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Agenda Item _____

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Wildlife Management Division

July 22, 2010

Approval of Proposed 2010-2011 Early Migratory Game Bird Codes

Presented by Ricky Chastain

Early-season migratory game bird regulations must be adopted by states and reported to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service by August 1. Proposals were presented to the Commission at the June meeting and final proposals for adoption will be presented for approval at this meeting.

David Goad, Chief
Wildlife Management Division

2010-2011 Early Migratory Bird Codes Proposals

Approved Changes - Red Ink

Approved Calendar Adjustments – Orange Ink

Approved Code Clarifications - Blue Ink

- 12.01**
07-10 **MOURNING AND EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It ~~shall be~~ **is** unlawful to take or attempt to take Mourning and Eurasian Collared Doves other than from Sept. 4-Oct. 19, and Dec. 11, 2010-Jan. 5, 2011.
EXCEPTION:
(1) In compliance with applicable WMA regulations.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.03**
07-10 **TEAL SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It ~~shall be~~ **is** unlawful to take or attempt to take Teal other than from Sept. 11-26, 2010.
EXCEPTION:
(1) Teal may be taken in compliance with Code 12.15, Duck and Coot Season Restrictions and Code 12.17, Duck Daily Bag and Possession Restrictions.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.05**
07-10 **RAIL (VIRGINIA & SORA) SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It ~~shall be~~ **is** unlawful to take or attempt to take Rail other than from Sept. 11-Nov. 19, 2010.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.07**
07-10 **WOODCOCK SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It ~~shall be~~ **is** unlawful to take or attempt to take woodcock other than from Nov. 6-Dec. 20, 2010.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.09**
07-10 **COMMON SNIPE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It ~~shall be~~ **is** unlawful to take or attempt to take common snipe other than from Nov. 1, 2010-Feb. 15, 2011.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.11**
07-10 **PURPLE GALLINULE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It ~~shall be~~ **is** unlawful to take or attempt to take purple gallinule other than from Sept. 1-Nov. 9, 2010.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.13**
07-10 **COMMON MOORHEN SEASON RESTRICTIONS:** It ~~shall be~~ **is** unlawful to take or attempt to take common moorhen other than Sept. 1-Nov. 9, 2010.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

12.22 CANADA GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS. It ~~shall be is~~ unlawful to
07-10 take or attempt to take Canada geese other than from the zones and dates
listed below:

Early Canada Goose Statewide Season:

Sept. 1-15, 2010

Northwest Canada Goose Zone Season:

Sept. 25-Oct. 4, 2010

Late Canada Goose Statewide Season:

Dec. 26, 2008-Jan. 30, 2009.

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset in all
seasons.

EXCEPTION:

(1) Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge is closed.

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

12.23 CANADA GOOSE DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION

07-10 **RESTRICTIONS.** It ~~shall be is~~ unlawful to take or attempt to take more
than two (2) Canada geese in any one day or to possess more geese than
twice the daily bag limit.

EXCEPTION:

(1) The daily bag limit is five (5) Canada geese from Sept. 1-15, 2010
and the possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

PENALTY: \$100.00 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: N/A

7. Compare this rule with federal and state counterparts: N/A

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO:	_____	SUBJECT:	2010-2011 Early Migratory Bird
DATE PASSED:	July 22, 2010		Codes Approval
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		LOCATION:	Statewide

WHEREAS, at meetings on June 17, 2010, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission reviewed and discussed proposals for hunting regulations for the 2010-2011 Waterfowl Hunting Seasons, including game seasons, bag limits and/or other manner-of-taking game requirements for early migratory birds; **and**

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Management Division has been involved in drafting the proposed regulations, which, in turn, have been reviewed and considered by the Commission’s Regulations Committee and Wildlife Sub-committee; **and**

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the recommendations of Commission staff and recommendations of the Wildlife Sub-committee, as well as comments received from the public, the Regulations Committee voted to approve the regulations specified in the attached document “2010-2011 Early Migratory Bird Codes” for statewide application; **and**

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations have been communicated through a variety of media avenues to sportsmen and the general public throughout the state for review and comment; **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 22nd day of July 2010, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations, which shall become effective immediately for the 2010-2011 hunting license year.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission staff is authorized to proceed with making the appropriate AGFC Code Book revisions and legal certification.

	<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>	<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>	
Submitted by:	_____	_____	_____
	David Goad	Chairman	Commissioner
Division:	_____	_____	_____
	Wildlife Management	Vice Chairman	Commissioner
Approved:	_____	_____	_____
	Director	Commissioner	Commissioner
Approved:	_____	_____	
	Legal	Commissioner	
Approved:	_____		
	Fiscal		