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MEMORANDUM

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To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

From: Brian Wakeling, Administrator, Game Division

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Title: CR 16-11 Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public hunting limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands – 2016–2017 Season – For Possible Action

Description: The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2016–2017 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2016–2017 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

Presenter: Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme

Agenda No: 19

Summary:

The Department is recommending only one change to waterfowl and migratory bird seasons from those adopted by the Commission last year in August. New Federal frameworks allow for youth waterfowl participants to be those individuals 17 years of age and younger as opposed to the old framework that limited youth hunters to 15 years of age and younger. The Department is not recommending any changes to rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas.

Season regulations for hunting migratory waterfowl, doves, and crows differ from some other common species, like mule deer, that are not governed by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service works with the states within designated flyways, and Nevada resides within the Pacific Flyway. Collectively, the Pacific Flyway develops regulatory sideboards known as the Federal Frameworks within which each state may promulgate seasons

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for hunting. These frameworks were historically adopted during late summer, but recent changes to the process now adopt the frameworks during fall and allow season adoption by the states earlier in the year. Consequently, this is the first year that Nevada will be setting seasons for migratory birds in March.

Continental and Flyway Conditions

Continent-wide, waterfowl abundance is similar to last year. The total 2015 duck population estimate (excluding scoters, eiders, long-tailed ducks, mergansers, and wood ducks) is 49.5 million birds. This population estimate is similar to the 2014 estimate of 49.2 million and is 43% higher than the long-term average. Mallards, gadwalls, widgeons, canvasbacks, and green-winged teal are all above their long-term average, although mallards experienced a minor decrease in the West. Pintails and greater and lesser scaup saw minor reductions from their long-term average abundance. Federal Frameworks for most species fall into the liberal season category, although scaup fall into the standard season category.

Western Canada Geese numbers continue to increase and are currently over population objectives as are Pacific Greater White-fronted Geese and Western Canadian Arctic Snow Geese.

Most waterfowl from the Pacific Flyway nest north of Nevada. Following a relatively mild winter and an early spring last year, precipitation in the U.S. prairies since last summer has been average to mostly below average. Habitat conditions declined from 2014 in Montana and the Dakotas despite significant rainfall in May, which came too late to benefit most nesting waterfowl. Annual winter precipitation was lower in the northern part of their range; portions do continue to benefit from hold-over water. The boreal region and Alaska exhibited drier conditions, but an early spring and lack of flooding should aid waterfowl production. Most of the Canadian portion of the traditional area was rated as fair or good this year with areas of excellent conditions that received greater annual precipitation.

The predicted abundance of mourning doves for September 2015 in the Western Management Unit were 52.64 million, which results in a standard regulatory alternative as prescribed by the harvest strategy

Nevada

Mid-Winter waterfowl surveys for Nevada in 2016 show a slight decline in over-winter bird use when compared with 2015. Given cold weather and drought conditions these declines are to be expected.

Mid-Winter Survey		
Year	Population	Number
2015	Ducks	69,765
	Geese	18,832
2016	Ducks	42,794
	Geese	17,439

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Breeding Bird Population Survey surveys for Nevada show little variation between recent years in Nevada habitats, yet these numbers are also associated with dry marsh conditions state wide.

Breeding Bird Population Survey		
Year	Population	Number
2014	Ducks	23,700 ($\pm 3,100$)
2015	Ducks	26,000 ($\pm 2,400$)

Habitat

In Nevada, 2015 winter precipitation and run-off was well below normal for the fourth consecutive year. Most wetlands in northern Nevada including the Carson Sink area (Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area) were at 0–20% coverage. Reservoir storage for this area was at only 18% of capacity. Northern Nevada Great Basin reservoirs and runoff were similarly below average. Snowpack conditions across the state were non-existent following poor winter precipitation region wide. Marsh conditions survey wide were poor, with many marshes completely dry.

As of February 1, 2016, year-to-date precipitation (Oct 1 – Feb 1) is looking favorable for Nevada. Lake Tahoe Basin precipitation was reported as 129% of normal, Walker River and Carson River Basins (including Lahontan Basin) was reported at 118% of normal, and Eastern Nevada (Ruby Marshes) was reported at 159% of normal. If wetter than normal precipitation persists into the spring nesting season, habitat conditions should see the best water year since 2011.

Recommendation: The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE CR 16-11 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR WATERFOWL AND WEBLESS MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS AND PUBLIC HUNTING ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND DESIGNATED STATE LANDS FOR THE 2016–2017 SEASONS AS PRESENTED.**

STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of Section 501.181, 503.090, 503.140 and 503.245 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulations for the management of migratory game birds.

CR 16-11

2016-2017

SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

MOURNING & WHITE-WINGED DOVE	
OPEN AREAS:	Statewide
2016-17 SEASON:	September 1 – October 30, 2016
LIMITS:	Daily bag limit 15 Possession 45
SHOOTING HOURS:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:	Limits for mourning dove and white-winged dove are singly or in the aggregate.

AMERICAN CROW	
OPEN AREAS:	Statewide
FALL SEASON:	September 1 – November 17, 2016
SPRING SEASON	March 1 – April 15, 2017
LIMITS:	Daily bag limit 10
SHOOTING HOURS:	Sunrise to sunset.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:	Shotguns only. All crows must be retrieved and removed from the field. Season closed on ravens

Note regarding Waterfowl Zone designations:

NORTHEAST ZONE: Elko & White Pine Counties

NORTHWEST ZONE: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey & Washoe Counties

SOUTH ZONE: Lincoln & Clark Counties

SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT	
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHEAST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	September 17 & 18, 2016
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHWEST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	September 24, 2015 & February 4, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE (to include the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area)
2016-17 SEASON:	February 11 & 12, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area.
2016-17 SEASON:	October 15, 2016
LIMITS:	Daily bag limit is the same as that for the general season for ducks, mergansers, geese, coots and moorhens. Limits singly or in the aggregate for Canada geese and Brant. Limits singly or in the aggregate for Snow and Ross' geese. Snow and Ross' geese are closed in Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties.
SHOOTING HOURS:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:	Open to hunters 17 years of age or younger. Youth hunters 16 years of age and older must possess a Federal duck stamp. Youth must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years old. Adults are not allowed to hunt during this season. Open to Nonresidents.

DUCKS AND MERGANSERS	
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHEAST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHWEST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)
2016-17 SEASON:	October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers
2016-17 SEASON:	October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017
LIMITS (daily / possession)	
General Duck Limits:	7 / 21
Included within the general duck limit, but not to include more than:	
Pintail:	2 / 6
Mallard (total/female):	2 hen mallards daily and 6 in possession.
Redhead:	2 / 6
Canvasback:	2 / 6
Scaup	3 / 9 (within Scaup season)
Shooting hours:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations:	Open to Nonresidents

**bag limits are established by the USFWS in late July and are based upon latest available population data.*

SCAUP (Lesser and Greater)	
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHEAST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – December 27, 2016
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHWEST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 29, 2016 – January 22, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)
2016-17 SEASON:::	November 5, 2016 – January 29, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers
2016-17 SEASON:	November 5, 2016 – January 29, 2017
LIMITS (daily/possession):	3 / 9 (Included within general duck limit, not in addition to)
Shooting hours:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations:	Open to Nonresidents

COOTS AND COMMON MOORHENS (Common Gallinules)	
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHEAST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHWEST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)
2016-17 SEASON:	October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers
2016-17 SEASON:	October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017
LIMITS (daily/possession):	25 / 75
Shooting hours:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations:	Open to Nonresidents

SNIPE	
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHEAST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHWEST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)
2016-17 SEASON:	October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers
2016-17 SEASON:	October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017
LIMITS (daily/possession):	8 / 24
Shooting hours:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations:	Open to Nonresidents

CANADA GEESE AND BRANT	
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHEAST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHWEST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)
2016-17 SEASON:	October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers
2016-17 SEASON:	October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017
Limits (daily/possession)	4 / 12
Shooting hours:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations:	Open to Nonresidents

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE	
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHEAST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHWEST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)
2016-17 SEASON:	October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers
2016-17 SEASON:	October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017
Limits (daily/possession)	10 / 30
Shooting hours:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations:	Open to Nonresidents

SNOW AND ROSS' GEESE	
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHEAST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017 February 25, 2017 – March 10, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHWEST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017 February 25, 2017 – March 10, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)
2016-17 SEASON:	October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers
2016-17 SEASON:	October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017
Limits (daily/possession)	20 / 60
Shooting hours:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations:	Open to Nonresidents CLOSED: Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties CLOSED: Kirch WMA, Mason Valley WMA and Scripps WMA/ Washoe State Park during February 20, 2016 – March 9, 2016 season.

FALCONRY SEASONS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHEAST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	NORTHWEST ZONE
2016-17 SEASON:	October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)
2016-17 SEASON:	October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016 October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017
OPEN AREAS:	SOUTH ZONE – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers
2016-17 SEASON:	October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017
Limits (daily/possession)	3 / 9
Hunting hours:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations:	Migratory birds allowed for take include: geese, ducks, mergansers, coots, common moorhens and common snipe. Limits for all permitted migratory birds are singly or in the aggregate. Open to Nonresidents.

SWAN	
OPEN AREAS:	Churchill, Lyon and Pershing counties
2016-17 SEASON:	October 8, 2016 - January 8, 2017
LIMITS:	One swan per swan hunt permit, Maximum two swan hunt permits per season One swan per day
SHOOTING HOURS:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:	<p>Persons may apply for one of the 650 swan hunt permits. Applications for the draw must be submitted online through the Internet at www.huntnevada.com. Permits are to be awarded through an initial drawing.</p> <p>Deadline: Applications must be received by 11:00 p.m. Monday August 22, 2016. No hand delivered applications for the drawing. Initial draw results will be posted online no later than 48 hours after the completion of the draw. Draw result notifications may not reflect the final status of an application due to ongoing processing of credit cards after the result notifications have been posted. The results of the draw will provided by Friday, September 16, 2016.</p> <p>Beginning on Friday, September 16, 2016 any remaining swan hunt permits will be available on a first come, first served basis, online at www.huntnevada.com. Applications may also be submitted through the mail or over the counter during normal business hours (M-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm) at the Wildlife Administrative Services Office, 185 North Main Street, Fallon, Nevada. Persons may apply for a second swan permit beginning on Friday, September 16. Applicants can submit one application per draw period. Applicants that did not apply for the initial drawing period may submit two applications during the first come, first served draw period.</p> <p>Successful swan hunters are required to validate their permit pursuant to NAC 502.380, and then present at least the head and neck of their swan to an NDOW agent at selected sites for species verification within five (5) days of harvest. Mandatory inspection sites and requirements will be provided with the swan hunt permits.</p> <p>If a total harvest of five (5) trumpeter swans is reached, the swan season is closed for the remainder of the season.</p> <p>Persons must possess a valid annual Nevada hunting license and both a current Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Stamp and a current Nevada Duck Stamp, when required, to hunt swan in Nevada.</p> <p>Open to Nonresidents who have a valid annual Nevada hunting license or a Nonresident Short-Term Permit to hunt Upland game & Waterfowl and required waterfowl stamps.</p>

PUBLIC HUNTING LIMITED ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND DESIGNATED STATE LANDS

ALKALI LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA), BRUNEAU RIVER WMA, FERNLEY WMA, FRANKLIN LAKE WMA, HUMBOLDT WMA, SCRIPPS WMA, STEPTOE VALLEY WMA and WAYNE E. KIRCH WMA

1. Hunting is allowed every day for wildlife species upon which there is an established open season

WASHOE LAKE STATE PARK

1. During any waterfowl season open within the hunt zone and within areas open to hunting as specified by Washoe State Park, hunting is permitted seven days a week.

MASON VALLEY WMA

1. During any waterfowl season open within the hunt zone, hunting is permitted only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and the following legal State holidays: Nevada Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Family Day (day after Thanksgiving), Christmas, New Years Day, and Martin Luther King Day. Hunters with a valid turkey tag for the Mason Valley WMA may hunt each day of the established turkey season. Before or after the waterfowl season, hunting is allowed every day for wildlife species upon which there is an established open season.

FT. CHURCHILL COOLING POND COOPERATIVE WMA

1. The Ft. Churchill Cooperative Cooling Pond Wildlife Cooperative WMA is closed year-round to all hunting.
2. From October 1, through the Friday preceding the second Saturday of February, the area shall be closed to trespass.

OVERTON WMA

1. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on the Moapa Valley portion of the area on:
 - a) the opening day of the earliest opening waterfowl season,
 - b) even days thereafter through the end of regular duck and goose seasons,
 - c) the closing two days of any duck and goose season, and
 - d) during any youth waterfowl hunt.
2. Before or after the regular duck and goose seasons, hunting is allowed every day for wildlife species upon which there is an established open season.
3. Upland game bird and rabbit hunting is prohibited during the regular duck and goose seasons, except for persons possessing a valid wild turkey tag to hunt turkeys in the Moapa Valley of Clark County. These persons may hunt turkeys every day for which the tag is valid. These persons are prohibited from pursuing any other upland game birds or rabbits during such time that the fall turkey season is concurrent with the waterfowl season.
4. During the waterfowl season on the Moapa Valley portion of the area, hunters must hunt from assigned hunt locations (blinds) constructed by the Department of Wildlife. A maximum of up to four hunters are permitted at each hunt location. Assigned hunt locations are marked by numbered stakes. Hunters shall hunt only within their assigned hunt location and moving to vacant locations is prohibited. The only exception involves reasonable accommodation of the disabled.
5. During the opening day and the first weekend of the dove season, the maximum capacity for the Moapa Valley portion of the area is 60 hunters by reservation. Vacancies will be filled by stand-by hunters on a first-come, first-served basis.
6. On Overton Hunt days, only persons authorized to hunt waterfowl may use vessels on the portion of the area inundated by Lake Mead.

KEY PITTMAN WMA

1. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on:
 - a) the opening weekend of the earliest opening waterfowl season within the hunt zone,
 - b) odd-numbered days thereafter through the end of regular duck and goose seasons,
 - c) the closing two days of any duck or goose season, and
 - d) during any youth waterfowl hunt.
2. The maximum hunter capacity during the opening day of duck season and the opening day of goose season will be 55 at any time.
3. All hunters will check-in and out at the main entrance and will park in designated parking areas only. No vehicles are allowed on the area during the hunting season.
4. The area is closed to fishing during the waterfowl season.
5. No motorized boats are allowed on the area during the waterfowl season.

OVERTON-KEY PITTMAN HUNTER RESERVATION SYSTEM

1. To guarantee an opportunity to hunt, reservations must be made for the following specified days of each hunt listed:

The Key Pittman WMA

- a) The earliest opening day of the general duck and goose seasons.

The Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA

- a) Opening day and the first weekend of the dove season.
- b) The entirety of any open waterfowl season.

Special Regulation for the Moapa Valley Portion of the Overton WMA: A person or his representative applying for reservations for group hunting will be limited to up to four hunters per party.

2. Dove Reservation Process:

Hunters wishing to make reservations for opening day and the first weekend of the dove season at the Overton WMA will do so via a paper application available at the Las Vegas and Henderson offices of NDOW or on the NDOW web site at www.ndow.org. Unless their privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident is eligible to have their name included on one application for each hunt day for which reservations are required. A person whose name appears on more than one application for each hunt day for which reservations are required will be rejected from the drawing. Hunters will be permitted to draw only one reservation during this mail-in application process unless there are less than 60 applicants on a day for which reservations are required. Applications for the dove hunt at the Overton WMA shall be received at the Headquarters Office in Reno (through a postal service only) no later than the second Wednesday in July. A public drawing will be held at the Headquarters Office in Reno at 10:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday in July. Successful applicants will receive a reservation confirmation by return mail. Successful reservation holders will be allowed to substitute one person of a hunt party but that substitute must not have been included in an application of the mail-in process or part of a stand-by group.

3. Waterfowl Opening Day/Weekend Reservation Process:

Hunters wishing to make reservations for the first two hunt days of the earliest opening duck and goose seasons at the Overton WMA and the opening day of the duck and goose seasons at the Key Pittman WMA will do so via a paper application available at the Las Vegas and Henderson offices of NDOW or on the NDOW web site at www.ndow.org. Unless their privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident is eligible to have their name included on one application for each hunt day for which reservations are required. A person whose name appears on more than one application for each hunt day for which reservations are required will be rejected from the drawing. For the Overton WMA, hunters will be permitted to draw only one reservation through the mail-in application process unless there are available blinds on a day for which mail-in reservations are required. Applications for these waterfowl hunt days shall be received at the Headquarters Office in Reno (through a postal service only) no later than the second Wednesday in September. A public drawing will be held at the Headquarters Office in Reno at 10:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday in September. Successful applicants will receive a reservation confirmation by return mail. Successful

reservation holders will be allowed to substitute one person of a hunt party but that substitute must not have been included in an application of the mail-in process or part of a stand-by group.

4. Waterfowl Remainder of Season Reservation Process:

Reservations for the remainder of the waterfowl hunting season at the Overton WMA will be available the Monday prior to the opening of the waterfowl season and must be made in person (or by a representative) at the Las Vegas or Henderson offices or at the Overton WMA. Hunters that are successful during the mail-in application process for the first two hunt days must use those reservations before making reservations for the remainder of the season. An individual may reserve no more than one assigned hunt location on the Moapa Valley portion of the area for no more than four individuals to hunt as a party and this reservation must be utilized prior to reserving another hunt day. The reservations must be in the hunter's possession and be shown to the check station attendant to constitute a valid reservation for the day specified. At the Key Pittman WMA, reservations for hunting will be required only on the earliest opening day of the regular duck season and goose seasons. All hunters will check in at the main entrance on the opening day of waterfowl season. For the remainder of the waterfowl season, hunters will complete a reservation card obtained from the Frenchy Lake or Nesbitt Lake check station box and deposit the card in an appropriate drop box for each day hunted. Failure to turn in a completed card at the Key Pittman WMA or failure to check out at the Overton WMA may result in a citation being issued, and the loss of hunting privileges for the remainder of the season. No vehicles are allowed on the areas during the hunting season.

5. During the waterfowl season at the Overton WMA, an assigned hunt location program will be in effect. Hunters will make a reservation for one of three types of hunt locations (field, pond or bulrush plot) and the specific hunt location will be determined by a drawing at the check station prior to each day's hunt. NDOW reserves the right to adjust blind availability and blind assignments based on the conditions present on the day of the hunt.
6. A hunter with a reservation will be considered as a "no-show" if he does not present himself at the check station by one full hour before shooting time, except that at the Overton WMA, a hunter with a reservation will be considered a "no-show" if he does not present himself at the checking station one and one-half hours before shooting time during the waterfowl season.
7. Standby hunters must register at the check station upon arrival.
8. All reservations, permits and assigned hunting locations are nontransferable.