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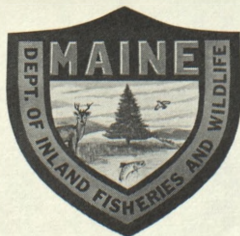
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## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS 1975-1976

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Chapter 319, Section 2352, the following regulations are hereby adopted and approved governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this regulation, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: (1) Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); (2) Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in these regulations, it shall be unlawful to hunt, capture, kill, take, possess, transport, buy or sell any migratory game bird or part thereof.

### 1. HUNTING METHODS

It shall be lawful to hunt migratory game birds by the aid of dogs, artificial decoys, manually or mouth-operated bird calls, with longbow and arrow, or with shotgun (not larger than No. 10 gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells) fired from the shoulder. Every other method is unlawful.

It shall be lawful to hunt migratory game birds from floating craft (except a sinkbox), including those capable of being propelled by motor, sail and wind, or both, only when (i) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be and (ii) the progress or motion of the craft in the water has ceased and the craft is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled solely by paddle, oar, or pole.

It shall be lawful to use a motor or sail on a craft as a means of retrieving or picking up dead or injured birds.

All migratory game birds, including waterfowl, may be taken on or over standing crops (including aquatics), flooded standing crops, flooded harvested crop lands, grain crops properly shocked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as a result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting and in addition, all migratory game birds, except waterfowl, may be taken on or over lands where shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as a result of valid agricultural operations or procedures.

### 2. TRANSPORTATION

Any person, without a permit, may transport lawfully killed and possessed migratory game birds into, within, or out of any State, or export such birds to a foreign country during and after the open seasons in the State where taken, subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in this part.

If such birds are dressed, one fully feathered wing must remain attached to each bird so as to permit species identification while being transported between the place where taken and the personal abode of the possessor or between the place where taken and a commercial preservation facility.

Any package or container in which such birds are transported shall have the name and address of the shipper and of the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds contained therein clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

### 3. POSSESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCESSING, TRANSPORTATION, OR STORAGE

No hunter who legally takes and possesses any migratory game birds shall place or leave any such birds in the custody of any other person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage) unless such birds have a tag attached signed by the hunter stating his address, the total number and kinds of birds, and the date such birds were killed.

No person may receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as provided above.

No hunter who legally takes and possesses any migratory game birds shall place or leave such birds at any place for storage (including temporary storage) other than at his personal abode unless such birds are tagged as provided above. Legally possessed migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be deemed to be in storage or temporary storage.

Any commercial picking establishment or cold-storage or locker plant receiving, possessing, or having in custody any migratory game birds shall maintain accurate records showing the numbers and kinds of such birds, the dates received and disposed of, and the names and addresses of the persons from whom such birds were received and to whom such birds were delivered. Any person authorized to enforce this regulation may enter such establishments or plants at all reasonable hours and inspect the records and the premises where operations are being carried on. The records required to be maintained shall be retained by the person or persons responsible for their preparation and maintenance for a period of 1 year following the close of the open season on migratory game birds prescribed for the State in which such picking establishment or cold-storage or locker plant is located.

### 4. TERMINATION OF POSSESSION

For the purposes of this part, the possession of birds legally taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a commercial cold-storage or locker plant for transportation by the postal service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

### 5. WOUNDED LIVE MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Every migratory game bird wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit.

### 6. POSSESSION OF PLUMAGE

Any person, without a permit, may possess and transport for his own use the plumage and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds.

### 7. WANTON WASTE OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this regulation without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird and include it in his daily bag limit. The shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted on those coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams lying seaward from the first upstream bridge.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, LIMITS, AND OTHER PROVISIONS

Migratory game birds may be taken only in accordance with the open seasons, the daily bag limits, possession limits, and within the shooting hour as stated below.

No person may take in any one day more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies. No person may possess more birds lawfully taken than the possession limit or the aggregate possession limit, whichever applies. No person on the opening day of the season may possess any freshly killed migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, and no person may possess any freshly killed migratory game birds during the closed season.

## SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISH AND GAME LAWS

(See hunting law booklet for all laws)

**Sec. 2352 (condensed).** No person shall hunt, molest, shoot, or kill any waterfowl on Haley Pond in Rangeley and Dallas Pits., Franklin County.

**Sec. 2461 (cond.)** The provisions of this and the two following paragraphs apply to the waters of Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadassett, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

No duck decoys or artificial cover which is termed a stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay, as described above, at any time between 1 hour after legal shooting time and 1 hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay in excess of 10 miles an hour except within the buoyed channels.

**Sec. 2466-A (cond.)** It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

**Sec. 2468 (cond.)** It is unlawful to hunt during the open firearm season on deer, except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys, unless wearing an article of fluorescent orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

## DUCK STAMP

Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese, or brant) unless he has on his person an unexpired federal migratory bird hunting stamp ("duck stamp"), validated by his signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.



## MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS TIME AND TIDE TABLE -- 1975

DATE	LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*			DATE	LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*		
	OPEN	CLOSE	HI	LO	Ht		OPEN	CLOSE	HI	Lo	Ht
Oct 1	5:07	5:20	6:55A	1:01P	8.5	Nov 26	6:19	4:04	4:25P	10:14A	8.9
Oct 2	5:08	5:19	7:53A	2:02P	9.2	Nov 27	6:20	4:03	5:06A	11:19A	9.0
Oct 3	5:09	5:17	8:46A	3:00P	10.0	Nov 28	6:21	4:03	6:07A	12:26P	9.4
Oct 4	5:10	5:15	9:38A	3:53P	10.6	Nov 29	6:22	4:02	7:06A	1:29P	9.8
Oct 6	5:13	5:11	11:17A	5:37P	11.3	Dec 1	6:25	4:01	8:59A	3:26P	10.6
Oct 7	5:14	5:10	12:08P	5:54A	11.3	Dec 2	6:26	4:01	9:52A	4:18P	10.9
**Oct 8	noon	5:08	12:59P	6:45A	11.0	Dec 3	6:27	4:01	10:42A	5:09P	10.9
Oct 9	5:16	5:06	1:52P	7:37A	10.4	Dec 4	6:28	4:01	11:31A	5:17A	10.7
Oct 10	5:18	5:04	2:51P	8:35A	9.8	Dec 5	6:29	4:00	12:19P	6:05A	10.4
Oct 11	5:19	5:02	3:54P	9:36A	9.2	Dec 6	6:30	4:00	1:05P	6:54A	9.9
Oct 13	5:21	4:59	5:44A	11:47A	7.9	Dec 8	6:32	4:00	2:45P	8:33A	8.8
Oct 14	5:23	4:57	6:45A	12:52P	8.0	Dec 9	6:33	4:00	3:36P	9:28A	8.3
Oct 15	5:24	4:56	7:40A	1:47P	8.2	Dec 10	6:34	4:00	4:33P	10:24A	7.8
Oct 16	5:25	4:54	8:26A	2:36P	8.5	Dec 11	6:35	4:00	5:10A	11:24A	8.0
Oct 17	5:26	4:52	9:06A	3:18P	8.7	Dec 12	6:36	4:00	6:05A	12:23P	8.0
Oct 18	5:28	4:50	9:43A	3:58P	8.9	Dec 13	6:37	4:00	6:55A	1:19P	8.2
Oct 20	5:30	4:47	10:51A	5:07P	9.2	Dec 15	6:38	4:01	8:28A	2:54P	8.7
Oct 21	5:31	4:46	11:22A	5:14A	9.3	Dec 16	6:39	4:01	9:10A	3:37P	9.0
Oct 22	5:33	4:44	11:57A	5:48A	9.3	Dec 17	6:40	4:01	9:50A	4:16P	9.3
Oct 23	5:34	4:42	12:30P	6:21A	9.3	Dec 18	6:40	4:01	10:27A	4:54P	9.5
Oct 24	5:35	4:41	1:11P	6:59A	9.2	Dec 19	6:41	4:02	11:07A	4:55A	9.8
Oct 25	5:37	4:39	1:55P	7:42A	9.1	Dec 20	6:41	4:02	11:48A	5:36A	9.9
Oct 27	5:39	4:36	3:41P	9:28A	8.9	Dec 22	6:42	4:03	1:18P	7:07A	9.8
Oct 28	5:41	4:35	4:44P	10:30A	8.8	Dec 23	6:43	4:04	2:11P	7:58A	9.6
Oct 29	5:42	4:33	5:30A	11:36A	8.5	Dec 24	6:43	4:04	3:06P	8:56A	9.3
Oct 30	5:43	4:32	6:31A	12:44P	9.0	Dec 25	6:44	4:05	4:07P	9:57A	8.9
Oct 31	5:45	4:30	7:28A	1:45P	9.6	Dec 26	6:44	4:06	5:12P	11:03A	8.6
Nov 1	5:46	4:29	8:23A	2:44P	10.3	Dec 27	6:44	4:06	5:46A	12:10P	9.6
Nov 3	5:49	4:26	10:07A	4:30P	11.2	Dec 29	6:45	4:08	7:49A	2:18P	10.0
Nov 4	5:50	4:25	10:57A	4:43A	11.3	Dec 30	6:45	4:09	8:46A	3:15P	10.2
Nov 5	5:51	4:24	11:48A	5:34A	11.1	Dec 31	6:45	4:09	9:39A	4:08P	10.3
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\* All times listed are Eastern Standard Time -- add one hour when Daylight Saving Time is in effect. Legal shooting hours on migratory game birds are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW.

\*\* Duck, Coot, and Merganser hunting on Oct. 8 and Nov. 19 begins at noon, local time. Goose hunting begins at noon on Oct. 8.

Sunday hunting is illegal in Maine.

TIDE CONVERSIONS: Tide information listed is for Portland.

For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 min; Add 2 hrs. for Sturgeon Is.; deduct 2 min. for Bucksport; deduct 23 min. for Jonesport.

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	POSSESSION AT ONE TIME
<b>Ducks</b>	Oct. 8 (noon)—Nov. 1 Nov. 19 (noon)—Dec. 13	4 4	8 8
NOTE: Black ducks may not be taken until Oct. 11 (1/2-hour before sunrise). The daily limit of ducks shall not include more than two black ducks (on and after Oct. 11) or two wood ducks. The possession limit shall not include more than four wood ducks or four black ducks. The season is closed on canvasback and redhead ducks. See note below on bonus seasons on blue-winged teal and scaup.			
<b>Mergansers</b>	Oct. 8 (noon)—Nov. 1 Nov. 19 (noon)—Dec. 13	5 5	10 10
The daily limit of mergansers shall not include more than one hooded merganser. The possession limit shall not include more than two hooded mergansers.			
<b>American coots</b> (or mudhen)	Oct. 8 (noon)—Nov. 1 Nov. 19 (noon)—Dec. 13	15 15	30 30
<b>Scoters</b> (or sea coots), <b>Eider, Old Squaw</b>	Oct. 4, 1975 Jan. 18, 1976	7	14
(in aggregate)			
The special sea duck season is for all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge; in all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular open season on ducks.			
<b>Canada geese</b>	Oct. 8 (noon)—Dec. 16	3	6
<b>Snow geese</b> (including blue geese)	Oct. 8 (noon)—Nov. 1	2	4
<b>Brant</b>	Nov. 10—Dec. 9	4	8
<b>Rails</b> (Sora and Virginia)	Sept. 1—Nov. 8	25	25
<b>Gallinules</b>	Sept. 1—Nov. 8	15	30
<b>Crows</b>	Sept. 1—Jan. 2	no limit	
<b>Wilson's snipe</b> (northern zone) (southern zone)	Sept. 24—Nov. 15 Oct. 1—Nov. 15	8 8	16 16
<b>Woodcock</b> (northern zone) (southern zone)	Sept. 24—Nov. 15 Oct. 1—Nov. 15	5 5	10 10

The zones for woodcock and snipe are the same as for deer hunting: the northern zone is Wildlife Management Units 1 and 2, and the southern zone is Units 3-8. The southern zone is southerly of a line formed by and including the following townships: T.4, R.5; T.3, R.5; T.3, R.4; T.3, R.3; T.3, R.2; T.3, R.1; Rockwood Strip; T.A, R. 14; T.A, R.13; T.A, No. 2, R.13, & R.14; T.7, R.10; T.6, R.9; T.5, R.9; T.4, R.9; T.A, R.8, & R.9; Indian Purchase (T.4, & T.3); T.A, R.7; East Millinocket; Medway; Woodville; Mattawamkeag; Kingman Twp.; Drew Plt.; T.8, R.4; Danforth. The northern zone is the remainder of the State of Maine, being that portion which is northerly of the above line.

BONUS SEASONS: During the first nine days of the duck season, two blue-winged teal may be taken daily in addition to the regular daily limit on ducks. Also in addition to the daily bag limit on ducks, two scaup may be taken daily during the regular duck season in coastal waters and the waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge — except on the Androscoggin River, where the boundary is the Topsham-Brunswick bridge; on the Kennebec, the Randolph-Gardiner bridge; and on the Penobscot, the Bangor-Brewer bridge. The scaup bonus also applies to all tidal waters bounded by state highways 182 and 200 north of U.S. Highway 1 in Hancock County.

LEGAL SHOOTING HOURS: On migratory game birds, legal shooting hours are from one-half-hour before sunrise to sunset, local time, except that on opening days of the regular waterfowl season (Oct. 8 and Nov. 19), ducks, coots, and mergansers may not be taken until noon, local time. Geese may not be taken until noon on Oct. 8.