

Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

August 13, 2020

**New Mexico State Game Commission
Meeting**

Virtual Meeting



Amend: Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

- **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 2020, final frameworks not yet published**
- **Details about proposed changes and supporting information posted on website**



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- **Changes to 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 August 10, 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)**
- **Permit numbers remain the same, but shift dates**



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**

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**

Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:			
	North and South Zones	Oct. 19	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?



“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.”

