

# WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

## CHAPTER 14

### MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS AND LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. § 23-1-302(a)(i) and § 23-2-105(d).

#### **Section 2. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Federal Regulations. 50 CFR 10, 20 and 21 revised as of March 28, 2016, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the hunting, taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, the light goose conservation order, the requirement for a valid federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp and the requirement for state participation in the National Harvest Information Program, are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

(i) Automatic loading, pump, or repeating shotguns shall be plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine while hunting migratory game birds except during the light goose conservation order.

(ii) Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. A federal duck stamp is required for persons sixteen (16) years of age and older to hunt ducks, geese and mergansers, but a federal duck stamp is not required to hunt coots, sandhill cranes, crows, mourning doves, rail or snipe. Federal duck stamps shall be signed in ink across the face of the stamp and shall be in possession of the hunter while in the field. Hunters possessing an electronic federal duck stamp are exempted from this signature provision during the time their electronic federal duck stamp is valid.

(iii) National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit and shall immediately produce said permit upon request from any authorized Department representative. Each person obtaining a HIP permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate validation is required from each state in which you hunt. Wyoming HIP permits shall be available only on the Department website.

(b) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of migratory game birds, except mourning doves, in the field and while the birds are being transported.

(c) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions. No person shall hunt ducks, geese, mergansers or coots while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot.

(d) Limited Quota Sandhill Crane Permits. Persons may apply for limited quota sandhill crane permits on the Department's website between 8:00 a.m. July 1 and 12:00 midnight July 31, 2016. Party

applications shall be accepted. Maximum party size shall be two (2). Party applications shall specify the same hunt area preference.

(e) General Sandhill Crane Permits. Permits to hunt in the general sandhill crane season (Hunt Area 7) shall be available through the Department’s Electronic Licensing Service (ELS) beginning August 1.

(f) Permits. All persons, regardless of age, hunting sandhill cranes shall possess a permit valid for the area in which they are hunting. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) limited quota permit to hunt sandhill cranes. A person may also obtain a permit valid for the general sandhill crane season in Hunt Area 7.

(g) Tagging Sandhill Cranes. When a sandhill crane is killed under a limited quota permit, the permittee shall detach, sign and date the proper coupon and attach the coupon to the carcass before leaving the site of kill. The coupon shall remain on the crane carcass at all times until the meat undergoes processing, except that during transportation of the carcass the coupon may be removed to prevent its loss. If the coupon is removed for transportation of the carcass, it must be in possession of the person accompanying the carcass at all times. When dating a carcass coupon, the entire wedge or block shall be cut out for the date and the month of kill. The carcass coupon shall be attached to the carcass of a crane in such a manner as to be plainly visible. Sandhill cranes killed during the general crane season in Hunt Area 7 are not required to be tagged.

(h) Early Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

(i) Mourning Dove, Rail and Snipe - Statewide

<b>MOURNING DOVE, RAIL AND SNIPE - STATEWIDE</b>					
Species	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
Mourning Dove	Sep. 1	Nov. 29	b, d, e	15	45
Sora and Virginia Rail	Sep. 1	Nov. 9	b, d, e	25	75
Snipe	Sep. 1	Dec. 16	b, d, e c – after Nov. 14	8	24

(ii) Sandhill Crane – Central and Pacific Flyways

<b>LIMITED QUOTA PERMIT - SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS</b>					
Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Permit Quota	Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Season Bag Limit
	Opens	Closes			
1	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	30		1
2	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	30	e	1
3	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	80	d	1
4	Sep. 17	Oct. 9	110		1
5	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	10		1
6	Sep. 17	Oct. 9	105		1
8	Sep. 17	Oct. 9	15		1

GENERAL PERMIT - SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS					
Hunt Area	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limits Daily Possession	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
7	Sep. 17	Nov. 13	b	3	9

(iii) Early Canada Goose – Pacific Flyway

EARLY CANADA GOOSE – ANY CANADA GOOSE OR CACKLING GOOSE					
Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsection	Bag Limit Possession	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
Pacific Flyway – all counties except Teton County	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	d, e	2	6
Teton County	Sep. 1	Sep. 8		3	9

(j) Late Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons

(i) Pacific Flyway

PACIFIC FLYWAY					
Species and Hunt Areas***	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limit Possession	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
Ducks and Mergansers*	Sep. 24	Jan. 6	d, e	7**	21**
Coots	Sep. 24	Jan. 6	d, e	15	45
Dark Geese	Sep. 24	Dec. 29	d, e	3	9

\* In the Pacific Flyway, the scaup season shall be closed except on the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days and during the period September 24 through December 18.

\*\* The daily bag limit of seven (7) ducks and mergansers may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than two (2) hen mallards;
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than two (2) canvasbacks;
- no more than two (2) redheads; and,
- no more than three (3) scaup during the dates scaup may be taken.

\*\*\* The entire Pacific Flyway portion of Wyoming shall be closed to the taking of light geese.

(ii) Central Flyway Zones. The Central Flyway is divided into two (2) zones for the 2016-2017 season. Refer to the season dates for the zone in which you are hunting.

(A) ZONE C1 shall include Big Horn, Converse, Goshen, Hot Springs, Natrona, Park, Platte and Washakie counties, and Fremont County excluding those portions south or west of the Continental Divide.

(B) ZONE C2 shall include Albany, Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Laramie, Niobrara, Sheridan and Weston counties; and that portion of Carbon County east of the Continental Divide.

(iii) Central Flyway

Species and Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
Light Geese	Oct. 1	Dec. 29	b a after Nov. 18 c after Nov. 14	10	30
	Jan. 29	Feb. 12	a, b, c	10	30
<b><u>ZONE C1</u></b>					
Ducks	Oct. 1	Oct. 18	b	6**	18**
	Oct. 29	Jan. 15	b a after Nov. 18 c after Nov. 14	6**	18**
Mergansers	Oct. 1	Oct. 18	b	5***	15***
	Oct. 29	Jan. 15	b a after Nov. 18 c after Nov. 14	5***	15***
Coots	Oct. 1	Oct. 18	b	15	45
	Oct. 29	Jan. 15	b a after Nov. 18 c after Nov. 14	15	45
Dark Geese All counties in Zone C1 except Goshen and Platte counties	Oct. 1	Oct. 18		5	15
	Oct. 29	Nov. 27	c after Nov. 14	5	15
	Dec. 3	Jan. 28	c	5	15
Dark Geese Goshen and Platte counties*	Oct. 1	Oct. 18	b	2	6
	Nov. 18	Feb. 12	a, b	4	12
<b><u>ZONE C2</u></b>					
Ducks	Sep. 24	Dec. 4		6**	18**
	Dec. 10	Jan. 3		6**	18**
Mergansers	Sep. 24	Dec. 4		5***	15***
	Dec. 10	Jan. 3		5***	15***
Coots	Sep. 24	Dec. 4		15	45
	Dec. 10	Jan. 3		15	45
Dark Geese	Sep. 24	Dec. 4		5	15
	Dec. 10	Jan. 11		5	15

\*For Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt information, see Section 6.

\*\*The daily bag limit of six (6) ducks may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than five (5) mallards of which not more than two (2) shall be hens;
- no more than two (2) pintails;
- no more than three (3) wood ducks;
- no more than two (2) canvasbacks;
- no more than two (2) redheads; and,

- no more than three (3) scaup.
- two (2) blue-winged teal may be taken in addition to the regular limit of six (6) ducks during the following dates:
  - Zone C1: October 1 – October 16
  - Zone C2: September 24 – October 9

\*\*\* The daily bag limit of five (5) mergansers shall not include more than two (2) hooded mergansers.

(k) Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days. In the Pacific Flyway and in Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 17-18, 2016. In Zone C1 of the Central Flyway, the special youth waterfowl hunting days are September 24-25, 2016. Only persons fifteen (15) years of age and younger may take ducks, mergansers, coots and geese (light geese cannot be taken in the Pacific Flyway) on the special youth waterfowl hunting days, subject to the following conditions:

(i) All youth hunters shall be accompanied in the field by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(ii) No more than four (4) youths shall be supervised by any one (1) adult.

(iii) The adult shall not take ducks, coots, mergansers or geese, but may participate in other open seasons.

(iv) All license and stamp requirements, daily bag limits, species and sex restrictions, shooting hours and other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose seasons, as defined for each flyway, shall apply during the special youth waterfowl hunting days. Exceptions: The additional blue-winged teal limit does not apply on the youth waterfowl hunting days. In Goshen and Platte counties, the daily bag limit for dark geese shall be four (4) on the youth waterfowl hunting days.

(v) The areas described in Section 3(b), (d) and (e) shall be closed to hunting during youth days.

**Section 3. Description of Closed Areas.** The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Sections 2, 5 and 9.

(a) Goshen County

(i) Hawk Springs Reservoir. Beginning where the east fence of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way meets the south fence enclosing Hawk Springs Reservoir; due east along said fence to Goshen County Road 51; northerly along said road to the access road to the northeast dam of the reservoir; southwesterly along said road to the northeast dam and the fence enclosing the reservoir; northwesterly along said fence to the second gate; southwesterly from said gate to the northwest corner of the fence enclosing the reservoir; southerly along said fence to the beginning point.

(ii) Springer Reservoir. Beginning on U.S. Highway 85 at the George Marlatt farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake and Bump-Sullivan Ditch; southerly along said ditch to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); westerly then southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary to Parking Area 3; southeasterly along the reservoir access road to the Game and Fish Department buildings; due south from said buildings across the Whispering Wings LLC property to the Fullmer Family Trust pasture fence; westerly along said fence to Goshen County Road 37; southerly along said road to Goshen County Road 42; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse.

(iii) Pond No. 1 Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Pond No. 1 and adjacent lands as marked by colored signs and posts.

(iv) Miller Lake (Glomill Reservoir). Miller Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(v) North Platte River. That portion of the North Platte River and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of each bank of said river located between the two river crossings of Wyoming Highway 157.

(vi) Table Mountain Wildlife Management Area. All of Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area shall be closed to migratory game bird hunting after March 20, 2017.

(b) Platte County

(i) Festo Lake. Festo Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(ii) Wheatland Reservoir No. 1. Wheatland Reservoir No. 1 and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(c) Fremont County

(i) Ocean Lake. The waters of Ocean Lake and the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands within approximately one-half (1/2) mile of the aeration system on the north side of the lake shall be closed to migratory game bird hunting beginning November 15 through December 31 and January 1 through March 10 of each year. Beginning December 15 through March 10, the area shall be closed to all human presence, except for Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access, within one-half (1/2) mile of the aerator on the ice and as marked by signs on Commission lands around the aerator.

(d) Sweetwater County

(i) Eden Reservoir. Eden Reservoir and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(e) Lincoln County

(i) Palisades Reservoir. Beginning at the junction of the McCoy Creek Road and U.S. Highway 89; northerly on U.S. Highway 89 for one and six-tenths (1.6) miles to the Palisades Reservoir high water line; westerly along said high water line to the Wyoming - Idaho state line; south along said state line to the McCoy Creek Road; southeasterly along the McCoy Creek Road to U.S. Highway 89.

(f) Pacific Flyway

(i) The entire Pacific Flyway portion of Wyoming shall be closed to the taking of light geese.

**Section 4. Shooting Hours.** Except as provided in Section 4(a), shooting hours for all migratory game birds shall be as determined from the shooting hours table in Section 4(b).

(a) Within the following areas: Goshen County north of Wyoming Highway 313 and County Road 28; that portion of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25; and that portion of Platte County south of Wyoming Highway 160 (Gray Rocks Road) and Riverview Road (Platte County Road 271).

Shooting hours for dark geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m., except on the dates listed in subsections (i), (ii) and (iii), when shooting hours shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in subsection 4(b) – Area D.

(i) October 1 through October 18.

(ii) All Saturdays and Wednesdays from November 18 through December 31.

(iii) All Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from January 1 through the close of the dark goose season.

(b) 2016-2017 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for migratory game bird hunting. Light Goose Conservation Order shooting hours are listed in Section 10. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

ST = Starting Time      QT = Quitting Time

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
<b><u>September</u></b>								
1-7	6:18	7:48	6:12	7:42	6:04	7:34	5:58	7:28
8-14	6:25	7:35	6:19	7:29	6:11	7:21	6:05	7:15
15-22	6:34	7:22	6:28	7:16	6:20	7:08	6:14	7:02
23-30	6:42	7:08	6:36	7:02	6:28	6:54	6:22	6:48
<b><u>October</u></b>								
1-7	6:51	6:54	6:45	6:48	6:37	6:40	6:31	6:34
8-15	6:59	6:42	6:53	6:36	6:45	6:28	6:39	6:22
16-23	7:09	6:29	7:03	6:23	6:55	6:15	6:49	6:09
24-31	7:19	6:17	7:13	6:11	7:05	6:03	6:59	5:57
<b><u>November</u></b>								
1-5	7:27	6:08	7:21	6:02	7:13	5:54	7:07	5:48
*6-11	6:34	5:02	6:28	4:56	6:20	4:48	6:14	4:42
12-17	6:42	4:56	6:36	4:50	6:28	4:42	6:22	4:36
18-23	6:49	4:51	6:43	4:45	6:35	4:37	6:29	4:31
24-30	6:56	4:48	6:50	4:42	6:42	4:34	6:36	4:28
<b><u>December</u></b>								
1-7	7:04	4:45	6:58	4:39	6:50	4:31	6:44	4:25
8-15	7:11	4:45	7:05	4:39	6:57	4:31	6:51	4:25
16-23	7:16	4:48	7:10	4:42	7:02	4:34	6:56	4:28
24-31	7:19	4:53	7:13	4:47	7:05	4:39	6:59	4:33
<b><u>January</u></b>								
1-7	7:20	4:59	7:14	4:53	7:06	4:45	7:00	4:39
8-15	7:19	5:07	7:13	5:01	7:05	4:53	6:59	4:47
16-23	7:14	5:17	7:08	5:11	7:00	5:03	6:54	4:57
24-31	7:08	5:27	7:02	5:21	6:54	5:13	6:48	5:07
<b><u>February</u></b>								
1-6	7:01	5:36	6:55	5:30	6:47	5:22	6:41	5:16
7-12	6:54	5:44	6:48	5:38	6:40	5:30	6:34	5:24

\*Start Mountain Standard Time

AREA A - Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta counties

AREA B - Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie counties

AREA C - Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan counties  
 AREA D - Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston counties

**Section 5. Falconry Seasons.** Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of trained raptors in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season set forth in Section 2 and extended falconry seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 4, Section 3 and Section 2(a), (b), (g) and (h) and the closures identified in Section 2(f) and (j) and Section 9(d).

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed nine (9) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the regular hunting season or extended falconry seasons. The daily bag and possession limits, singly or in the aggregate, may include any species and sex of ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, rail, snipe, mourning doves and sandhill crane when seasons for these species are open. No more than one (1) sandhill crane shall be taken under a limited quota permit. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 2.

EXTENDED FALCONRY SEASONS					
Species and Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Closed Areas	AGGREGATE Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
Mourning Doves - Statewide	Nov. 30	Dec. 16	Limitations in Sections 2 and 3 shall apply	3	9
Sora Rail and Virginia Rail – Statewide	Nov. 10	Dec. 16			
<b>ZONE C1</b> Central Flyway, Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 24	Sep. 25			
	Oct. 19	Oct. 26			
<b>ZONE C2</b> Central Flyway - Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 17	Sep. 23			
	Dec. 5	Dec. 7			
Pacific Flyway - Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 17	Sep. 18			

**Section 6. Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt.** Nineteen (19) numbered pits/blinds shall be available each day during the dark goose hunting season and shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis within the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt Area in Goshen County. From November 18, 2016, through February 12, 2017, hunting during dark goose shooting hours shall only be allowed from pits/blinds except as noted below. Maps of pits/blinds shall be posted at the Springer Check Station one and one-quarter (1-1/4) miles west of Highway 85 on Goshen County Road 42, and at the established parking areas. The check station shall not be operated during the 2016-2017 goose hunting season. Hunters shall not be required to register or obtain a goose special management permit to participate in the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt. If the Department determines the water level in Bump-Sullivan Reservoir has receded beyond ethical shooting distances from blinds 1-12, hunters shall be allowed to hunt from any location between the blind they have occupied and the water's edge. In such an event, the Department shall post signs at the parking spot for each pit/blind.

(a) Selection of pits/blinds. Hunters and hunting parties shall occupy pits/blinds by parking one vehicle directly in front of the post that is marked with the corresponding number of the pit/blind. Vehicles shall not be parked overnight to reserve a pit/blind. Vehicles shall also not be parked in front of the numbered post of a pit/blind other than the one the hunting party is occupying.

(b) Access to pits/blinds. Hunters shall only park in the established parking areas. No more than two (2) vehicles per pit/blind shall be allowed in the parking lots. No person shall drive a vehicle beyond

the established parking areas during the goose and duck hunting seasons, except for Department administrative access. Hunters may use a non-motorized cart, watercraft or toboggan to transport decoys and other gear to and from the pit/blind. Hunters shall not change pits/blinds except by returning to the parking area and moving their vehicle to the numbered post corresponding to the new pit/blind.

(c) Leaving pits/blinds. Hunters may arrive at and depart from pits/blinds at any time, but while hunting, hunters shall remain at the pit/blind at all times except hunters may leave to arrange decoys, retrieve downed birds or to return to the parking lot.

(d) Condition of pits/blinds. Hunters shall not damage or modify pits/blinds or use staples or nails to attach objects. It is permissible to move natural cover such as driftwood around or against the outside of a blind or pit. At the end of the hunt, all doors and lids shall be closed.

(e) Commercial operations. No person shall conduct a commercially guided or outfitted hunt on the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt area.

(f) Trash removal. Hunters shall remove all trash or litter, including spent shell casings.

### **Section 7. General and Limited Quota Sandhill Crane Hunt Area Descriptions.**

Area and Number.

Area 1. All of the Bear River and Ham's Fork River drainages in Lincoln County.

Area 2. All of the Salt River drainage in Lincoln County south of the McCoy Creek Road.

Area 3. All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Eden Project in Sweetwater County.

Area 4. All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries; those lands within Boysen State Park south of Cottonwood Creek, west of Boysen Reservoir, and south of U.S. Highway 20-26; and all non-Indian owned fee title lands within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation, excluding those lands within Hot Springs County.

Area 5. All of Uinta County.

Area 6. All of Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties.

Area 7. All of Campbell, Converse, Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte and Weston counties.

Area 8. All of Johnson, Natrona and Sheridan counties.

### **Section 8. Light Goose Conservation Order Licensing, Permitting and Reporting Requirements.**

(a) Wyoming Game Bird License and Conservation Stamp Requirement. Each person who takes or attempts to take any light geese under the authority of this regulation shall have in possession a valid Wyoming game bird license and a valid Wyoming conservation stamp (except as otherwise exempted by State statute).

(b) Conservation Order Special Management Permit. A Conservation Order Special Management Permit shall be in possession of any person participating in the light goose conservation order. The Conservation Order Special Management Permit shall be validated by signing the person's name in ink

across the face of the permit. Conservation Order Special Management Permits may be purchased on the Department's ELS.

(c) Reporting Requirements. Any person who obtains a Conservation Order Special Management Permit is requested to accurately complete the online survey at the web address provided on the permit no later than April 21, 2017.

(d) Hunters are not required to possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (duck stamp) or Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit in order to participate in the light goose conservation order.

**Section 9. Light Goose Conservation Order Regulations.**

(a) Shotguns shall be the only weapons that can be used to take light geese and are not required to be plugged to limit shell capacity to three (3). Shotguns larger than ten (10) gauge shall not be legal for the taking of light geese in Wyoming during the light goose conservation order.

(b) Evidence of Species. One fully feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of all light geese in the field and while the birds are being transported.

(c) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) No person shall take light geese while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot.

(d) Light Goose Conservation Order Hunting Seasons.

(i) The Central Flyway portion of Wyoming, excluding the closed areas listed in Section 3, is open during the light goose conservation order.

<b>LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER, CENTRAL FLYWAY</b>					
<b>Species and Hunt Areas</b>	<b>Conservation Order Dates</b>		<b>Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections</b>	<b>Bag Limit</b>	
	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>		<b>Daily</b>	<b>Possession</b>
Light Geese Central Flyway only	Feb. 20	Apr. 9	a(ii), a(iii), b, c, f a(vi) after March 20	20	Unrestricted

(ii) Those areas within the boundaries of the Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt, including Bump-Sullivan Reservoir, shall be open to the taking of light geese during the light goose conservation order. Pits/blinds shall be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis and shall not be claimed or reserved by leaving personal belongings, including decoys, unattended at the pit/blind at any time. Light goose conservation order participants are not required to possess a Bump-Sullivan managed goose hunt permit or a goose special management registration nor are they required to hunt from a pit/blind during the light goose conservation order.

**Section 10. Light Goose Conservation Order Shooting Hours.** Shooting hours for taking light geese during the light goose conservation order shall be as determined from the shooting hours table in this section.

2017 Light Goose Conservation Order Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish

Commission for taking light geese during the light goose conservation order. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

ST = Starting Time      QT = Quitting Time

	<u>AREA B</u>		<u>AREA C</u>		<u>AREA D</u>	
	<u>ST</u>	<u>QT</u>	<u>ST</u>	<u>QT</u>	<u>ST</u>	<u>QT</u>
<b><u>February</u></b>						
20-24	6:30	6:24	6:22	6:16	6:16	6:10
25-28	6:23	6:30	6:15	6:22	6:09	6:16
<b><u>March</u></b>						
1-5	6:15	6:36	6:07	6:28	6:01	6:22
6-11	6:06	6:42	5:58	6:34	5:52	6:28
*12-17	6:56	7:50	6:48	7:42	6:42	7:36
18-24	6:44	7:57	6:36	7:49	6:30	7:43
25-31	6:32	8:05	6:24	7:57	6:18	7:51
<b><u>April</u></b>						
1-5	6:21	8:12	6:13	8:04	6:07	7:58
6-9	6:14	8:18	6:06	8:10	6:00	8:04

\*Start Daylight Savings Time

AREA B – Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie counties

AREA C – Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan counties

AREA D – Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston counties

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Dated: April 21, 2016