

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-9. Taking [~~Waterfowl~~]waterfowl, [~~Wilson's Snipe~~]snipe and [~~Coot~~]coot.

R657-9-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, and in accordance with 50 CFR 20, 50 CFR 32.64 and 50 CFR 27.21, 2004 edition, which is incorporated by reference, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking waterfowl, [~~Wilson's~~]snipe, and coot.

(2) Specific dates, areas, limits, requirements and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl, [~~Wilson's~~]snipe and coot.

R657-9-2. Definitions.

(1)(a) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(b) The terms provided in Subsections 58-79-102(1) through (7) are incorporated by reference.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Bait" means shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed that lures, attracts or entices birds.

(b) "Baiting" means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

(c) "CFR" means the Code of Federal Regulations.

(d) "Daily Bag Limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination (aggregate) of species permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season in any one specified geographic area for which a daily bag limit is prescribed.

(e) "Dark geese" means the following species: cackling, Canada, [~~white-fronted~~]and brant.

(f) "Light geese" means the following species: snow, blue and Ross'.

(g) "Live decoys" means tame or captive ducks, geese or other live birds.

(h) "Off-highway vehicle" means any motor vehicle designed for or capable of travel over unimproved terrain.

(i) "Permanent waterfowl blind" means any waterfowl blind that is left unattended overnight and that is not a portable structure capable of immediate relocation.

(j) "Possession limit" the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or a combination of species permitted to be possessed by any one person when lawfully taken in the United States in any one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed.

(k) "Sinkbox" means any type of low floating device, having a depression, affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water.

(l) "snipe" means the following species: common, Jack, pin-tailed, solitary, Swinhoe's and Wilson's snipe.

(m) "Transport" means to ship, export, import or receive or deliver for shipment.

(n) "Waterfowl" means ducks, mergansers, geese, brant and swans.

([~~R~~]o) "Waterfowl blind" means any manufactured place of concealment, including boats, rafts, excavated pits, or similar structures, which have been designed to partially or completely conceal a person while hunting waterfowl.

([~~e~~]p) "Waterfowl Management Area" means the following properties owned or managed by the division primarily for the conservation, production, or recreational harvest of ducks, mergansers, geese, brant, swans, and other waterfowl:

- (i) Bicknell Bottoms
- (ii) Brown's Park
- (iii) Blue Lake
- (iv) Clear Lake
- (v) Desert Lake
- (vi) Farmington Bay
- (vii) Fitzgerald
- (viii) Howard Slough
- (ix) Harold Crane
- (x) Locomotive Springs
- (xi) Mallard Springs
- (xii) Manti Meadows
- (xiii) Mills Meadows
- (xiv) Ogden Bay
- (xiv) Public Shooting Grounds
- (xv) Powell Slough
- (xvi) Redmond Marsh
- (xvii) Rock Island
- (xviii) Salt Creek
- (xix) Stewart Lake
- (xx) Timpie Springs
- (xxi) Topaz
- (xxii) Warm Springs
- (xxiii) Willard Spur

R657-9-7. Authorized Weapons.

(1) Migratory game birds may be taken with a shotgun, crossbow or archery tackle, including a draw lock.

(2) Migratory game birds may not be taken with a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.

(3) Migratory game birds may not be taken 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, except as authorized by the Wildlife Board and specified in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking [~~Waterfowl~~]waterfowl, [~~Wilson's~~]-snipe and [~~Coot~~]coot.

R657-9-8. Nontoxic Shot.

(1) Only nontoxic shot may be in possession or used while hunting waterfowl, [~~Wilson's~~]-snipe, and coot.

- (2) A person may not possess or use lead shot:
 - (a) while hunting waterfowl or coot in any area of the state;
 - (b) on federal refuges;
 - (c) on the following waterfowl management areas: Bicknell Bottoms, Blue Lake, Brown's Park, Clear Lake, Desert Lake, Farmington Bay, Harold S. Crane, Howard Slough, Locomotive Springs, Manti Meadow, Mills Meadows, Ogden Bay, Powell Slough, Public Shooting Grounds, Salt Creek, Stewart's Lake, Timpie Springs, Willard Spur; or
 - (d) on the Scott M. Matheson or Utah Lake wetland preserve.

R657-9-12. Motorized Vehicle Access.

(1) "Motorized vehicle" for the purposes of this section means a vehicle that is self-propelled or possesses the ability to be self-propelled. This does not include vehicles moved solely by human power, motorized wheelchairs, or an electric personal assisted mobility device.

(2) Motorized vehicle travel is restricted to county roads, improved roads and parking areas.

(3) Off-highway vehicles are not permitted on state waterfowl management areas, except as marked and posted open.

(4) Off-highway vehicles are not permitted on Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

(5) Motorized boat use is restricted on waterfowl management areas as specified in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl, [~~Wilson's~~]snipe and coot.

(6) Electric-assisted bicycles propelled in part by electrical assistance are only permitted on state waterfowl management areas if they meet the Class 1 definition provided in Utah Code § 41-6a-102(8) and (17).

R657-9-15. Amplified Bird Calls.

A person may not use recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds or recorded or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds except as authorized by the Wildlife Board and specified in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl, [~~Wilson's~~]snipe and coot.

R657-9-29. Season Dates and Bag and Possession Limits.

(1) Season dates and bag and possession limits are specified in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl, [~~Wilson's~~]snipe and coot.

(2) A youth duck hunting day may be allowed for any person 17 years of age or younger on July 31st of the year in which the youth hunting day is held, as provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl, [~~Wilson's~~]snipe and coot.

R657-9-30. Rest Areas and No Shooting Areas.

(1) A person may only access and use state waterfowl management areas in accordance with state and federal law, state administrative code, and proclamations of the Wildlife Board.

(2)(a) The division may establish portions of state waterfowl management areas as "rest areas" for wildlife that are closed to the public and trespass of any kind is prohibited.

(b) In addition to any areas identified in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl, [~~Wilson's~~]snipe, and coot, the following areas are designated as rest areas:

- (i) that portion of Clear Lake Waterfowl Management Area known as Spring Lake;
- (ii) that portion of Desert Lake Waterfowl Management Area known as Desert Lake;
- (iii) that portion of Public Shooting Grounds Waterfowl Management Area that lies above and adjacent to the Hull Lake Diversion Dike known as Duck Lake;
- (iv) that portion of Salt Creek Waterfowl Management Area known as Rest Lake;
- (v) that portion of Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area that lies in the northwest quarter of unit one; and

(iv) that portion of Ogden Bay Waterfowl Management Area known as North Bachman.

(c) Maps of all rest areas will be available at division offices, on the division's website, and to the extent necessary, marked with signage at each rest area.

(3)(a) The division may establish portions of state waterfowl management areas as "No Shooting Areas" where the discharge of weapons for the purposes of hunting is prohibited.

(b) No Shooting Areas remain open to the public for other lawful activities.

(c) In addition to any areas identified in the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl, [~~Wilson's~~]snipe, and coot, the following areas are No Shooting Areas:

(i) all of Antelope Island, including all areas within 600 feet of the upland vegetative line or other clearly defined high water mark;

(ii) within 600 feet of the north and south side of the center line of Antelope Island causeway;

(iii) within 600 feet of all structures found at Brown's Park Waterfowl Management Area;

(iv) the following portions of Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area:

(A) within 600 feet of the Headquarters;

(B) within 600 feet of dikes and roads accessible by motorized vehicles;

(C) within the area designated as the Learning Center; and

(D) within the 100 yard buffer around the Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area rest area;

(v) within 600 feet of the headquarters area of Ogden Bay Waterfowl Management Area;

(vi) within the boundaries of all State Parks except those designated open by appropriate signage as provided in Section R651-614-4;

(vii) within 1/3 of a mile of the Great Salt Lake Marina;

(viii) below the high-water mark of Gunnison Bend Reservoir and its inflow upstream to the Southerland Bridge, Millard County;

(xi) any property within the boundary of the Salt Lake International Airport; and

(x) any property within the boundaries of federal migratory bird refuges, unless hunting waterfowl specifically authorized by the federal government.

(4) The division reserves the right to manage division lands and regulate its use consistent with Section 23-21-7 and Rule R657-28.

R657-9-31. Shooting Hours.

(1) A person may not hunt, pursue, or take wildlife, or discharge any firearm or archery tackle on state-owned lands adjacent to the Great Salt Lake, on division-controlled waterfowl management areas, or on federal refuges between official sunset and one-half hour before official sunrise.

(2) Legal shooting hours for taking or attempting to take waterfowl, ~~Wilson's~~ snipe, and coot are provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl, ~~Wilson's~~ snipe and coot.

R657-9-32. Falconry.

(1) Falconers must obtain a valid hunting or combination license, a federal migratory bird stamp and a falconry certificate of registration to hunt waterfowl.

(2) Areas open and bag and possession limits for falconry are specified in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl, ~~Wilson's~~ snipe and coot.

R657-9-33. Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP).

(1) A person must obtain an annual Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration number to hunt migratory game birds.

(2)(a) A person must call the telephone number published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl, ~~Wilson's~~ snipe and coot, or register online at the address published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking waterfowl, ~~Wilson's~~ snipe and coot to obtain their HIP registration number.

(b) A person must write their HIP registration number on their current year's hunting license.

(3) Any person obtaining a HIP registration number will be required to provide their:

(a) hunting license number;

(b) hunting license type;

(c) name;

(d) address;

(e) phone number;

(f) birth date; and

(g) information about the previous year's migratory bird hunts.

(4) Lifetime license holders will receive a sticker every three years from the division to write their HIP number on and place on their lifetime license card.

(5) Any person hunting migratory birds will be required, while in the field, to prove that they have registered and provided information for the HIP program.

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