



Migratory Game Bird
19.31.6 NMAC

March 26, 2015

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Alamogordo, NM



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Public meetings

- April 13 meeting: NMDGF office, Las Cruces
- May 6 meeting: National Guard Armory, Farmington.
- May 14 meeting: NMDGF office, Albuquerque.

14 Comments received as of 3/18/15



Proposed Amendments:

- 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 August

2015-16 Regulation Current Schedule

Month	Meetings	Federal Register
March	Flyway Tech and Council State Game Commission	
May	State Game Commission	
June	USFWS Service Regulations Committee	
July-Aug	Flyway Tech and Council USFWS Service Regulations Committee	Proposed season frameworks
Aug-Sept	State Game Commission	Final season frameworks

Draft Regulations Schedule

Month	Meetings	Federal Register
Sept-Oct	Flyway Tech and Council	
Oct-Nov	USFWS Service Regulations Committee	
Nov-Dec		Proposed season frameworks (30 days after SRC)
Dec.	State Game Commission	
March	Flyway Tech and Council	Final season frameworks (75 days after Proposed; no later than April 1)
May-June	State Game Commission	State hunting selections



Proposed Amendments:

- Bag/possession limit increase for sandhill cranes in the Estancia Valley.
- Require free permit for band-tailed pigeon harvest.
- Expect decrease in band-tailed pigeon bag limit (5 to 2) and season length (30 to 14 days).
- Changes to regular duck season dates, based on public comment.



Proposed Amendments:

Suggested 2015-16 Duck, Coot and Goose Seasons

Based on 2014-15 frameworks; includes potential extended September teal and falconry

Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:			
	North Zone	Oct. 27	Jan. 25
	South Zone	Oct. 29	Jan. 25
Coots			
		Same as for Ducks	
Geese:			
Dark Geese	MRGV	Oct. 11	Jan. 25
	Rest of State	Oct. 11	Jan. 25
Light Geese		Oct. 11	Jan. 25



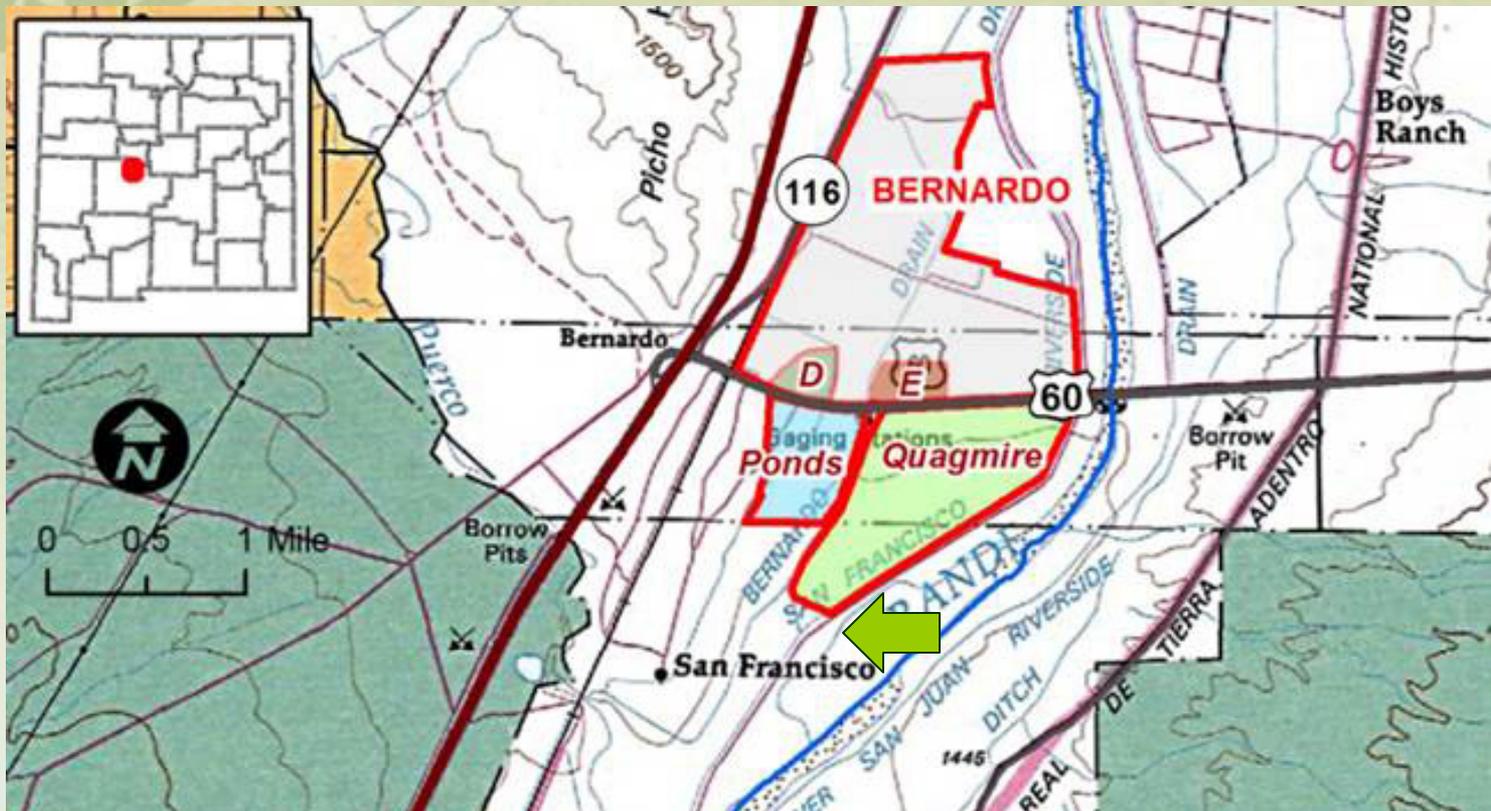
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Bernardo Youth Waterfowl Hunts



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Bernardo WMA Youth Waterfowl Hunts Potential Alternative



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