



Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

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**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Santa Fe, NM**



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Public meetings

- Las Cruces: April 13
- Farmington: May 6
- Albuquerque: May 14



**63 comments received
as of 8/20/2015**

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.

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Proposed Amendments

Bag/Possession Limits Manner and Method

- Increase Estancia Valley Sandhill crane harvest from 2/season to 3/day, 6 in possession.
- Increase Central Flyway canvasback bag limit from 1 to 2.
- Reduce band-tailed pigeon bag limits from 5 to 2 per day and decrease in season length from 30 to 14 days.

Proposed Amendments

Adjust Season Dates

Move regular Central Flyway duck season end dates from mid to late January.

Reduce September teal season from 16 to 8 days.

Season	September teal	Regular Duck North	Regular Duck South	Falconry Duck	Dark and Light Goose
2014-15	Sept. 13-28	Oct. 4 - Jan 2	Oct 23 - Jan 19	Sept. 13-21	Oct. 11 - Jan. 25
2015-16	Sept. 12-19	Oct. 27 - Jan 31	Oct. 27 - Jan 31	Sept. 12-19	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31

6 day increase in North Zone regular duck season,
8 day increase in South Zone regular duck season,
1 day decrease in falconry duck season.



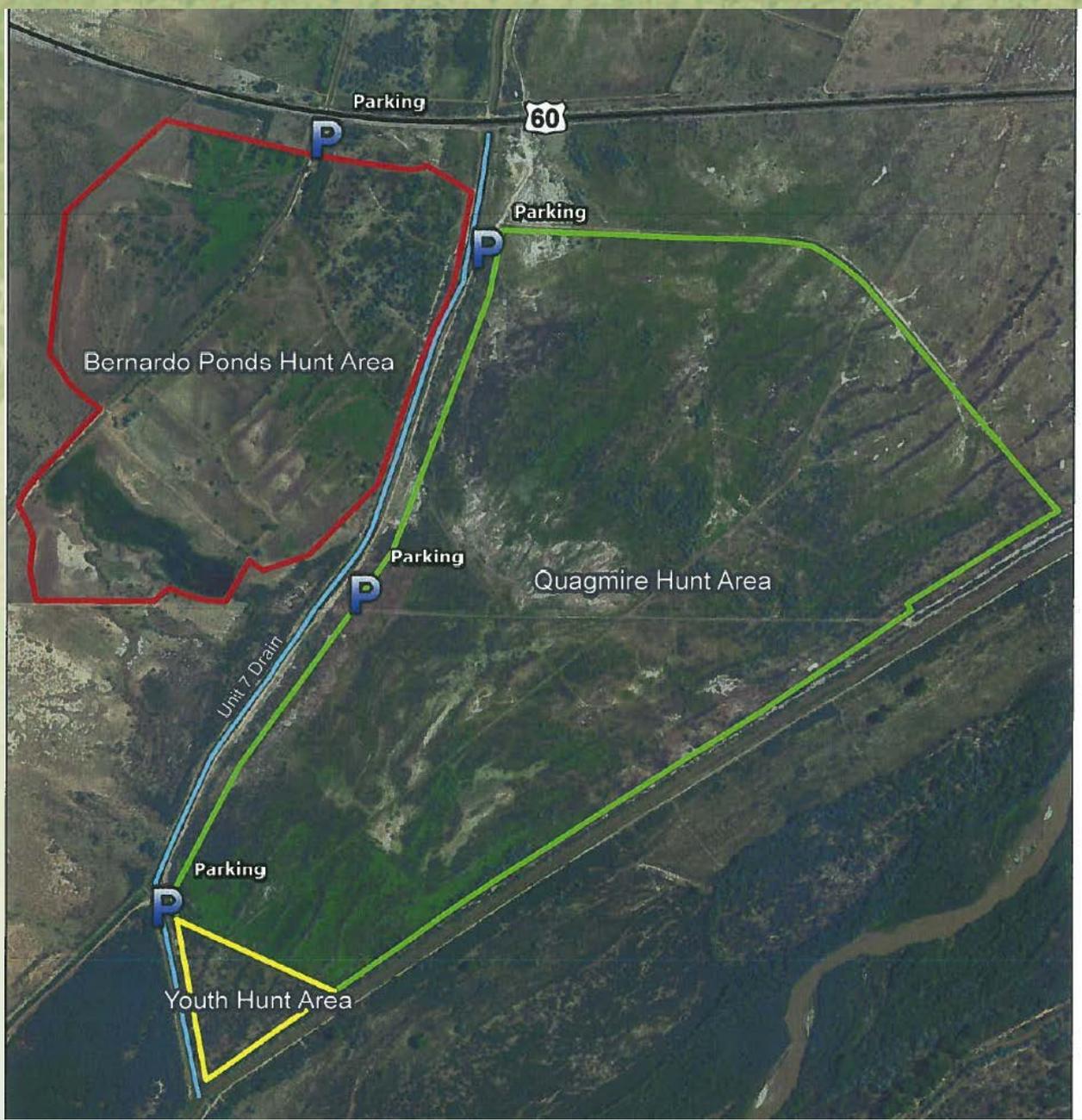
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Wildlife Management Areas

- Open all available Pond Unit days to general waterfowl hunting; cancel Bernardo youth waterfowl draw hunts in Pond Unit.
- Open new Bernardo Youth Area to youth waterfowl hunts open on all available Pond Unit days.
- Open McAllister Lake to September teal and dove hunting.



Bernardo WMA Youth Waterfowl Hunts



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New Regulatory Schedule

Sept/Oct

Flyway meetings

Oct/Nov

Service Regulations Committee

Nov-Dec

Federal Register proposed regulations

March

Federal Register final regulations

Questions?



Duck Season History

Season Dates and # of Days

Season	September teal	Regular Duck North	Regular Duck South	Falconry
2010-11	Sept. 18-26	Oct 9 - Jan 12	Oct 27 - Jan 30	Sept. 18-26
2011-12	Sept. 18-26	Oct 8 - Jan 11	Oct 26 - Jan 29	Sept. 18-26
2012-13	Sept. 15-23	Oct 6 - Jan 9	Oct 24 - Jan 27	Sept. 15-23
2013-14	Sept. 14-22	Oct. 5 - Jan 8	Oct 23 - Jan 26	Sept. 14-22
2014-15	Sept. 13-28	Oct. 4 - Jan 2	Oct 23 - Jan 19	Sept. 13-21
2015-16	Sept. 12-19	Oct. 27 - Jan 31	Oct. 27 - Jan 31	Sept. 12-19

Year	Sept teal	Falconry	Federal Youth	Regular Season-North	Regular Season-South
2010-11	9	9	2	95	96
2011-12	9	9	2	95	96
2012-13	9	9	2	95	96
2013-14	9	9	2	95	96
2014-15	16	9	2	91	89
2015-16	8	8	2	97	97