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TITLE 19 **NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**
CHAPTER 31 **HUNTING AND FISHING**
PART 6 **MIGRATORY GAME BIRD**

19.31.6.1 **ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico department of game and fish.

[19.31.6.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.1 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.2 **SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in migratory game bird management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Title 19 NMAC.

[19.31.6.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.2 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.3 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.

[19.31.6.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.3 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.4 **DURATION:** September 10, 2019 - March 31, 2020.

[19.31.6.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.4 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 10, 2019, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.

[19.31.6.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.5 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.6 **OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons, regulations, rules, and procedures governing the issuance of migratory game bird licenses and permits by the department.

[19.31.6.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.6 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.7 **DEFINITIONS:**

A. **"Bernardo pond unit"** shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area 600 feet south of U.S. 60 and west of the unit 7 drain.

B. **"Bernardo youth unit"** shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area immediately south of the Quagmire and east of the unit 7 drain.

C. **"Central flyway"** shall mean that portion of New Mexico east of the continental divide.

D. **"Dark goose"** shall mean Canada goose or white-fronted goose.

E. **"Department"** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

F. **"Director"** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

G. **"Dove north zone" or "north zone"** shall mean that portion of New Mexico north of Interstate 40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with Interstate 40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

H. **"Dove south zone" or "south zone"** shall mean that portion of New Mexico south of Interstate 40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with Interstate 40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

I. **"Eastern New Mexico sandhill crane hunt area" or "eastern"** shall mean that area in the following counties: Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt.

J. **"Estancia valley sandhill crane hunt area" or "EV"** shall mean that area beginning at Mountainair bounded on the west by N.M. highway 55 north to N.M. 337, north to N.M. 14, and north to Interstate 25; on the north by Interstate 25 east to U.S. 285; on the east by U.S. 285 south to U.S. 60; and on the south by U.S. 60 from U.S. 285 west to N.M. 55 in Mountainair.

K. **"Falconry"** shall mean hunting migratory game birds using raptors.

L. **"Federal youth waterfowl hunting days"** shall mean the special seasons where only those 17 years of age and younger may hunt ducks and geese. A supervising adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter. The adult may not hunt ducks, but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days.

M. **"Light geese"** shall mean snow geese, blue phase snow geese, and Ross's geese.

N. **"Light goose conservation order"** shall mean those methods, bag and possession limits, and dates approved by the U.S. fish and wildlife service towards reducing over-abundant light goose populations.

O. "Middle Rio Grande valley (MRGV) dark goose hunt area" shall mean Sierra, Socorro and Valencia counties.

P. "Middle Rio Grande valley (MRGV) sandhill crane hunt area" shall mean Valencia and Socorro counties.

Q. "Migratory game bird" shall mean band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, white-winged dove, sandhill crane, American coot, common moorhen/gallinule, snipe, ducks, geese, sora, purple gallinule, and Virginia rail.

R. "North zone" shall mean that portion of the Pacific flyway north of Interstate 40; and that portion of the central flyway north of Interstate 40 from the continental divide to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with Interstate 40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

S. "Pacific flyway" shall mean that portion of New Mexico west of the continental divide.

T. "Possession limit" shall mean the number of birds in a person's possession regardless of the location stored.

U. "Quagmire" shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area 600 feet south of U.S. 60 and east of the unit 7 drain.

V. "South zone" shall mean that portion of the Pacific flyway south of Interstate 40; and that portion of the central flyway south of Interstate 40 from the continental divide to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with Interstate 40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

W. "Southwest band-tailed pigeon hunting area" or "southwest BPHA" shall mean that portion of New Mexico both south of U.S. 60 and west of Interstate 25.

X. "Southwest New Mexico sandhill crane hunt area" or "SW" shall mean that area bounded on the south by the New Mexico-Mexico border; on the west by the New Mexico-Arizona border north to Interstate 10; on the north by Interstate 10 east to U.S. 180, north to N.M. 26, east to N.M. 27, north to N.M. 152, and east to Interstate 25; on the east by Interstate 25 south to Interstate 10, west to the Luna county line, and south to the New Mexico-Mexico border.

Y. "Wildlife management areas" or "WMAs" shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.6.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.7 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.8 ADJUSTMENT OF SANDHILL CRANE LICENSES AND PERMITS: The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses and permits to address significant changes in harvest levels. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the entry hunt codes.

[19.31.6.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.8 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.9 LICENSE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. **License:** A Harvest Information Program (HIP) number shall be required. Waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older are required to have in their possession a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp (duck stamp). It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take migratory birds without a HIP number, or duck stamp if required.

(1) Any person taking or attempting to take sandhill cranes in the eastern hunt area must have a valid license and a free sandhill crane hunting permit obtained from department offices or website.

(2) For EV sandhill crane, MRGV sandhill crane, MRGV youth-only sandhill crane, and SW sandhill crane: in addition to a valid license, a special permit obtained by drawing shall be required.

(3) For the light goose conservation order: in addition to a valid license, a free light goose conservation order permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.

(4) For band-tailed pigeon hunting: in addition to a valid license, a free band-tailed pigeon permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.

B. **Valid dates of license or permit:** All permits and licenses shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area printed on the permit or license.

C. **Applications:** Applications for EV sandhill crane, MRGV sandhill crane, SW sandhill crane, and MRGV youth-only sandhill crane hunt permits shall be submitted via the department website.

(1) No more than four persons may apply per application. For the MRGV youth-only sandhill crane hunt, no more than two persons may apply per application.

(2) Applicants may apply for a first, second and third choice of seasons, if applicable. A maximum of one permit per species hunt code will be awarded to successful applicants unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(3) The application deadline date for the EV, MRGV, MRGV youth-only, and SW sandhill crane hunt permits shall be on date(s) set by the state game commission. If any permits are available after the drawing, those permits may be sold online via a secondary sale.

D. Youth hunts: Only applicants who have not reached their 18th birthday by the opening day of the hunt are eligible to apply for or participate in a youth-only hunt.

[19.31.6.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.9 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.10 MANNER AND METHODS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:

A. Hours: Migratory game birds may be hunted or taken only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise specifically allowed or restricted by rule.

(1) On the Bottomless lakes overflow, and Bernardo, Casa Colorada, Jackson lake, La Joya, and W.S. Huey WMAs, hunting hours shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated in rule. For hunting September teal on Bernardo and La Joya WMAs, hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(2) During the light goose conservation order hunt dates, hunting hours shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, excluding the WMAs listed in Paragraph (1) above.

B. Seizure: Any officer authorized to enforce Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and state game commission rules shall seize any migratory game birds or parts that are illegally obtained or possessed.

C. Lands and waters owned, administered, controlled, or managed by the state game commission:

(1) State wildlife management areas open, species that can be hunted, and days open for hunting (use of vehicles will be restricted to designated areas):

(a) Bernardo WMA:

(i) That portion of the Bernardo WMA south of U.S. 60 is open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and the federal youth waterfowl days. That portion of the Bernardo WMA north of U.S. 60 is closed except during the light goose conservation order.

(ii) The Quagmire shall be open only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen/gallinule, American coot, and snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(iii) The Bernardo pond unit shall be open for general waterfowl hunting on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen/gallinule, American coot, and snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(iv) The Bernardo youth unit shall be open for youth waterfowl hunting on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen/gallinule, American coot, and snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(b) The Charette lake WMA shall be open each day of the federal youth waterfowl days and on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen/gallinule, American coot, and snipe during established seasons. Charette lake WMA is closed during the September teal season.

(c) The Edward Sargent, W. A. Humphries, Rio Chama, Urraca, Colin Neblett, Water canyon, Marquez, and Elliot S. Barker WMAs shall be open for hunting dove and band-tailed pigeon during established seasons.

(d) The portion of Jackson lake WMA west of N.M. 170 shall be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen/gallinule, American coot, and snipe. The portion of Jackson lake WMA east of N.M. 170 shall be open to falconry-only migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(e) The lesser prairie-chicken management areas shall be open to hunt dove during established seasons.

(f) La Joya WMA:

(i) the entire La Joya WMA shall be open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and each day of the federal youth waterfowl days;

(ii) that portion of La Joya WMA north of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks shall be open on Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen/gallinule, American coot, and snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;

(iii) that portion of La Joya WMA south of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks shall be open on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen/gallinule, American coot, and snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;

(iv) that portion of La Joya WMA east of the railroad tracks shall be open to hunt dove, ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen/gallinule, American coot, and snipe during established seasons.

(g) The McAllister lake, Wagon Mound, Tucumcari, and Socorro-Escondida WMAs shall be open for all migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(h) The William S. Huey WMA shall be open for dove hunting on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday during established seasons.

(2) The Hammond tract and Retherford tract WMAs shall be open for waterfowl hunting during established seasons.

(3) The Sandia ranger district of the Cibola national forest shall be open only to falconry, bow and crossbow migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(4) All WMAs shall be open to falconry waterfowl hunting each day of the established falconry season, unless otherwise restricted by rule.

[19.31.6.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.10 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.11 SPECIES, OPEN AREAS, SEASON DATES AND DAILY BAG LIMITS: 2019-2020 season, all dates are 2019 unless otherwise specified. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.

Species	open areas	season dates	daily bag limit
mourning and white-winged dove	north zone	Sept. 1 - Nov. 29	15 (singly or in aggregate)
	south zone	Sept. 1 - Oct. 28 and Dec. 1 - Jan. 1, 2020	
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - 14	2
	statewide except southwest BPHA	Sept. 1 - 14	
regular season sandhill crane (free permit required)	eastern	Oct. 26 - Jan. 26, 2020	3 (6 in possession)

CENTRAL FLYWAY: possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.

species	season dates	daily bag limit
September teal: blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, and cinnamon teal	Sept. 14 - 22	6 (singly or in the aggregate)
ducks	north zone: Oct. 12 - Jan. 15, 2020	6 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 5 mallard of which only 2 may be female mallard, (Mexican-like ducks are included towards the mallard bag limit), 3 wood duck, 3 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 hooded merganser, 1 pintail, and 2 canvasback
	south zone: Oct. 28 - Jan. 31, 2020	
youth waterfowl days	north zone: Sept. 28 - 29	
	south zone: Oct. 5 - 6	
American coot	north zone: Oct. 12 - Jan. 15, 2020	15
	south zone: Oct. 28 - Jan. 31, 2020	
common moorhen/gallinule	Sept. 14 - Nov. 22	1
snipe	Oct. 12 - Jan. 26, 2020	8
Virginia rail & sora	Sept. 14 - Nov. 22	10 (singly or in the aggregate); 20 in possession
dark goose: Canada & white-fronted geese (regular season closed in Sierra, Socorro, and Valencia counties)	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2020	5

dark goose: special MRGV season	Dec. 21 - Jan. 31, 2020	2 (2 per season)
light goose: Ross's & snow geese	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2020	50 (no possession limit)
light goose conservation order	Feb. 1 - Mar. 10, 2020	no bag or possession limit
PACIFIC FLYWAY: possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.		
species	season dates	daily bag limit
youth waterfowl days	Oct. 5 - 6	7 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 2 female mallard, 2 redhead, 1 pintail, and 2 canvasback
ducks	Oct. 19 - Jan. 31, 2020	
scaup	Oct. 19 - Jan. 12, 2020	3 (as part of the aggregate duck bag)
American coot and common moorhen/gallinule	Oct. 19 - Jan. 31, 2020	25 daily (singly or in the aggregate)
snipe	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2020	8
Virginia rail & sora	Sept. 14 - Nov. 22	25 daily (singly or in the aggregate)
goose	north zone: Sept. 21 - Oct. 6 and Nov. 2 - 31, 2020	4 Canada geese, 10 white-fronted geese, and 20 light geese
	south zone: Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2020	

[19.31.6.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.11 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.12 FALCONRY SEASONS: 2019-2020 season, all dates are 2019 unless otherwise specified. Bag limits are three singly or in the aggregate and nine in possession unless otherwise specified.

CENTRAL FLYWAY		
species	open areas	season dates
mourning and white-winged dove	north	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 21 - Jan. 1, 2020
	south	Sept. 1 - Nov. 5 and Nov. 22 - Jan. 1, 2020
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - 14
	statewide except southwest BPHA	Sept. 1 - 14
sora and Virginia rail	all	Sept. 14 - Dec. 29
snipe	all	Oct. 12 - Jan. 26, 2020
common moorhen/gallinule	all	Sept. 14 - Dec. 29
ducks	north	Sept. 14 - 22 and Oct. 12 - Jan 15, 2020
	south	Sept. 14 - 22 and Oct. 28 - Jan 31, 2020
goose (light and dark)	all	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2020
goose (dark)	MRGV	Dec. 21 - Jan. 31, 2020
sandhill crane	regular (eastern)	Oct. 12 - Jan. 26, 2020; 3 (6 in possession)
	Estancia valley	Oct. 26 - Dec. 24; 3 (6 in possession)
PACIFIC FLYWAY		
species	open areas	season dates
mourning and white-winged dove	north	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 21 - Jan. 1, 2020
	south	Sept. 1 - Nov. 5 and Nov. 22 - Jan. 1, 2020
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - 14
	statewide except southwest BPHA	Sept. 1 - 14
duck	all	Oct. 19 - Jan. 31, 2020
scaup	all	Oct. 19 - Jan. 12, 2020
goose	north	Sept. 21 - Oct. 6 and Nov. 2 - Jan. 31, 2020
	south	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2020
snipe	all	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2020
coots and common moorhen/gallinule	all	Oct. 19 - Jan. 31, 2020
sora and Virginia rail	all	Sept. 14 - Nov. 22

[19.31.6.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.12 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.13 FEDERAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS: Requirements for youth hunters to participate in this hunt are as follows:

- A. An adult, 18 years of age or older, must accompany the youth hunter in the field (the adult may not hunt ducks but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days).
 - B. Only ducks, coots, and common moorhens/gallinules may be taken by the youth hunter (sandhill cranes, geese or any other migratory game bird species may not be taken unless the season is open).
- [19.31.6.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.13 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.14 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL BERNARDO YOUTH WATERFOWL UNIT: Blind selection will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a supervising adult who may not hunt. A maximum of four people is allowed per blind, at least half of which must be youth hunters.

[19.31.6.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.14 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

19.31.6.15 SEASON DATES, OPEN AREAS, BAG LIMITS, HUNT CODES AND PERMIT NUMBERS FOR THE SPECIAL ESTANCIA VALLEY, MIDDLE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, AND SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS:

A. The daily bag limit is 3. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit, except for the MRGV youth-only hunt where the bag and possession limits are 3. The hunting seasons for 2019-2020 are:

hunt location	hunt dates	hunt code	permits
EV	Oct 26 - Oct 29 and Oct. 31 - Nov. 3	SCR-0-101	65
MRGV	Nov. 9 - 10	SCR-0-102	55
MRGV	Nov. 30 - Dec. 1	SCR-0-103	50
MRGV	Dec. 14 - 15	SCR-0-104	55
MRGV	Jan. 4 - 5, 2020	SCR-0-105	55
MRGV	Jan. 11 - 12, 2020	SCR-0-106	55
MRGV, youth-only	Dec. 7	SCR-0-107	24
SW	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	SCR-0-108	70
SW	Jan. 4 - 5, 2020	SCR-0-109	60

B. Hunters who participate in the MRGV season shall be required to check-out at designated check stations when they harvest any sandhill cranes.

C. The department may cancel one or more EV, MRGV or SW sandhill crane hunts if harvest is expected to exceed our federal allocation of greater sandhill cranes.

[19.31.6.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.15 NMAC, 9-10-2019]

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Notice date(s): Hearing date(s): Rule Adoption date: Rule Effective date:

Findings required for rulemaking adoption.

Findings MUST include:

- Reasons for adopting rule, including any findings otherwise required by law of the agency, and a summary of any independent analysis done by the agency;
- Reasons for any change between the published proposed rule and the final rule; and
- Reasons for not accepting substantive arguments made through public comment.

The rulemaking was undertaken to adopt a new Migratory Game Bird rule, 19.31.6 NMAC, which will become effective September 1, 2019. The current Migratory Game Bird rule expired on March 31, 2019.

The proposed new rule will include adjusting regular waterfowl season dates, extending the Middle Rio Grande Valle dark goose season by 17 days, decreasing the number of sandhill crane permits, decreasing the bag limit for northern pintail from 2 to 1, extending the hunting days and hours at some Wildlife Management Areas, and moving the youth crane hunt one week later to December 7th. A full text of changes will be available on the Department's website at: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

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There have been no changes between the published proposed rule and the final rule. There were no substantive arguments made through public comment that were not accepted. To view public comments, please visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/meeting-agendas/ and click on the Hearing Archive tab. The resulting rule was based on what was best for the resource and overall hunter satisfaction.

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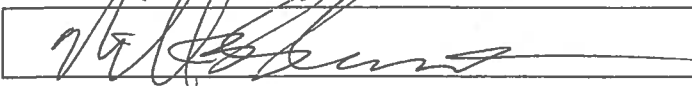
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