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Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

The PDF says it's for the 2022 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations. I'm taking it to mean nothing will change, which sounds good to me. No limit on Snows! I sure wish I knew where to go for those rascals. Everything looks fine to me.

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Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

Please approve the migratory regulations (and limits) as proposed. Thanks.

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Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

Why can't MT hunters use electronic calls for Spring Snow Goose hunting like the rest of the nation?

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Q2

Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

What can we do at a federal level to institute a framework for spring snow geese in the pacific flyway beyond the March 10th end date for "late season goose" that many other western states have? Montana doesn't have a spring-light goose season in the PF obviously but can FWP help bring legislation to Washington to help get something going? OR the Flyway Council? There is ample opportunity for hunters to chase light geese in multiple counties in northcentral Montana in the springtime. I am not an expert so I am turning to experts to see what can be done. Is this a lost cause? Am I wasting my energy here? I know many Montanans that would love the opportunity to harvest light geese in the spring in the Pacific Flyway. Our Alberta friends right above Montana get to hunt these very same Western Arctic breeding snow geese that migrate right through Freezout every year. What science are they looking at that is so different from ours that we can not have a spring season in place in the Pacific Flyway in Montana? This is obviously a commenting period for the fall season. I have no qualms with the fall framework. I wanted to take the time to comment on the spring side of things. I would love to hear back from anyone with an idea on what boots-on-the-ground things we could try to do to implement this light goose spring season in the Pacific Flyway. I understand it is a big undertaking but I want to help. I have just heard nothing from anyone with the slightest inkling to look into this and am usually met with a "well this will never happen and we are not going to do anything about it" attitude from Fish and game. Maybe my understanding is lacking on the subject but it seems with a little elbow grease and some momentum things could change. It might take some effort across the entire Pacific Flyway but I am 100% sure many other people in western states are asking the same thing. I only bring this up because I think there is a fantastic opportunity for this type of season for Montanans. Best Regards,

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Q2

Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

b. Special Early Canada and Cackling Goose Seasons

Outside Dates and Seasons Lengths:

In Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas, 30 days between September 1–30; in Colorado, New Mexico, Montana, and Wyoming, 15 days between September 1–15; and in North Dakota, 22 days between September 1–22.

Daily Bag Limits: 5 geese in the aggregate, except in Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, where the daily bag limit may not exceed 8 geese in the aggregate, and in North Dakota and South Dakota, where the daily bag limit may not exceed 15 geese in the aggregate.

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except that during September 1–15 shooting hours may extend to one-half hour after sunset if all other waterfowl and crane seasons are closed in the specific applicable area.

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Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

Geese are more than abundant everywhere. Double the daily quota and lengthen the season. Seriously. They are now considered a pest.

Mallard ducks are just the opposite.

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Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

In addition to all of the regulation adjustments over the years, increased waterfowl habitat improvements, please consider, wildlife improvement strategies, we need to address the over population of predators, coyotes, wolves, mustelids, all are at drastic highs in the consideration of regulation changes please consider predator management

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Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

I propose that MTFWP adopt the Department of Interior's proposed 2023-2024 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations (50 CFR Part 20), which extends the framework closing date for all four nationwide flyways to January 31st. Why is it that adjacent and other states have a substantially longer migratory bird hunting season than Montana, the mecca of hunting? In addition, the Canada Goose population has become a major problem in many ways, especially more recently with the outbreaks of avian influenza, which they and other migratory waterfowl are known to carry and transmit to other birds, especially chickens.

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Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

I would like to recommend that for Zone 1 of the Central flyway that the seasons be set to be the same as in Zone 2. In most typical years, we have open water on Fort Peck Reservoir and on the Missouri River below said reservoir past the previous season close dates with many birds remaining in our area. Myself along with all of my hunting friends feel the same way....I just hope that they chime in and comment as well. Thank you for considering.

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Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

For the pacific flyway. There should be a split in the season or at least the southern half in the middle of October and then extended into January similar to the central flyway. The last few seasons weather has not arrived until later making the ducks and geese show up later as well.

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Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

I think the zone 1 season should be the same as it is and I also think Montana needs to look into the sept. 1 to sept. 15th early season.

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Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

I would like to see the season dates for zone 1 in the central fly way changed to the season dates of zone 2. Where I am from which is Valley county we are able to hunt waterfowl later in to January because the river below the dam usually does not freeze over plus if the lake is not froze over the birds have water to sit on and usually do not leave. As long as the water is open below the damn, which it usually is, and they can get to the food the birds usually do not leave. Our duck season usually closes around January 6th and goose around January 14th. After the seasons close, especially the duck season, we still have thousands of birds around to hunt. But are unable to because the seasons are closed. To me it makes no sense to have the season open in early October when the birds have not come down from Canada yet. Closing it like zone 2 in October for 12 days would allow us to hunt later into January when we actually have birds around. Another benefit of the split season in zone one would be the ability for us hunters to help out the ranchers whose silage pits are being eaten up by the waterfowl. I personally was called by 2 ranchers this last season to come hunt the silage pits to help keep the ducks off off of the silage. Duck poop when eaten by cows can make them sick. I would have liked to help them out longer but the duck season closed the first week of January and I had to tell them we could no longer help them. The last reason the central fly way should have the same dates as zone 2 is for easier regulations. Less confusing as to what zone and if the season is open or closed. Having the split season for all of the central fly way would benefit everyone, hunters, ranchers and the the FWP.

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Please comment on the 2023-24 Fall Migratory Bird Regulations.

I wish to retain the duck and goose split seasons. It allows the birds to settle in and have a respite while also providing later in the year opportunities when no other bird seasons are open. Thank you.
