
**Migratory Game Birds**

**FEDERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS**

- US Fish and Wildlife Service (DOI) regulatory agency that permits take of migratory birds
- USFWS establishes a federal framework for hunting migratory game birds
- Federal frameworks set outside limits for season dates and lengths, shooting hours, bag limits, zones/split seasons, permit hunts and quotas
- USFWS works with States to adjust the Federal frameworks via the Flyway Council system

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**JOINT FEDERAL-STATE REGULATORY PROCESS**

- 4 administrative Flyways
- Alaska + 10 western states in the Pacific Flyway
- 1 policy rep and 2 technical reps from each state
- USFWS - 1 Flyway rep and several regional reps
- Develop species management plans, conservation initiatives, and propose regulatory adjustments to the Federal frameworks
- Proposed adjustments considered by USFWS and signed by DOI Secretary to set hunting seasons

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**STATE REGULATORY PROCESS**

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- States select hunting seasons based on Federal framework
- States can select seasons that are more restrictive than the Federal frameworks to protect populations but not more liberal
- Board of Game authorized to adjust or create new state regulations that fit within the Federal framework or regulations
- May include hunting seasons, methods/means, definitions