

Migratory Game Bird

19.31.6 NMAC

March 4, 2022

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Socorro, NM



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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**
- **Proposed frameworks published in Federal Register in February. Final frameworks publication to follow.**



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- **Changes to regular migratory game bird season dates TBD, based on public comment**
- **Pintail bag limit to remain at one**
- **Adjust sandhill crane permits based on increased allocation**
- **Virtual public meeting will be held March 10**



Sandhill Crane Permits

- Greater sandhill crane harvest allotment increased for 2022-23 based on population surveys and crane management plan
- 2021-22 allocation: 831, 2022-23 allocation: 988
- Proposed changes to permit numbers:
 - Estancia Valley—stay the same
 - MRGV—add permits
 - Southwest—stay the same



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Proposed 2022-23 Duck and Goose Seasons

Central Flyway

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



Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:			
	North Zone	Oct. 8	Jan. 11
	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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Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:			
	North and South Zones	Oct. 19	Jan. 31
Scaup	North and South Zones	Oct. 19	Jan. 12
All Geese:			
	North 1	Sept. 24	Oct. 9
	North 2	Nov. 2	Jan. 31
	South	Oct. 17	Jan. 31

Questions?

