




Migratory Game Bird

19.31.6 NMAC

April 30, 2020


New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Virtual meeting via webcast

The logo of the New Mexico Game & Fish Department is a circular seal. It features a bison in the center, facing forward. The words "NEW MEXICO" are written in a circle around the top, and "GAME & FISH" around the bottom.

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- **Adjust season dates according to calendar and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) frameworks**
- **Adjust bag/possession limits according to USFWS frameworks**
- **Final frameworks were scheduled to be published in Federal Register in February**



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- **Changes to regular migratory game bird season dates**
- **Move Bernardo/Casa Colorada youth sandhill crane hunt to November**
- **Pintail bag limit to remain at one**
- **Redistribute sandhill crane permits among existing hunts, based on allocation**



Public Comment

- **6 comments received as of April 22, 2020**
- **Public meeting held via conference call on March 31st:**
 - **One member of the public attended**
- **Comments received:**
 - **Support for proposed changes**
 - **Sandhill crane suggestions**



Sandhill Crane Permits and Allocation

- **Rocky Mountain Population (RMP) sandhill crane harvest allocation is determined by established management plan**
- **NM's RMP sandhill crane allocation decreased from 564 (2019-20) to 535 (2020-21)**
- **Propose permit numbers remain the same, but shift permits between hunts to avoid harvesting more than allocation**



Sandhill Crane Permits and Allocation

**Proposed changes to Middle Rio Grande Valley
sandhill crane hunts:**

	2019–2020		2020–2021	
Hunt	Dates	Permits	Dates	Permits
102	Nov 9–10	55	Nov 7–8	60
103	Nov 30–Dec 1	50	Nov 28–29	55
104	Dec 14–15	55	Dec 5–6	55
105	Jan 4–5	55	Jan 2–3	50
106	Jan 11–12	55	Jan 9–10	50
107	Dec 7	24	Nov 21	24



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Proposed 2020-21 Duck and Goose Seasons

Central Flyway

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

Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:			
	North Zone	Oct. 10	Jan. 13
	South Zone	Oct. 28	Jan. 31
Geese:			
Dark Geese	MRGV	Dec. 19	Jan. 31
	Rest of State	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Light Geese		Oct. 17	Jan. 31



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Proposed 2020-21 Duck and Goose Seasons

Pacific Flyway

Includes
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waterfowl
days

Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:			
	North and South Zones	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Scaup	North and South Zones	Oct. 17	Jan. 10
All Geese:			
	North 1	Sept. 26	Oct. 11
	North 2	Nov. 2	Jan. 31
	South	Oct. 17	Jan. 31

Questions?



Migratory Game Bird 2020-21 Regulations Schedule

SCHEDULE OF BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION AVAILABILITY, REGULATIONS MEETINGS AND FEDERAL REGISTER PUBLICATIONS FOR THE 2020-21 SEASONS

SURVEY & ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

March - June, 2019
SPRING POPULATION SURVEYS

August 15, 2019
WATERFOWL STATUS REPORT

August 20, 2019
AHM REPORT w/OPTIMAL ALTERNATIVES,
WEBLESS and CRANE STATUS
INFORMATION, DOVE and WOODCOCK
REGULATORY ALTERNATIVES, and
HUNTER ACTIVITY and HARVEST REPORT

December 15, 2019 - January 31, 2020
FALL and WINTER SURVEY
INFORMATION for CRANES
and WATERFOWL

MEETING SCHEDULE

April 23, 2019 - Denver, CO
SRC Meeting

August 15 - September 30, 2019
Flyway Tech And Council Meetings

October 8-9, 2019 - Bloomington, MN
SRC Regulatory Meeting

March 2020 (at North Am. Conf)
Flyway Council Mtgs

September 1, 2020 and later
ALL HUNTING SEASONS

FEDERAL REGISTER SCHEDULE

July 30, 2019
**PROPOSED RULEMAKING (PRELIMINARY)
WITH STATUS INFORMATION
and ISSUES**

September 25, 2019
SUPPLEMENTAL PROPOSALS

December 10, 2019
**PROPOSED SEASON FRAMEWORKS
(30 Day Comment Period)**

February 25, 2020
FINAL SEASON FRAMEWORKS

June 1, 2020
**ALL HUNTING SEASONS SELECTIONS
(Season Selections Due April 30)**