




Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

January 14, 2016

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Santa Fe, NM



**Amend:
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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 published in Federal Register in Late February early March**

Migratory Game Bird

2016-17 Regulations Schedule

Month	Biological Data	Meetings	Federal Register
May	population surveys		
August	Flyway reports		
Sept-Oct		Flyway Tech and Council	
Oct		USFWS Service Regulations Committee	
Dec			Proposed season frameworks (30 days after SRC)
Dec-Jan	RMP Crane/ Goose Reports		
Jan.		State Game Commission	
March		Flyway Tech and Council	Final season frameworks (75 days after Proposed; no later than April 1)
April		State Game Commission	State hunting selections



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- Changes to regular duck season dates TBA, based on public comment.
- Create a free Band-tailed Pigeon Hunting Permit
- Possible changes to sandhill crane allocation, based on fall population data.



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Proposed 2016-17 Duck and Goose Seasons

Central Flyway

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Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:			
	North Zone	Oct. 15	Jan. 19
	South Zone	Oct. 25	Jan. 29
Geese:			
Dark Geese	MRGV	Dec. 17	Jan. 10
	Rest of State	Oct. 15	Jan. 29
Light Geese		Oct. 15	Jan. 29



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Scaup	North Zone	Oct. 15	Jan. 8
All Geese:			
	North 1	Sept. 24	Oct. 9
	North 2	Oct. 31	Jan. 29
	South	Oct. 31	Jan. 29

Questions?

