April 5, 2017
New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Artesia, NM

- Adjust season dates according to calendar and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) frameworks
- Adjust bag/possession limits according to USFWS frameworks
- Final frameworks published in Federal Register in April, 2017

- Increase bag limit for Canada Goose in Pacific Flyway to 4
- Increase Sandhill Crane allocation
  - Add one late MRGV hunt by shifting one hunt day from EV
  - Move first MRGV hunt later
- Open Bernalillo and Sandoval counties to dark goose
- Changes to regular duck season dates
- Reduce bag limit for Northern Pintail to 1 per USFWS regulatory framework

#### **Public Comment**

- 34 comments received as of March 31, 2017
- Public meetings: Farmington (9), Las Vegas (1), La Joya (8), Roswell (4)
- Comments Received:
  - Goose season dates and limits
  - Duck season dates and limits
  - Sandhill crane hunt dates

#### Proposed 2017-18 Duck, Goose, and Dove Seasons

**Central Flyway** 

Includes
falconry,
youth
waterfowl
days, and a
9-day
September
teal season.

Species	Zone	Open	Close
<b>Ducks and Mergansers:</b>	North Zone	Oct. 14	Jan. 18
	South Zone	Oct. 24	Jan. 28
Geese:			
Dark Geese	MRGV	Dec. 16	Jan. 9
	Rest of State	Oct. 14	Jan. 28
Light Geese	Statewide	Oct. 14	Jan. 28
<b>Mourning Dove</b>	North Zone	Sep. 1	Nov. 29
	South Zone- 1	Sep. 1	Oct. 30
	South Zone- 2	Dec. 3	Jan. 1

#### Proposed 2017-18 Crane Seasons

Area	Hunt	Open	Close	Bag	Possession	Permits
Middle Rio	SCR-0-101	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	3	6	75
Grand Valley	SCR-0-103	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	3	6	60
	SCR-0-104	Dec. 16	Dec. 17	3	6	60
	SCR-0-106	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	3	6	60
	SCR-0-10X	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	3	6	60
	SCR-0-109	Nov. 4	Nov. 4	3	3	24
Southwest	SCR-0-105	Oct. 28	Nov. 5	3	6	70
	SCR-0-107	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	3	6	60
Estancia Valley	SCR-0-102	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	3	6	60
	SCR-0-102	Nov. 2	Nov 5.			
Regular Season		Oct. 28	Jan. 28	3	6	N/A

#### Proposed 2017-18 Duck, Goose, and Doves Seasons

Pacific Flyway Includes

falconry, youth waterfowl days, and a 9-day September teal season.

Species	Zone	Open	Close
<b>Ducks and Mergansers:</b>	North Zone	Oct. 14	Jan. 28
Scaup	North Zone	Oct. 14	Jan. 7
All Geese:	North 1	Sept. 23	Oct. 8
	North 2	Oct. 30	Jan. 28
	South	Oct. 30	Jan. 28
Mourning Dove	North Zone	Sep. 1	Nov. 29
	South Zone- 1	Sep. 1	Oct. 30
	South Zone- 2	Dec. 3	Jan. 1

