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# MEMORANDUM

Date: October 28, 2021

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Blair Stringham, Migratory Game Bird Program Coordinator

**Subject: 2022-2024 WATERFOWL HUNT RECOMMENDATIONS**

This year the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is recommending a 3-year recommendation cycle for waterfowl hunting regulations. The following proposed season dates, bag limits and other changes would apply for the Waterfowl Guidebook for a 3-year cycle:

#### Youth Day

Northern and Southern Area: Two weeks before the waterfowl season opening day

#### Duck/Coot/Merganser (Max. Season, Bag and Possession allowed; 2 wood duck bag)

Northern Area: First Saturday in October

Southern Area: Ends the last Saturday in January

#### Dark Goose (Max. Season, Bag and Possession allowed)

Eastern Box Elder Area: Same dates as duck hunt

Northern Area: First eight days of waterfowl season – Split – Oct 26 to Jan 31

Wasatch Front Area: First eight days of waterfowl season – Split – Nov 10 to Feb 15

Southern Area: Same dates as duck hunt

- If opening day is a Sunday, the hunt will open one day later

#### White-fronted Goose Season

Same season dates and hunt areas as dark goose areas

Bag Limit: 6

#### Light Goose (Max. Season, Bag and Possession allowed)

Eastern Box Elder, Northern and Wasatch Front Area: October 15 – December 22;

February 1 – March 10



- If Oct 15 or Feb 1 is a Sunday or leap year, the hunt will open one day later

Southern Area: October 25 – December 15; January 15 – March 10

- Closed in Millard County from February 15 – February 28
- If Oct 25 or Jan 15 is a Sunday or leap year, the hunt will open one day later

Snipe (Max. Season, Bag and Possession allowed; season dates same as duck areas)

Falconry (Max. Season, Bag and Possession allowed; season dates same as duck areas)

Swan (permits allocated through flyway process)

First Saturday in October – Second Sunday in December

We are proposing to amend Rule R657-9 and 62 to:

- 1) Require the swan orientation course annually to apply for a swan permit.
- 2) Change the name of Wilson's snipe hunt to snipe hunt.

