

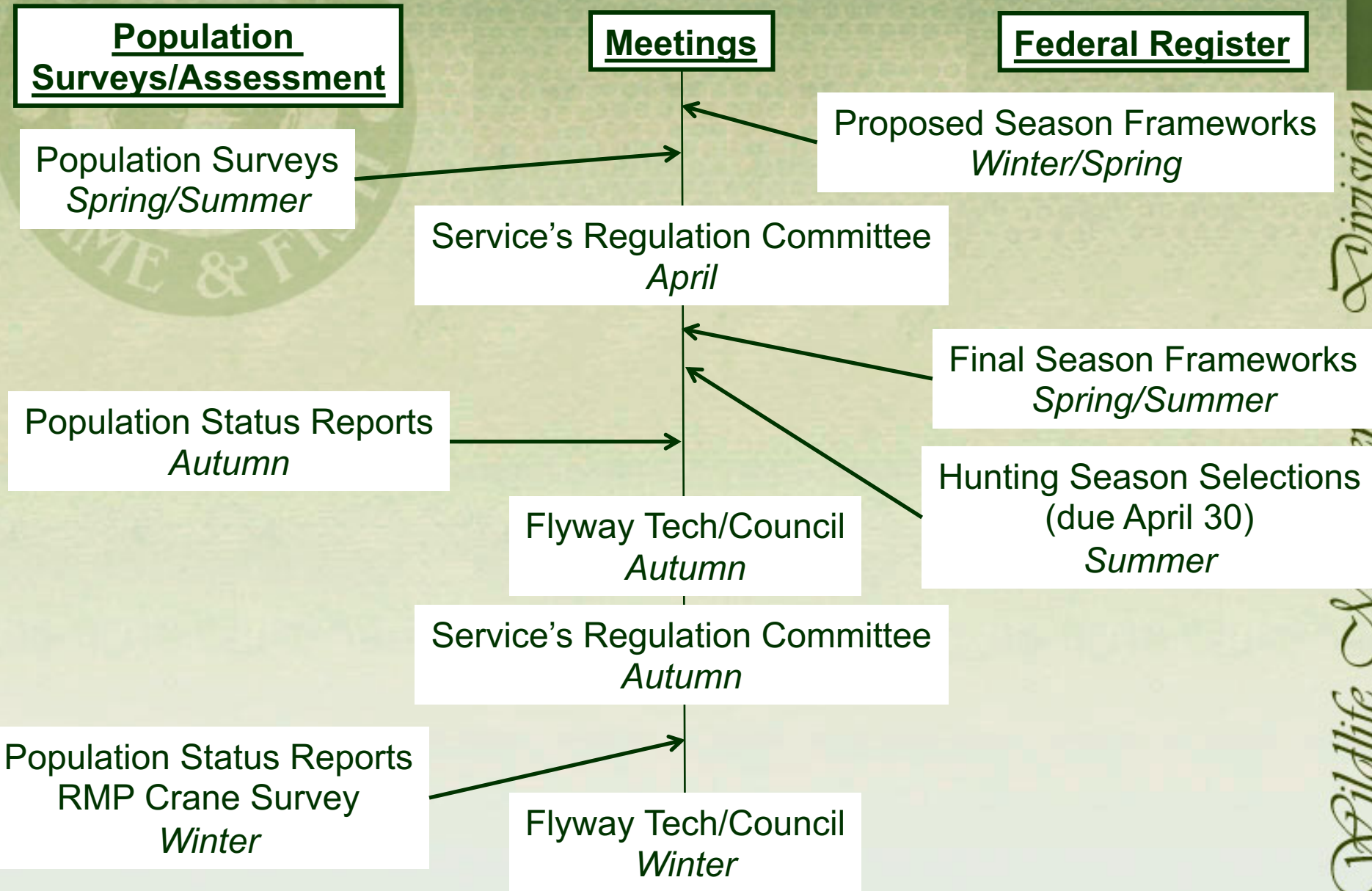



Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

June 14, 2019

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Albuquerque, NM**


Regulation Setting Process





**Amend:
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- **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 expected June 2019**



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- **Changes to migratory game bird season dates**
- **Extend MRGV dark goose season by 17 days**
- **Decrease number of sandhill crane permits issued, based on 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 7th**



Public Comment

- 8 comments received as of June 10, 2019
- Public meetings: Farmington (1), Las Cruces (0), Albuquerque (9)
- 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**

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Proposed 2019-20 Duck, Goose, and Dove Seasons

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

Central Flyway

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



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Proposed 2019-20 Duck, Goose, and Doves Seasons

Pacific Flyway

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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

Questions?

