

2015-16 Late Migratory Bird Regulations

Committee: Regulations

Date: August 20, 2015

Explanation:

Staff presented the 2015-16 late migratory bird regulations at the July Commission meeting for consideration. These regulations will be presented at this month's meeting for approval.

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2015-2016 Late Migratory Bird Regulations Approval

	Proposed Changes - Red Ink
	Proposed Calendar Adjustments – Orange Ink
	Proposed Code Clarifications - Blue Ink

- B1.08** **DUCK, COOT AND MERGANSER SEASON AND LIMITS**
08-15 Nov. 21-Nov. 29, Dec. 10-23 and Dec. 26, 2015-Jan. 31, 2016.
EXCEPTION:
Ducks, coots and mergansers may be taken during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Code 11.04).
LIMIT
COOT: Daily limit 15, possession limit 45.
DUCKS: Daily limit six. No more than four mallards (no more than two of which may be females), two pintails, one mottled duck, three scaup, three wood ducks, two redheads, one black duck and two canvasback. Possession limit no more than three daily limits.
MERGANSERS: Daily limit of five (no more than two of which may be hooded mergansers). Possession limit no more than three daily limits.
EXCEPTION:
Bayou Meto WMA daily duck limit: Daily limit of four ducks which may include no more than three mallards (no more than two of which may be females), two pintails, one mottled duck, three scaup, three wood ducks, two redheads, one black duck and two canvasback.
Bayou Meto WMA Mergansers limits: Daily limit of four (no more than two of which may be hooded mergansers).
- B1.09** **WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE SEASON AND LIMITS**
08-15 Nov. 18, 2015-Dec. 4, 2015 and Dec. 6, 2015-Jan. 31, 2016 statewide.
LIMIT: Daily limit **three**, possession limit **nine**.
- B1.10** **SNOW, BLUE AND ROSS'S GOOSE SEASON AND LIMITS**
08-15 Nov. 18, 2015-Dec. 4, 2015 and Dec. 6, 2015-Jan. 31, 2016 statewide.
EXCEPTION:
In compliance with the Addendum B1.14.
LIMIT: Daily limit **20**, no possession limit.
- B1.11** **CANADA GOOSE SEASON AND LIMITS**
07-15 Early Canada Goose Statewide Season: Sept.1-15, 2015.
Northwest Canada Goose Zone Season: Sept. 19-28, 2015.
Late Canada Goose Statewide Season: Nov. 18, 2015- Dec. 4, 2015 and Dec. 6, 2015-Jan. 31, 2016.
Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset statewide.
EXCEPTION:
Holla Bend NWR is closed.
LIMIT: Daily limit two. Possession limit six.
EXCEPTION:

The daily limit is five Canada geese from Sept. 1-15, 2015, possession limit 15.

B1.12 FALCONRY SEASON AND LIMITS

08-15 Feb.1-15, 2016 statewide.

LIMIT: No more than three migratory birds in any one day, possession limit six.

B1.13 SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON AND LIMITS

08-15 Dec. 5, 2015 and Feb. 6, 2016 statewide.

LIMIT: Same as statewide.

B1.14 SNOW, BLUE AND ROSS'S GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER SEASON AND LIMITS

08-15 Oct. 10-Nov. 17, 2015, Feb. 1-5 and Feb. 7-April 25, 2016 statewide.

LIMIT: No limit.

03.05 STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HUNTING STAMP REQUIREMENTS

08-15

It is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl without **purchasing** the appropriate Arkansas Resident or Non-Resident Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamp, **as indicated by holding a valid universal license form issued by the Commission or its representative, coded DSR or DSN (Addendum D1.01).**

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Youths.
- (2) Persons possessing a valid Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Sportsman's License.
- (3) Persons possessing a valid Resident 65 Plus Lifetime Waterfowl Permit.
- (4) In compliance with Code 04.04, Addendum B1.14 and H1.03.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY
(Attach additional pages if needed)

DEPARTMENT: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

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SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Proposed 2015-2016 Late Migratory Regulations Proposals

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?
Yes: X No:
2. Do you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibitive? Yes: No: X If "Yes", please explain:

3. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a **federal** rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation. Please indicate if the cost provided is the cost of the program.

Current Fiscal Year Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$ 576,300	General Revenue	\$ N/A
Federal Funds	\$ 923,700	Federal Funds	\$ N/A
Cash Funds	\$ N/A	Cash Funds	\$ N/A
Special Revenue	\$ N/A	Special Revenue	\$ N/A
Other (Identify)	\$ N/A	Other (Identify)	\$ N/A
Total	\$ 1,500,000	Total	\$ N/A

4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any **party** subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? (Estimated cost includes fees, administrative penalties, reporting, record keeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs associated with compliance.) Identify the **party** subject to the proposed rule, and explain how they are impacted.

Current Fiscal Year: \$ 47

Next Fiscal Year: \$ N/A

Party Subject to Rule: Migratory Bird Hunters

Effect on Party Subject to Rule: Cost of license and stamps

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the **agency** to implement this rule? Explain the financial benefit to the agency from implementing this rule.

Current Fiscal Year: \$N/A

Next Fiscal Year: \$ N/A

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: X

Why were such alternatives not proposed: N/A

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

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