# MIGRATORY WATERFOWL and UPLAND GAME SEASONS

STATE OF WASHINGTON

2007-08 PAMPHLET EDITION





Effective from September 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, both dates inclusive.

#### 2007-08 Hunting License Fees

Licenses are issued on a uniform April 1 through March 31 cycle rather than by calendar year.

You may purchase a hunting license at hunting and fishing license dealerships, by using a toll free telephone number 1-866-246-9453, or through the internet at <u>fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov</u>. Fees below include a 9.5% transaction fee. The hunting package is divided into big game and small game licensing options.

**Big Game** - The big game package contains five options. All prices include license and tags. Forest grouse and unclassified wildlife (including coyote) may be hunted with either a small game or big game license purchase.

**Small Game** - The small game license allows the holder to hunt for wild animals and wild birds, except big game. The small game license includes a prorated surcharge for eastern Washington pheasant enhancement. There are additional charges for turkey tags, western Washington pheasant permits, and migratory bird validations.

Big Game License Options	Res Adult/Sr.	Non-Res.	Youth (under 16) & Disabled Vet
#1 Deer+elk+cougar+bear	\$72.27	\$722.70	\$36.14
#2 Deer+elk	\$61.32	\$613.20	\$30.66
#3 Deer <u>or</u> elk+cougar+bear	\$50.37	\$503.70	\$25.19
#4 Deer <u>or</u> elk	\$39.42	\$394.20	\$19.71
#5 Bear+cougar	\$21.90	\$219.00	\$10.95
Small Game License Options			
Small Game	\$32.85	\$164.25	\$16.43
w/proof of big game package purchase		\$87.60	\$8.76
3-day Small Game	n/a	\$54.75	_n/a
Primary turkey tag	\$15.33	\$43.80	Free
Each additional turkey tag	\$15.33	\$65.70	\$9.86
Other Licenses, Tags, & Permits	Resident Adult	Non-Res.	Youth (under 16)
Trapping license*	\$36.00	\$180.00	\$15.00
Taxidermy license*	\$180.00	n/a	n/a
Pheasant permit (Western WA)	400.40	400.40	<b>*</b> 40.00
Westside full season	\$39.42	\$39.42	\$18,00
Westside 3-day option	\$21.90	\$21.90	n/a
Migratory bird validation	\$10.95	\$10.95	Free
Migratory bird stamp (state) w/validation	n** Free	Free	Free

- \* Sold only at the WDFW Olympia Office, License Division. No other license sales at WDFW offices.
- \*\* Available free by sending proof of validation purchase and self-addressed stamped envelope to WDFW Olympia office, License Division, by March 31, 2008.

License Dealer fees will be charged - \$2 for licenses and 50¢ for tags, stamps, and permits.

#### **MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Species	Adult	Youth (under 16)
Duck, goose	Small game license, federal stamp, state validation	Small game license, free state validation
Dove, band-tail, coot, snipe	Small game license, state validation	Small game license, free state validation

In addition to a small game license, all hunters of migratory game birds (ducks, geese, doves, coots, and snipe) are required to complete a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey at a license dealer, and possess a state migratory bird validation as evidence of compliance with this requirement when hunting migratory game birds. All duck and goose hunters 16 and over must also possess a federal migratory bird stamp, signed in ink across the front. Federal stamps can be purchased at selected license dealers, all post offices, all National Wildlife Refuges, by calling 1-800-STAMP24, or ordered online at duckstamps.fws.gov. State migratory bird validations and stamps can be purchased through license dealers.

#### **2007 Migratory Bird Stamps and Prints**

Duck Stamp Artwork by Robert Steiner

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Proceeds from the sale of Washington migratory bird validation stamps, and limited edition artwork are used to improve habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in Washington. Prints are available through Steiner Prints at (800) 225-3971 and stamps are sold through WDFW license vendors. For more information on the state migratory bird stamp program, see page 29 or wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/water/duckstmp.htm



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This pamphlet is a summary of the hunting seasons and regulations (chapters 232-12, 232-16, and 232-28 of the Washington Administrative Code) adopted by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission. This pamphlet does not contain nor is it intended to contain all department regulations. Regulations specific to the hunting seasons described in this pamphlet are found in sections 232-28-431 and 232-28-342 of the Washington Administrative Code.

CAUTION: Emergency regulation changes may occur while the seasons described in this pamphlet are in effect and will supersede information contained herein. Area news media will be informed of changes as they occur.

	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
<b>Ducks</b> Statewide (see authorization requirements for seaducks on p. 14)	Statewide equirements for	Sept. 22-23, 2007 (Youth Hunting Only)(a) Oct. 13-17, 2007 and Oct. 20, 2007-Jan. 27, 2008	7 (b) 7 (b)	14 (b) 14 (b)
Coots	Same as duck seasons	Same as duck seasons (including Youth Hunt)(a)	25	25
Snipe	Same as duck seasons	Same as duck seasons (except Youth Hunt)	8	16
Geese	Goose Mgmt. Areas 1 and 3	Sept. 8-13, 2007	5 Canada geese	10 Canada geese
(except Brant)	Goose Mgmt. Area 2A	Sept. 8-13, 2007	3 Canada geese	6 Canada geese
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2B	Sept. 1-15, 2007	5 Canada geese	10 Canada geese
	Goose Mgmt. Areas 4 & 5	Sept. 8-9, 2007	3 Canada geese	6 Canada geese
	Statewide, except Goose Mgmt. Areas 2A & 2B	Sept. 22-23, 2007 (Youth Hunting Only)(a)	4 Canada geese	8 Canada geese
	Goose Mgmt. Area 1	Snow, Ross, or blue geese: Oct. 20, 2007-Jan. 27, 2008		
	(see authorization requirements on p. 14)	Other Geese (except Brant): Oct. 13-25 and Nov. 3, 2007-Jan. 27, 2008	4	ω
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2A (see authorization	All areas except Ridgefield NWR: 8am-4pm Sat., Sun., & Wed., only, Nov. 10-25, 2007 and Dec. 5, 2007-Jan. 27, 2008	4 (C)	8 (c)
	requirements on p. 15)	Ridgefield NWR: 8am-4pm Sat., Tues., and Thurs only, Nov. 13-24, 2007 and Dec. 6, 2007-Jan. 19, 2008, except closed Nov. 22, 2007, Dec. 25, 2007 and Jan. 1, 2008		
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2B (see authorization requirements on p. 15)	8 a.m 4 p.m. Sat. and Wed. only, Oct. 13, 2007 - Jan. 12, 2007	4 (C)	8 (c)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 3	Oct. 13-25 and Nov. 3, 2007-Jan. 27, 2008	4	8
	Goose Mgmt. Area 4	Oct. 13-15 and Sat., Sun., Wed. only, Oct. 20, 2007 - Jan. 20, 2008; Nov. 12, 22, 23, Dec. 24, 25, 27, 28, 2007; Jan. 1, 2008; and every day Jan. 21-27, 2008	4	ω
	Goose Mgmt. Area 5	Oct. 13-15 and Oct. 20, 2007-Jan. 27, 2008	4	80
Brant (see authorization requirements on p. 16)	Skagit County 6)	Jan. 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 2008. If the pre-season wintering population in Skagit County is below 6,000 (as determined by the January survey) the brant season in Skagit County will be canceled.	Q	4
	Pacific County	Jan. 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 2008	2	4
Band-tailed Pigeons (see authorization re	iand-tailed Pigeons Statewide (see authorization requirements on p. 16)	Sept. 15-23, 2007	2	4
Mourning Dove	Statewide	Sept. 1-15, 2007	10	20

# WATERFOWL AND UPLAND GAME SFASONS

# **Summary of Migratory Game Bird Season Dates and Requirements**

	September	October	November	December	January	License
Duck, coot, snipe (statewide)						
Youth hunt (except snipe)	22-23					s, sm
General season		13-17 20			27	s, fm, sm
Goose (except brant )						
September Canada goose Area 1, 2A & 3	8-13					s, fm, sm
September Canada goose Area 2B	1 15					s, fm, sm
September Canada goose Areas 4 & 5	6-8					s, fm, sm
Youth Canada goose (exc. closed in Areas 2A & 2B)	22-23					s, sm
Mgmt. Area 1 snow, Ross', blue geese		20			27	s, fm, sm, sn
Mgmt. Area 1 other geese		13 25	က		27	s, fm, sm
Mgmt. Area 2A			10 se	selected dates	27	s, fm, sm, cg
Mgmt. Area 2B		13	selected dates	se	12	s, fm, sm, cg
Mgmt. Area 3		13 25	ε		27	s, fm, sm
Mgmt. Area 4		13-15 20		selected dates	27	s, fm, sm
Mgmt. Area 5		13-15 20			27	s, fm, sm
Brant						
Skagit County					selected dates	s, fm, sm, br
Pacific County			1		selected dates	s, fm, sm, br
Band-tailed Pigeon (statewide)	15-23					s, sm, bt
Dove (statewide)	1 15					s, sm
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**Key to license and other requirements:** bt=band-tailed pigeon authorization; br=brant authorization; cg=Canada goose authorization; fm=federal migratory bird stamp (not required for youth hunters); s=small game license; sm=state migratory bird validation (free for youth hunters); sn=snow goose authorization.

# **Additional Limits And Restrictions**

a) Special youth hunting season open to hunters under 16 years of age (must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old who is not hunting).

b) Daily bag limit: 7 ducks — to include not more than 2 hen mallard, 1 pintail, 3 scaup, 2 canvasback, 2 redhead, 1 harlequin, 4 scoter, and 4 long-tailed duck.

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Possession limit: 14 ducks – to include not more than 4 hen mallard, 2 pintail, 6 scaup, 4 canvasback, 4 redhead, 1 harlequin, 8 scoter, and 8 long-tailed

Season limit: 1 harlequin (see sea duck authorization requirement on p. 14).

c) Daily bag limit: 4 geese - to include not more than 1 dusky Canada goose and 2 cackling geese, except not more than 1 Aleutian goose in Pacific Co.

Possession limit: 8 geese - to include not more than 1 dusky Canada goose and 4 cackling geese, except not more than 2 Aleutian geese in Pacific Co.

Season limit: 1 dusky Canada goose. A dusky Canada goose is defined as a dark-breasted [Munsell 10 YR, 5 or less] Canada goose with a culmen [bill] length of 40-50 mm. A cackling goose is defined as a goose with a culmen [bill] length of 32 mm or less.

Summary of Upland Game Seasons						
	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT		
Forest Grouse (Blue, Ruffed, and	Statewide d <b>Spruce)</b>	Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2007	3 of any species	9 of any speces		
Sage and Sharp-	tailed grouse, Ptarmiga	n Closed statewide				
Pheasant	Western Washington	Sept. 22-23, 2007 (Youth Hunting Only)(a)	2 either sex	4 either sex		
(see additional requirements on		Sept. 24-28, 2007 (Only for hunters 65 years of age or older).	2 either sex	10 either sex		
p. 17)	Regular Season	8 a.m4 p.m. Sept. 29-Nov. 30, 2007 except Dungeness Recreation Area site starting Oct		15 either sex		
	' at 2 either sex r Creek, eleased).	15 either sex				
	Eastern Washington	Sept. 22-23, 2007 (Youth Hunting Only)(a)	3 cocks only	6 cocks only		
		Oct. 20, 2007-Jan. 21, 2008	3 cocks only	15 cocks only		
California (Valley)	, Western Washington	Oct. 6-Nov. 30, 2007	10 mixed bag	30 mixed bag		
Quail and	Eastern Washington	Sept. 22-23, 2007 (Youth Hunting Only)(a)	10 mixed bag	20 mixed bag		
Northern Bobwhi	te	Oct. 6, 2007-Jan. 21, 2008	10 mixed bag	30 mixed bag		
Quail (Mountain)	Western Washington	Oct. 6-Nov. 30, 2007	2	4		
	Eastern Washington	Season closed				
		Sept. 22-23, 2007 (Youth Hunting Only)(a)	6 chukar & 6 gray	18 chukar & 18 gray		
		Oct. 6, 2007-Jan. 21, 2008	6 chukar & 6 gray	18 chukar & 18 gray		
Cottontail and Snowshoe Hare	Statewide	Sept. 1, 2007-Mar. 15, 2008	5 mixed bag	15 mixed bag		
Jackrabbit and P	ygmy Rabbit	Closed Statewide				
Crow	Statewide	Oct. 1, 2007-Jan. 31, 2008	no limit	no limit		
Turkey (see additional requirements on p. 17)	Statewide	, ,,,,	1 ee Spring Turkey par ee Spring Turkey par	•		
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a) Special youth hunting season open to hunters under 16 years of age (must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old who is not hunting).

Beaver, Badger, Weasels, Martin, Mink, Muskrat, and River Otter CANNOT BE HUNTED - See Trapping Regulations.

Fall Seasons - see p. 17

Summary of Upland Game Season Dates And Requirements						
· •	September	October	November		January	License
Forest Grouse (statewide)	1			31		s or b
Pheasant (westside)	_					
Youth hunt	22-23					s, p
65 & older	24-28			selected areas		s, p
General season	29		30	1 15		s, p
Pheasant (eastside)	_					
Youth hunt	22-23					S
General season		20			21	S
California Quail and Bobwhite (westside	)	6	,	30		S
California Quail, Bobwhite, Chukar and						
Gray Partridge (eastside)	_					
Youth hunt	22-23					S
General season		6			21	S
Key to license and other requirements: b	=big game; p=\	westside phe	easant permit;	s=small game li	cense.	

#### **NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIREMENTS**

#### **NONTOXIC SHOT ZONES**

It is unlawful to possess shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than nontoxic shot for any purpose in the following areas:

- · Bridgeport Bar segment of Well's Wildlife Area
- · Cowlitz Wildlife Area
- Whatcom Wildlife Area (including Lake Terrell, Tennant Lake, and other segments)
- · Shillapoo Wildlife Area
- · Skagit Wildlife Area (all segments)
- Snoqualmie Wildlife Area (all segments)
- · Sunnyside Wildlife Area
- The Driscoll Island, Hegdahl, and Kline Parcel segments of the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area
- · Vancouver Lake Wildlife Area

It is unlawful to possess shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than nontoxic shot when hunting for game birds or game animals in the following areas:

- · Chehalis River pheasant release site
- · Dungeness Recreation Area
- · Hunter Farms pheasant release site
- · Raymond Airport pheasant release site
- · All Whidbey Island pheasant release sites
- Many U.S. Fish and Wildlife refuges require the use of non-toxic shot. Please refer to specific refuge rules for requirements.

#### APPROVED NONTOXIC SHOT TYPES

It is unlawful to possess shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than nontoxic shot when hunting for waterfowl, coot, or snipe.

#### Nontoxic shot includes:

#### **Approved Nontoxic Shot Type\***

Percent Composition by Weight

bismuth-tin - 97 bismuth, 3 tin

iron (steel) - iron and carbon

iron-tungsten - any proportion of tungsten, >=1 iron

**iron-tungsten-nickel -** >=1 iron, any proportion of tungsten, up to 40 nickel

tungsten-bronze - 51.1 tungsten, 44.4 copper, 3.9 tin, 0.6 iron; and 60 tungsten, 35.1 copper, 3.9 tin, 1 iron

tungsten-iron-copper-nickel - 40-76

tungsten, 37 iron, 9-16 copper, 5-7 nickel

tungsten-matrix - 95.9 tungsten, 4.1 polymer

tungsten-polymer - 95.5 tungsten, 4.5 Nylon 6 or 11

tungsten-tin-iron - any proportions of tungsten and tin, >=1

**tungsten-tin-bismuth -** any proportions of tungsten, tin, and bismuth

**tungsten-tin-iron-nickel -** 65 tungsten, 21.8 tin, 10.4 iron, 2.8 nickel

\*Coatings of copper, nickel, tin, zinc, zinc chloride, and zinc chrome on approved nontoxic shot types also are approved.

RCW 77.15.400: if you are convicted of violating the above requirements, there is a mandatory \$1,000 fine and loss of small game hunting privileges for 2 years.

# SHOOT CLEAN - GET THE LEAD OUT

- · Lead shot can kill wildlife that ingests it
- It only takes a few lead pellets to be toxic to wildlife
- Lead shot has resulted in extensive swan mortality in northwestern Washington
- Target shooting can be a significant source of lead shot in the environment
- Consider switching to nontoxic shot for all shotgun ammunition

#### HUNTING WITH AN AUTHORIZATION NUMBER

Under the automated licensing system, licenses may be purchased over the telephone at 1-866-246-9453 or via the Internet at www. fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov. At the conclusion of a telephone or Internet sale, an authorization number will be issued. That authorization number may be used as your license if you are hunting for animals not requiring a transport tag.

**Big Game Licenses** - Forest grouse and unclassified wildlife such as: coyote, opossum, nutria, porcupine, skunk, and yellowbellied marmot are the only species that may be hunted with a big game authorization number until your appropriate tags and license have arrived.

Small Game Licenses - All animals hunted with a small game license, including unclassified wildlife, may be hunted with a small game authorization number (except wild turkey and western Washington pheasant) until the valid license and tags have been received in the mail.

**Migratory Bird Validation** -All migratory birds may be hunted with a small game authorization number that includes a migratory bird validation until the valid license is received in the mail. A federal migratory bird stamp is required for hunters 16 years and older to hunt ducks and geese.

#### WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ADVISORY GROUP

The Washington Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG) was formed by WDFW in early 2003 to increase citizen involvement in the management of Washington's waterfowl resources. This group has 20 members from a broad representation of waterfowl hunters throughout the state. Semiannual meetings are scheduled to provide advice to the department on a variety of topics, including planned expenditures of 2007-09 state migratory bird stamp revenues, waterfowl seasons, public access, and other topics. To learn more about the WAG or to contact a representative in your area, please contact the WDFW Waterfowl Section at (360) 902-2515. If you have comments to pass on to a WAG representative in your area, please email them to wildthing@dfw.wa.gov. State that the comments are for WAG, and note your county of residence.

#### **Additional Requirements 2007-08 Migratory Waterfowl Seasons**

#### **SEA DUCKS**

WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED TO HUNT SEA DUCKS. All persons hunting sea ducks (harlequin, scoter, longtailed duck) in western Washington are required to obtain a written authorization and harvest report from WDFW. Hunters who did not possess a 2006-07 authorization must submit an application from to WDFW (available at WDFW Olympia and regional offices) Immediately after taking a sea duck into possession, hunters must record in ink the information required on the harvest report. Return of the harvest report is mandatory. By February 15, 2008, hunters must return the harvest report to WDFW, or report harvest information on the department's Internet reporting system. Hunters failing to comply with reporting requirements will be ineligible to participate in the 2008-09 sea duck season.

#### **GOOSE MANAGEMENT AREA 1**

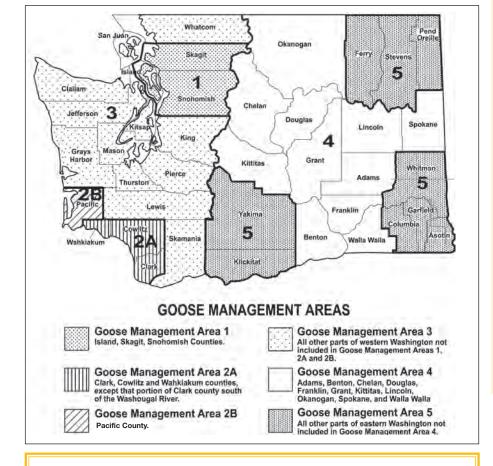
WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED TO HUNT SNOW GEESE. All persons hunting snow geese in this management area are required to obtain a written authorization and Harvest Report from WDFW (snow goose hunters in other parts of the state are exempt from this requirement). Hunters who did not possess a 2006-07 authorization must submit an application from to WDFW (available at WDFW Olympia and regional offices). Immediately after taking a snow goose into possession, hunters must record in ink the information required on the Harvest Report. Return of the harvest report is mandatory. By February 15, 2008, hunters must return the harvest report to WDFW, or report harvest information on the department's Internet reporting system. Hunters failing to comply with reporting requirements will be ineligible to participate in the 2008-09 snow goose season.

#### FIR ISLAND SNOW GOOSE SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm for the purpose of hunting waterfowl within 100 feet of any paved public road on Fir Island in Skagit County. While hunting snow geese on Fir Island, if a hunter is convicted of 1) trespass, 2) shooting from, across, or along the the maintained part of any public highway, 3) discharging a firearm for the purpose of hunting waterfowl within 100 feet of any paved public road on Fir Island in Skagit County, or 4) exceeding the daily bag limit for snow geese, written authorization will be invalidated for the remainder of the 2007-08 snow goose season and an authorization will not be issued for the 2008-09 snow goose season.

#### QUALITY HUNTING AREAS IN GOOSE MANAGEMENT AREA 1.

Hunters possessing written authorization to hunt snow geese in Goose Management Area 1 can apply for a special authorization to access private lands around Fir Island enrolled in a new quality snow goose hunting program. Hunters must apply for special authorization to hunt on these special areas by September 28, 2007, using the Department's internet or mail application system. A random drawing will select hunters for participation, and special hunt authorizations will be mailed prior to the season. Up to 3 individuals possessing snow goose authorizations can hunt with the successful applicant on each hunt day. Successful applicants must check in with the WDFW hunt coordinator at least one week prior to hunting and all hunters must hunt over decoys. Special authorizations are not valid for commercial uses. Authorizations are valid for one week (only on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday) and only on private lands specified by the WDFW hunt coordinator. Hunters will be assigned at random to private farms participating in the program.



#### **HP Avian Influenza Information**

See Page 28

# **DECOY RESTRICTIONS**

It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl with the use or aid of battery powered or other electronic devices as decoys.

#### **Additional Requirements 2007-08 Migratory Waterfowl Seasons**

#### **GOOSE MANAGEMENT AREAS 2A AND 2B**

The Canada goose season for Western Washington Goose Management Areas 2A and 2B will be closed early if dusky Canada goose harvests exceed area quotas which collectively total 80 geese. The Fish and Wildlife Commission has authorized the Director to implement emergency area closures in accordance with the following quotas: A total of 80 duskys, to be distributed 15 for Zone 1 (Ridgefield NWR); 25 for Zone 2 (Cowlitz County south of the Kalama River); 20 for Zone 3 (Clark County private lands); 10 for Zone 4 (Cowlitz County north of the Kalama River and Wahkiakum County); 10 for Zone 5 (Pacific County). Quotas may be shifted to other zones during the season to optimize use of the statewide quota and minimize depredation.

Goose hunting is only permitted by written authorization from WDFW. Authorization is not required for the September goose season. New hunters, and those who did not maintain a valid 2006-07 authorization must review goose identification training

materials and demonstrate adequate performance on a goose identification test to receive written authorization. Information on training materials and testing is shown below.

With written authorization, hunters will receive a Harvest Report. Hunters must carry the authorization card and Harvest Report while hunting. Immediately after taking a Canada goose (dusky, lesser/ Taverner, cackling, or other subspecies) into possession, hunters must record in ink the information required on the Harvest Report. Hunters must go directly to the nearest check station and have geese tagged when leaving a hunt site. before 6:00 p.m. If a hunter takes the season bag limit of one dusky Canada goose or does not comply with requirements listed above regarding checking of birds and recording harvest on the Harvest Report, written authorization will be invalidated and the hunter will not be able to hunt in Western Washington Goose Management Areas 2A & 2B for the remainder of the season and the Special Late Canada Goose Season. It is unlawful to fail to comply with all provisions listed above for Western Washington Goose Management Areas 2A & 2B.

# GOOSE MANAGEMENT AREAS 2A & 2B GOOSE IDENTIFICATION TRAINING MATERIALS AND TESTING SCHEDULE

Training materials necessary to pass the goose identification test required for Goose Management Area 2A and 2B consist of a home study booklet and a one hour video, both titled "Pacific Northwest Goose Management." The booklet is available at the Olympia and regional offices of WDFW, and the videotape is available through Videoland Productions, Inc., 805 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Videoland Productions, Inc. accepts major credit cards, checks, and money orders. Their toll free number is 1-800-861-1342, the commercial number is 1-360-491-1332, and the fax is (360) 491-1333.

The booklet and video can also be downloaded from the WDFW website at: wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/water/water.htm

Goose identification testing will be conducted at designated locations throughout western Washington. New hunters and those who had 2006-07 hunting authorizations invalidated for Goose Management Area 2 will be expected to pass an exam with a minimum of 80% to receive their 2007-08 hunting authorization. Hunters who fail a test must wait 28 days before retesting, and will not be issued a reciprocal authorization until that time.

Goose identification testing can also be completed online at wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/water/goose/

Region	Date	Time	Location	City		
4	10/3-12/26	By appt. only, call for schedule, all tests begin at 3 p.m.	Region 4 Office	Mill Creek		
5	10/4	7 p.m.	Cowlitz PUD	Longview		
5	10/16	7 p.m.	Region 5 Office	Vancouver		
5	Tuesdays only 10/16-12/11	3 p.m.	Region 5 Office	Vancouver		
6	10/3	7 p.m.	Natural Resources Bldg.	Olympia		
6	10/3-12/26	By appt. only, call for schedule, all tests begin at 3 p.m.	Region 6 Office	Montesano		
	For directions to testing sites contact the appropriate regional office (see page 9).					

#### **Additional Requirements 2007-08 Migratory Waterfowl Seasons**

#### GOOSE MANAGEMENT AREA 2A SPECIAL LATE CANADA GOOSE SEASON

Open to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Advanced Hunter Education (AHE) program graduates and youth hunters (15 years of age or under, who are accompanied by an AHE hunter) possessing a valid 2007-08 southwest Washington Canada goose hunting authorization. Hunters qualifying for the season will be placed on a list for participation in this hunt. WDFW will assist landowners with contacting qualified hunters to participate in damage control hunts on specific lands incurring goose damage. Participation in this hunt will depend on the level of damage experienced by local landowners.

Open in goose damage areas in Western Washington Goose Management Area 2A on selected dates within the following period from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Saturdays and Wednesdays, Feb. 2 - Mar. 5, 2008.

#### ADVANCED HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The AHE program is a voluntary training program designed to improve landowner-hunter relations, increase hunter knowledge, and expand hunting opportunity and hunter access to private lands.

The AHE program combines home study, shooting proficiency, project work, classroom training, and formal testing to help individual hunters improve their knowledge and skills. The program is open to all interested hunters who are willing to roll up their shirt sleeves and devote their time to each of these areas. Individuals who successfully complete the program and pass the examination will be issued a certification card and are then eligible for AHE hunts.

For more information on the AHE program, please contact the Hunter Education Program staff in the Olympia office at (360) 902-8114.

#### **BRANT**

WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED: All hunters participating in this season are required to obtain a written authorization and Harvest Report from WDFW. Hunters who did not possess a 2006-07 authorization must submit an application form to WDFW (available at WDFW offices). Immediately after taking a brant into possession, hunters must record in ink the information required on the Harvest Report. By February 15, 2008, hunters must return the harvest report to WDFW, or report harvest information on the department's internet reporting system. Hunters failing to comply with reporting requirements will be ineligible to participate in the 2008-09 brant season.

**Daily bag limit:** 4 Canada geese, to include not more than 1 dusky Canada goose, and not more than 2 cackling geese.

**Possession limit:** 8 Canada geese, to include not more than 1 dusky Canada goose, and not more than 4 cackling geese.

Season limit: 1 dusky Canada goose.

A dusky Canada goose is defined as a dark-breasted Canada goose (as shown in the Munsell color chart 10 YR, 5 or less) with a culmen (bill) length of 40-50 mm.

A cackling goose is defined as a goose with a culmen (bill) length of 32 mm or less.

The Special Late Canada Goose Season will be closed by emergency action if the harvest of dusky Canada geese exceeds 85 for the regular and late seasons. All provisions listed above for Western Washington Goose Management Area 2A regarding authorization, harvest reporting, and checking requirements also apply to the special Late Canada Goose Season, except hunters must confirm their participation at least 24 hours in advance, and hunters must check out by 5 p.m. each day, regardless of success.

#### **BAND-TAILED PIGEON**

WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED: All persons hunting band-tailed pigeons in this season are required to obtain a written authorization and harvest report from WDFW. Hunters who did not possess a 2006 authorization must submit an application form to WDFW (available at WDFW Olympia and regional offices). Immediately after taking a band-tailed pigeon into possession, hunters must record in ink the information required on the harvest report. By September 30, 2007, hunters must return the harvest report to WDFW, or report harvest information on the department's internet reporting system. Hunters failing to comply with reporting requirements will be ineligible to participate in the 2008 band-tailed pigeon season.

#### **BIRD BAND REPORTING**

You can now report federal migratory bird bands by calling a toll-free number: 1-800-327-BAND. Calls can be made 24 hours a day, and you will receive information on when and where the bird was banded. Please use this number to report federal migratory bird bands only (no upland birds or private bands). Bands can also be reported to www.reportband.gov.

#### **Additional Requirements For 2007-08 Upland Game Seasons**

#### RING-NECKED PHEASANT

A Western Washington Pheasant Permit is required to hunt pheasant in western Washington, in addition to a current small game hunting license. Upon taking a pheasant, the holder of a Western Washington Pheasant Permit must immediately enter on the corresponding space the date and location of kill.

There are three options available:

- (1) **Full Season Option:** Allows the harvest of eight (8) pheasants.
- (2) 3-Day Option: Allows the harvest of four (4) pheasants during three consecutive days.
- (3) **Juvenile Option:** Allows the harvest of eight (8) pheasants.

It is unlawful to purchase an additional permit until all the pheasants allowed on the current permit are taken. The number of permits purchased per year is not limited.

A hunter shall select one valid option at the time they purchase their permit.

Every person possessing a Western Washington Pheasant Permit must return the permit to WDFW by December 31 or report hunting activity via the Internet at www.wdfw.wa.gov (Western Washington Pheasant Harvest Report Form).

Western Washington pheasant hunters must choose to hunt on either odd-numbered or even-numbered weekend days from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. at all units of Lake Terrell, Tennant Lake, Snoqualmie, Skagit, Skookumchuck, Scatter Creek Wildlife Areas, and all areas on Whidbey

Island and the Dungeness Recreation Area, and must indicate their choice on the Western Washington Pheasant Permit by choosing "odd" or "even." All hunters may hunt these sites between 10:00 am and 4:00pm, regardless of their choice. Hunters who select the 3-day option, hunters 65 years of age or older, and youth hunters 15 or younger may hunt during either weekend day morning. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old (if hunting, adults must have an appropriately marked pheasant permit).

Note: Contact the Adventure Center at Fort Lewis (253) 967-6263 and the Environmental Affairs Office at the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station (360) 257-1009 prior to hunting at these locations.

#### **TURKEY**

Mandatory harvest reporting requirements are listed on page 14 of Big Game Hunting Seasons and Rules Pamphlet. By January 31, 2008, hunters must report their hunting activity for <u>each</u> turkey tag acquired by calling toll free 1-877-945-3492 or via Internet at www. fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov.

#### **HUNTER ORANGE**

Anyone hunting upland birds (pheasant, quail, and partridge), rabbits, or hares with a modern firearm during any upland game bird season is required to wear hunter orange clothing. Those hunting forest grouse, rabbits, or hares during modern firearm deer or elk hunting seasons must also wear hunter orange clothing. A minimum of 400 square inches of fluorescent hunter orange exterior clothing, worn above the waist and visible from all sides, is required to comply with this regulation.

#### **Wild Turkey Fall General Hunt**

Who may participate: Anyone who has a valid turkey transport tag.

Bag Limit: One (1) turkey of either sex.

Bag Limit	Season Dates	Hunt Area	Turkey Tag
1 Turkey either sex	Sept. 22-Oct. 5, 2007	GMUs 101-124	Any valid turkey tag

#### **Wild Turkey Fall Permit Hunts**

Who may participate: Anyone who has a valid turkey transport tag and is drawn in the special permit drawing for that hunt.

Bag Limit: One (1) turkey of either sex.

Permit Season: Sept. 22 to Dec. 15, 2007.

Special Permit Application: Hunt Choice 3006 - Applications must be submitted by August 31, 2007.

Hunt Choice No.	Season	Hunt Name	Hunt Area	2007 Permits				
3001 (drawing complete)	Sept. 22-Oct. 5, 2007	Mica Peak <sup>C</sup>	GMU 127	150				
3002 (drawing complete)	Sept. 22-Oct. 5, 2007	Roosevelt <sup>C</sup>	GMU 133	200				
3003 (drawing complete)	Sept. 22-Oct. 5, 2007	Blue Mtns. E	GMUs 145, 172-186	100				
3004 (drawing complete)	Sept. 22-Oct. 5, 2007	Blue Mtns. W	GMUs 149-163	200				
3005 (drawing complete)	Sept. 22-Oct. 5, 2007	Klickitat	GMUs 382, 388, 568-578	75				
3006	Nov. 20-Dec. 15, 2007	NE Washington	GMUs 101-124	800				
<sup>C</sup> Private lands: access is extremely limited. If you cannot secure access to private lands, do not apply for this hunt.								

#### **Additional Requirements For 2007-08 Upland Game Seasons**

#### **BIRD DOG TRAINING SEASON**

Aug. 1. 2007-Mar. 31. 2008.

Dog training may be conducted yeararound on posted portions of: Region One-Espanola (T 24 N, R 40 E, E 1/2 of Sec. 16); Region Three-South L.T. Murray Wildlife Area; Region Four -Skagit Wildlife Area, Whatcom Wildlife Area - Lake Terrell, and Snoqualmie Wildlife Area; Region Five - Shillapoo/ Vancouver Lake Wildlife Area: Region Six - Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, and Fort Lewis Military Base. A valid small game license is required to train dogs on wild birds at any time. A small game license AND a Western Washington Pheasant Permit is required to train dogs on wild pheasants in western Washington. Only youth and seniors may train dogs during their respective seasons on designated western Washington pheasant release sites.

#### **FOREST GROUSE**

Forest grouse may not be killed with centerfire rifles or centerfire pistols during modern firearm deer or elk seasons unless appropriate deer or elk tags are on the hunter's person. Forest grouse may be taken with shotguns or .22 rimfire rifles and pistols during the entire grouse hunting season.

#### **FALCONRY SEASONS**

A falconry license and a current small game hunting license are required for hunting with a raptor. In addition, a Western Washington Pheasant Permit is required to hunt pheasant in western Washington; and federal and state migratory bird stamps or authorizations are required to hunt migratory birds.

If a raptor captures any species of wildlife (quarry) in a closed season, the falconer must release the quarry if it is not seriously injured. If the quarry is seriously injured or killed, the quarry must be left at the site, but the raptor may feed on the kill. If the accidentally killed wildlife is a Washington State Candidate species (including jackrabbit), the falconer must immediately record on a WDFW form or facsimile: the falconer's name, falconry permit number, date, species and sex (if known) of the quarry, and the location of the kill (as accurately as possible). Total accidental take of Candidate species cannot exceed 5/season; falconers must cease hunting for the day if a candidate species is taken. All reports of accidental take must be submitted to the WDFW falconry permit coordinator by April 1 each year. Released quarry are not considered "take." Take of species protected under federal or state endangered or threatened species laws is not permitted.

#### **Falconry Seasons**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Upland Game Birds and Forest Grouse	Statewide	Aug. 1, 2007-Mar. 15, 2008 (falconry)	2 pheasants (either sex), 6 partridge. 5 CA quail or bobwhite, 2 mountain quail (W.WA only),and 3 forest grouse	Twice the daily bag
Mourning Dove	Statewide	Sept. 1-15, 2007 and Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2007 (falconry)	3 mourning doves, straight or mixed bag with snipe, coots, ducks, and geese during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
Cottontail and Snowshoe hare	Statewide	Aug. 1, 2007-Mar. 15, 2008 (falconry)	5 cottontail or snowshoe hares, straight or mixed bag	15
Ducks, Coots and Snipe	Statewide	Oct. 13-17, 2007 and Oct. 20, 2007-Jan. 27, 2008 (falconry)	3, straight or mixed bag with geese and mourning doves during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
Geese	Goose Mgmt Area 1	Oct. 20, 2007-Jan. 27, 2008 for Snow, Ross; or blue geese Oct. 13-25, 2007 and Nov. 3 2007-Jan. 27, 2008 for other geese.	3, (except Brant) straight or mixed bag with ducks, coots, snipe, and mourning doves during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
	Goose Mgmt Area 2A	Wed., Sat., Sun., Nov. 10-25, 2007 and Dec. 5, 2007-Jan. 27, 2008, (falconry)	3, (except Brant) straight or mixed bag with ducks, coots, snipe, and mourning doves during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
	Goose Mgmt Area 2B	Wed., Sat. Oct. 13, 2007- Jan. 12, 2008 (falconry)	3, (except Brant) straight or mixed bag with ducks, coots, snipe, and mourning doves during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
	Goose Mgmt. Areas Oct.13-15, 2007 3-5 Nov. 3, 2007-Jan. 27, 2008 (falconry)		3, (except Brant) straight or mixed bag with ducks, coots, snipe, and mourning doves during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
Turkey	Eastern Washington	Sept. 1, 2007-Feb. 15, 2008 (falconry)	2, one turkey, either sex, per turkey tag with a maximum of 2 turkeys per season	Two (2)  Turkey Tag required
Jackrabbit, pygmy	Closed Statewide		,	., ., ., ., ., ., .,

Jackrabbit, pygmy Closed Statewide rabbit, sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, ptarmigan

#### **Summary of Washington State Regulations For Waterfowl and Upland Game**

#### **EASTERN, WESTERN WASHINGTON DEFINED**

EASTERN Washington includes all areas lying east of the Pacific Crest Trail and east of the Big White Salmon River in Klickitat and Skamania Counties, while WESTERN Washington refers to all areas west of the Pacific Crest Trail and west of (and including) the Big White Salmon River in Klickitat and Skamania Counties.

#### FIREARM REGULATIONS

#### IT IS UNLAWFUL TO HUNT:

-Game birds with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.

-Ğame birds or game animals in a manner other than with a firearm, a bow and arrow, or by falconry. Bullfrogs in a manner other than by angling, hand dip netting, gigging, or bow and arrow.

-Game birds or game animals with a shotgun larger than 10 gauge.

-Wildlife with a crossbow.

-Game birds with a rifle or pistol, except forest grouse. (See page 18 for restrictions)

-Wildlife with a fully automatic firearm.

#### **HUNTING RESTRICTIONS**

#### IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

-Place waterfowl decoys prior to 4:00 a.m.; allow or permit waterfowl decoys to be unattended or not in your immediate control for a period greater than one hour; or fail to remove waterfowl decoys within two hours after the close of established daily hunting hours on days open to waterfowl hunting on department owned or controlled lands, waters, or access areas.

-Place waterfowl decoys on lands or waters controlled by WDFW except as authorized by permit of the director, on days <u>closed</u> to waterfowl hunting on department owned or controlled lands, waters, or access areas.

-Hunt waterfowl or wild turkeys using live birds as decoys.

-Hunt waterfowl, turkey, or deer with the use or aid of battery-powered or other electronic devices as decoys.

-Hunt waterfowl, turkey, or deer with the use or aid of electronic calls.

-Hunt game birds over bait or baited areas, or areas posted as upland bird feeding sites. A baited area is where corn, wheat, or other grain or feed have been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered to attract game birds for hunting. This does not prohibit the hunting of game birds on or over standing crops flooded croplands, or grain crops properly harvested on the field where grown, or grains scattered as the result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting. Areas are considered baited for ten days following the complete removal of all grain or other feed.

-Destroy or possess the nests or eggs of game birds or protected wildlife.

-Allow game animals or game birds you have taken to recklessly or intentionally be wasted.

-Hunt wildlife from a vehicle (except authorized disabled hunters) or from a boat propelled by a motor, unless the boats motor is shut off and progress due to the motor has stopped.

 -Use a vehicle (including ATVs), aircraft, or boat to pursue, concentrate or harass wild animals or wild birds.

-Possess wildlife taken by another person

unless you have in possession a written statement showing name, address, license and/or tag number, date, county and area it was taken in, and the signature of the hunter who killed it.

-Possess in the field or transport game birds unless a feathered head is left attached to each carcass, except falconry-caught birds.

-Avoid or fail to stop and report at a WDFW established check station, and produce hunting equipment, wildlife in your possession, and licenses, permits, tags, or stamps required.

#### PROPERTY LAWS

Hunters are welcome on most state-owned lands, although some lands leased to private owners may be posted closed to protect live-stock, equipment, or crops. Courtesy shown while hunting and respect for property rights will prevent the closing of more of these lands to hunting.

It is unlawful to:

Remove, possess, or damage printed material or signs placed by authority of the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

-Place or leave litter on any land, either public or private, which is not your own.

-Post signs against trespass or otherwise prevent hunting on lands not owned or leased by that person.

-Operate a motor vehicle on lands owned, controlled, or managed by the WDFW, except as authorized. (Off-road travel on Department lands is usually prohibited.)

-Take a wild animal from another person's trap without permission or to damage or destroy a trap, except a trap may be removed by the property owner.

-Hunt or trap on state park lands.

#### **SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

#### It is unlawful to:

-Carry, transport, convey, possess, or control in or on any motor vehicle, a rifle or shotgun containing shells or cartridges in either the chamber or magazine, or a muzzleloading firearm that is loaded and capped or primed.

 -Negligently shoot a firearm from, across, or along the maintained part of any public highway.

-Hunt while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

-Shoot at wild animals or wild birds while they are on any utility line, pole, its crossarm or insulator.

-Hunt upland birds with a modern firearm unless you are wearing hunter orange.

#### LICENSE AND TAG VIOLATIONS

#### It is unlawful to:

-Buy, possess, or attempt to obtain any license, tag, or permit by using false information, or to buy, possess or attempt to obtain a license, tag, or permit when such license

privilege has been revoked.

-Purchase or possess more than one of each license, tag, permit, or stamp during the same year, unless it is a legally obtained duplicate or authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

-Transfer, loan to, or borrow from another person any license, tag, permit, or stamp.

 Refuse to show a license, tag, or permit, or to refuse to display wildlife taken when asked to do so by a fish and wildlife officer or other law officer.

-Purchase a hunting license for the first time if you were born after Jan. 1, 1972, unless you have successfully completed Hunter Education training. A Washington hunting license from the preceding year is considered legal proof of successful completion if a previous year license has the hunter ed certificate number or previous year license number entered.

#### **USE OF DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE LANDS**

It is unlawful to use WDFW-owned or controlled lands or waters in a manner or for a purpose contrary to signs or notices posted on those lands or to refuse or neglect to obey directions by a fish and wildlife officer regarding use of such property. It is unlawful to use Department-owned or controlled lands or waters for a commercial purpose without a permit issued by the Director of WDFW.

#### IMPORT AND RETENTION OF DEAD WILDLIFE

It is unlawful to possess or import into Washington wildlife taken in another state or country, unless the wildlife was acquired lawfully. Proof of legal acquisition must be retained during the period of retention of the edible parts.

#### AGE REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

Anyone, regardless of age, must have in their possession a valid hunting license and any required tags, permits, or stamps to hunt wildlife.

#### **MOUNT ST. HELENS**

Game Management Unit 522 (Loo-wit) is designated as a "CLOSED AREA" to the hunting of all wild animals and wild birds except by special permit. In addition, U.S. Forest Service maintains a firearm restriction on portions of the Mt. St. Helens National Monument.

For more complete information on regulations affecting wildlife, hunting and firearm safety, see the 2007 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Rules pamphlet, available from license dealers throughout the state.

#### **Summary of Federal Rules For Migratory Game Birds and Upland Game**

Below is a summary of the most commonly violated federal regulations. Federal regulations related to migratory bird hunting are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20. For a complete list of federal regulations pertaining to migratory bird hunting, hunters should visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's website at www.hunting.fws. gov/ prior to going afield.

No persons shall take migratory game birds: (a) With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machinegun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance;

- (b) With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells.
- (c) From or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water:
- (d) From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance;
- (e) From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased:

Provided, that a craft under power may be used to retrieve dead or crippled birds; however, crippled birds may not be shot from such craft under power;

- (f) By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl;
- (g) By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
- (h) By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird;
- (i) By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited.

However, nothing in this paragraph prohibits:

(1) The taking of any migratory game bird, including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas—(i) Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics); standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;(ii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;(iii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or (iv) Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

(2) The taking of any migratory game bird, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

#### Waterfowl Baiting: Additional Information About Federal Regulations

Waterfowl baiting regulations apply to ducks, geese, swans, coots, and cranes and are more restrictive than for hunting doves and other migratory game birds. You should carefully review the Federal regulations. More detailed information is available at www. fws.gov/le/HuntFish/waterfowl\_baiting.htm or by calling the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Portland, OR at 503-231-6125.

What is baiting? Baiting is the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could lure or attract waterfowl to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them. A baited area is any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or feed could serve as a lure or attraction for waterfowl.

**How long is an area baited?** A baited area remains off limits to hunting for 10 days after all salt, grain, or other feed has been completely removed

How close to bait can you hunt without breaking the law? There is no set distance. The law prohibits hunting if bait is present that could lure or attract birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Distance will vary depending on the circumstances and such factors as topography, weather, and waterfowl flight patterns. Therefore, this question can only be answered on a case-by-case basis.

What is Illegal? Examples of areas where you cannot hunt waterfowl include:

- Unharvested crops that have been trampled by livestock or subjected to manipulations that distribute, scatter, or expose grain (see exception for hunting activities in Federal regulations above).
- Areas where grain is present and stored, such as grain elevators, grain bins, and livestock feeding areas.
- Areas where grain or seed has been top-sown and the Cooperative Extension Service does not recommend the practice of top sowing, including freshly planted wildlife food plots that contain exposed grain.
- Croplands where a crop has been harvested and the removed grain is redistributed or "added back" onto the area where grown.

These examples do not represent an all-inclusive list of waterfowl baiting violations. **The Hunter's Responsibility:** As a waterfowl hunter, you are responsible for determining whether your hunting area is baited. Before hunting, you should:

- Familiarize yourself with Federal and State waterfowl hunting regulations.
- Ask the landowner, your host or guide, and your hunting partners if the area has been baited and inspect the area for the presence of bait.
- Look for grain or other feed in the water, along the shore, and on the field. Pay particular attention to the presence of spilled grain on harvested fields and seeds planted by means of top sowing.
- Confirm that scattered seeds or grains on agricultural lands are present solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, normal agricultural harvesting, normal agricultural post-harvest manipulation, or normal soil stabilization practice by consulting the Cooperative Extension Service.
- Abandon the hunting site if you find grain or feed in an area and are uncertain about why it is there.

#### **Summary of Federal Rules For Migratory Game Birds and Upland Game**

Wanton waste of migratory game birds: No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this part without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

Field possession limit: No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

Tagging requirement: No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

**Custody of birds of another:** No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required above.

Transportation of birds of another: No person shall transport migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required above.

Species identification requirement: No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons (Columba fasciata), unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.

Marking package or container: No person shall transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier migratory game birds unless the package or container in which such birds are transported has the

name and address of the shipper and the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers of each species of birds therein contained clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

#### **UMATILLA NWR**

Designated areas are open to upland game and waterfowl hunting during the waterfowl hunting season. Hunters may not enter or be on refuge land between 1 1/2 hours after sunset and 5 a.m. The Paterson and Whitcomb/Crow Units are open to hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The Ridge Unit is open to hunting 7 days/week. Hunting from boats is prohibited at Ridge Unit and adjacent waters. Additional regulations are listed in the Umatilla NWR General and Hunting leaflets; available through Mid-Columbia NWR, 64 Maple Street, Burbank, WA 99323-8521, (509) 371-1801.

#### **TOPPENISH NWR**

Designated areas of the refuge are open to migratory and upland game bird hunting during the waterfowl season according to the following conditions: The Halvorson and Webb Units are open Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day; The Robbins Road Unit is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day; Pumphouse, Isiri, Petty, and Chambers Units are open seven days/week. Waterfowl hunting on the Robbins Rd. and Pumphouse Units is by assigned blind only. Hunters may not enter or be on refuge land between 1 1/2 hours after sunset and 5 a.m. For refuge leaflets containing more complete requlations, write: Mid-Columbia River NWR Complex, 64 Maple Street, Burbank, WA 99323-8521, (509) 371-1801.

#### **MCNARY NWR**

Strawberry Island Division (Snake River) is closed to all hunting. Portions of McNary Division are open for geese, ducks, coots, snipe, and pheasant 3 days per week (Saturdays, Sundays, Wednes-days), Thanksgiving Day, and New Year's Day. Slough blinds for ducks and pit blinds for geese are available on a reservation and standby basis. Waterfowl hunters must have daily permits and are required to check in and out. Hunt blind selection is made each hunt day 1 1/2 hours before legal shooting time when daily permit is issued. Pheasant hunting is allowed from noon until the end of shooting hours 3 days per week (Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays), Thanksgiving Day, and New Year's Day. Entry is prohibited

between 1 1/2 hours after sunset and 5 a.m. All hunters are required to park in designated parking areas. Dove, waterfowl, and upland bird hunting is allowed on the Two Rivers, and Wallula Units seven days a week during State seasons under the following special conditions: a) only non-toxic shot may be used or possessed, b) the Walla Walla Delta is closed to all hunting from February 1st through September 30th, Hunting is allowed on the Peninsula Unit during State seasons under the following special conditions: a) dove and waterfowl hunting is allowed seven days a week; b) hunting on the east side shoreline and islands of the peninsula unit and in the goose pits is by assigned blinds on a first-come first-serve basis; c) the west side of the peninsula is a free roam area; d) upland bird hunting is not allowed until noon: e) Only non-toxic shot may be used or possessed. Additional information on refuge regulations and applications for advance reservations waterfowl hunting can be obtained from: Mid-Columbia River NWR Complex, 64 Maple Street, Burbank, WA 99323-8521, (509) 371-1801.

#### **COLUMBIA NWR**

Designated areas are open to upland game and waterfowl hunting during the regular (beginning in October and ending in January) waterfowl season. Hunters may be on refuge land (except Soda Lake Campground) from one hour before legal sunrise until one hour after legal sunset. In GMU 278 (Wahluke) possession of lead shot is prohibited when hunting game birds.

The Marsh Unit 1 area is open to waterfowl and upland hunting only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, federal holidays, and state youth waterfowl hunting season. There are no designated blind sites but hunters are required to space themselves at least 200 yards apart. No upland game hunting is allowed before 12:00 noon.

Waterfowl hunting for ducks and geese on Farm Unit 226-227 is from designated blind (pit) sites by permit only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays beginning the second weekend of October. All field hunting is confined to numbered blinds (pits). Hunters are required to apply at least two weeks in advance of the desired hunt date(s). A non-refundable \$1.00 fee is required for each date application. Upland game hunting is not permitted. To promote sportsmanship, the use of decoys and camouflage is encouraged whereas "skybusting" is discouraged. Additional regulations are listed in the Columbia NWR General and Hunting leaflets, a available through Columbia NWR, 735 E. Main St., P.O. Drawer "F",

#### **Summary of Federal Rules For Migratory Game Birds and Upland Game**

Othello, WA 99344, (509) 488-2668. www.fws.gov/columbiarefuge

#### J.B. HANSEN NWR

Designated areas of the Refuge are open to goose, duck, coot, and snipe hunting in accordance with state migratory waterfowl and upland game season regulations and the following regulations:

Hunting Island: The Refuge-owned portion of Hunting Island is open to hunting of geese, ducks, coot, and snipe. Temporary blinds may be constructed along the shoreline of the island, but they must be made available for public use on a first-come, first-serve basis. Hunters shall possess and use only nontoxic shot.

All other areas of the Refuge, except Hunting Island, are closed to hunting. Additional information is available from the Julia Butler Hansen Refuge Office at P.O. Box 566 Cathlamet, WA 98612, (360) 795-3915.

#### **WILLAPA NWR**

Designated areas of the Refuge are open to goose, duck, coot, and snipe hunting in accordance with state migratory waterfowl and upland game season regulations and the following regulations:

All Refuge Areas: Migratory waterfowl and upland game hunters shall possess and use only nontoxic shot. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed within the Presidential Proclamation area surrounding Long Island and near the mouth of the Bear River.

Riekkola Unit: Goose hunting from established blinds is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Saturdays. Prior to entering the hunt area, hunters are required to obtain a permit, pay a recreation user fee, and obtain a blind assignment. Hunters may take ducks and coots only coincidental to hunting geese. Exclusive hunting of ducks is not permitted. Hunters shall possess and

use, while in the field, no more than 25 shell per day. One blind is accessible to disabled persons.

<u>Lewis Unit:</u> Hunting of geese, ducks, and coots is permitted in Lewis Unit.

Long Island: Archery hunting of blue and ruffed grouse is permitted on Long Island. Hunters must obtain and carry a Refuge permit and report game taken, as specified with the permit. Firearms, motorized vehicles, power equipment (e.g. chainsaws and generators) and dogs are not permitted on Long Island at any time. Additional information is available from Willapa National Wildlife Refuge, 3888 SR 101, Ilwaco, WA 98624, (360) 484-3482.

#### RIDGEFIELD NWR

Please call the refuge Hunter Hotline at (360) 571-2015 for up-to-date information or visit <u>ridgefieldrefuges.fws.gov</u>.

#### **Partial Listing of Current Game Reserves**

WAC 232-16-050 Byron Game Reserve. That part of the Byron Ponds segment of the Sunnyside Wildlife Area (department of fish & wildlife lands) east of the Mabton Pressure Pipeline, legally described as the W. 1/2 of Section 12 that is north of U.S. Highway No. 410, except for the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4; the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 12; that part of Section 11 east of the Mabton pressure pipeline and north of U.S. Highway No. 410;

and that part of Section 2 that is east of said pipeline; all of the above sections being in Twp. 8N., R.23E.W.M.

WAC 232-16-140 Banks Lake Game Reserve. In Township 25N, Range 28E, those parts of Sections 9, 10, and 11 and the north ° of sections 14, 15, and 16, lying between State Highway 155 and the west wall of Grand Coulee.

WAC 232-16-200 Grimes Lake Game Reserve. Grimes Lake and all lands within one-quarter mile of Grimes Lake.

WAC 232-16-295 Rock Lake Game Reserve. Whitman County: It shall be unlawful to hunt, take or pursue migratory waterfowl, coot and jacksnipe on or within 1/4 mile of Rock Lake, Whitman County, except on the lower one mile and the upper one-half mile, which shall be open to such hunting.

WAC 232-16-340 Skagit Delta Game Reserve. Beginning at a point on the



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For Membership Inquiry call Doug Hitchcock (425) 747-4888

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west bank of Albert Slough at the confluence of said slough and Boom Slough: thence southwesterly along the west bank of Boom Slough to the confluence of said slough and Boom-Crooked Cutoff Slough; thence westerly along the north bank of Boom-Crooked Cutoff Slough to the confluence of said slough and Crooked Slough; thence southwesterly along the north bank of Crooked Slough to the confluence of said slough and Deepwater Slough and east Branch Freshwater-Deepwater Cutoff Slough; thence northwesterly along the north bank of east Branch Freshwater-Deepwater Cutoff Slough to the confluence of said slough and the east Branch Freshwater Slough; thence northerly along the east bank of east Branch Freshwater Slough to the confluence of said slough and Gilbert Hansen Slough; thence northeasterly along the south bank of Gilbert Hansen Slough to the confluence of said slough and Deepwater Slough: thence northeasterly along the south bank of Deepwater Slough to the confluence of said slough and Albert Slough; thence southeasterly along the west bank of Albert Slough to the point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-380 Sprague Lake Game Reserve. Beginning at the point where the easterly right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 90 crosses the Lincoln-Adams County line; [then] southwesterly along the easterly right of way line of the freeway to the easterly boundary of Section 11 (T20N, R37E); thence southerly along the section line to Cow Creek; thence southerly along Cow Creek to Danekas Road; thence easterly and northerly along [Danekas Road] to the point where it crosses the Adams-Lincoln County line; thence westerly along said county line across Sprague Lake to the easterly right of way line of the freeway and point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-400 Stratford Game Reserve. Stratford Game Reserve shall include the following described lands in Grant County: In Twp. 22N, R 28 EWM; Sec. 1 north of the Great Northern Railroad right of way; Sec. 2 north of the Great Northern Railroad right of way and State Highway No. 28; and that part of Section 3 lying north of the main canal and east of a line running north and south located 100 vards west of the Washington water power transmission line[;] In Twp. 23N, R. 28 EWM; all of Sections 11, 13, 14[,] 24, and 25[;] the south half of Sections 12, 10 and 9 except the north 300 feet of the S.1/2 of 9 and 10; Section 35 except that part east of north-south lying gravel road and south of cultivated lands; Sec. 36 except the east 500 feet;

and those parts of Section 15, lying east of a line running north and south located 100 yards west of the Washington water power transmission line and also those portions of the north half of Sections 15 and 16 lying north of the cultivated lands; and in addition the north 500 feet of the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 19, Twp. 23N, R. 29 EWM.

WAC 232-16-420 Lake Terrell Game Reserve. All of Lake Terrell in Sections 15 and 16, Twp. 39 north, Range 1 east except that portion of the lake within 350 feet of the south line of said sections and, in addition, those uplands owned by the fish and wildlife department in the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of said Section 15, and in the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4; the NW1/4 of NE1/4; the E1/2 of E1/2 of NE1/4 NE1/4; and the E1/2 of the SW1/4 SW1/4 except the south 350 feet in Section 16, Twp. 39 north, Range 1 east.

WAC 232-16-440 (1) Toppenish Creek Game Reserve, (Cort Meyer.) Commencing at the NE corner of the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 26, Township 10, Range 20E.W.M.; thence west one and three-quarters mile to the NW corner of the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 28, Township 10, Range 20; thence south one-quarter mile; thence east one-quarter mile: thence south three-quarters mile to the SW corner of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 34; thence east threeguarters mile; thence south one-quarter mile; thence east three-quarters mile to center of Section 35; thence north one and one-quarter miles to place of beginning. All in Township 10 north, Range 20E.W.M.

(2) Toppenish Creek Game Reserve No. 2, (Upper Toppenish Creek) Yakima County. All of Section 21; the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 22; the southeast quarter of southwest quarter of Section 22; the south half of the northeast quarter of southwest quarter of Section 22; the north half of north half of Section 28; north half of northwest quarter of Section 27; north half of the southeast quarter of northwest quarter of Section 27; all being in Township 10 north, Range 18E.W.M.

WAC 232-16-450 Walla Walla River Game Reserve. A tract of land and water lying within sections 23, 24, 25, and 26 of Township 7, Range 31 E.W.M. in Walla Walla County, Washington, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point where the Bonneville Power Administration power line between John Day and Lower Monumental Dams crosses the center of the main channel of the Walla Walla River, thence westerly along said center of the main channel

to the easterly line of the right of way of US #12-395 Highway, thence northerly along said east line of said right of way to the southerly line of the right of way of the Union Pacific Railroad-Burlington Northern Railway joint Pendleton-Walla Walla track, thence easterly along said south line of said right of way to the center line of said Bonneville Power Administration power line, thence southerly along said center line to the center of the main channel of the Walla Walla River and the point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-540 Yakima River Game Reserve. Beginning in Prosser at the intersection of Tenth Street and Grant Avenue: then west to the Yakima River and Prosser Dam; then west across Prosser Dam and the Yakima River to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Maintenance Road; then north to Old Inland Empire Highway; then north-easterly on Old Inland Empire Highway to Interstate I-82: then east on the south side of I-82 to the Chandler Canal; then east along the north side of the Chandler Canal to the powerline going across the Yakima River (approximately .4 Miles east of Bunn Road); then south along the powerlines and across the Yakima River to Wine Country Road; then west on Wine Country Road to Tenth Street and the point of beginning.

**WAC 232-16-560 Badger Island Game Reserve.** That portion of area on or within one-quarter mile of Badger Island lying in Sections 4 and 9, Township 7 north, Range 31E.W.M.

WAC 232-16-570 Foundation Island Game Reserve. That portion of area on or within one-quarter mile of Foundation Island lying in Section 24, Township 8 north, Range 30E.W.M.

WAC 232-16-590 Carnation Farms Game Reserve. Twp. 25N., Rge. 7E.W.M.; that part of Section 5 lying west of the Snoqualmie River; the northeast quarter and that portion of the southeast quarter of Section 6 that lies north and east of the Carnation Farm Road; the north half and the north half of the south half of Section 8; and those portions of government lots 1, 2, and 4 of Section 9 that lie south and west of the Snoqualmie River.Twp. 26N., Rge. 7E.W.M.; those lands lying south of the Snoqualmie River in the east half of Section 31 and the southeast quarter of Section 32.

WAC 232-16-600 North Potholes Game Reserve. Those lands in Grant County within the following described boundary: In T19N, R27E WM; the N.E. 1/4 of Section 32, and the N.E. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 of Section 32, all of Section 33, except the S.W. 1/4 S.W. 1/4, and all of Section

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34. In T18N, R27E WM, all of Section 4. except the N.W. 1/4 N.E. 1/4: all of Section 3; that part of Section 10 north of the Job Corps Dike Rd; that part of Section 9 east of the fenceline, beginning at the N.W. corner of Section 9, and then following said fenceline southeasterly to the fence on the northern section line of Section 16 near Job Corps Dike Road; those portions of sections 15 and 16 north of the above mentioned fence to the west end of the Job Corps Dike: and that part of Section 15 north of the Job Corps Dike Road. All areas of North Potholes Game Reserve located in sections 9, 10, and 15 are closed to all public access from March 15 through May 30 and for October 1 through February 1.

WAC 232-16-610 Snipes Game Reserve. WDFW lands within the following boundary of the Sunnyside Wildlife Area: that portion of T9N, R22E, Section 21 lying north and east of the Yakima River; the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of T9N, R22E, Section 22; and that portion of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of T9N, R22E, Section 22 lying north and east of the Yakima River.

WAC 232-16-620 Lake Tennant Game Reserve. That portion of Tennant Lake in T 39N, R 2E, Section 29, and that portion north of an east to west line which lies 800 feet south of and parallel to the north line of Section 32 in the N1/2 NE1/4 in T 39N, R 2E.

WAC 232-16-640 Winchester Wasteway Game Reserve. T18N, R25E, Section 12, T18N, R26E and south 1/2 Section 7. 960 acres.

WAC 232-16-660 Frenchmen Hills Wasteway Game Reserve. T17N, R27E, the north 1/2 and the north 1/2 of south 1/2 of Section 17. 480 acres.

WAC 232-16-690 Bayview Game Reserve. It shall be unlawful to hunt wild animals and wild birds within the following described boundary November 16 through March 31, and it shall be unlawful to hunt brant at any time within the following described boundary: Beginning at a point on the Bayview-Edison Road 240 feet north of the intersection of the Bavview Cemeterv entrance road: thence 4,000 feet WNW (west-northwest); thence 5,750 feet NNW (north-northwest); thence 3,750 feet ENE (east-northeast) to the northwest corner of Padilla Bay tract no. 532; thence east to the northeast corner of Padilla Bay tract no. 532; thence SSE (south-southeast) to the Bavview-Edison Road; thence southerly along said road to the point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-700 Swinomish Spit Game Reserve. It shall be unlawful to hunt wild

animals and wild birds within the following described boundary November 15 through March 31, and it shall be unlawful to hunt brant at any time within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Burlington Northern railroad tracks on the west shoreline of the Swinomish Channel: thence in a northwesterly direction along the west side of the Swinomish Channel to the red channel mark buoy N "20" (as indicated on Navigation Map #18427, 13th Ed., July 16, 1983); thence 6,000 feet ENE (east-northeast); thence 3,300 feet SSE (south-southeast); thence 4,200 feet SW (southwest) to the dike at the south end of Padilla Bay; thence continue westerly along said dike to the intersection of the Burlington Northern railroad tracks and the east shoreline of the Swinomish Channel; thence continue along said railroad tracks (across swing bridge) to the west shoreline of the Swinomish Channel and the point of beginning (Public/private land).

WAC 232-16-720 Duck Lake (Cormana Lake) Game Reserve. Section 19, T23N, R35E.

WAC 232-16-730 Coffeepot Lake Game Reserve. In Lincoln County, all portions of Coffeepot Lake and those lands within one-quarter mile of Coffepot Lake, within the following boundary: T. 23 N., R. 34 E., Section 8, S 1/2; Section 18, north of the centerline of Coffeepot Lake and Lake Creek; and Section 9, NW 1/4; except those portions described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 9; N 85<sup>0</sup>29' E a distance of 1,979.01 feet to the true point of beginning, being the northwest property corner; thence S 14050' W a distance of 462.39 feet; thence S 05<sup>0</sup>45' E a distance of 240.35 feet; thence S 64031' E a distance of 129.31 feet; thence N 72039' E a distance of 234.96; thence N 87016' E a distance of 375.86 feet: thence N 32003' E a distance of 83.27 feet; thence N 63<sup>0</sup>45' E a distance of 99.49 feet; thence N 33<sup>0</sup>31' E a distance of 131.75 feet; thence N 15<sup>0</sup>38' E a distance of 340.15 feet; thence N 83041' W a distance of 925.64 feet, returning to the northwest property corner which is the true point of beginning. Also, that portion of Lincoln County described in instrument dated January 29, 1980, recorded February 1, 1980, under Auditor's file No. 354421.

WAC 232-16-780 Fir Island Farm Game Reserve. In Skagit County beginning at the intersection of Fir Island Road and the west bank of Brown's Slough (inside base of dike); then east along Fir Island Road (96 feet) to the Brown's Slough dike; then southerly and easterly along the Brown's Slough dike to the Fir Island Farm access road; then north

along the Fir Island Farm access road to Fir Island Road; then east along Fir Island Road to the northeast corner of Section 22 (T33N, R3E); then south along the east line of Section 22 (T33N, R3E) to Dry Slough; then westerly and south along the west bank of Dry Slough to the intersection with Dike District #22 dike; then westerly along the south side (Skagit Bay side) of the Dike District #22 dike to the intersection of the Dike District #22 dike and the south line of Government Lot #5 (Section 22, T33N, R3E), then west approximately 1900 feet to the west bank of Brown's Slough (inside base of dike), then north along the west bank of Brown's Slough to the intersection with the Fir Island Road and the point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-790 Hayton Game Reserve. Beginning at the intersection of the west bank of Dry Slough and the Dike District #22 Skagit Bay dike, then east approximately 1330 feet along the south side of the District #22 dike to the intersection of the District #22 dike and the west bank of McDonald's Slough, then north along the west bank of McDonald's Slough to the point where the adjacent farmed field boundary extends west, then west along the north edge of the farmed field boundary to the point where the farmed field boundary intersects Dry Slough, then across Dry Slough to the west bank of Dry Slough, then south along the west bank of Dry Slough to the point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-800 Johnson/Debay's Slough Game Reserve. In Skagit County, beginning at the intersection of Francis Road and Debay's Slough Road; then south and west along Francis Road (3090 feet) to white corner marker; then north (1265 feet) to the middle of Debay's Slough (white corner marker); then westerly (2087 feet) along the channel of Debay's Slough to the western tip of the farmed portion of Debay's Island; then northerly (1485 feet) to the south bank of the Skagit River (white corner marker); then easterly (1600 feet) along the south bank of the Skagit River to fence line (white corner marker); then south along fence line (855 feet) to corner post; then east along fence line (435 feet) to fence intersection; then south (300 feet) along fence line to existing tree line (white corner marker); then continue south (835 feet) to south shoreline of Debay's Slough (white corner marker); then easterly and southerly along the west shoreline of Debay's Slough (1770 feet) to the south side of Debay's Slough Road (white corner marker); then east along the south side of Debay's Slough Road to the intersection of Francis Road and the point of beginning.

#### **Special Closures and Area Restrictions**

WAC 232-16-740 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Waterfowl, Coot, and Snipe Closures.

Section 1. Waters and land below the mean high water mark of Bachelor Island Slough of the Columbia River in Clark County. Bachelor Island Slough is further defined as those waters starting at the south end of the slough at its confluence with the Columbia River, running north along the eastern shore of Bachelor Island to the confluence with Lake River.

Section 2. Klickitat County-the Columbia River and those lands lying within one-quartermile of the Columbia River upstream from the railroad bridge at Wish-ram to the grain elevator at Roosevelt.

Section 3. The Columbia River and its islands between the mouth of Glade Creek (river channel marker 57) and the old town site of Paterson (river channel marker 67), except the hunting of waterfowl, coot and snipe is permitted from the main shoreline of the Columbia River in this area.

Section 4. The Columbia River and those lands lying within one-quarter mile of the Columbia River between the old Hanford townsite (Wooden Tower) powerline crossing in Section 24, T13N, R27E, to Vernita Bridge (Highway 24).

Section 5. The Columbia River between the public boat launch at Sunland Estates (Wanapum Pool) and a point perpendicular in Kittitas County; upstream to the posted marker 200 yards north of Quilomene Bay and a point perpendicular in Grant County, including islands.

Section 6. The Snake River and those lands within one-quarter mile of the Snake River, between the U.S. Highway 12 bridge near Burbank, upstream to a line running between shoreline navigation marker 4 at Levy Park Recreation Area and the Corps of Engineers windmill at Charbonneau Habitat Management Unit.

Section 7. The Yakima River and those lands lying within one-fourth mile of the Yakima River from the Sunnyside-Mabton Road bridge downstream to the Euclid Road bridge (4 miles).

Section 8. The Yakima River and those lands lying within one-fourth mile of the Yakima River from the Grant Avenue bridge (steel bridge) north of Prosser downstream 2-1/2 miles, to the powerline.

WAC 232-16-750 Belfair, Hood Canal Hunting Area Restriction It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl, coot, or snipe in Lynch Cove and the Union River except in designated blinds. The western and southern boundaries of this closure are posted with red steel markers. (This includes all of the Washington Department of Fish and

Wildlife and Thelar Wetlands lands.)

WAC 232-16-760 Northern Puget Sound Hunting Method Restriction It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl, coot, or snipe from a moving boat or any free-floating device that is not in a fixed position which is either anchored or secured to shore in Port Susan Bay, Skagit Bay, Padilla Bay, and Samish Bay.

WAC 232-16-770 Shotgun Shell Restriction Areas It is unlawful to have in possession more than 15 shotgun shells or to fire (shoot) more than 15 shells in one day on the following areas:

Section 1. The farmed island segment of the Skagit Wildlife Area, between the south fork of the Skagit River and Fresh Water Slough in Skagit County. Section 2. The Spencer Island Unit of the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area in Snohomish County. Section 3. The Welts (West 90) Unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area in Skagit County.

WAC 232-16-810 Port Susan Bay Canada Goose Closure. It shall be unlawful to hunt Canada geese from November 1 through March 31 within the following boundary in Snohomish County: Beginning at the intersection of SR 532 and Marine Drive in Stanwood: then south along Marine Drive to Warm Beach Road; then west along Warm Beach Road to Port Susan Bay; then west to the Island/ Snohomish County line; then north along the Island/ Snohomish County line to SR 532; then east along SR 532 to the point of beginning. Hunting of coot, snipe, and waterfowl other than Canada geese is allowed in this area.

VoiceofAmericaDungenessRecreation Area County Park closed to all hunting except Wednesdays, weekends, and holidays, from the first full weekend in October to the end of January.

#### Regulated Access Programs for Waterfowl Hunting on WDFW Lands

Several opportunities exist to experience waterfowl hunting through WDFW's Regulated Access Programs that focus on improving hunting conditions on WDFW lands through minimizing disturbance to waterfowl.

Bailie Memorial Youth Ranch is located in Franklin County north of Basin City. Waterfowl hunting is allowed Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays during the youth hunt and regular waterfowl season. Hunters using the area must park in designated parking lots located at either Bailie Lake or Hendricks Road. Parking is limited to 5 vehicles per lot. All hunters must register to hunt. Additional restrictions are posted at the parking lots. Please contact Region 3 for more information.

Frenchman Ponds is located on the Desert Wildlife Area southwest of Moses Lake at T17, R27E, sections 8 and 9. Access is allowed Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during the youth hunt and regular waterfowl season. All visitors using the area must park in the designated parking lot, accessed via Rd C SE north from SR 262. Parking is limited to 5 vehicles. Vehicles are not allowed into the parking lot before 4:00 a.m. Hunting hours end at noon and vehicles must depart the parking lot by 2:00 p.m. No access of any kind is allowed between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. Additional restrictions are posted at the parking lot. Please contact Region 2 for more information.

**Winchester Ponds** is located on the Desert Wildlife Area west of Moses Lake at T18N, R25E section 13 and T18N, R26E, section 18. Access is allowed Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during the youth hunt and regular waterfowl season. All visitors using the area must park in the designated parking lot located on the northwestern boundary of the property. Parking is limited to 5 vehicles. Vehicles are not allowed in the parking lot before 4:00 a.m. Hunting hours end at noon and vehicles must depart the parking lot by 2:00 p.m. No access of any kind is allowed between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. Additional restrictions are posted at the parking lot. Please contact Region 2 for more information.

**Windmill Ranch** is located in Franklin County northeast of Basin City. Access is allowed on all days throughout the youth hunt and regular waterfowl season. All visitors using the area must park in designated parking lots on either Merion or Colonial Roads. Parking is limited to 5 vehicles per lot during October 1 to January 30. All hunters must register to hunt. Additional restrictions are posted at the parking lots. Please contact Region 3 for more information.

#### **Hunting Area and Harvest Information**

Information on lands open to public hunting, including WDFW Wildlife Areas, is available from the WDFW offices for the geographical areas shown (see list of WDFW offices on p. 9). Several National Wildlife Refuges operate regulated hunting programs (see p. 21-22), and thousands of acres of other federal and state lands are open to public hunting. WDFW Wildlife Areas are shown on our website at: wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildarea.htm.

#### **TRIBAL LANDS**

There are both state and tribal rules and license requirements pertaining to non-Indian hunting and fishing within Indian reservations. State hunting requirements and rules are in this pamphlet. Please call the appropriate WDFW Regional office if you have any questions about complying with state rules and licensing requirements when hunting on Indian reservations. For tribal rules and license requirements, check with appropriate tribal authorities.

When hunting or fishing within the boundaries of the Colville Indian Reservation, you should contact the Colville Confederated Tribes, Director of Fish and Wildlife Department (509) 634-4711 to determine the tribal permits and regulations applicable to such activities. When hunting or fishing within the Yakama Indian Reservation you should contact the Yakama Indian Nation (509) 865-5121, Ext. 666. The 2007-08 state upland bird seasons within the Colville and Yakama Reservations are the same as the seasons established for these reservations.

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#### **HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Department has been associated with many volunteer groups and organizations over the years to promote and expand the opportunity for hunters with disabilities to hunt waterfowl and upland birds. Since 1990 there have been accessible waterfowl blinds installed in various locations around the state for hunting or wildlife viewing. The Fish and Wildlife Commission appointed seven persons with disabilities representing the Department's six regions and one at large to an Advisory Committee that keeps the Commission up-to-date on disability related issues. The Department also has an internal ADA Committee, Chaired by the ADA Program Manager. This committee consists of staff from each Region and Program along with representation from the Departments of Interagency for Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources. The two committees work together on accessibility related issues. They handle accessibility complaints and accept suggestions regarding Department lands, facilities, and programs. These two groups represent different perspectives with a common goal of making the department services, activities, and programs accessible and useable for all constituents.

Hunters with a disability should consult WAC 232-12-828 to see if they qualify for a Disabled Hunter Permit. Not every type of disability or limitation qualifies; however qualifying persons may receive certain types of assistance and access to certain programs and hunting opportunities.

If you have an old blue or green map brochure about accessible blinds, they are outdated. To obtain the most current information, go to the web site <a href="http://wdfw.wa.gov/outreach/access/accessibility/goose.htm">http://wdfw.wa.gov/outreach/access/accessibility/goose.htm</a>. New blinds and their locations change each year depending on success and other factors so check the web site for changes and remember conditions in the outdoors rapidly change so these sites may not be as accessible and useable as when they were installed. To track other hunting information or details on accessible hunting opportunities go to <a href="http://wdfw.wa.gov/outreach/access/accessibility/">http://wdfw.wa.gov/outreach/access/accessibility/</a> To volunteer to help maintain one of these blinds or for more details contact the ADA Program Manager at 360-902-2349.

#### **VEHICLE USE PERMITS**

WDFW manages 800,000 acres of prime wildlife habitat and 600+ lake and river access sites across the state for your use and enjoyment. A Vehicle Use Permit from WDFW (\$10.95 or FREE with an annual hunting or fishing license) is required. More information at <a href="https://wdw.udfw.wa.gov">wdfw.wa.gov</a> or call a Fish and Wildlife office.

#### YOUTH-MENTOR HUNTS

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is joining forces with Pheasants Forever, Washington Waterfowl Association, and other hunting organizations to offer Youth - Mentor Hunts. Often times it is difficult for kids to get into hunting because their parents or relatives don't hunt. This is an opportunity for any kids that are interested to have an adult with take them out and teach them how it's done. The hunt takes place during the special youth season on September 23 and 24. To participate, hunters must be under 16 years old. Interested young hunters or their parents should contact WDFW's Wildlife Program in Olympia at (360) 902-2515. Young hunters will be matched with available mentors depending

WDFW would like to thank the following organizations for helping with this event and providing mentors:

on which area of the state they would like to hunt.

#### **Pheasants Forever**

Skagit Valley Chapter South Puget Sound Chapter Yakima Valley Chapter

#### **Washington Waterfowl Association**

Seattle Chapter Lower Columbian Chapter Southwest Chapter Northwest Chapter Whatcom Chapter

#### Vancouver Wildlife League

**U.S. Army (**Fort Lewis) Adventure Center 253-967-6263

Whidbey Island Naval Air Station 360-257-1009

Any other organizations interested in providing mentors would be appreciated and should also contact the Wildlife Program at (360) 902-2515

# WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AVERAGE GAME BIRD HARVEST (2002-06 SEASONS)

REGION	COUNTY	PHEASANT	GROUSE	DOVE	SNIPE	QUAIL	CHUKAR	HUN	DUCK	GOOSE
1	ASOTIN	1918	1119	415	3	2250	3290	1380	886	260
	COLUMBIA	4282	1657	420	15	3752	136	484	1352	420
	FERRY	414	9241	53	0	435	0	0	709	292
	GARFIELD	5986	88	283	23	3095	598	674	1992	219
	LINCOLN	3509	921	2310	14	3978	97	1191	6416	2587
	PEND OREILLE	129	8372	96	4	48	0	0	6357	1213
	SPOKANE	4085	3323	2283	59	7713	87	1053	6205	2678
	STEVENS	777	16076	514	0	856	2	0	3698	822
	WALLA WALLA	7719	1220	1879	82	5366	270	180	20295	2381
	WHITMAN	17169	320	1733	169	9264	1868	2967	3891	809
	REGION 1 TOTAL	45987	42319	9987	335	36758	6349	7929	51802	11681
2	ADAMS	3913	0	2771	51	3016	317	401	10402	1952
	CHELAN	1102	4653	4788	15	15498	4472	367	5974	898
	DOUGLAS	1240	284	5031	6	14902	3140	724	8895	1403
	GRANT	14479	21	18725	464	11872	2029	685	74405	12137
	OKANOGAN	1098	18368	4161	47	15810	1079	719	7282	1165
_	REGION 2 TOTAL	21832	23326	35476	581	61098	11037	2895	106958	17555
3	BENTON	3753	0	4277	24	7008	618	250	28823	3988
	FRANKLIN	5152	0	7791	34	6001	64	61	23452	4234
	KITTITAS	1457	4190	866	111	5312	2814	406	6094	818
	YAKIMA	9426	4338	17703	718	32366	2444	579	31619	2350
	REGION 3 TOTAL	19788	8527	30638	886	50687	5940	1295	89988	11390
4	ISLAND	941	5	9	33	43	0	0	5051	97
	KING	2186	1671	34	214	49	0	0	5953	369
	SAN JUAN	5	88	0	0	3	0	0	1907	127
	SKAGIT	1848	3493	77	383	164	0	0	37598	1676
	SNOHOMISH	1981	2198 1441	2	82	16	0	0	19366	1029
	WHATCOM REGION 4 TOTAL	3401 <b>10360</b>	8896	35 <b>148</b>	746	107 <b>380</b>	0 <b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	23596 <b>93472</b>	1138 <b>4435</b>
5	CLARK	2264	1336	244	43	38	0	0	8929	1185
	COWLITZ	386	3787	89	74	14	0	0	4887	586
	KLICKITAT	614	1363	471	0	1995	790	346	1948	586
	LEWIS	1475	6285	45	29	22	0	0	6950	873
	SKAMANIA	29	3296	0	0	28	0	0	1265	126
	WAHKIAKUM	88	700	0	2	6	0	0	3642	282
	REGION 5 TOTAL	4834	16768	849	149	2104	790	346	27621	3638
6	CLALLAM	741	5544	78	11	129	0	0	4383	120
	GRAYS HARBOR	318	6503	19	28	38	0	0	12704	542
-	JEFFERSON	38	2630	0	5	10	0	0	2102	117
	KITSAP	287	203	133	116	122	0	0	845	45
	MASON	1923	3178	214	14	190	0	0	3241	180
	PACIFIC	149	2266	13	16	31	0	0	7457	501
	PIERCE	2265	2776	87	32	39	0	0	8839	564
	THURSTON	3102	2011	96	16	180	0	0	8674	443
	REGION 6 TOTAL	8823	25110	574	201	736	0	0	48244	2514
TOTAL		111624	124947	77672	2898	151763	24116	12466	418085	51212
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#### WDFW PRIVATE LANDS PROGRAM

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Private Lands Program was developed to restore important habitats, and the wildlife that utilize those habitats, as well as increase public hunting access to private property.

- To meet these goals, WDFW:
- Provides incentives for habitat enhancement and public access on private lands,
- 2) Works cooperatively with federal and state agencies with compatible goals,

- 3) Provides information and technical assistance to landowners, and
- 4) Provides educational information to the public about habitat and private lands access.

Benefits from the Private Lands Program help perpetuate Washington's wild-life, restore and enhance habitat, and increase recreational opportunities and public support for wildlife. Currently, there are approximately 800 private landowners and 1.2 million acres enrolled in public access and habitat development

agreements through the program.

Several programs and funding sources were combined to create the program in 1991. In 2003, a major source of program funding was lost due to a reduction in federal support. Nevertheless, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is committed to working with landowners to improve habitat and public access on private lands.

For additional information please contact your local WDFW office.

# Avian Influenza FACTS



**For Hunters** 

**VIAN INFLUENZA (BIRD FLU)** is a viral illness commonly found in birds. Wild birds can carry a number of avian influenza viruses, and most strains of avian influenza virus do not seriously affect them.

However, recently one particularly virulent form of avian flu caused by a strain of virus known as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 (HPAI H5N1) has sickened and killed birds in Asia, Africa, and Europe. After close contact with infected domestic birds, more than 100 people in Asia and the Middle East also have died from HPAI H5N1 virus.

Avian flu viruses are transmitted among birds through respiratory secretions and fecal droppings. The HPAI H5N1 virus is not easily transmissible from birds to people, but health officials are concerned it could develop into another form that spreads readily from person to person, triggering a global health crisis known as a pandemic.

Although avian flu has made headlines, it is important to note that

- As of August 2007, the HPAI H5N1 virus has not been found in North American wild or domestic birds.
- There have been no known cases of humans contracting the HPAI H5N1 virus from healthy, free-flying wild birds anywhere in the world.
- There is no evidence that properly cooked waterfowl (or domestic poultry) can sicken people.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is collaborating on a wild bird disease surveillance and response plan with the Washington Department of Agriculture, Washington Department of Health, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

WDFW is greatly expanding its investigations of wild bird die-offs this year. Citizens who observe die-offs of wild birds should report the location, date and other details of their observation to WDFW by calling 1-800-606-8768. If the deaths appear unusual, samples are sent to veterinary laboratories to test for diseases including avian flu.

Federal funding is also available this year for expanded avian flu monitoring in Washington and other states in the Pacific Flyway to test both live and hunter-harvested birds. Live bird trapping and testing began in July when the first migrating shorebirds moved south through the state. Live birds tests are focusing on certain waterfowl and shorebird species. Hunter harvested birds will be tested during fall hunting seasons. WDFW will test pheasants reared at its Lewis County Game Farm before releases this fall, and is developing testing procedures for private game farms that raise waterfowl and other birds.

While it is extremely unlikely that hunters or people feeding birds could contract HPAI H5N1 from wild birds here, the following commonsense precautions are always recommended to reduce the risk of contracting any wildlife disease:

- Do not harvest or handle wild birds that are obviously sick or found dead.
- Wear rubber gloves while cleaning game or cleaning bird feeders.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke while cleaning game.
- Wash hands with soap and water or alcohol wipes immediately after handling game or cleaning bird feeders.
- Wash tools and work surfaces used to clean game birds with soap and water, then disinfect with a 10 percent solution of chlorine bleach.
- Separate raw meat, and anything it touches, from cooked or ready-to-eat foods to avoid contamination.
- Cook game birds thoroughlymeat should reach an internal temperature of 155 to 165 degrees Fahrenheit to kill disease organisms and parasites.

Dogs used in wild bird hunting are not considered at risk of acquiring avian flu, since there have been no documented cases of the HPAI H5N1 virus infecting dogs.

More information on avian flu is available on the following link:
<a href="http://wdfw.wa.gov/factshts/avian\_flu.htm">http://wdfw.wa.gov/factshts/avian\_flu.htm</a>

## IIGRATORY BIRD TAMP/ARTWORK

#### Migratory Bird Stamp/Artwork Information

#### WASHINGTON STATE MIGRATORY BIRD STAMP AND ARTWORK PROGRAM

You can invest in the future of Washington's diverse migratory bird and wetland habitat resources. Your purchase of one or more Washington State Migratory Bird Stamps or Migratory Bird Stamp artwork products represents not only a sound personal financial investment for you, but also an investment in Washington's wetlands, waterfowl, and other migratory bird resources.

Wetlands throughout Washington sustain not only our breeding population, but birds that breed in Alaska, western Canada, and even Russia. Over 35 species and subspecies of ducks, geese, and swans depend on Washington wetlands, which include coastal estuaries, beaver ponds, desert potholes, sloughs and lakes. Other migratory game birds benefitting from the program include mourning doves, band-tailed pigeons, and snipe.

Revenue from the sale of migratory bird validations and stamps to hunters and collectors is used to buy and develop migratory bird habitat in the state and to enhance, protect, and produce migratory birds in

the state. Second, revenue from the sale of artwork (limited edition prints, posters, pins, etc.) is used to contract with individuals or nonprofit organizations to develop waterfowl production projects in Washington.

The stamp and artwork program has been responsible for several significant improvements in the quality and quantity of habitat in Washington by:

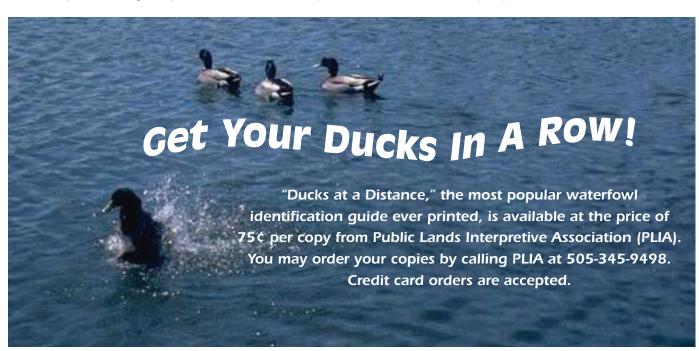
- acquiring migratory bird habitat jeopardized by loss or degradation
- enhancing WDFW Wildlife Area migratory bird habitat
- enhancement of migratory bird habitat on private lands

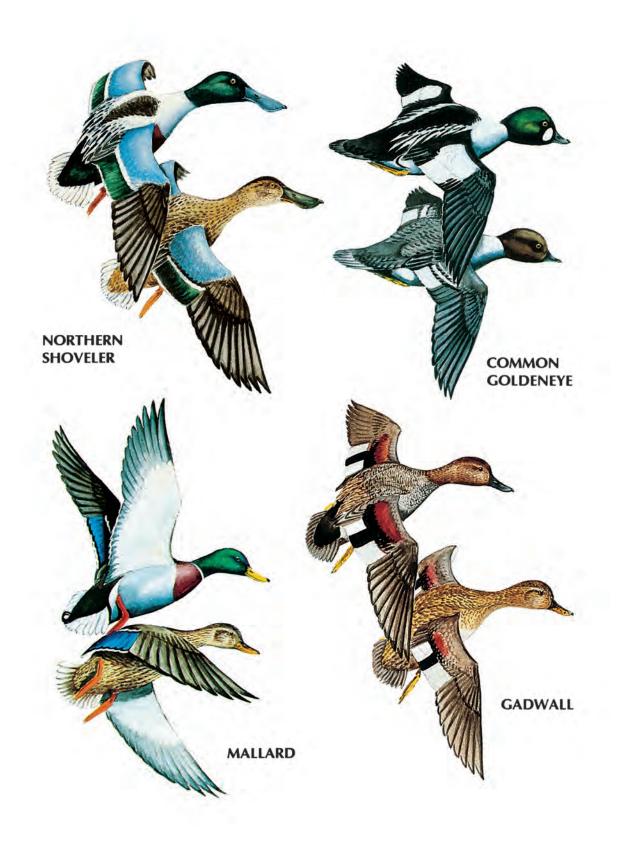
Examples of many projects completed over the past 20 years include:

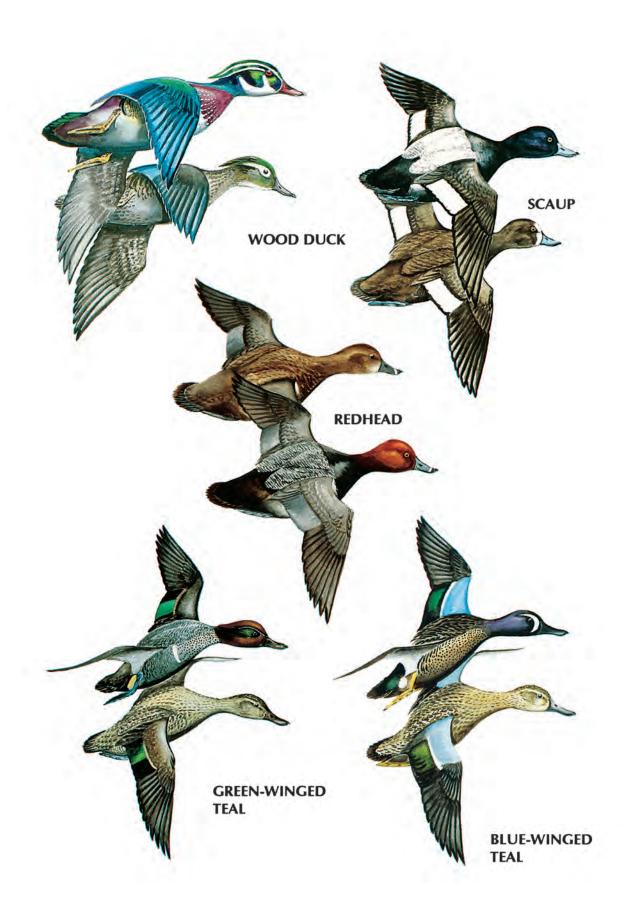
- acquiring and enhancing 500 acres on the Samish Flats near Edison.
- excavating hundreds of acres on the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area for breeding waterfowl.
- creating wetlands and enhancing goose forage on the Vancouver and Shillapoo Lake Wildlife Areas.

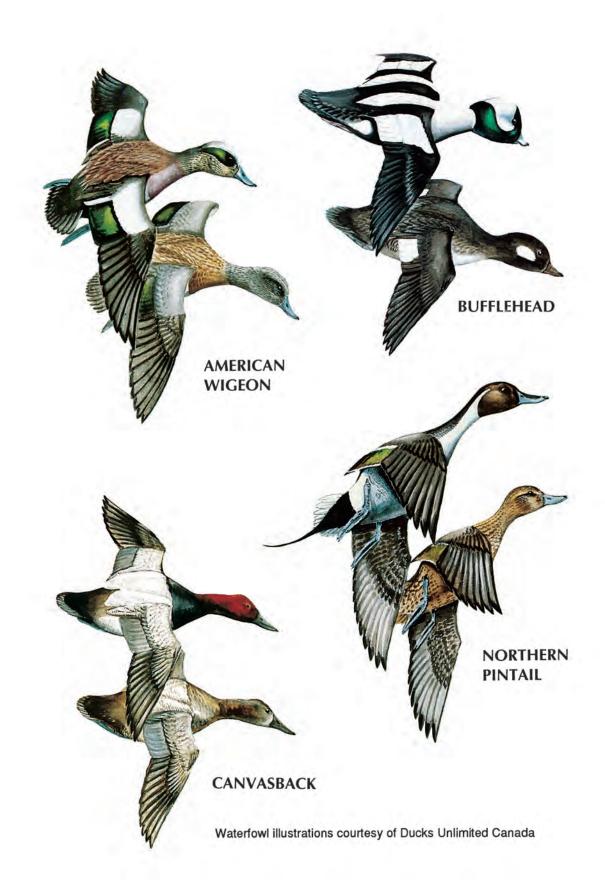
WDFW has also used revenues from stamps and artwork to fund cooperative habitat projects with Ducks Unlimited, Washington Waterfowl Association, Inc., Audubon Society, and many local sports groups. Funding is available for projects to benefit waterfowl production (contact (360) 902-2522). Development of projects to benefit other migratory birds is underway (e.g. dove projects).

Stamps are a double investment-investing in waterfowl habitat and also in collectible stamps which appreciate significantly in value over the years. Past duck stamps have appreciated from 65 to 175 percent. Even if you purchase a stamp for hunting or your limited-edition print, buying additional stamps is a good investment-both for you and for Washington waterfowl and wetlands. Stamps are available in 30-stamp plate blocks, "mini-sheets", or in a variety of block configurations. You can buy current-year stamps through license dealers or order directly from WDFW at (360) 902-2464. Prints can be ordered through Steiner Prints at (800) 225-3971.



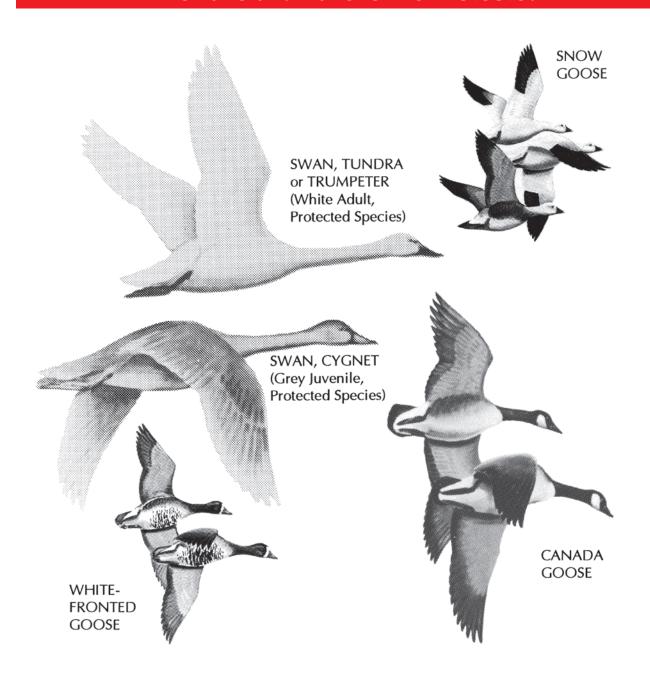






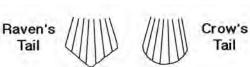
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#### **Swans and Ravens Are Protected**

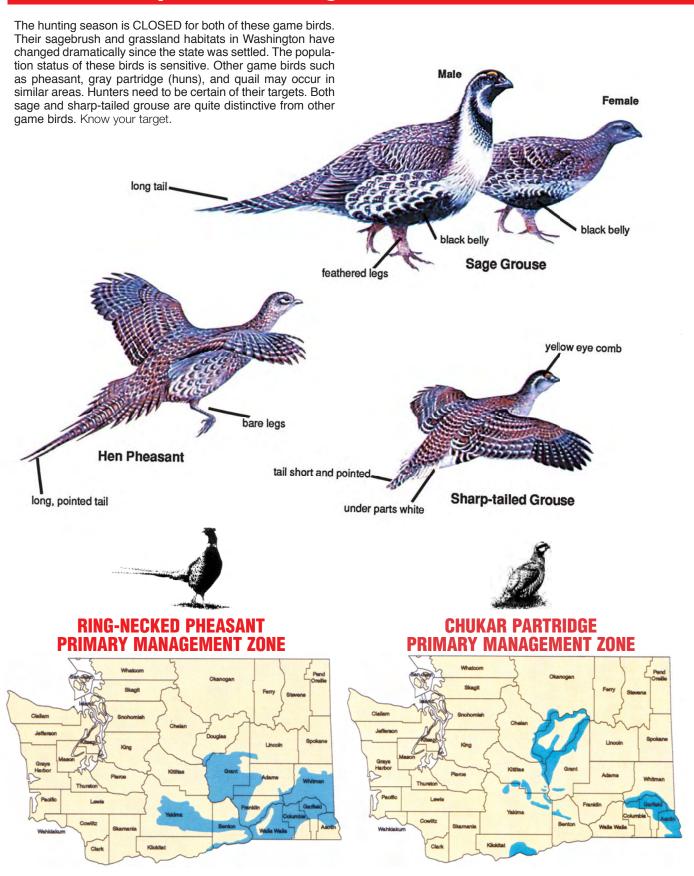


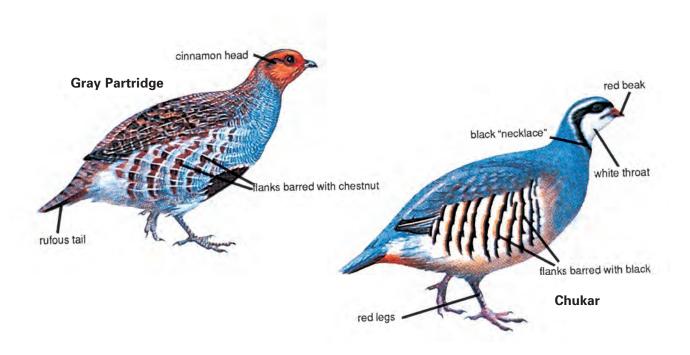
## Ravens are protected by state and federal laws, and are often confused with crows.

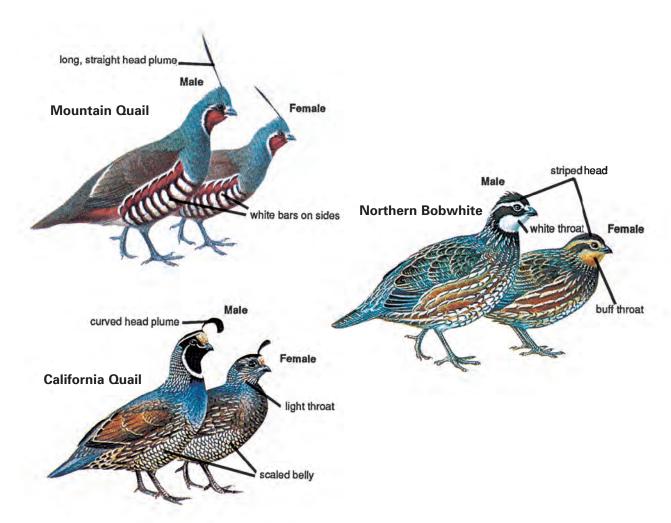
- Crows are smaller than ravens and measure between 17 and 20 inches long, while ravens measure between 24 and 27 inches long.
- Ravens spend much time gliding when in flight, while crows seldom if ever glide and usually fly with a steady wing beat.
- Crows tails are blocky and more squared off while in flight, while ravens have a diamond-shaped tail (see drawing).
- Crows have a more nasal, higher pitched call, where a raven's call is lower, and hoarser.

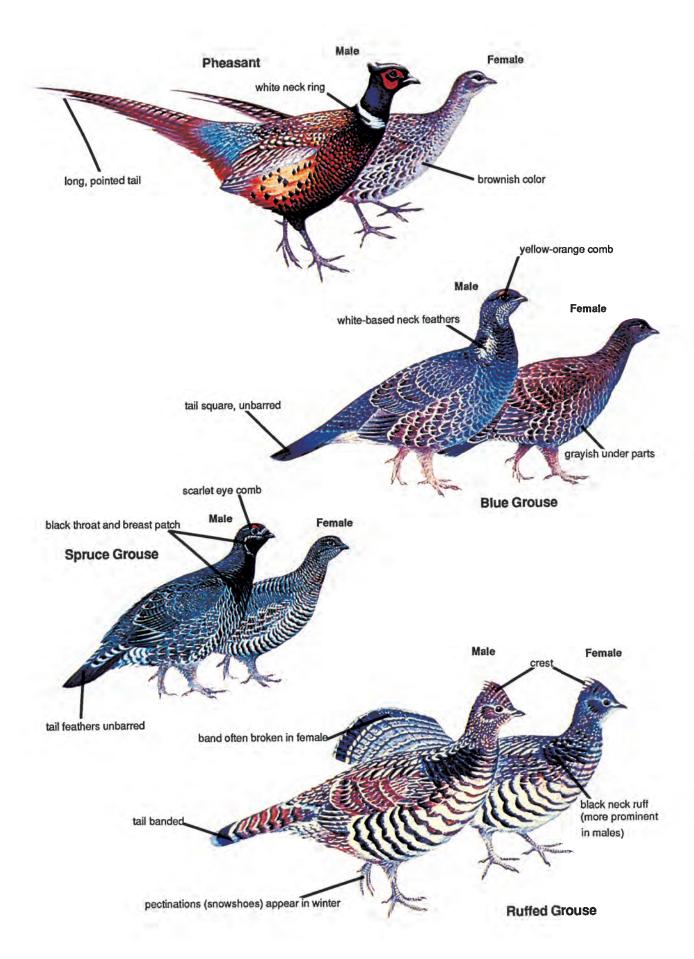


#### **Sharp-tailed and Sage Grouse Are Protected**









Summary of 2007 Big Game Seasons									
General Seasons August September October November December									
Black Bear									
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Deer									
Westside Archery Deer			1	-	30		21	8, 15 or 31	
Eastside Archery Wh	Eastside Archery White-tailed		1	-	30		20	8 or 15	
Eastside Archery Mul	Eastside Archery Mule Deer		1	-	30		20	8	
Muzzleloader Deer	Muzzleloader Deer					<u>6 - 12</u>	20 or 21	8 or 15	
Modern Firearm	Black-tailed					13 - 31	15-18		
	Mule Deer					13-21 or 26			
	White-tailed					13-21 or 26	5 - 19		

Elk					
Archery	Eastside	8 - 21		20	8
	Westside	8 - 21		21	7 or 15
Muzzleloader	Eastside		6 - 12	20	8
	Westside		6 - 12	21	8 or 15
Modern	Eastside		27	4	
	Westside			3 - 12	

These are general season summaries only; for specific information regarding 2007 big game seasons, please see the Big Game Hunting Seasons and Rules, 2007 Pamphlet Edition.

# Welcome

to **GoHunt**, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) most comprehensive mapping information site.

#### http://wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/gohunt/

Here, hunters will find multi-layered maps displaying game management unit (GMU) boundaries, deer and elk management areas, pheasant-release sites, and private land hunting opportunities, as well as roads, topographical features and county lines. In addition, harvest statistics and hunting regulations are available by specific locale and species.



**GoHunt** offers a wealth of information for other outdoor recreation enthusiasts, as well. This site includes maps of major public lands, including WDFW wildlife areas and water-access sites, topographic maps and aerial photos. The site's interactive query feature allows users to retrieve stream names and information on wildlife area amenities.

#### 2007-08 Official Hunting Hours\*

#### FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS, UPLAND BIRDS, AND WILD TURKEYS

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 TO JANUARY 31, 2008** 

#### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

					Western Washington from		Eastern Washington from	
Dates (Inc	clusive)				A.M. to	P.M.	A.M. to	P.M.
Saturday	Sept. 1	through	Sunday	Sept. 2	6:00	7:50	5:45	7:40
Monday	Sept. 3	through	Sunday	Sept. 9	6:05	7:40	5:50	7:30
Monday	Sept. 10	through	Sunday	Sept. 16	6:15	7:25	6:00	7:15
Monday	Sept. 17	through	Sunday	Sept. 23	6:20	7:10	6:10	7:00
Monday	Sept. 24	through	Sunday	Sept. 30	6:30	6:55	6:20	6:45
Monday	Oct. 1	through	Sunday	Oct. 7	6:40	6:45	6:30	6:30
Monday	Oct. 8	through	Sunday	Oct. 14	6:50	6:30	6:40	6:15
Monday	Oct. 15	through	Sunday	Oct. 21	7:00	6:15	6:50	6:05
Monday	Oct. 22	through	Sunday	Oct. 28	7:10	6:05	7:00	5:50
Monday	Oct. 29	through	Saturday	Nov. 3	7:20	5:50	7:10	5:40

#### **PACIFIC STANDARD TIME**

					Western Washington from		Eastern Washington fro	
Dates (Inc	clusive)				A.M. to	P.M.	A.M. to	P.M.
Sunday	Nov. 4				6:20	4:50	6:10	4:40
Monday	Nov. 5	through	Sunday	Nov. 11	6:35	4:40	6:20	4:30
Monday	Nov. 12	through	Sunday	Nov. 18	6:45	4:35	6:30	4:20
Monday	Nov. 19	through	Sunday	Nov. 25	6:55	4:25	6:40	4:15
Monday	Nov. 26	through	Sunday	Dec. 2	7:05	4:20	6:50	4:10
Monday	Dec. 3	through	Sunday	Dec. 9	7:10	4:20	7:00	4:05
Monday	Dec. 10	through	Sunday	Dec. 16	7:20	4:20	7:05	4:05
Monday	Dec. 17	through	Sunday	Dec. 23	7:25	4:20	7:10	4:05
Monday	Dec. 24	through	Sunday	Dec. 30	7:25	4:25	7:15	4:10
Monday	Dec. 31	through	Sunday	Jan. 6	7:25	4:30	7:15	4:20
Monday	Jan. 7	through	Sunday	Jan. 13	7:25	4:40	7:15	4:25
Monday	Jan. 14	through	Sunday	Jan. 20	7:20	4:45	7:10	4:35
Monday	Jan. 21	through	Sunday	Jan. 27	7:15	4:55	7:05	4:45
Monday	Jan. 28	through	Thursday	Jan. 31	7:10	5:05	7:00	4:55

<sup>\*</sup>These are lawful hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to sunset) for migratory game birds (duck, goose, coot, snipe, and mourning dove); upland birds (pheasant, quail, partridge); and turkey during established seasons. Forest grouse hunting hours are the same opening times as listed above, to 1/2 hour after the closing times listed above.

#### **Exceptions:**

- 1) Western Washington-Pheasant and quail hunting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in all areas.
- 2) Clark (except areas south of the Washougal River), Cowlitz, Pacific, and Wahkiakum counties–Goose hunting hours are 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except one-half hour before sunrise to sunset during the September goose season and 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the late goose season.
- 3) Hunting hours for falconry seasons (except migratory game bird seasons) are exempt from these hunting hours, except on designated pheasant release sites.