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Advisory Announcement

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2023 Waterfowl season opener for Southeast Alaska

(Juneau) – Hunters are reminded of the new Southeast Alaska (GMU 1 – 4) waterfowl regulations approved by the Board of Game at their January 2023 meeting. Southeast Alaska now has a split season with a two-week break in the season starting Dec. 1.

The new annual waterfowl hunting dates in GMU 1 – 4 are:

Sept. 1 – Nov. 30, closed Dec. 1 – 15, and reopening Dec. 16 – Dec. 31

This change, made effective by the Board of Game during its January 2023 meeting in Ketchikan, Alaska, was implemented after feedback from hunters on the best time to have a split. It allows for early season harvest of teal, and other early migrants, and provides an extended late-season sea duck harvest.

In Juneau, hunters preparing to hunt the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge need to remember that the first two days of the season are reserved for youth hunters age 17 and younger.

For additional details on hunting regulations call a local ADF&G office. More information, including the full 2023-2024 Waterfowl Hunting Regulations (PDF) booklet can also be found online at <https://hunt.alaska.gov>.

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