August 22, 2019
New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Santa Fe, NM

- Adjust season dates and bag limits according to calendar dates and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) frameworks
- Proposed season frameworks published in Federal Register in April 2019, final frameworks published August 2019
- Details about proposed changes and supporting information posted on website

- Changes to migratory game bird season dates
- Extend MRGV dark goose season by 17 days
- Decrease number of sandhill crane permits issued, based on reduced allocation
- Extend hunting days/hours at some WMAs
- Decrease northern pintail bag limit to 1, per USFWS frameworks
- Move sandhill crane youth hunt 1 week later to December 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **Public Comment**

- 8 comments received as of August 22, 2019
- Public meetings: Farmington (1), Las Cruces (0), Albuquerque (9)
- Summary of comments received:
  - Extend Middle Rio Grande Valley (MRGV) dark goose season
  - Support for duck season end date (Jan 31)

### 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 750 (2018-19) to 564 (2019-20)
- Propose to decrease permits from 534 to 489 (8%) to avoid harvesting more than allocation

# Extend Hunting Hours and Days at Wildlife Management Areas

- Wagon Mound, Charette Lakes, McAllister Lake, and Tucumcari WMAs are currently open ½ hour before sunrise to 1pm for 3 days per week during migratory bird seasons
- Propose to open these WMAs from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset during all days of migratory game bird seasons

#### Proposed 2019-20 Duck, Goose, and Dove 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. 12	Jan. 15
	South Zone	Oct. 28	Jan. 31
Geese:			
Dark Geese	MRGV	Dec. 21	Jan. 31
	Rest of State	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Light Geese	Statewide	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Mourning Dove	North Zone	Sep. 1	Nov. 29
	South Zone- 1	Sep. 1	Oct. 28
	South Zone- 2	Dec. 1	Jan. 1

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## Pacific Flyway Includes

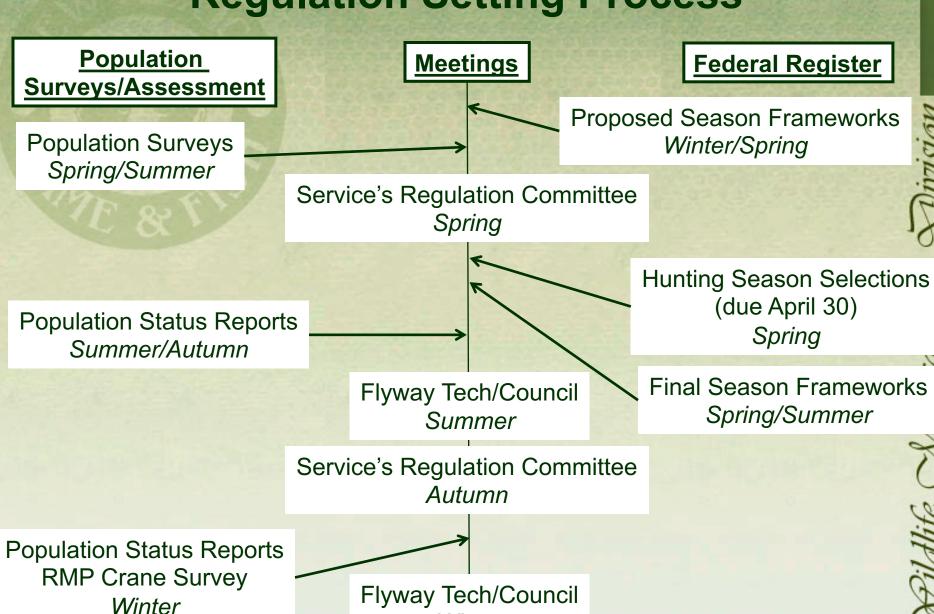
falconry and youth waterfowl days.

Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:	North Zone	Oct. 19	Jan. 31
Scaup	North Zone	Oct. 19	Jan. 12
All Geese:	North 1	Sept. 21	Oct. 6
	North 2	Nov. 2	Jan. 31
	South	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Mourning Dove	North Zone	Sep. 1	Nov. 29
	South Zone- 1	Sep. 1	Oct. 28
	South Zone- 2	Dec. 1	Jan. 1



"Move to repeal and replace 19.31.6 NMAC, as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives."

#### Regulation Setting Process



Winter