

Approved 2006-2007 Late Migratory Bird Season and Code Proposals

Approved Changes - Red Ink

Approved Calendar Modifications - Orange Ink

Approved Clarifications - Blue Ink

(60 day season)

- 12.15** **DUCK, COOT AND MERGANSER SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take ducks or coots other than ~~from~~ November 19-December 4, 2005, December 16-24, 2005 and December 26, 2005-January 29, 2006 November 18-December 18, 2006, December 26, 2006-January 7, 2007 and January 13-January 28, 2007.
- 08-06
- EXCEPTIONS:**
- (1) Ducks, coots and mergansers may be taken during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt **statewide** on December 10-11, 2005 December 23-24, 2006. (Ref. Code 12.25 Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Restrictions).
 - (2) Canvasbacks may only be taken from December 31, 2005-January 29, 2006 November 18-December 18, 2006, December 26, 2006-January 7, 2007 and January 13-January 28, 2007.
 - ~~(3) Canvasbacks may not be taken during the youth hunt.~~
 - ~~(4)~~ Pintails may be taken during the Youth Waterfowl Hunt (dates).
- PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
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- 12.17** **DUCK DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take more ducks in any one day than as specified below or to possess more than two (2) daily bag limits:
- 08-06
- Bag Limits:
- Daily limit of six (6) ducks which may include no more than four (4) mallards (no more than one (1) of which may be females), one (1) pintail, three (3) mottled ducks, two (2) scaup, two (2) wood ducks, two (2) redheads, one (1) black duck and one (1) canvasback.
- Daily limit of five (5) mergansers, which may include no more than ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** hooded mergansers.
- EXCEPTION:**
- Bayou Meto WMA Bag Limits:
- Daily limit of four (4) ducks which may include no more than three (3) mallards (no more than one (1) of which may be females), one (1) Pintail, three (3) mottled ducks, two (2) scaup, two (2) wood ducks, two (2) redheads and one (1) black duck.
- Daily limit of four (4) mergansers, which may include no more than ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** hooded mergansers.
- PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
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- 12.18** **WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be

08-06 unlawful to take or attempt to take White-fronted geese other than from November 19–December 4, 2005 and December 12, 2005–February 5, 2006 November 18–December 18, 2006 and December 26, 2006–February 4, 2007 statewide.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

12.20 **SNOW, BLUE, ROSS’ GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be
08-06 unlawful to take or attempt to take Snow, Blue and Ross’ geese other than from November 10–December 9, 2005 and December 12, 2005–February 5, 2006 November 9–December 21, 2006 and December 26, 2006–February 4, 2007 statewide.

EXCEPTION:

(1) In compliance with the Snow, Blue and Ross’ Goose Conservation Order starting from February 5–April 29, 2007 statewide.

PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

12.22 **CANADA GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to
08-06 take or attempt to take Canada geese other than from September 30–October 9, 2006 in the Northwest Canada Goose Zone and from January 13–February 4, 2007 statewide. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset statewide.

EXCEPTION:

(1) Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge is closed.

PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

12.25 **FALCONRY SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take
08-06 or attempt to take migratory birds with raptors other than during the regular migratory bird seasons except as follows Ducks, Coots and Mergansers: December 5–8, 2005 December 19–22, 2006, December 25, 2005 December 25, 2006, January 8–12, 2007 and January 29–February 18, 2007 statewide.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

12.27 **SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT RESTRICTIONS.** It shall
08-06 be unlawful for anyone other than youths, 15 years of age or younger, to hunt ducks, in season geese, mergansers and coots during the special youth waterfowl hunt on December 10–11, 2005 December 23–24, 2006 statewide. Youths who have completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by an adult mentor who is 18 years of age or older. Youths who have not completed a hunter education course must be under the direct supervision of an adult mentor who is 21 years of age or older. Mentors may not hunt ducks, geese, mergansers or coots but may, if properly licensed, hunt other game in season. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as the regular waterfowl season. ~~All Commission-owned Waterfowl Rest Areas, Bob Young and Horsehead Creek Waterfowl Rest Areas on~~

~~Dardanelle WMA are open to youth hunting during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt.~~

EXCEPTION:

~~(1) The Waterfowl Rest Area on Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA is closed during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt.~~

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**Section 20.00
Wildlife Management Area Regulations**

- 20.00** Establishment of Wildlife Management Areas.
- 20.01** Killing and Capture Devices Prohibited in WMAs.
- 20.02** Firearm Restrictions on WMAs.
- 20.03** Loaded Firearms Prohibited in Camping Areas on All WMAs and WDAs.
- 20.04** Removal of Objects Prohibited on WMAs.
- 20.05** Livestock Ranging Prohibited on WMAs.
- 20.06** Cutting Devices Prohibited on Commission Owned WMAs and WDAs.
- 20.07** Trespassing Prohibited Where Posted on WMAs and WDAs.
- ~~**20.08** Leaving Waterfowl Decoys Overnight Prohibited on WMAs, WDAs and WRAs.~~
- ~~**20.09** Permanent Duck Blinds Prohibited on WMAs.~~
- 20.10** Structures on Commission Leased Land, Commission-owned and Cooperative WMAs and WDAs.
- 20.11** Permit Requirements on Certain WMAs.
- 20.12** Season Restrictions Within Camp Robinson Demonstration Area.
- 20.13** Killing or Capture Devices and Dogs Prohibited.
- 20.14** Baiting or Hunting on Baited Portions of WMAs Prohibited.
- 20.17** Hunting Restricted During Flooding within Certain WMAs.
- 20.22** Bird Dog Training Restrictions Within Camp Robinson Wildlife Demonstration Area.
- 20.23** Compliance with Camp Robinson WMA and Ft. Chaffee WMA Post Regulations Required.
- 20.24** Hunting From Motorized Land Vehicles Prohibited on WMAs and WDAs.
- 20.25** Non-Compliance With Terms of Permit Hunts on WMAs, WDAs and NWRs (National Wildlife Refuges) Prohibited.
- 20.26** Season Restrictions During Permit Hunts on WMAs.
- 20.27** Camping Restrictions on WMAs.
- 20.28** Motorized Vehicle Restrictions on Commission-owned, Leased, Licensed and Cooperative WMAs.
- 20.29** Horse and Mule Restrictions on Commission-owned WMAs.
- 20.30** Hunting/Camping Prohibited on Electric Island WMA.
- 20.31** Use or Possession of Alcohol or Illegal Controlled Substances Prohibited.
- 20.32** Hunting Restrictions on Casey Jones WMA.

- 20.33 Season Restrictions on Wylie Cox Field Trial Area.
- 20.34 Feral Hog Hunting and Trapping Restrictions on WMAs and WDAs.
- 20.35 Restrictions on all Natural Area Wildlife Management Areas.

**Hunting and Migratory Waterfowl
Regulations Within WMAs**

- 25.01 Migratory Waterfowl Shooting Hour Restrictions Within Certain WMAs and WDAs.
- 25.02 Hunting or Trespassing Prohibited Within Certain WMAs and Lakes.
- 25.03 Boat Motor Restriction on Certain WMAs.
- 25.04 **Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Access Restrictions Within Waterfowl Rest Areas.**
- 25.05 **Leaving Waterfowl Decoys Overnight Prohibited on WMAs, WDAs and WRAs.**
- 25.06 **Permanent Duck Blinds Prohibited on WMAs.**
- 25.07 **Waterfowl Shot Shell Restrictions for Certain WMAs.**
- 25.09 **Guiding Prohibited on All Commissioned Owned or Controlled WMAs, WDAs and WRAs.**
- 25.10 **Non-Resident Waterfowl Hunting Permit Requirements on Certain WMAs.**
- 25.11 **Steve N. Wilson Raft Creek Bottoms WMA Waterfowl Hunting Requirements.**

25.04 **MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HUNTING ACCESS RESTRICTIONS**
08-06 **WITHIN WATERFOWL REST AREAS.** All state owned waterfowl rest areas are closed to access beginning November 1 of each year and will reopen to access the day after duck season ends. **However, all-day hunting is allowed on these rest areas during the special youth waterfowl hunt and the last 3 days of the last duck season.**

EXCEPTIONS:

- ~~(1) — Ft. Chaffee WRA within Forth Chaffee WMA and Halowell Reservoir WRA within Bayou Meto WMA are all closed to access and hunting during the special youth waterfowl hunt and the last 3 days of the last duck season.~~
- ~~(2) — Horsehead Creek and Bob Young WRAs within Dardanelle WMA and Lee LeBlanc WRA within Rex Hancock WMA are closed to hunting and access during the last 3 days of the last duck season but are open to all-day hunting during the special youth hunt.~~
- (3 1)** Red Slough WRA within **Dr. Lester Sitzes, III** Bois d'Arc WMA and Henry Moore WRA within Sulphur River WMA are open to archery hunting from October 1 – November 11.
- (4 2)** Pigeon Creek WRA within Cut Off Creek WMA **and Steve Frick WRA within Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA** closes to access the day after the **Cut-Off Creek** modern gun deer hunt and **is also closed to access and**

~~hunting during the last 3 days of the last duck season will reopen to access the day after duck season ends.~~

~~(5) — Johnson County WRA within Dardanelle WMA is closed to access and hunting during the special youth waterfowl hunt, during the last 3 days of season and during the mobility-impaired gun hunt.~~

~~(6) — Steve Frick WRA within Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA is closed to access and waterfowl hunting during the special youth waterfowl hunt and the last 3 days of the last duck season, except open to deer hunting through the last day of the modern gun deer permit hunt.~~

~~PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.~~

20.08 25.05 LEAVING WATERFOWL DECOYS OVERNIGHT PROHIBITED

08-06 **ON WMAs, WDAs AND WRAs.** It shall be unlawful to leave waterfowl decoys overnight on any wildlife management area, wildlife demonstration area or waterfowl rest area.

EXCEPTIONS:

~~(1) — St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA.~~

~~(2) — Big Lake WMA.~~

~~(3) — Dave Donaldson Black River WMA.~~

(1) Waterfowl decoys may be left overnight beginning the opening day of the first duck season and must be removed the last day of the last duck season on St. Francis Sunken Lands, Big Lake and Dave Donaldson Black River WMAs.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

20.09 25.06 PERMANENT DUCK BLINDS PROHIBITED ON WMA's. It shall be

08-06 unlawful to build, erect, or hunt from permanent duck blinds (any structure being fabricated from metal, lumber, wire, nylon and other identifiable building materials) which are not removed or torn down each day at the end of the hunt or at the end of shooting hours on any wildlife management area.

EXCEPTION:

(1) Only blinds on Big Lake WMA and St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA, which have been assigned an ID number on or before June 30, 2006 by the Commission and have been well-constructed in the judgment of the Regional Wildlife Supervisor, may be maintained in compliance with Commission guidelines. Construction of any blind after June 30, 2006 is prohibited. Blinds that have deteriorated beyond a safe, usable condition in the judgment of the Regional Wildlife Supervisor cannot be rebuilt and may be destroyed by Commission personnel. Existing blinds may not be moved.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. Illegal structures may be removed by Commission personnel and destroyed or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Commission policy.

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WATERFOWL SHOT SHELL RESTRICTIONS FOR CERTAIN WMAs. SHOT SHELL AND SHOT SIZE RESTRICTIONS WHILE

~~**WATERFOWL HUNTING ON BAYOU METO AND CUT-OFF CREEK WMAs.**~~ It shall be unlawful to possess more than 15 shot shells per hunter or to possess shot shells containing shot larger than #2 while waterfowl hunting on Bayou Meto, **Bell Slough, Camp Robinson, and Cut-Off Creek, Shirey Bay Rainey Brake and Seven Devils** WMAs.

EXCEPTION:

(1) In camping, parking or boat launching areas.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

25.09

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GUIDING PROHIBITED ON ALL COMMISSIONED OWNED OR CONTROLLED WMAs, WDAs and WRAs. It shall be unlawful to guide waterfowl hunters on any commission-owned or controlled wildlife management area, wildlife demonstration area or waterfowl rest area. It shall also be unlawful for waterfowl hunters to hunt while being guided on any commission-owned or controlled wildlife management area, wildlife demonstration area or waterfowl rest area.

PENALTY: ~~\$100.00~~ **\$500.00** to \$1,000.00

Financial Benefit to Agency: N/A

6. Do alternative means exist for accomplishing the objectives of the rules that might be less burdensome to small business? Yes: No:

Why were such alternatives not proposed:

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts:

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO:	_____	SUBJECT:	2006-2007 Late Migratory Season
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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, meeting in regular session on August 17, 2006, has carefully reviewed and approved the attached hunting regulation proposals for statewide application; **and**

WHEREAS, the various sections of the AGFC Code Book affected by the adoption of these regulations must be replaced or amended, and then legally certified to the Secretary of State, the Arkansas State Library and the Bureau of Legislative Research in accordance with applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, THIS 17th day of August the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations for the 2006-2007 hunting license year, and authorizes the Commission staff to proceed with making the appropriate AGFC Code Book revisions and legal certification.

	<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>	<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>	
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