

◊ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ◊

Gordon S. Myers, Executive Director

PROCLAMATION

Gordon S. Myers, Executive Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, acting pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §113-291.2(f) and §113-291.1(f) and authority duly delegated by the Wildlife Resources Commission, hereby declares the 2015-2016 Waterfowl Hunting Seasons and Extended Falconry Hunting Seasons for Waterfowl to become effective on the dates and times as follows:

HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

SPECIES-REGULAR WATERFOWL	SEASON DATES
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	October 7-10 November 14 – December 5 and December 19 – January 30 [Black and mottled duck season closed until Nov. 21]
Sea Ducks (In special sea duck area only)	October 1 – January 30
Dark Geese (Includes Canada geese and white-fronted geese) To view a map of the goose hunt zones, refer to the Regulations Digest or www.ncwildlife.org	Resident Population Hunt Zone: Oct. 7 – 17, Nov. 14 – Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 – Feb. 13 Southern James Bay Hunt Zone: Oct. 7 – Nov. 9 and Nov. 14 – Dec. 31. Northeast Hunt Zone: Jan. 15 – Jan. 30 (by permit only)
Light Geese (Includes snow and blue geese, and Ross' geese)	October 13 – Feb. 13 February 15 – March 31 (by permit only) [From February 15 – March 31 only, electronic calls and unplugged guns are allowed; there are no bag or possession limits; and shooting hours are extended to ½ hour after sunset]
Brant	December 28 – January 30
Tundra Swan	November 7 - January 30 (by permit only)
Youth Waterfowl Days (Includes ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots and tundra swans.) The youth must have a valid permit to harvest a tundra swan or a Canada goose (NE Hunt Zone only).	February 6 and February 13 Youth must be 15 years of age or younger and accompanied by a properly licensed adult. The adult must not duck hunt but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth day.
SPECIES-EXTENDED FALCONRY	SEASON DATES
Ducks, mergansers and coots	Oct. 26 – Nov. 7 & Feb. 1 – Feb. 20

These listed seasons do not include Sundays. There shall be no hunting of migratory game birds by any method on Sundays.

Furthermore, Gordon S. Myers, Executive Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, declares the following bag limits shall apply during the 2015-2016 Waterfowl Hunting Seasons and Extended Falconry Hunting Seasons for Waterfowl:

BAG LIMITS-REGULAR WATERFOWL

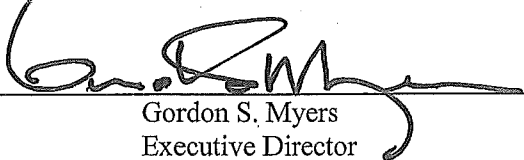
Conventional bag: 6 ducks with no more than 4 scoters, 2 scaup, 4 mallards with no more than 2 hen mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 1 black or mottled duck (season closed until November 21), and 1 fulvous whistling duck. The season on harlequin ducks is closed. (Possession limits are three times the daily bag unless otherwise noted.)

- Other limits:**
- 1) 25 light geese (Includes snow & blue geese & Ross' geese), no possession limit
 - 2) 1 brant
 - 3) 5 mergansers (2 hooded mergansers)
 - 4) 7 sea ducks (In special sea duck area only). In other areas, sea ducks are part of the regular duck bag limit. Includes eiders, scoters and long-tailed ducks. No more than 4 scoters per day may be taken in either season.
 - 5) 15 coots
 - 6) 5 dark geese (includes Canada geese & white-fronted geese) in the Resident Hunt Zone, 5 in the Southern James Bay Zone and 1 in the Northeast Hunt Zone
 - 7) 1 tundra swan by permit only (5,000 permits will be issued)

BAG LIMITS-EXTENDED FALCONRY

The daily bag limit for ducks, mergansers and coots is 3 with a possession limit of 9. The taking of harlequin ducks is prohibited. Falconers may also hunt during the applicable gun seasons. Daily bag and possession limits of 3 and 9, respectively, apply while hunting during the gun season and extended falconry seasons. Daily bag and possession limits are for all species singly or in the aggregate.

Any person who violates this Proclamation also violates applicable law and is subject to sanctions provided by law.

By 
Gordon S. Myers
Executive Director

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