

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

- I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: December 28, 2015
- II. Date of Final Statement of Reasons: April 22, 2016
- III. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:
 - (a) Discussion Hearing: Date: December 10, 2015
Location: San Diego, CA
 - (b) Notice Hearing Date: February 11, 2016
Location: Sacramento, CA
 - (c) Adoption Hearing: Date: April 14, 2016
Location: Santa Rosa, CA

IV. Update:

The Fish and Game Commission (Commission) adopted at its April 14, 2016 meeting the specific season lengths and daily bag limits identified as ranges in the initial Statement of Reasons.

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 October and specify the maximum season lengths and daily bag limits. In addition, federal regulations require the North Coast Special Management Area late goose season dates to conform to the adjacent zone in Oregon, and require the Colorado River Zone to conform to the adjacent zone in Arizona. Lastly, the Department modified the opening date of the white-fronted goose late season in the Northeastern Zone based on public input and identified an error in the Initial Statement of Reasons in the North Coast Special Management Area.

These specific changes were:

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- Clarifying language was added after the notice to help the public to understand the difference between allowed Type C wildlife areas, and prohibited Type A and Type B wildlife areas.

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- The late season for Canada Geese will begin February 18, rather than February 20 that was proposed, for 21 days rather than 19 days.

The Final Environmental Document for Section 502, dated April 14, 2016 was added to the rulemaking file after the 45 day notice period.

The Commission adopted the Department recommendations and other minor editorial changes to clarify the regulations at the April 14, 2016 meeting.

Summary of Adopted Waterfowl Hunting Regulations

AREA	SPECIES	SEASONS	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
Statewide	Coots & Moorhens	Concurrent w/duck season	25/day. 75 in possession
Northeastern Zone	Ducks	Oct 8 – Jan 20	7/day, which may include: 7 mallards no more than 2 females, 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	Oct 8– Dec 4 & Dec 24 – Jan 20	
	Geese	Regular Season Dark geese: Oct 8 – Jan 15 White geese: Oct 8 – Dec 4 & Jan 7 – Jan 20 Late Season Whitefronts: Mar 4 – Mar 8 White geese: Feb 6 – Mar 10	30/day, which may include: 20 white geese, 10 dark geese no more than 2 Large Canada geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Ducks	Oct 22 – Jan 29	7/day, which may include: 7 mallards no more than 2 females, 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	Nov 5 – Jan 29	
	Geese	Oct 22 – Jan 29	30/ day, which may include: 20 white geese, 10 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Southern California Zone	Ducks	Oct 22 – Jan 29	7/day, which may include: 7 mallards no more than 2 females, 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	Nov 5 – Jan 29	
	Geese	Oct 22 – Jan 29	23/ day, which may include: 20 white geese, 3 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Colorado River Zone	Ducks	Oct 21 – Jan 29	7/day, which may include: 7 mallards no more than 2 females or Mexican-like ducks, 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	Nov 5 – Jan 29	
	Geese	Oct 21 – Jan 29	14/day, up to 10 white geese, up to 4 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Balance of State Zone	Ducks	Oct 22 – Jan 29	7/day, which may include: 7 mallards no more than 2 females, 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Scaup	Nov 5 – Jan 29	
	Geese	Early Season: (Large CAGO only) Oct 1 – 5 Regular Season: Oct 22 – Jan 29 Late Season: (Whitefronts and White geese) Feb 11 – Feb 15	30/day, which may include: 20 white geese, 10 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.

Summary of Adopted Waterfowl Hunting Regulations, continued

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS	SPECIES	SEASONS	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
North Coast	All Canada Geese	Nov 7 – Jan 29 & Feb 18 – Mar 10	10/day, only 1 may be a Large Canada goose. Possession limit triple the daily bag. Large Canada geese are closed during the Late Season.
Humboldt Bay South Spit (West Side)	All species	Closed during brant season	
Sacramento Valley	White-fronted geese	Open concurrently with general goose season through Dec 21	3/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Morro Bay	All species	Open in designated areas only	Waterfowl season opens concurrently with brant season.
Martis Creek Lake	All species	Closed until Nov 16	
Northern Brant	Black Brant	Nov 8 – Dec 14	2/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Balance of State Brant	Black Brant	Nov 9 – Dec 15	2/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Imperial County	White Geese	Nov 5 – Jan 29 & Feb 4 – Feb 19	20/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
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Northeastern Zone	Same as regular season	Sept 24 – 25	Same as regular season
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone		Feb 4 – 5	
Southern California Zone		Feb 4 – 5	
Colorado River Zone		Feb 4 – 5	
Balance of State Zone		Feb 4 – 5	
FALCONRY	SPECIES	SEASONS	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
Northeastern Zone	Same as regular season	Oct 8 – Jan 15	3/day, possession limit 9
Balance of State Zone		Oct 22 – Jan 29 & Feb 4 -5	
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Ducks only	Oct 22 – Feb 1	
Southern California Zone	Same as regular season	Oct 22 – Feb 3	
Colorado River Zone	Ducks only	Oct 21 – Feb 1	

Proposed Actions and Reasons for Rejecting Those Considerations:

- a) Comment Source: California Waterfowl Association (CWA), Letter of April 5, 2016.

Supports the Department's recommendation with the exception of the Northeastern Zone timing; recommends opening the second Saturday in October (10/8), rather than the first Saturday.

Department Response: Support noted. The Commission adopted the Department's recommendations with the exception of the Northeastern Zone. The Commission adopted the second Saturday in October.

- b) Comment Source: Gary Robeson, Past Chairman COWWC, Letter of April 13, 2016.

Concerns raised about the early timing of the Northeastern Zone. To increase hunter opportunity he recommended keeping the NE opener on the second Saturday in October (10/8) rather than the first Saturday in October as proposed by the Department.

Department Response: The Commission adopted this recommendation as indicated in response a.

- c) Comment Source: Public testimony from Mark Hennelly, California Waterfowl Association, Josh Brones, Al Taucher Conservation Coalition and Bill Gaines (April 14, 2016)

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- d) Comment Source: Public testimony from Yancey Forest-Knowles, Fred Harpster, Jim Waters, and Rick Bullock (April 14, 2016)

Recommended opening the Northeastern Zone the second Saturday in October (10/8) rather than October 1 as proposed by the Department.

Department Response: The Commission adopted this recommendation as indicated in response a.

VI. Location and Index of Rulemaking File.

A rulemaking file with attached file index is maintained at:
California Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320
Sacramento, California 95814

VII. Location of Department Files:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Waterfowl Program
1812 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95811

VIII. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

(a) Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

- 1) Three alternatives were offered by the public regarding hunting in Morro Bay Special Management Area. 1) Eliminate all hunting during the Martin Luther King weekend during the Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival; 2) Change the start time for hunting to 8 AM on Saturdays and Sundays instead of 7 AM; and 3) Change the days of hunting to Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- 2) An alternative was offered by the public regarding hunting on public lands during the Late Season for white geese in the Northeastern Zone. Allow hunting during the late season on Type C wildlife areas or other public (nonrefuge) lands.

(b) No Change Alternative:

- 1) The No Change Alternative would maintain the 2015-16 season lengths, dates, and daily bag limits in all zones. The federal frameworks were adopted at the U S Wildlife Service's Regulations Committee Meeting in October and are the basis for the Department's recommendations for the 2016-17 season. Maintaining the existing regulations may cause nonconformance to federal rules.
- 2) The No Change Alternative would maintain the existing regulations in the Morro Bay Special Management Area.
- 3) The No Change Alternative would maintain the existing regulations for the Late Season for white geese in the Northeastern Zone.
- 4) The No Change Alternative would maintain the existing total daily goose bag limits and the white goose daily bag limits.

- 5) The No Change Alternative would maintain the existing age limit to participate in the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days.

(c) Consideration of Alternatives:

Regarding the alternatives proposed for the Morro Bay Special Management Area: Current regulations (Section 506) already provide for a later morning start time (7 a.m. rather than ½ hour before sunrise in all other hunt zones in California) and a substantial portion of Morro Bay is not open for hunting. These limits on hunting in Morro Bay are consistent with the federal framework and the FGC's mandate to conserve wildlife and provide recreational opportunity. The FGC, after consideration, therefore rejects the alternatives proposing to further restrict waterfowl hunting in Morro Bay.

Regarding the alternative proposed for the Late Season for white geese in the Northeastern Zone: The original intent of the late goose seasons in the North Coast and Imperial special management areas and the Northeastern Zone were to "...reduce depredation on private lands and disperse through hunting geese" (as proposed in the Initial Statement of Reasons for Regulatory Action, April 2013). An increasing number of complaints about depredation have been received by the Department and FGC from private landowners and the Modoc and Lassen county fish and game commissions, which have requested a late season hunt. It is the policy of the Department (Fish and Game Code Section 1801) to alleviate economic losses caused by wildlife and to bring such losses within tolerable limits. Hunting is the only tool the Department can offer private landowners to minimize depredation (with the goal of hazing geese off of private lands and onto public lands). Higher bag limits have been approved for goose populations that exceed population objectives however there are too few hunters in California to effectively reduce the total number of geese; especially to levels that eliminate goose depredation. The majority of waterfowl habitat and harvest occur on private lands. In order for the late season hunt to be effective in dispersing geese, public lands need to be closed so geese have a place to go. Opening all public lands may push geese to Oregon where depredation also occurs. Oregon and California agreed to have similar regulations (public hunting areas closed) on each side of the border so as not to move geese across the border. State Type C Wildlife areas could be opened in California with minimal effect to the intent of the late season hunts, however of the 18 type C areas within the Northeastern Zone; 12 are dominated by sagebrush and conifers, 4 are riparian habitat and 2 are seasonal wetlands. Opening up type C areas would not provide any real goose hunting opportunity during the late season. These public waters could be opened with minimal effect to the intent of the late season hunts. Other publicly owned lands that do provide goose use (habitat) should

remain closed to hunting in order to provide an alternative to private land use. The Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) could be utilized to enroll private land owners to offer goose hunting however, statute requires participants willingly volunteer their land for public access. The Department cannot force land owners to participate in SHARE. SHARE hunts were implemented for the North Coast and Imperial Special Management Area late season goose hunts, but they were cancelled because of low land owner enrollment and hunter applicants. Lastly, this alternative was discussed during the 2015-16 season regulatory review and the FGC chose not to adopt this alternative.

In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

IX. 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.

- (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; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:

The Commission does not anticipate any impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs, the creation of new business, the elimination of existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in California

The Commission anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. Hunting provides opportunities for multi-generational family activities and promotes respect for California's environment by the future stewards of the State's resources. The Commission anticipates benefits to the State's environment by the sustainable management of

California's waterfowl resources. The Commission does not anticipate any impacts to worker safety because the proposed amendments will not affect working conditions.

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

The Commission 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, Government Code: 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 for waterfowl hunting.

The frameworks for the 2016-17 season have been approved by the Flyway Councils and adopted at the Service Regulation's Committee meeting October 20-21, 2015. The proposed frameworks allow for a liberal duck season which includes a 107 day season, 7 daily duck limit including 7 mallards but only 2 hen mallards, 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads, and 3 scaup (during an 86 day season). Duck daily bag limits ranges, duck season lengths ranges and goose season length ranges have been provided to allow the FGC flexibility. Lastly, Federal regulations require that California's hunting regulations conform to those of Arizona in the Colorado River Zone and with Oregon in the North Coast Special Management Area. Based on the frameworks, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) provides an annual recommendation to the Fish and Game Commission.

The Department recommendations are as follows:

1. Changes in current subsection 502(d)1 propose to allow hunting on the Department's Type C wildlife areas and public waters during the late season hunt in the Northeastern Zone.
2. Changes in current subsection 502(d) propose to increase the total daily bag limit for geese in the Northeastern, Southern San Joaquin Valley, and the Balance of State zones from 25 to 30 geese per day; the Southern California Zone total daily bag limit for geese will increase from 18 to 23 geese per day. The bag limit for white geese will increase from 15 to 20 per day in the zones referenced.
3. Proposed changes in current subsection 502(d)(5)(D)8 increase the white goose daily bag limit in the Imperial County Special Management Area from 15 to 20 per day.
4. Proposed changes in current subsection 502(e) modify the age limit to participate in the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days from 15 years of age and under to 17 years of age and under.

Minor editorial changes are also proposed to clarify and simplify the regulations and to comply with existing federal frameworks.

Benefits of the regulations

The benefits of the proposed regulations are concurrence with federal law and the sustainable management of the State's waterfowl resources. Positive impacts to jobs

and/or businesses that provide services to waterfowl hunters will be realized with the continued adoption of waterfowl hunting seasons in 2015-16.

Non-monetary benefits to the public

The Commission does not anticipate non-monetary benefits to the protection of public health and safety, worker safety, the prevention of discrimination, the promotion of fairness or social equity and the increase in openness and transparency in business and government.

Evaluation of incompatibility with existing regulations

The Commission has reviewed its regulations in Title 14, CCR, and conducted a search of other regulations on this topic and has concluded that the proposed amendments to Section 502 are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations. No other State agency has the authority to promulgate waterfowl hunting regulations.

Summary of Proposed Waterfowl Hunting Regulations			
AREA	SPECIES	SEASONS	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
Statewide	Coots & Moorhens	Concurrent w/duck season	25/day. 75 in possession
Northeastern Zone <i>Season may be split for Ducks, Pintail, Canvasback, Scaup, and Dark and White Geese</i>	Ducks	Between 38 & 105 days	4-7/day, which may include: 3-7 mallards no more than 1-2 females, 0-3 pintail, 0-3 canvasback, 0-3 redheads, 0-7 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Pintail Canvasback Scaup	Between 38 & 105 days	
	Geese	105 days	25/day, which may include: 15 white geese, 10 dark geese no more than 2 Large Canada geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone <i>Season may be split for Ducks, Pintail, Canvasback and Scaup.</i>	Ducks	Between 38 & 105 days	4-7/day, which may include: 3-7 mallards no more than 1-2 females, 0-3 pintail, 0-3 canvasback, 0-3 redheads, 0-7 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Pintail Canvasback Scaup	Between 0 & 105 days	
	Geese	100 days	25/ day, which may include: 15 white geese, 10 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Southern California Zone <i>Season may be split for Ducks, Pintail, Canvasback and Scaup.</i>	Ducks	Between 38 & 100 days	4-7/day, which may include: 3-7 mallards no more than 1-2 hen mallards, 0-3 pintail, 0-3 canvasback, 0-3 redheads, 0-7 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Pintail Canvasback Scaup	Between 0 & 100 days	
	Geese	100 days	18/day, which may include: 15 white geese, 3 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Colorado River Zone <i>Season may be split for Ducks, Pintail, Canvasback and Scaup.</i>	Ducks	Between 38 & 101 days	4-7/day, which may include: 3-7 mallards no more than 1-2 females or Mexican-like ducks, 0-3 pintail, 0-3 canvasback, 0-3 redheads, 0-7 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Pintail Canvasback Scaup	Between 0 & 101 days	
	Geese	101 days	14/day, up to 10 white geese, up to 4 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Balance of State Zone <i>Season may be split for Ducks, Pintail, Canvasback, Scaup and Dark and White Geese.</i>	Ducks	Between 38 & 100 days	4-7/day, which may include: 3-7 mallards no more than 1-2 females, 0-3 pintail, 0-3 canvasback, 0-3 redheads, 0-7 scaup. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
	Pintail Canvasback Scaup	Between 0 & 100 days	
	Geese	Early Season: 5 days (CAGO only) Regular Season: 100 days Late Season: 5 days (Whitefronts and white geese)	25/day, which may include: 15 white geese, 10 dark geese. Possession limit triple the daily bag.

Summary of Proposed Waterfowl Hunting Regulations, Continued			
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS	SPECIES	SEASON	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
North Coast <i>Season may be split</i>	All Canada Geese	105 days except for Large Canada geese which cannot exceed 100 days or extend beyond the last Sunday in January.	10/day, only 1 may be a Large Canada goose. Possession limit triple the daily bag. Large Canada geese are closed during the Late Season.
Humboldt Bay South Spit (West Side)	All species	Closed during brant season	
Sacramento Valley	White-fronted geese	Open concurrently with general goose season through Dec 21	3/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Morro Bay	All species	Open in designated areas only	Waterfowl season opens concurrently with brant season.
Martis Creek Lake	All species	Closed until Nov 16	
Northern Brant	Black Brant	Between 30 and 45 days	2/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Balance of State Brant	Black Brant	Between 30 and 45 days	2/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
Imperial County <i>Season may be split</i>	White Geese	102 days	15/day. Possession limit triple the daily bag.
YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS	SPECIES	SEASON	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
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.	
FALCONRY OF DUCKS	SPECIES	SEASON	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS
Northeastern Zone	Same as regular season	Between 38 and 105 days	3/ day, possession limit 9
Balance of State Zone		Between 38 and 107 days	
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone		Between 38 and 107 days	
Southern California Zone		Between 38 and 107 days	
Colorado River Zone	Ducks only	Between 38 and 107 days	

UPDATE

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 October, 2015. In addition, federal regulations require the North Coast Special Management Area late goose season dates to conform to the adjacent zone in Oregon, and require the Colorado River Zone to conform to the adjacent zone in Arizona. Lastly, the Department modified the opening date of the white-fronted goose late season in the Northeastern Zone based on public input and identified an error in the Initial Statement of Reasons in the North Coast Special Management Area.

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There have been no changes in applicable laws or to the effect of the proposed regulations from the laws and effects described in the Notice of Proposed Action.

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Balance of State Zone		Oct 22 – Jan 29 & Feb 4 - 5	
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Ducks only	Oct 22 – Feb 1	
Southern California Zone	Same as regular season	Oct 22 – Feb 3	
Colorado River Zone	Ducks only	Oct 21 – Feb 1	