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TITLE: Consideration of Proposed Commission Order 21–Waterfowl and Commission Order 22–Snipe for the 2012–2013 Hunting Season.

DESCRIPTION: The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Order 21 (Waterfowl) and Commission Order 22 (Snipe), establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, and open areas for 2012–2013. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at all Department offices.

DATE: July 17, 2012

Summary:

Commission Order 21 – Waterfowl

Status – Arizona

A total of 5,845 Arizona duck stamps were sold in 2010-2011, a 3% decrease over the 6,000 duck stamps sold the previous year.

The 2012 midwinter waterfowl survey counted 10,319, a 50% decrease from the 2012 count. The total goose count was 4,278, a 47% decrease from the 2011 count. Variations in these counts are typical and not a cause for alarm because the midwinter survey is a one-week snapshot of waterfowl in select areas of the state. Nationally, 2012 was a good duck year on the breeding grounds.

Although Arizona is not a destination for many breeding geese, we do have small populations which include the breeding geese in Units 1, 22, 23, and 27. The annual spring goose production surveys conducted in Units 1 and 27 counted 48 pairs, the highest pair count since 2009. Protecting these breeding populations is the reason for the delayed start for the goose seasons in these units.

Ducks

Forecasts are for robust waterfowl populations this year due to good to strong carryover from last year, favorable water conditions on the prairies, and favorable conditions in most of the Intermountain West. Production of mallards in the coastal regions of the Pacific Flyway was also

strong. Because of this, the prescription for the Pacific Flyway is a liberal duck season for the flyway and Arizona.

Season frameworks for the Pacific Flyway are:

1. Liberal, 107 day season, 7 bird bag limit;
2. Moderate, 86 day season, 7 bird bag limit;
3. Restrictive, 86 day season, 4 bird bag limit.

Management plans for pintail, scaup, and canvasback prescribe bag limits and seasons for those species separate from the above frameworks. Despite good conditions overall for ducks, the long-term average population size for pintail and canvasback remains below the goals outlined in their management plans. At the time of writing this memo, analysis of this year's data was incomplete. However, based on past year recommendations and survey data, this year's season for pintail is likely to be a 2 bird bag for the entire season, scaup is likely a full season (107 days) with a 7 bird bag and canvasback will likely be a full season with a one bird bag. Redheads will be the same as last year, 2 birds per day.

Geese

In 2002, the Pacific Flyway Council requested that the Service include geese in the duck framework extension as well. This was approved, allowing duck and goose seasons to run the same number of days. To assure that Canada goose reproduction in Northern Arizona is not disrupted, goose seasons within Units 1, 22, 23, and 27 open later than goose seasons in the rest of the state.

Department Recommendation:

The Department recommends a liberal package for Arizona, with restricted bags for pintail, canvasback, and redhead ducks. There will likely be no partial seasons this year, which simplifies regulations considerably. The waterfowl season has different season opening and closing dates for the mountain and desert zones; it is most advantageous to hunters to open the season earlier in the mountain zone because birds arrive in mountain waters earlier than they do in the desert; and winter storms or freeze-up often drive those birds to the desert part of the state late in the season. In the desert zone, the season should be open as late as possible because birds typically remain in that zone through February. Federal frameworks do not allow the general waterfowl season to extend beyond January 27. However, junior hunts may occur into February.

Liberal Package

	<u>Mountain Zone</u>	<u>Desert Zone</u>
Juniors-Only	Sep 29– Sep 30– 2012	Feb 2 – Feb 3, 2013
Falconry-Only	Oct 1 – Oct. 4, 2012	Jan 28 – Feb. 1, 2013
General Duck	Oct. 5, 2012 – Jan. 13, 2013	Oct. 19, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013
General Goose	Oct. 5, 2012 – Jan. 13, 2013	Oct. 19, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013
Restricted Goose Hunts	Nov 15, 2012 – Jan. 13, 2013 (Units 1 and 27) Nov. 15, 2012 – Jan. 30, 2013 (Units 22 and 23)	

The Mountain and Desert Zones in Arizona are defined by unit within the Federal Register as follows: Desert (South) Zone: Those portions of Units 6 and 8 in Yavapai County, and Units 10 and 12B–45. Mountain (North) Zone: Units 1–5, those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County, and Units 7, 9, and 12A. Essentially, the North Zone is in the mountainous, high elevation areas of Arizona; the South Zone is in the lowland, desert areas.

The Department is recommending adoption of the federal bag limit of seven ducks (including mergansers) per day, with no more than two female mallards, two redheads, two pintails, and one canvasback taken in any one day. New this year is a liberal scaup bag (7) for the entire season. Recommended possession limits for ducks are 14 after opening day, with no more than four redheads, four pintails, and two canvasbacks. Recommended goose bag limits are no more than six white geese (snow, including blue and Ross' geese) and three dark geese (Canada and white-fronted). Recommended goose possession limits are no more than 12 white geese and six dark geese. The Department recommends that the Commission adopt the species bag limits as prescribed by the Service for the 2012–2013 waterfowl season

Justification:

The Department recommends continuation of the allowable framework extension for Liberal package. The use of mountain and desert zones is intended to offer mountain hunters the opportunity to hunt ducks and geese when the birds are in those areas. Likewise, the later opening and closing dates for the desert zone allows hunters to hunt as late as possible. Birds arrive earlier in the mountain areas of the state and leave as the waters freeze. In desert areas, many birds arrive later than in the northern areas and stay throughout the winter. Both zones receive the maximum allowance hunt days under both the Liberal and Moderate packages.

Under the Liberal package, there are 107 total hunt days allowed. In the Liberal recommendation above, 101 days are devoted to general waterfowl, four days are a Falconry-Only season and there is a weekend Juniors-Only season in each zone. Federal frameworks require that the youth hunt be on weekend days within 14 days of the General season, but may be outside the General season frameworks. The bag limits for the Juniors-Only hunts will be the same as during the General season.

Arizona and California are required to coordinate seasons along the lower Colorado River area. California is required to match their season along the Colorado River with the Arizona season dates.

Coots and Common Moorhens

Commission Order 21 includes bag and possession limits and season structure for coots and common moorhens within the general duck season frameworks. The Department will continue to recommend the full Federal framework and bag limit on coots and moorhens which is 25 per day, either singly or in the aggregate. Possession for coots and moorhens is 25 in possession, either singly or in the aggregate. Although an Arizona State Waterfowl Stamp is not required for harvest of these species, hunters taking coots or moorhens must have in their possession an Arizona

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Migratory Bird Stamp that registers them for the Harvest Information Program. Harvest of these species is typically incidental to waterfowl hunting.

Commission Order 22 – Common Snipe

The Department recommends that the Commission approve a general snipe season consistent with the total allowable season days and bag and possession limits allowed by the Service for Pacific Flyway states. In Arizona, the allowable bag is 8 snipe per day with a possession limit of 16 after opening day. Seasons for snipe are recommended to run concurrent with the general waterfowl seasons in each of the state's zones.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE, SUBJECT TO FINAL FEDERAL FRAMEWORKS, COMMISSION ORDER 21 – WATERFOWL AND COMMISSION ORDER 22 – SNIPE, AS PRESENTED.**

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Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 21: Waterfowl

General Waterfowl

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 19, 2012 - Jan 27, 2013	(1,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13)	Desert Zone: those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Units 10 and 12B through 47M	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules)
Oct 5, 2012 - Jan 13, 2013	(2,3,4,7,21,22)	Mountain Zone: Units 1-5, 7, 9, 11M, 12A and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules)
Oct 19, 2012 - Jan 27, 2013	(1,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13)	Desert Zone: those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Units 10 and 12B through 47M EXCEPT Units 22, 23 and 27	White geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)
Oct 5, 2012 - Jan 13, 2013	(2,3,4,7,21,22)	Mountain Zone: Units 2-5, 7, 9, 11M, 12A and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	White geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)
Nov 15, 2012 - Jan 13, 2013	(3,4)	Special Goose Seasons: Units 1 and 27	White geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)
Nov 15, 2012 - Jan 30, 2013	(3,4)	Special Goose Seasons: Units 22 and 23	White geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)

LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE: Shotgun, crossbow, bow and arrow or falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license plus a valid Arizona Waterfowl Stamp and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (i.e., federal Duck Stamp). Falconers must be licensed pursuant to R12-4-422 or exempted pursuant to R12-4-407.

SHOOTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

BAG LIMIT: The daily bag limit of ducks, including mergansers: Seven (7) per day not to include more than: two (2) redheads; two (2) pintails; seven (7) mallards, no more than two (2) of which may be female or Mexican-like ducks; seven (7) scaup, and one (1) canvasback. Coots and common moorhens (gallinules): Twenty-five (25) per day, singly or in the aggregate.

Geese: Six (6) white geese (snow, including blue and Ross' geese) per day and three (3) dark geese (Canada and white-fronted) per day.

FALCONRY BAG LIMIT: See Falconry-Only section.

POSSESSION LIMIT: The possession limit of ducks including mergansers: Fourteen (14) after opening day, only seven (7) of which may be taken any one day, but no more than:

- four (4) redheads
- four (4) female mallards or Mexican-like ducks
- four (4) pintails
- fourteen (14) scaup
- two (2) canvasbacks

Coots and common moorhens (gallinules): Twenty-five (25) singly or in the aggregate.

Geese: Twelve (12) white geese (snow, including blue and Ross' geese) and six (6) dark geese (Canada and white-fronted).

FALCONRY POSSESSION LIMIT: See Falconry-Only section.

Juniors-Only Waterfowl

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Feb 2 - Feb 3, 2013	(1,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13)	Desert Zone: Those portions of Units 6 and 8 lying within Yavapai County and Units 10 and 12B through 47M	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules); Including white geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)
Sep 29 - Sep 30, 2012	(2,3,4,7,21,22)	Mountain Zone: Units 1-5, 7, 9, 11M, 12A, and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules); Including white geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)

LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE: Shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license required for participating age 14 and 15; participants age 16 or older must have a valid Arizona Waterfowl Stamp and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (i.e., federal Duck Stamp); participants under 14 need not be licensed if accompanied by a licensed adult as prescribed in A.R.S. 17-335.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Pursuant to R12-4-318 persons are eligible to participate throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday.

SHOOTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

BAG LIMIT: The daily bag limit of ducks, including mergansers: Seven (7) per day not to include more than: two (2) redheads; two (2) pintails;

seven (7) mallards, no more than two (2) of which may be female or Mexican-like ducks; seven (7) scaup; and one (1) canvasback. Coots and common moorhens (gallinules): Twenty-five (25) per day, singly or in the aggregate.
Geese: Six (6) white geese (snow, including blue and Ross' geese) per day and three (3) dark geese (Canada and white-fronted) per day.

POSSESSION LIMIT: The possession limit of ducks including mergansers: Fourteen (14) after opening day, only seven (7) of which may be taken any one day, but no more than:

- a. four (4) redheads
- b. four (4) female mallards or Mexican-like ducks
- c. four (4) pintails
- d. fourteen (14) scaup
- e. two (2) canvasbacks

Coots and common moorhens (gallinules): Twenty-five (25) singly or in the aggregate.

Geese: Twelve (12) white geese (snow, including blue and Ross' geese) and six (6) dark geese (Canada and white-fronted).

Falconry-Only Waterfowl

Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in this Commission Order) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Jan 28 - Feb 1, 2013	(4,6,7,8,9,11,14,15,18,22)	Desert Zone: Those portions of Units 6 and 8 lying within Yavapai County and Units 10 and 12B through 47M	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules)
Oct 1 - Oct 4, 2012	(2,4,6,21,22)	Mountain Zone: Units 1-5, 7, 9, 11M, 12A and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules)

LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE: Falconry as prescribed in R12-4-318 and R12-4-101.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license plus valid Arizona Waterfowl Stamp and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (i.e., federal Duck Stamp). Falconers must be licensed pursuant to R12-4-422 or exempted pursuant to R12-4-407.

HAWKING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

BAG LIMIT: Three (3) per day. Note: The aggregate falconry bag limit of all migratory game birds is three (3), comprised of any combination of migratory game bird species for which a general season, that includes falconry as a legal method of take, or a falconry-only season is open. Falconers should consult Commission Orders 19, 20, 21, and 22 for season dates and open areas. The falconry bag limit is not in addition to the firearms bag limit.

POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) in the aggregate of all migratory game birds in season (Commission Orders 19 through 22) after opening day, of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

Notes:

1. Open areas include the Imperial, Cibola, Buenos Aires and Havasu National Wildlife Refuges EXCEPT for posted portions which shall be closed to all hunting, a fee may be required for hunting on National Wildlife Refuges, see refuge regulations.
2. Ashurst Lake in Management Unit 5B is closed to all waterfowl hunting.
3. All areas within Arizona are designated nontoxic shot zones. The use or possession of lead shot while waterfowl hunting is prohibited. No person may take ducks, geese (including brant), or coots while possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than approved non-toxic shot. Lead shot includes plated lead shot. For a list of approved non-toxic shot, see www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/currentbirdissues/nontoxic.htm. Steel, bismuth, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-nickel-iron, and tungsten matrix shot are approved as nontoxic shot.
4. Persons 16 years of age or older must have in their possession a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp when taking ducks and geese, and a valid, signed Arizona Waterfowl Stamp attached to their hunting license or printed privileges on their license when taking ducks and geese. This stamp or privilege will automatically register the holder for the federal Harvest Information Program for the taking of ducks and geese. Persons 16 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp or privilege when taking coots and common moorhens pursuant to A.R.S. 17-333.03 and R12-4-203.
5. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 3 East.
6. Falconry hunting will not be permitted on National Wildlife Refuges.
7. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
8. A portion of Unit 47M is closed to hunting. Hunting is not permitted in the following area of Unit 47M: an unincorporated portion of land west of Loop 202 (San Tan Freeway) known as the Elliot and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
9. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Military Reservations.
10. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
11. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the Town of Queen Creek in Pinal County in Sections 5, 7, 8, and 18 of Township 3 South, Range 8 East.
12. Hunting is not permitted in Units 25M, 26M, and 47M in the following described area: beginning at the junction of I-17 and Loop 303; west and south on Loop 303 to Bell Road; west on Bell Road to the Beardsley canal; south on the Beardsley canal to Indian School Road; west on Indian School Road to South Jackrabbit Trail; south on South Jackrabbit Trail to Tuthill Road; south on Tuthill Road to the Gila River; east along the Gila River to 115th Avenue/Salt River junction; east along the Salt River to 51st Avenue; south on 51st Avenue to Pecos Road; east on Pecos Road to the I-10/Loop 202 junction; east, north, and then west on the Loop 202 to Gilbert Road; north on Gilbert Road to AZ Highway 87; east on AZ Highway 87 to Fort McDowell Road; north on Fort McDowell Road to Rio Verde Drive; west on Rio Verde Drive to Dynamite Road; west on Dynamite Road to Pima

Road; north on Pima Road to Cave Creek Road; west and south on Cave Creek Road to Deer Valley Road; west on Deer Valley Road to 7th Street; north on 7th Street to Happy Valley Road; west on Happy Valley Road to I-17; north on I-17 to the Loop 303. Base and Meridian Wildlife Area falls within the boundary described above but is open to hunting. County islands within this boundary are also open to hunting provided the hunter does not discharge a firearm within ¼ mile of an occupied farmhouse, residence, cabin, lodge, or building without permission of the owner or resident. Privately held lands within county islands may be closed by the landowner.

13. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 25M in the following described area in the City of Maricopa: that portion of the city east of Green Road, south of Smith Enke Road, and east of the Cobblestone subdivision and that portion of the city north of Farrell Road and west of White and Parker Road.
14. Hunting is not permitted in Units 25M and 37A in the following described area in the Town of Eloy: beginning with the intersection of Cornman Road and LaPalma Road; south on LaPalma Road to Milligan Road; west on Milligan Road to Overfield Road; north on Overfield Road to Cornman Road; east on Cornman Road to LaPalma Road.
15. The following Pima County parks and preserves are open to hunting: A-7 Ranch in Units 32 and 33, Oracle Ridge Property in Unit 33, Six Bar Ranch in Unit 33, Emperita Ranch in Unit 34B, Bar V Ranch in Unit 34B, Sands Ranch in Unit 34B, Clyne Ranch in Unit 34B, Diamond Bell Ranch in Unit 36A, Marley Ranch in Units 36A and 36B, Rancho Seco in Units 36A and 36B, Kings 98 Ranch in Unit 36C, Old Hayhook Ranch in Unit 36C, Verdugo in Unit 36C, Bee Ranch in Unit 37A, Mordka Ranch in Unit 37A, Buckelew Ranch in Unit 37A, Carpenter Ranch in Unit 37A, Cochise Canyon Ranch in Unit 37A, Lords Ranch in Unit 37A, and Tortolita Mountain Park in Unit 37A. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
16. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 36B in the following described area: in the posted portion of Sopori Ranch south of Arivaca Road in Sections 14 and 15, Township 20 South, Range 11 East. The remainder of Sopori Ranch is open to hunting.
17. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 37A in the following described area in the Town of Marana: beginning at the intersection of Sanders Road and Avra Valley Road; north on Sanders Road to the Santa Cruz River; southeast along the Santa Cruz River to the Central Arizona Project Canal; southwest along the Central Arizona Project Canal to Avra Valley Road; west on Avra Valley Road to the intersection of Sanders Road.
18. Hunting is not permitted in Units 43A and 44B in the following described area in the Town of Quartzsite: Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 4 North, Range 19 West and Sections 2, 3, and 4, Township 3 North, Range 19 West.
19. The following Maricopa County parks and preserves are open to hunting waterfowl and snipe using shotgun shooting shot when this season coincides with quail season as defined in R12-4-301: Lake Pleasant, White Tank Mountains, McDowell Mountain, and Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Hunting in County Parks, opened by this Commission Order, is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
20. The area in Unit 37A in the Town of Marana is subject to temporary closures in February for special events. All state lands located south of Cochise Canyon Trail in Township 11 South, Range 12 East.
21. Jacques Marsh Wildlife Area in Unit 3B is open to hunting per R12-4-802.
22. In Units 11M and 38M, the private property within municipal boundaries is closed to hunting.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 22: Common Snipe

General Common Snipe

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 19, 2012 - Jan 27, 2013	(1,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,22)	Desert Zone: those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Units 10 and 12B through 47M	Common snipe
Oct 5, 2012 - Jan 13, 2013	(2,7,21,22)	Mountain Zone: Units 1-5, 7, 9, 12A and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Common snipe

LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE: Shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and by falconry.

LICENSE REQUIRED: Any valid hunting license plus a valid Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp. Falconers must be licensed pursuant to R12-4-422 or exempted pursuant to R12-4-407.

SHOOTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

BAG LIMIT: Eight (8) per day.

POSSESSION LIMIT: Sixteen (16) common snipe after opening day, no more than eight (8) of which may have been taken in any one day.

FALCONRY BAG LIMIT: Three (3) per day. Note: The aggregate falconry bag limit of all migratory game birds is three (3), comprised of any combination of migratory game bird species for which a general season, that includes falconry as a legal method of take, or a falconry-only season is open. Falconers should consult Commission Orders 19, 20, 21, and 22 for season dates and open areas. The falconry bag limit is not in addition to the firearms bag limit.

FALCONRY POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) in the aggregate of all migratory game birds in season (Commission Orders 19 through 22) after opening day, of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP): As required by A.R.S. 17-333.03 and R12-4-203, Snipe hunters age 16 and older shall have in their possession a valid Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp or printed privilege which will validate their license for the federal Harvest Information Program. The Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp may be obtained on or after July 1, from any Arizona Game and Fish Department office or wherever hunting licenses are sold.

Notes:

See notes in Commission Order 21: Waterfowl