

## ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

### #500 - DEFINITIONS:

- A. **“Migratory game birds”** means those migratory birds included in the terms of conventions between the United States and any foreign country for the protection of migratory birds, for which open seasons are prescribed and belonging to the following families:
1. **Waterfowl** (Anatidae), includes all species of ducks (including mergansers) and geese (including brant).
  2. **Doves and pigeons** (Columbidae).
  3. **Cranes** (Gruidae), including lesser and greater sandhill cranes.
  4. **Rails** (Rallidae), including coots, moorhens, sora and other rails.
  5. **Snipe and Woodcock** (Scolopacidae).
  6. **Common Crow** (Corvidae).
- B. **“Dark geese”** means Canada geese, white-fronted geese, brant, and all other species of geese except light geese.
- C. **“Light geese”** means Lesser snow geese (including blue), greater snow geese, and Ross' geese.
- D. **“Manipulation”** means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments; except for the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.
- E. **“Natural vegetation”** means any non-agricultural, native, or naturalized plant species that grows at a site in response to planting or from existing seeds or other propagules; including planted millet that grows on its own in subsequent years after the year of planting.
- F. **“Normal agricultural operation”** means a planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or agricultural practice undertaken for the purpose of producing or gathering a crop.
- G. **“Normal soil stabilization practice”** means a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation conducted for agricultural soil erosion control.
- H. **“Non-toxic shot”** means only those types of shot pellets made of soft iron compound known as steel shot (including steel shot with coatings of <1% of either copper, nickel, zinc chromate, or zinc chloride), bismuth-tin shot, tungsten-iron shot, tungsten-polymer shot, tungsten-matrix shot, and tungsten-iron-nickel-tin shot (also known as HEVI-SHOT).
- I. **“Sinkbox”** means a raft or any type of low floating device having a depression which affords a hunter a means of concealing himself below the surface of the water.

### #501 - HUNTING HOURS

- A. One-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

### #502 - MANNER OF TAKING

The following are legal methods of take for game species listed in this chapter. Any method of take not listed herein shall be prohibited, except as otherwise provided by statute or Commission regulation.

**A. Waterfowl and other migratory game birds:**

- 1. Shotgun** - Any shotgun not larger than 10 gauge, not firing single slugs and incapable of holding more than three (3) shells in the magazine and chamber combined and fired from the shoulder. Shotguns of any description originally capable of holding more than three (3) shells total capacity shall have the magazine so cut off, altered or plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so as to reduce the total gun capacity to hold no more than three (3) shells in the magazine and chamber combined.
- 2. Hand-held bow** - With any hand-held bow provided that the arrow or bowstring is not held or drawn mechanically, except no bows may be used on any firing line designated by the Commission.
- 3. Blinds** - In the open or from a blind or other place of concealment on land or water except a sink box. When camouflaged with natural vegetation, including vegetation from agricultural crops, such camouflaging must not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed.
- 4. Vessels** - From or by means of any vessel (excluding a sinkbox) having a motor or sails attached when the motor has been shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased or from a vessel that is drifting or being propelled by hand, or by the aid of a vessel when used solely as a means of picking up dead or injured birds.
- 5. Hawking or Falconry** - By means of hawking or falconry.
- 6. Decoys, dogs, and calls** - By the aid of a dog, artificial decoys, or with the aid and use of birdcalls except recorded or electrically amplified calls or sounds, unless their use has been authorized elsewhere in this chapter.

**B. Non-toxic shot requirements**

1. Shot size - No person shall possess or use non-toxic shot of size larger than size T while taking or attempting to take ducks, geese, or coots anywhere in Colorado.
2. Statewide, including all counties in Colorado in both the Central and Pacific flyways;
  - a. No person shall use or possess shot (either in shot-shells or as loose shot for muzzle-loading) other than non-toxic shot while taking or attempting to take ducks, geese or coots.
3. Non-toxic shot is required on commercial wildlife parks, during field trials, and during dog training activities when taking captive-reared mallards in Colorado.

**C. Prohibition of baiting**

1. Migratory game birds and waterfowl may not be taken by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the area is a baited area. It is unlawful to place or direct the placement of bait on or adjacent to an area for the purpose of causing, inducing, or allowing any person to take or attempt to take any migratory game bird by the aid of baiting or on or over the baited area.

2. As used in this sub-paragraph "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. "Baited area" means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters, are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.
3. Nothing in this sub-paragraph shall prohibit the taking of any migratory game bird, including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas:
  - a. Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics), standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or gains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice; or standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds;
  - b. where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of the manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

### **#503 - LICENSE AND STAMP REQUIREMENTS**

#### **A. License required**

1. A small game license is required to take all migratory game birds listed in #500(A) for which an open season exists.
2. Each hunter must call 1-866-COLOHIP (1-866-265-6447) prior to their first hunting trip of the season to register their intent to hunt migratory birds, and to obtain permit numbers if hunting band-tailed pigeons or sandhill cranes, and to provide harvest information for the previous season. "Season" means the period September 1 through March 15.

#### **B. Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp**

No person who has attained the age of sixteen (16) years shall take any migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese and swans) unless at the time of such taking they have on their person an unexpired Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (commonly called duck stamp), validated by their signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.

#### **C. Colorado State Waterfowl Hunting Stamp**

In addition to the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp no person who has attained the age of sixteen (16) years shall take any migratory waterfowl (ducks and geese) unless they possess a valid Colorado State Waterfowl Hunting Stamp (duck stamp), validated by their signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.

- D. For the purpose of authorizing sale of Colorado State Waterfowl stamps to stamp collectors, Colorado State Waterfowl stamps numbered 1 through 20,010 are not valid for hunting.

#### **E. Walk - In Access** Any person 16 years of age or older hunting small game, furbearer or waterfowl on

any lands enrolled in the Division of Wildlife Walk-In Access Program must purchase, sign, and attach to their conservation certificate an access permit or purchase an access permit through the total licensing program from the Division of Wildlife or a license agent prior to hunting. The Walk-In Access permit fee is \$20.00. Hunters must carry such permits on their person when hunting on these properties. Hunters under 16 years of age may hunt on lands enrolled in the Walk-In Access Program without obtaining or possessing an access permit.

1. Public access is prohibited from 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise.
2. Public access is permitted from the opening day of pheasant season through the last day of February only.
3. Access shall be by foot only. Entry by horseback, motorized vehicle, or other means is prohibited.
4. Access is permitted for hunting small game, furbearers, or waterfowl only; all other activities are prohibited. Individuals may accompany hunters without obtaining or possessing a Walk-In Access permit provided they do not hunt.
5. Walk-in Access permits are not transferable to any other person, nor do they confer hunting privileges to any person other than the purchaser of the stamp.
6. Access is allowed to lands enrolled in the Walk-In Access Program only during established small game, furbearers or waterfowl seasons.

See also: walk-in access program provisions in Chapter 3 (regulation #303(H)) for small game species.

#### **#504 - SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

##### **A. Seasons, Limits and Other Provisions**

The State of Colorado is divided into two migratory waterfowl flyways consisting of the Pacific Flyway which includes all lands west of the Continental Divide, and the Central Flyway which includes all lands east of the Continental Divide.

1. A person may take in any one day, during the open season prescribed, not to exceed the number of migratory game birds and waterfowl permitted in this chapter. When so taken such birds may be possessed in the numbers specified in this chapter, except that no person on the opening day of the season may possess any migratory game birds or waterfowl in excess of the applicable daily limits and no person may possess any freshly killed migratory game birds or waterfowl during the closed season for such birds.
2. Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to permit the taking of migratory game birds or waterfowl on any Federal reservation or sanctuary, or any area of the United States set aside under any law, proclamation, or executive order for use as a bird, game, or other wildlife reservation, breeding ground, or refuge, or on any area designated as a closed area Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act except as may be permitted by these regulations.
3. No migratory game bird or waterfowl may be taken at any time, or by any means, from, on or across any highway, road, designated trail, or other right-of-way, whether public or private, within the exterior boundaries of any established national wildlife refuge.
4. Open seasons are established only on such migratory game birds and waterfowl as are herein designated. Exceptions to daily bag and possession limits and to the hours of hunting

stated in Federal Migratory Bird regulations shall be as prescribed in this chapter.

5. Descriptions of all closures, specific areas, and areas with special restrictions in this chapter begin with the northern boundary and are described in clockwise rotation; with all roads or designations listed connecting to the next in the progression. The following standard abbreviations are used throughout this chapter:

Colorado State highways: ColoCounty: CoCounty roads: Co RdInterstate highways: I-Road:RdU.S. (Federal) highways: US

Note: Migratory bird hunting closures and special provisions and restrictions for Division properties are found in Chapter 9.

#### B. Possession of Live Birds

Every migratory game bird wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit. No person shall at any time, or by any means, possess or transport live migratory game birds taken under the provisions of this chapter.

#### C. Possession of Plumage and Skin of Migratory Birds and Waterfowl.

1. No permit is necessary to possess and transport for his own use the plumage and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds and waterfowl.
2. Personal use of feathers or skins - any person for his own use may possess, transport, ship, import, and export without a permit the feathers and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds.

#### D. Commercial Use of Feathers

Any person may possess, purchase, sell, barter, or transport for the making of fishing flies, bed pillows, and mattresses, and for similar commercial uses the feathers of migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese, and swans) killed by hunting pursuant to these regulations, or seized and condemned by Federal or State game authorities except that:

1. No person shall purchase, sell, barter, or offer to purchase, sell, or barter for millinery or ornamental use the feathers of migratory game birds taken under authority of this chapter, and;
2. No person shall purchase, sell, barter, or offer to purchase, sell or barter mounted specimens of migratory game birds taken under authority of this chapter.

#### E. Most Restrictive Federal or State Law Shall Apply -

Federal and State laws and regulations govern the taking of all migratory birds, in all cases, the most restrictive State or Federal regulation shall apply by species.

#### F. Processing, Storage and Tagging Required

No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds or package or container of such birds has a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating the hunter's address, the total number and species of birds, the date such birds were killed, and the hunter's hunting license number.

#### G. Custody of Birds of Another Person

No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required in item F.

#### H. Migratory Bird Preservation Facilities

No preservation facility shall:

1. Receive, possess or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person for purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment, unless accurate records are maintained showing (1) the number of each species, (2) the date such birds were received, (3) the date such birds were disposed of, and (4) the name and address of the person to whom such birds were delivered, or
2. Destroy any records required to be maintained under this section for a period of one (1) year following the last entry on the record, or
3. Prevent any person authorized to enforce the provisions of this regulation from entering such facilities at all reasonable hours and inspecting the records and the premises where such operations are being carried on.

#### I. Hunting Closures/Special restrictions

1. Within the area bounded on the north by the Colorado-Wyoming state line; on the east and south by I-76, Colo 71, US 36, and I-70; and on the west by the Continental Divide and the Larimer-Jackson county line and in Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Mesa, Otero, and Prowers counties no person shall hunt waterfowl:
  - a. Within fifty (50) yards on each side of the center line of any public road.
  - b. Within one-hundred-fifty (150) yards of any dwelling including the air space directly above this closure, without first obtaining permission from the owner, occupant or person in charge of the dwelling.
2. Hunting is prohibited as specified in the areas and on the dates listed below:

##### **a. Barr Lake State Park, Adams County**

1. Only waterfowl hunting will be allowed and will be restricted to Saturdays and Wednesdays.
2. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to designated blinds and the maximum number of hunters per blind is 3.
3. Hunters are required to check in and out at Barr Lake State Park entrance.
4. Blinds that have not been reserved will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis after 5 a.m. on each hunting day. Reserved blinds unoccupied by 7:00 a.m. will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

##### **b. Colorado River, Grand County** - Waterfowl hunting is prohibited from Shadow Mountain Dam downstream to Twin Creek after November 13.

##### **c. Colorado River, Mesa County** - Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the Colorado

River and 200 yards on either side of the river from the Grand Avenue Bridge in Grand Junction to the west end of Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area during the following time periods: Wednesday through Friday of each week, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. In addition waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the river and 200 yards on either side of the river from Appleton Drain to Hunter Wash (the west end of the Walker SWA).

- d. **Highline Lake State Recreation Area, Mesa County** - Waterfowl hunting on Highline Lake is prohibited on Saturdays and Sundays.
  - e. **Mack Mesa Reservoir State Recreation Area, Mesa County** - Hunting and trapping are prohibited.
  - f. **Pueblo County** - No person shall discharge a firearm or release an arrow for the purpose of hunting waterfowl within 150 yards of any dwelling, including the airspace directly above this closure, without first obtaining permission from the owner, occupant, or person in charge of the dwelling.
  - g. **Prewitt Reservoir, Logan and Washington counties** - Waterfowl hunting is prohibited as posted to provide for waterfowl resting as necessary depending on water levels, weather, and presence of birds.
  - h. **Sweitzer Lake, Delta County** - Waterfowl hunting is permitted on opening day and thereafter on each Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and legal holiday.
  - i. **Turk's Ponds Area, Baca County** - The following regulations will be in from the beginning of the first split of the waterfowl season through the last day of the waterfowl seasons in sections 20, 21, 28, 29, 32 and 33 in Township 29 South, Range 44 West, 6th P.M. as posted.
    - 1. The private property within approximately one-quarter (1/4) mile surrounding Turk's Pond State Wildlife Area is closed to hunting, as posted.
    - 2. No person shall discharge a firearm or release an arrow from, upon or across an area 50 yards on each side of the center line of any public road.
  - j. **Vancil Reservoir, Morgan County** - Waterfowl hunting is prohibited.
3. Hunting is prohibited in the areas listed below, as posted by the Division. Maps detailing current posting shall be available at Division of Wildlife offices upon request during the period of posting restrictions, and such restrictions shall be posted at all public access points and at specific locations where restrictions apply in adequate numbers and appropriate size to insure notice to the public. The Division shall use only the following criteria when posting these areas: to allow a resting area for waterfowl or other wildlife; to assure public safety by prohibiting the discharge of firearms (hunting) in close proximity to buildings, residences, structures, or other areas where people may be injured or property damaged; and/or to maintain compliance with provisions imposed by leases, deeds or other legally binding restrictions.
- a. **Crawford State Recreation Area, Delta County** - Hunting is prohibited as posted.
  - b. **Meredith Reservoir, Crowley County** - Hunting is prohibited, as posted.
  - c. **New Windsor Reservoir, Weld County**

1. Hunting is prohibited as posted.
  2. No person shall hunt waterfowl within 400 yards of any occupied dwelling without first obtaining permission from the owner, occupant, or person in charge, within one-quarter (1/4) of a mile of the center line of the following roads: beginning at the junction of Weld County Road 74 and State Highway 257 north to Weld County Road 78; east to Weld County Road 21; south to Weld County Road 74; then west to the beginning at State Highway 257 and that said closure shall include all of the area within the boundary formed by these roads.
  3. No person shall hunt waterfowl within 150 yards of the centerline of the following roads: State Highway 257 between Weld County Road 78 and Weld County Road 74; Weld County Road 74 between State Highway 257 and Weld County Road 21.
- d. **Trinidad State Recreation Area, Las Animas County** - Waterfowl hunting is prohibited as posted.
- e. **Valmont Reservoir, Boulder County** - Hunting is prohibited as posted.
4. Landowners may use dogs to haze geese off of their property in order to prevent or alleviate damage, except from April 1 through July 31, provided that the dog is controlled such that no geese are injured or killed.

## **ARTICLE II - RAILS, WOODCOCK, GALLINULES, MOORHENS, MOURNING DOVE, BAND-TAILED PIGEON, WILSON'S SNIPE**

### **#505 - VIRGINIA RAILS AND SORA - SEASON DATES, AREAS, AND BAG LIMITS**

#### **A. Statewide: September 1 through November 9**

1. Daily Bag and Possession Limit
  - a. Daily Bag Limit - Twenty-five (25) singly or in the aggregate of these two species.
  - b. Possession Limit - Twenty-five (25) singly or in the aggregate of these two species.

### **#506 - WOODCOCK, GALLINULES, AND MOORHENS - CLOSED SEASON**

### **#507 - MOURNING DOVE - SEASON DATES, AREAS, AND BAG LIMITS**

#### **A. Statewide: September 1 through October 30**

1. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
  - a. Daily Bag Limit - Fifteen (15).
  - b. Possession Limit - Thirty (30).

### **#508 - BAND-TAILED PIGEON - SEASON DATES, AREAS, AND BAG LIMITS.**

#### **A. Statewide: September 1 through September 30**

1. Daily Bag and Possession Limit

- a. Daily Bag Limit - Five (5).
- b. Possession Limit - Ten (10).

#### **#509 - WILSON'S SNIPE - SEASON DATES, AREAS, AND BAG LIMITS.**

##### **A. Statewide - September 1 through December 16**

- 1. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
  - a. Daily Bag Limit - Eight (8).
  - b. Possession Limit - Sixteen (16).

#### **ARTICLE III - DUCKS AND COOTS**

#### **#510 - SPECIAL TEAL SEASON - SEASON DATES, AREAS, AND BAG LIMITS**

##### **A. Within the Central Flyway, in Lake and Chaffee counties and all lands east of I-25**

- 1. Season dates: September 6 through 14, 2003
- 2. Daily bag and possession limits
  - a. Daily Bag Limit - Four (4) of any teal species, singly or in the aggregate.
  - b. Possession Limit - Eight (8) of any teal species, singly or in the aggregate.

#### **#510.5 - SPECIAL YOUTH SEASON - SEASON DATES, AREA, AND BAG LIMITS**

##### **A. Central Flyway**

- 1. Season dates:
  - a. September 27 and 28, 2003
- 2. Daily bag and possession limits
  - a. The daily bag limit shall be:
    - 1. six (6) ducks, including no more than five (5) mallards, of which no more than two (2) can be female mallards, one (1) pintail, one (1) canvasback, two (2) redheads, one (1) mottled duck, two (2) wood ducks, and three (3) scaup;
    - 2. five (5) mergansers, of which no more than one (1) may be a hooded merganser;
    - 3. fifteen (15) coots,
    - 4. two (2) dark geese.
  - b. The possession limit shall be two (2) legal daily bag limits.

##### **B. Pacific Flyway**

1. Season dates:
  - a. September 27 and 28, 2003
2. Daily bag and possession limits
  - a. The daily bag limit shall be:
    1. seven (7) ducks and mergansers, including no more than two (2) female mallards, one (1) pintail, one (1) canvasback, two (2) redheads and four (4) scaup
    2. twenty-five (25) coots,
    3. three (3) light and dark geese in the aggregate.
  - b. The possession limit shall be two (2) legal daily bag limits of ducks, mergansers, and geese; and twenty-five coots.
- C. This season is restricted to hunting by youth 15 years of age and younger accompanied by a mentor. A mentor must be 18 years of age or older and hold a valid hunter education certificate or be born before January 1, 1949, and must accompany the youth while in the act of hunting. Mentors are not authorized to hunt ducks, geese, mergansers, or coots during this season.

#### **#511 - GENERAL SEASON - SEASON DATES, AREAS, AND BAG LIMITS**

##### **A. Central Flyway (conventional regulation):**

1. Season dates, except as provided in Section #504(l) of these regulations:
  - a. First split: October 4 through October 26, 2003
  - b. Second split: November 1 through November 30, 2003
  - c. Third split: December 7, 2003 through January 18, 2004
2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits:
  - a. The daily bag limit shall be:
    1. six (6) ducks including no more than five (5) mallards, of which no more than two (2) can be female mallards, one (1) pintail, one (1) canvasback, two (2) redheads, one (1) mottled duck, two (2) wood ducks, and three (3) scaup
    2. five (5) mergansers, of which no more than one (1) may be a hooded merganser
    3. fifteen (15) coots.

Provided further that there shall be no pintails or canvasback allowed in the bag after November 16.
  - b. The possession limit shall be two (2) legal daily bag limits.

**B. Pacific Flyway (conventional regulation):**

1. Season dates - Except as provided in Section #504(l) of these regulations:
  - a. First split: October 4 through October 19, 2003
  - b. Second split: October 29, 2003 through January 25, 2004
2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits:
  - a. The daily bag limit shall be:
    1. seven (7) ducks and mergansers including no more than two (2) female mallards, one (1) pintail, one (1) canvasback, two (2) redheads and four (4) scaup
    2. twenty-five (25) coots.

Provided further that there shall be no pintails or canvasback allowed in the bag after December 11.
  - b. The possession limit shall be limited to two (2) legal daily bag limits of ducks and mergansers and twenty-five (25) coots.

**ARTICLE IV - GEESE**

**#512 - GENERAL SEASON: SEASON DATES, AREAS, AND BAG LIMITS**

**A. Central Flyway:** Except as provided in sections #504(l), #513, and #514 of these regulations.

1. Season dates:
  - a. Dark geese: November 22, 2003 through February 15, 2004
  - b. Light geese: November 8, 2003 through February 22, 2004
2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits:
  - a. Daily bag limit: Dark geese: Three (3)  
Light geese: Twenty (20)
  - b. Possession limit: Dark geese: Six (6)  
Light geese: No possession limit

**B. Pacific Flyway:** Except as provided in Sections #504(1), and #514 of these regulations:

1. Season dates:
  - a. First split October 4 through October 10, 2003
  - b. Second split: October 29, 2003 through January 25, 2004
2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits:

- a. Daily Bag Limit: Dark and light geese: three (3) geese in the aggregate
- b. Possession Limit: Dark and light geese: six (6) geese in the aggregate

## **#513 - SPECIAL SEASONS: SEASON DATES, AREAS, AND BAG LIMITS**

### **A. Northern Front Range Special Season**

- 1. Area: All lands in Larimer, Gilpin, Adams, Clear Creek, Weld, Boulder, Denver and Jefferson counties bounded on the north by the Colorado-Wyoming state line, on the east by I-25, on the south by I-70, and on the west by the Continental Divide and the Jackson-Larimer county line.
- 2. Season dates and daily bag and possession limits:
  - a. October 4 through October 12, 2003
    - 1. Daily bag limit: Three (3) dark geese.
    - 2. Possession limit: Six (6) dark geese.
  - b. November 22, 2003 through February 15, 2004
    - 1. Daily bag limit: Dark geese: Three (3)  
Light geese: Twenty (20)
    - 2. Possession limit: Dark geese: Six (6)  
Light geese: No possession limit

### **B. South Park/San Luis Valley Special Season -**

- 1. Area: Those portions of Saguache, Mineral and Hinsdale counties east of the Continental Divide and all of Chaffee, Fremont, Lake, Park, Custer, Teller, Rio Grande, Costilla, Alamosa and Conejos counties.
- 2. Season dates and daily bag and possession limits:
  - a. October 4 through October 12, 2003
    - 1. Daily Bag Limit Three (3) dark geese.
    - 2. Possession Limit: Six (6) dark geese.
  - b. November 22, 2003 through February 15, 2004
    - 1. Daily bag limit: Dark and light geese: three (3) geese in the aggregate.
    - 2. Possession limit: Dark and light geese: six (6) geese in the aggregate.

### **C. North Park Special Season -**

- 1. Area: Jackson County

2. Season dates and daily bag and possession limits.
  - a. October 4 through October 12, 2003
    1. Daily bag limit: Three (3) dark geese.
    2. Possession limit: Six (6) dark geese.
  - b. November 22, 2003 through February 15, 2004
    1. Daily bag limit: Dark and light geese: three (3) geese In the aggregate.
    2. Possession limit: Dark and light geese: six (6) geese in the aggregate.

#### **D. Arkansas Valley Special Season**

1. Area - Crowley, Otero, Kiowa, Bent, Prowers and Baca counties.
2. Season dates and daily bag and possession limits.
  - a. November 15, 2003 through February 22, 2004
    1. Daily Bag limit: Light geese: twenty (20)
    2. Possession limit Light geese: no possession limit
  - b. November 22, 2003 through February 15, 2004
    1. Daily Bag limit: Dark geese: three (3)
    2. Possession limit: Dark geese: six (6)
3. Hunting Hours
  - a. November 15, 2003 through November 21, 2003 - one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 12 o'clock noon.

#### **E. Pueblo County Special Season**

1. Area - Pueblo County.
2. Season dates and daily bag and possession limits.
  - a. November 15, 2003 through February 22, 2004
    1. Dairy bag limit: Light geese: twenty (20)
    2. Possession limit: Light geese: no possession limit
  - b. December 6, 2003 through February 15, 2004
    1. Daily bag limit: Two (2) dark geese.
    2. Possession limit: Four (4) dark geese.

## **F. Western Slope Special Season**

1. Area - All areas within the Pacific Flyway
2. Season dates and daily bag and possession limits.
  - a. September 6 through September 14, 2003
    1. Daily bag limit: Dark geese: Three (3)
    2. Possession limit: Dark geese: Six (6)

## **G. Special Control Period to Reduce Overabundant Populations of Light Geese.**

1. Control Area -All lands east of I-25
2. Control Period dates, species, and bag limits
  - a. March 1 through March 31, 2004
    1. Daily bag limit - Light Geese: No daily bag limit
    2. Possession limit - Light Geese: No possession limit
3. Special Conditions and Restrictions
  - a. Recorded or electronically amplified calls may be used during this control period.
  - b. Hunting is allowed from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.
  - c. All other regulations applicable to hunting migratory waterfowl in Colorado apply to taking light geese during the control period.

## **ARTICLE IV - GEESE**

### **#514 - SPECIAL CLOSURES - GEESE**

#### **A. Central Flyway**

1. **Empire Reservoir, Weld and Morgan Counties** - Hunting of geese is prohibited within the following area: that portion of Weld and Morgan Counties bounded on the north by the Bijou Canal from its intersection with U.S. Highway 34 west to its intersection with Weld County Road 91 (Chapelton Lane); on the west by Weld County Road 91 from its intersection with the Bijou Canal to its intersection with U.S. Interstate 76; on the south by U.S. Interstate 76 from its intersection with Weld County Road 91 to its intersection with State Highway 144; on the east by State Highway 144 from its intersection with U.S. Interstate 76 to its intersection with U.S. Highway 34; on the northeast from the intersection of State Highway 144 and U.S. Highway 34 to its intersection with the Bijou Canal.
2. **Fossil Creek Reservoir, Larimer County** - Hunting of geese is prohibited as posted.
3. **Johnson Pond, Sedgwick County** - Hunting of geese prohibited in that portion of Sedgwick County bounded on the north by U.S. Highway 138, on the east by U.S. Highway 385, on

the south by U.S. Interstate 76, and on the west by Sedgwick County Road 29. During the special late light goose season (Eastern Colorado Special Control Period) and any conservation order for light geese, light goose hunting is allowed within the Johnson Pond Special Goose Closure.

4. **Jumbo Reservoir, Red Lion, Logan and Sedgwick Counties** - Hunting of geese is prohibited in those portions of Logan and Sedgwick counties bounded on the north by Logan Co Rd 70 and Sedgwick Co Rd 3; on the east by Sedgwick Co Rd 3; on the south by Logan Co Rd 970, and on the west by Logan Co Rd 95, except as otherwise provided for the Red Lion State Wildlife Area in Chapter 9 of these regulations.
5. **Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County** - Hunting is prohibited as posted.
6. **Riverside Reservoir, Weld County** - Hunting of geese is prohibited as posted.

#### **B. Pacific Flyway**

1. **Grand Lake, Shadow Mountain Reservoir, and Windy Gap Reservoir, Grand County**  
Hunting of geese is prohibited on these lakes, and in the area within 100 yards of their high-water lines.

### **ARTICLE V - HAWKING**

#### **#515 - BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS FOR REGULAR OR SPECIAL SEASONS**

- A. **Bag Limit** - Three (3) migratory game birds and waterfowl singly or in the aggregate for which an open hunting season or special falconry season is established.
- B. **Possession Limit** - Six (6) migratory game birds and waterfowl, singly or in the aggregate for which an open hunting season or special falconry season is established.

#### **#516 - SPECIAL FALCONRY WATERFOWL SEASON (DUCKS, AND COOTS ONLY) DATES AND AREAS.**

- A. **Central Flyway**: (in all lands east of the Continental Divide except in those areas closed to hunting of ducks and coots, as described in these regulations). There will be no special season in - 2003-2004.
- B. **Pacific Flyway**: (in all lands west of the Continental Divide except in those areas closed to hunting of ducks, and coots, as described in these regulations). There will be no special season in -2003-2004.

### **ARTICLE VI - SANDHILL CRANE**

#### **#517 - GENERAL SEASON - SEASON DATES, AREAS, AND BAG LIMITS**

- A. **Central Flyway**: October 4 through November 30, 2003 east of the Continental Divide except North Park and the San Luis Valley.
  1. Daily Bag and Possession Limits:
    - a. Daily Bag Limit - Three (3)
    - b. Possession Limit - Six (6)

**B. Pacific Flyway** - Closed Season.

## **ARTICLE VII - COMMON CROW**

### **#518 - COMMON CROW SEASON**

- A. Statewide - October 1 through January 31
- B. Bag and Possession Limits - No bag or possession limit.
- C. Special Conditions and Restrictions - Recorded or electronically amplified calls may be used during this season.

### **#519 - DEPREDACTION BY CROWS AND MAGPIES**

Common crows and magpies may be taken without Federal or State permit at any time of the year or at any time of the day or night when found committing or about to commit depredation upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock or wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute a health hazard or other nuisance.

## **ARTICLE VIII - GEESE CAUSING DAMAGE**

### **#520 - A SPECIAL SEASON FOR GEESE CAUSING DAMAGE IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE NORTHERN FRONT RANGE SPECIAL SEASON AREA FROM THE FIRST OF NOVEMBER THROUGH THE THIRTY-FIRST OF JANUARY, ANNUALLY.**

- A. Any landowner or designated agent claiming to have suffered damage by geese upon property located on lands closed to goose hunting within the North Central Special Season Area shall notify the local District Wildlife Manager within twenty-four hours of the discovery thereof. In cases of recurring damage, the landowner or agent should continue to notify the District Wildlife Manager of the alleged damage.
- B. Upon receipt of the information, the District Wildlife Manager shall investigate the complaint and report on the nature and extent of damage, if any to the Director of the Division of Wildlife or his designee.
- C. If geese are found to be causing damage to property, the landowner may request the District Wildlife Manager to utilize hazing and other techniques to alleviate any further damage.
- D. If the techniques are unsuccessful, and the evidence indicates that damage will continue to be significant, and the landowner or designated agent is willing to grant permission to allow a special damage season and hunting access upon his property, the District Wildlife Manager shall immediately submit the request for a season to the Director of the Division of Wildlife or his designee. The Director shall decide whether or not to authorize a special season based upon the following factors:
  - 1. The number of geese in the area;
  - 2. The numbers of geese on the property upon which damage has occurred or is likely to occur;
  - 3. The type and extent of damage suffered;
  - 4. The crop and amount thereof which the geese have damaged;
  - 5. The amount of time the geese will likely remain in the area;

6. Management closures and hunting access; and
  7. Any other pertinent factors.
- E. The Director will use the factors enumerated in #520(D)(1) through (7) above to determine whether or not damage is significant.
- F. If the evidence shows that the landowner has sustained significant damage by geese of at least 25% of crops under cultivation or harvested crops or that damage is likely to continue to occur or if there is other evidence that a season is justified, the Director may authorize such a season pursuant to the following stipulations and requirements:
1. All persons who wish to participate in such a season shall submit a written application to the Northeast Regional Office in Denver or the Fort Collins Service Center after October 1 annually.
  2. Once the Director or his designee has authorized such a season, the Fort Collins Office shall begin notifying persons on the list in the order in which their applications were received that they may participate in the special seasons. Once a hunter has participated in such a special season, he shall not be eligible for another such season until all persons on the list have received an opportunity to so participate.
  3. The landowner or lessee may hunt in the special season without application for placement on the list.
  4. The area to be included in the special season; the number of hunters to be permitted to hunt and the placement of hunters within in each designated area; the dates and the hours for the special seasons shall be designated by the Director or his designee.
  5. Hunters must be properly licensed and shall be permitted to hunt in such special season under the following conditions:
    - a. Only in the area established;
    - b. Only during the hours established;
    - c. Only on the days established;
    - d. Only under the supervision of a District Wildlife Manager; and
    - e. Only under the rules and regulations established by the Wildlife Commission for the North Central Colorado Special Season as set forth in Chapter 5 of these regulations, except that the bag limit for such special seasons shall be two (2) geese.
  6. The landowner or his designated agent must sign a cooperative agreement with the Division to authorize hunters to hunt geese on his land.