north on Highway 111 to Niland Marina Rd.; southwest ~~to~~on Niland Marina Rd. to the old Imperial County boat ramp and the water line of the Salton Sea; from the water line of the Salton Sea, a straight line across the Salton Sea to the Salinity Control Research Facility and the Navy Test Base Road; southwest on the Navy Test Base Road to the point of beginning.

(c) Statewide Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for American Coots, and Common Moorhens.

| (1) Species | (2) Season | (3) Daily Bag and Possession Limits |
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| American Coot and Common Moorhen | Concurrent with duck season(s) | 25 per day, 25 in possession, either all of one species or a mixture of these species. |
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(d) Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Ducks and Geese by Zone.  
(1) Northeastern California Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (5)(D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

| <i>(A) Species</i>           | <i>(B) Season</i>   | <i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>  |
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| Ducks (including Mergansers) | <p>From the second Saturday in October extending for 105 days.</p> <p><del>Canvasback Season Closed.</del></p> <p>Scaup: From the second Saturday in October extending for 86 days.</p> | <p>Daily bag limit: 7<br/> Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 4 <u>2</u> females.</li> <li>• 4 <u>2</u> pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• <u>1 canvasback (either sex).</u></li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• <u>2 3</u> scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>   |
| Geese                        | <p>From the second Saturday in October extending for 100 days.</p>  | <p>Daily bag limit: 8<br/> Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 white geese.</li> <li>• <del>4 white-fronted geese</del></li> <li>• <del>2 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</del></li> <li>• <del>1 Small Canada goose (see definitions: 502(a)).</del></li> <li>• <u>6 dark geese which may include 4 white-fronted geese, 2 Large Canada geese, and 1 Small Canada goose (see definitions: 502(a)).</u></li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p> |

(2) Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (5)(D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

| <i>(A) Species</i>           | <i>(B) Season</i>   | <i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>   |
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| Ducks (including Mergansers) | <p>A split season from the <del>first</del> <u>second</u> Saturday in October extending for a period of 23 days and from the second Saturday in November extending for a period of 79 days.</p> <p><del>Canvasback Season Closed.</del></p> <p>Scaup: From the second Saturday in November extending for 79 days.</p> | <p>Daily bag limit: 7<br/>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 4 <u>2</u> females.</li> <li>• 4 <u>2</u> pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• 1 <u>canvasback</u> (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• <u>2</u> <u>3</u> scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>  |
| Geese                        | From the <del>third</del> <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days.   | <p>Daily bag limit: 8</p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 white geese.</li> <li>• <del>4 white-fronted geese.</del></li> <li>• <del>4 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</del></li> <li>• <del>6 Small Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</del></li> <li>• <u>6 dark geese which may include 4 white-fronted geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</u></li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p> |

(3) Southern California Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (5)(D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

| <i>(A) Species</i>           | <i>(B) Season</i>   | <i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>   |
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| Ducks (including Mergansers) | From the <del>third</del> <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days. | <p>Daily bag limit: 7<br/>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not</li> </ul> |

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|       | <p><del>Canvasback Season Closed.</del></p> <p>Scaup: From the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days.</p> | <p>more than 4 <u>2</u> females.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 <u>2</u> pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• <u>1 canvasback (either sex).</u></li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• <u>2 3</u> scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p> |
| Geese | <p>From the <del>third</del> <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days.</p>                           | <p>Daily bag limit: 8</p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 white geese.</li> <li>• 3 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>  |

(4) Colorado River Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (5)(D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

| <i>(A) Species</i>            | <i>(B) Season</i>  | <i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>   |
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| Ducks (including Mergansers). | <p>From the Friday after the <del>second</del> <u>third</u> Sunday in October extending for 101 days.</p> <p><del>Canvasback Season Closed.</del></p> <p>Scaup: From the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days.</p> | <p>Daily bag limit: 7</p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females or Mexican-like ducks.</li> <li>• 4 <u>2</u> pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• <u>1 canvasback (either sex).</u></li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• <u>2 3</u> scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p> |
| Geese                         | <p>From October <del>17</del> <u>23</u> extending for 101 days.</p>  | <p>Daily bag limit: 6</p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 white geese.</li> </ul>   |

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p> |
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(5) Balance of State Zone (NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION (D) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

| <i>(A) Species</i>            | <i>(B) Season</i>  | <i>(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>   |
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| Ducks (including Mergansers). | <p>From the <del>third</del> <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days.</p> <p><del>Canvasback Season Closed.</del></p> <p>Scaup: From the first Saturday in November extending for 86 days.</p>  | <p>Daily bag limit: 7<br/>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 4 <u>2</u> females.</li> <li>• 4 <u>2</u> pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• 1 <u>canvasback</u> (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 <u>3</u> scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>   |
| Geese                         | <p>From the <del>third</del> <u>fourth</u> Saturday in October extending for 100 days EXCEPT in the Sacramento Valley (West) Special Management Area where the white-fronted goose season will be open from the last Saturday in October through <u>close after</u> December 14.</p> | <p>Daily bag limit: 8<br/>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 white geese.</li> <li>• <del>4 white-fronted geese EXCEPT in the Sacramento Valley (West) Special Management Area where only 2 may be taken.</del></li> <li>• <del>4 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</del></li> <li>• <del>6 Small Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</del></li> <li>• <u>6 dark geese which may include 4 white-fronted geese EXCEPT in the</u></li> </ul> |

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|                                     |                     | <p><u>Sacramento Valley Special Management Area where only 2 may be white-fronted geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</u></p> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p>   |
| <b>(D) Special Management Areas</b> |                     |   |
| <i>Area</i>                         | <i>Species</i>      | <i>Season</i>   |
| 1. North Coast                      | All Canada Geese    | <p>From the <del>last Friday in October</del> <u>first Saturday in November</u> extending for a period of <del>87</del> <u>86</u> days (Regular Season) and from the third Saturday in February extending <del>for 18</del> <u>for a period of 19</u> days (Late Season). During the Late Season, hunting is not permitted on public areas.</p> <p>Daily bag limit:<br/>6 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.</p> <p>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.</p> |
| 2. Humboldt Bay South Spit          | All species         | Closed during brant season.   |
| 3. Sacramento Valley (West)         | White-Fronted Geese | <p>Open <del>from the last Saturday in October</del> <u>concurrently with the goose season</u> through December 14, and during Youth <u>Waterfowl</u> Hunting Days.</p> <p>Daily bag limit: 2 white-fronted geese.</p>  |

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|                           |             | Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.   |
| 4. Morro Bay              | All species | Open in designated area only <u>from the opening day of brant season through the remainder of waterfowl season.</u>   |
| 5. Martis Creek Lake      | All species | Closed until November 16.   |
| 6. Northern Brant         | Black Brant | From the first Saturday in November extending for 30 days.<br>Daily bag limit: 2<br>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit.   |
| 7. Balance of State Brant | Black Brant | From the second Saturday in November extending for 30 days.<br>Daily bag limit: 2<br>Possession limit: double 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 second Saturday in February extending for 16 days (Late Season). During the Late Season, hunting is not permitted on public areas.<br><br>Daily bag limit: 6<br>Possession limit: double the daily bag limit. |

(e) Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days Regulations (NOTE: Youth 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> |
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| Ducks (including Mergansers), American Coot, Common Moorhen, Black Brant, Geese | 1. Northeastern California Zone: The Saturday fourteen days before the opening of waterfowl season extending for 2 days.<br><br>2. Southern San Joaquin | Same as regular season.    |



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|  | <p>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> |  |
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(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>   |
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| <p>Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coot and Common Moorhen</p> | <p>1. Northeastern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season extending for 105 days.</p> <p>2. Balance of State Zone. Open concurrently with duck season extending for 107 days, 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)(5)(D)1.)</p> <p>3. Southern San Joaquin</p> | <p>Daily bag limit: 3<br/>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: 6</p> |

Valley Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and ~~January 26-28, 2009~~ February 1-3, 2010. Goose hunting in this zone by means of falconry is not permitted.

4. Southern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season extending for 107 days, except in the Imperial County Special Management Area where the falconry season for geese runs concurrently with the season for white geese.

5. Colorado River Zone. Concurrent with duck season and from ~~January 26-29, 2009~~ February 1-4, 2010. 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.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 202 and 355, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 202, 355 and 356, Fish and Game Code.