Shooting and Hawking (taking by falconry) Hours: Unless otherwise specified, from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

Possession Limits: Unless otherwise specified, possession limits are twice

the daily bag limit.

Definitions: For the purpose of hunting regulations listed below, the collective terms "dark" and "light" geese include the following species:

Dark geese - Canada geese, whitefronted geese, brant, and all other goose species except light geese.

Light geese - snow (including blue)

geese and Ross' geese.

Area, Zone, and Unit Descriptions: Geographic descriptions related to lateseason regulations are contained in a later portion of this document.

Area-Specific Provisions: Frameworks for open seasons, season lengths, bag and possession limits, and other special provisions are listed below by flyway.

# Atlantic Flyway

The Atlantic Flyway includes Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

# Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots

Outside Dates: Between October 1 and January 20.

Hunting Seasons and Duck Limits: 50 days and daily bag limit of 5 ducks, including no more than 1 hen mallard, 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 1 mottled duck, 1 fulvous whistling duck, 2 wood ducks, 2 redheads, and 1 canvasback.

Closures: The season on harlequin ducks is closed.

Sea Ducks: In all areas outside of special sea duck areas, sea ducks are included in the regular duck daily bag and possession limits. However, during the regular duck season within the special sea duck areas, the sea duck daily bag and possession limits may be in addition to the regular duck daily bag and possession limits.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit of mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may

be a hooded merganser.

Coot Limits: The daily bag limit is 15

Lake Champlain Zone, New York: The waterfowl seasons, limits, and shooting hours shall be the same as those selected for the Lake Champlain Zone of

Zoning and Split Seasons: Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and Virginia may split their seasons into three segments; Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts,

New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and West Virginia may select hunting seasons by zones and may split their seasons into two segments in each zone; while Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina may split their Statewide seasons into two segments.

## Canada Geese

Season Lengths, Outside Dates, and Limits: The canada goose season is suspended throughout the Flyway except as noted below. Unless specified otherwise, seasons may be split into two segments.

Connecticut: A special experimental season may be held in the South Zone between January 15 and February 15,

with 5 geese per day.

Georgia: In specific areas, a 15-day experimental season may be held between November 15 and February 5, with a limit of 5 Canada geese per day.

Massachusetts: In the Central Zone, a 16-day season for resident Canada geese may be held during January 21 to February 5, with 5 geese per day.

New Jersey: An experimental special season may be held in designated areas of Northeast, Northwest, and Southeast New Jersey from January 27 to February 10, with 5 geese per day.

New York: A special experimental season may be held between January 21 and February 15, with 5 geese daily in Westchester County and portions of Nassau, Orange, Putnam, and Rockland Counties.

Pennsylvania: Erie, Mercer, and Butler Counties - 70 days between October 1 and January 31, with 1 goose per day through October 15; 2 geese per day thereafter; 1 goose per day for the first 8 days after the opening

Crawford County - 35 days between October 1 and January 20; with 1 goose per day.

An experimental season may be held in the Susquehanna/Juniata Zones from January 20 to February 5 with 5 geese per day.

South Carolina: A 12-day special season may be held in the Central Piedmont, Western Piedmont, and Mountain Hunt Units during November 15 to February 15, with a daily bag limit of 5 Canada geese per day.

West Virginia: 70 days between October 1 and January 20, with 3 geese per day.

# Light Geese

Season Lengths, Outside Dates, and Limits: States may select a 107-day season between October 1 and February 10, with 5 geese per day, except closing dates may be extended to March 10 in

New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia. States may split their seasons into two segments.

### **Brant**

Season Lengths, Outside Dates, and *Limits:* States may select a 50-day season between October 1 and January 20, with 2 brant per day. States may split their seasons into two segments.

# Mississippi Flyway

The Mississippi Flyway includes Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

# Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots

Outside Dates: Between the Saturday nearest October 1 (September 30) and the Sunday nearest January 20 (January 21).

Hunting Seasons and Duck Limits: 50 days with a daily bag limit of 5 ducks, including no more than 4 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 2 wood ducks, 1 canvasback, and 1 redhead.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser.

Coot Limits: The daily bag limit is 15 coots.

Zoning and Split Seasons: Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin may select hunting seasons by zones.

In Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin, the season may be split into two segments in each zone.

In Minnesota and Mississippi, the season may be split into two segments.

In Arkansas, the season may be split into three segments.

Pymatuning Reservoir Area, Ohio: The seasons, limits, and shooting hours shall be the same as those selected in the adjacent portion of Pennsylvania (Northwest Zone).

Split Seasons: Seasons for geese may be split into two segments.

Season Lengths, Outside Dates, and Limits: States may select seasons for geese not to exceed 70 days for dark geese between the Saturday nearest October 1 (September 30) and January 31, and 107 days for light geese between the Saturday nearest October 1 (September 30) and February 14, except in those States and portions of States south of Interstate Highway 80 in Iowa,