

TEXT

AMENDING 6 NYCRR PART 2

6 NYCRR Section 2.30 is amended as follows:

Subdivision 2.30(a) remains unchanged.

Subdivision 2.30(b) is amended as follows:

(b) Hunting methods.

Migratory game birds on which open seasons are prescribed in this section may be taken by any method except those prohibited in this subdivision. No person shall take migratory game birds:

(1) with a trap, snare, net, [crossbow,] rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance, except that crows may be taken with a rifle;

(2) with a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells, except that this prohibition shall not apply to the taking of crows or to the taking of Canada geese during September or snow geese or Ross' geese in any area or zone when all other waterfowl hunting seasons are closed;

(3) from or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;

(4) from or by means, aid or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and person missing one or both legs may, with a permit issued by the Department of Environmental Conservation (department), take migratory game birds from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance;

(5) from or by means of any motor-driven boat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased; provided, that a craft under power may be used to retrieve dead or crippled birds. However, crippled birds may not be shot from such craft under power except in the special sea duck area as described in subparagraph (d)(6)(i) of this section;

(6) by the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl;

(7) by the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds, except that this prohibition shall not apply to the taking of crows at any time, [or ]to the taking of snow geese or Ross' geese in any area or zone when all other waterfowl hunting seasons are closed, and the taking of Canada geese during the September season when all other waterfowl hunting seasons are closed;

(8) by means or aid of any motor-driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in concentrating, driving, rallying or stirring up of any migratory bird; and

(9) by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area. As used in this paragraph, baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute for such birds a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them; and baited area means any area where shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting or enticing such birds is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered; and such area shall remain a baited area for 10 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed. However, nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit:

(i) the taking of all migratory game birds, including waterfowl, on or over standing crops, flooded standing crops (including aquatics), flooded harvested croplands, grain crops properly shucked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting; and

(ii) the taking of all migratory game birds, except waterfowl, on or over any lands where shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed has been distributed or scattered as the result of bona fide agricultural operations or procedures, or as a result of manipulation of a crop or other feed on the land where grown for wildlife management purposes; provided, that manipulation for wildlife management purposes does not include the distributing or scattering of grain or other feed once it has been removed from or stored on the field where grown.

Subdivision 2.30(c) remains unchanged.

Subdivisions 2.30(d) - 2.30(f) are amended as follows:

(d) Waterfowl hunting zones defined.

(1) Lake Champlain Zone: That area east and north of a continuous line extending along U.S. 11 from the New York-Canada International boundary south to NY 9B, south along NY 9B to U.S. 9, south along U.S. 9 to NY 22 south of Keesville; south along NY 22 to the west shore of South Bay, along and around the shoreline of South Bay to NY 22 on the east shore of South Bay;

southeast along NY 22 to U.S. 4, northeast along U.S. 4 to the Vermont State line.

(2) Long Island Zone: That area consisting of Nassau County, Suffolk County, that area of Westchester County southeast of I-95, and their tidal waters.

(3) Northeastern Zone: That area north of a continuous line extending from Lake Ontario east along the north shore of the Salmon River to I-81, south along I-81 to NY 31, east along NY 31 to NY 13, north along NY 13 to NY 49, east along NY 49 to NY 365, east along NY 365 to NY 28, east along NY 28 to NY 29, east along NY 29 to NY 22, north along NY 22 to Washington County Route 153, east along CR 153 to the New York-Vermont boundary, exclusive of the Lake Champlain Zone.

(4) Western Zone: That area west of a line extending from Lake Ontario east along the north shore of the Salmon River to I-81, and south along I-81 to the Pennsylvania State line.

(5) Southeastern Zone: The remaining portion of New York.

(6) Special hunting areas.

(i) The Special Sea Duck Area is defined as all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams in New York State seaward from the first upstream bridge.

(ii) Lake Champlain Goose Hunting Area: the same as the Lake Champlain Zone, as defined in paragraph (1) of this subdivision.

(iii) Northeast Goose Hunting Area: the same as the Northeastern Waterfowl Hunting Zone, as defined in paragraph (3) of this subdivision.

(iv) East Central Goose Hunting Area: the area of New York State lying inside of a continuous line extending from Interstate Route 81 in Cicero, east along Route 31 to Route 13, north along Route 13 to Route 49, east along Route 49 to Route 365, east along Route 365 to Route 28, east along Route 28 to Route 29, east along Route 29 to Route 147 at Kimball Corners, south along Route 147 to Schenectady County Route 40 (West Glenville Road), west along Route 40 to Touareuna Road, south along Touareuna Road to Schenectady County Route 59, south along Route 59 to State Route 5, east along Route 5 to the Lock 9 bridge, southwest along the Lock 9 bridge to Route 5S, southeast along Route 5S to Schenectady County Route 58, southwest along Route 58 to the NYS Thruway, south along the Thruway to Route 7, southwest along Route 7 to Schenectady County Route 103, south along Route 103 to Route 406, east along Route 406 to Schenectady County Route 99 (Windy Hill Road), south along Route 99 to Dunnsville Road, south along Dunnsville Road to Route 397, southwest along Route 397 to Route 146 at Altamont, west along Route 146 to Albany County Route 252, northwest along Route 252 to Schenectady County Route 131, north along Route 131 to Route 7, west along Route 7 to Route 10 at Richmondville, south on Route 10 to Route 23 at Stamford, west along Route 23 to Route 7 in Oneonta, southwest along Route 7 to Route 79 to Interstate Route 88 near Harpursville, west along Route 88 to Interstate Route 81, north along Route 81 to the point of beginning.

(v) West Central Goose Hunting Area: the area of New York State lying within a continuous line beginning at the point where the northerly extension of Route 269 (County Line Road on the Niagara-Orleans County boundary) meets the International boundary with Canada, south to the shore of Lake Ontario at the eastern boundary of Golden Hill State Park, south along the extension of Route 269 and Route 269 to Route 104 at Jeddo, west along Route 104 to Niagara County Route 271, south along Route 271 to Route 31E at Middleport, south along Route 31E to Route 31, west along Route 31 to Griswold Street, south along Griswold Street to Ditch Road, south along Ditch Road to Foot Road, south along Foot Road to the north bank of Tonawanda Creek, west along the north bank of Tonawanda Creek to Route 93, south along Route 93 to Route 5, east along Route 5 to Crittenden-Murrays Corners Road, south on Crittenden-Murrays Corners Road to the NYS Thruway, east along the Thruway 90 to Route 98 (at Thruway Exit 48) in Batavia, south along Route 98 to Route 20, east along Route 20 to Route 19 in Pavilion Center, south along Route 19 to Route 63, southeast along Route 63 to Route 246, south along Route 246 to Route 39 in Perry, northeast along Route 39 to Route 20A, northeast along Route 20A to Route 20, east along Route 20 to Route 364 (near Canandaigua), south and east along Route 364 to Yates County Route 18 (Italy Valley Road), southwest along Route 18 to Yates County Route 34, east along Route 34 to Yates County Route 32, south along Route 32 to Steuben County Route 122, south along

Route 122 to Route 53, south along Route 53 to Steuben County Route 74, east along Route 74 to Route 54A (near Pulteney), south along Route 54A to Steuben County Route 87, east along Route 87 to Steuben County Route 96, east along Route 96 to Steuben County Route 114, east along Route 114 to Schuyler County Route 23, east and southeast along Route 23 to Schuyler County Route 28, southeast along Route 28 to Route 409 at Watkins Glen, south along Route 409 to Route 14, south along Route 14 to Route 224 at Montour Falls, east along Route 224 to Route 228 in Odessa, north along Route 228 to Route 79 in Mecklenburg, east along Route 79 to Route 366 in Ithaca, northeast along Route 366 to Route 13, northeast along Route 13 to Interstate Route 81 in Cortland, north along Route 81 to the north shore of the Salmon River to shore of Lake Ontario, extending generally northwest in a straight line to the nearest point of the international boundary with Canada, south and west along the international boundary to the point of beginning.

(vi) Hudson Valley Goose Hunting Area: the area of New York State lying within a continuous line extending from Route 4 at the New York-Vermont boundary, west and south along Route 4 to Route 149 at Fort Ann, west on Route 149 to Route 9, south along Route 9 to Interstate Route 87 (at Exit 20 in Glens Falls), south along Route 87 to Route 29, west along Route 29 to Route 147 at Kimball Corners, south along Route 147 to Schenectady County Route 40 (West Glenville Road), west along Route 40 to Touareuna Road, south along Touareuna Road to Schenectady

County Route 59, south along Route 59 to State Route 5, east along Route 5 to the Lock 9 bridge, southwest along the Lock 9 bridge to Route 5S, southeast along Route 5S to Schenectady County Route 58, southwest along Route 58 to the NYS Thruway, south along the Thruway to Route 7, southwest along Route 7 to Schenectady County Route 103, south along Route 103 to Route 406, east along Route 406 to Schenectady County Route 99 (Windy Hill Road), south along Route 99 to Dunnsville Road, south along Dunnsville Road to Route 397, southwest along Route 397 to Route 146 at Altamont, southeast along Route 146 to Main Street in Altamont, west along Main Street to Route 156, southeast along Route 156 to Albany County Route 307, southeast along Route 307 to Route 85A, southwest along Route 85A to Route 85, south along Route 85 to Route 443, southeast along Route 443 to Albany County Route 301 at Clarksville, southeast along Route 301 to Route 32, south along Route 32 to Route 23 at Cairo, west along Route 23 to Joseph Chadderdon Road, southeast along Joseph Chadderdon Road to Hearts Content Road (Greene County Route 31), southeast along Route 31 to Route 32, south along Route 32 to Greene County Route 23A, east along Route 23A to Interstate Route 87 (the NYS Thruway), south along Route 87 to Route 28 (Exit 19) near Kingston, northwest on Route 28 to Route 209, southwest on Route 209 to the New York-Pennsylvania boundary, southeast along the New York-Pennsylvania boundary to the New York-New Jersey boundary, southeast along the New York-New Jersey boundary to Route

210 near Greenwood Lake, northeast along Route 210 to Orange County Route 5, northeast along Orange County Route 5 to Route 105 in the Village of Monroe, east and north along Route 105 to Route 32, northeast along Route 32 to Orange County Route 107 (Quaker Avenue), east along Route 107 to Route 9W, north along Route 9W to the south bank of Moodna Creek, southeast along the south bank of Moodna Creek to the New Windsor-Cornwall town boundary, northeast along the New Windsor-Cornwall town boundary to the Orange-Dutchess County boundary (middle of the Hudson River), north along the county boundary to Interstate Route 84, east along Route 84 to the Dutchess-Putnam County boundary, east along the county boundary to the New York-Connecticut boundary, north along the New York-Connecticut boundary to the New York-Massachusetts boundary, north along the New York-Massachusetts boundary to the New York-Vermont boundary, north to the point of beginning.

(viii) Western Long Island Goose Hunting Area: the area of Westchester County and its tidal waters southeast of Interstate Route 95 and that area of Nassau and Suffolk Counties lying west of a continuous line extending due south from the New York-Connecticut boundary to the northernmost end of Sound Road (just east of Wading River Marsh); then south on Sound Road to North Country Road; then west on North Country Road to Randall Road; then south on Randall Road to Route 25A, then west on Route 25A to the Sunken Meadow State Parkway; then south on the

Sunken Meadow Parkway to the Sagtikos State Parkway; then south on the Sagtikos Parkway to the Robert Moses State Parkway; then south on the Robert Moses Parkway to its southernmost end; then due south to international waters.

(ix) Eastern Long Island Goose Hunting Area: the area of Suffolk County lying east of a continuous line extending due south from the New York-Connecticut boundary to the northernmost end of Roanoke Avenue in the Town of Riverhead; then south on Roanoke Avenue (which becomes County Route 73) to State Route 25; then west on Route 25 to Peconic Avenue; then south on Peconic Avenue to County Route (CR) 104 (Riverleigh Avenue); then south on CR 104 to CR 31 (Old Riverhead Road); then south on CR 31 to Oak Street; then south on Oak Street to Potunk Lane; then west on Stevens Lane; then south on Jessup Avenue (in Westhampton Beach) to Dune Road (CR 89); then due south to international waters.

(x) Central Long Island Goose Hunting Area: the area of Suffolk County lying between the Western and Eastern Long Island Goose Areas, as defined above.

(xi) South Goose Area: The remainder of New York State, excluding New York City.

[(1) The Lake Champlain Zone comprises that area east and north of a continuous line extending along Route 11 from the New York-Canada boundary

south to Route 9B, south along Route 9B to Route 9, south along Route 9 to Route 22 south of Keeseville, south along Route 22 to the west shore of South Bay, along and around the shoreline of South Bay to Route 22 on the east shore of South Bay, southeast along Route 22 to Route 4, northeast along Route 4 to the New York-Vermont boundary.

(2) The Long Island Zone is Nassau County, Suffolk County, and that part of Westchester County east of Interstate Highway 95, and any tidal waters existing within these areas.

(3) The Northeastern Zone is that area north of a continuous line extending from Lake Ontario east along the north shore of the Salmon River to IR 81; thence south along IR 81 to Route 31; thence east along Route 31 to Route 13; thence north along Route 13 to Route 49; thence east along Route 49 to Route 365; thence east along Route 365 to Route 28; thence east along Route 28 to Route 29; thence east along Route 29 to IR 87; thence north along IR 87 to Route 9 (at Exit 20); thence north along Route 9 to Route 149; thence east along Route 149 to Route 4; thence north along Route 4 to the New York-Vermont boundary, exclusive of the Lake Champlain Zone.

(4) The Southeastern Zone is that area east of IR 81, that is south of a continuous line extending from IR 81 east along Route 31 to Route 13; thence north along Route 13 to Route 49; thence east along Route 49 to Route 365; thence east along Route 365 to Route 28; thence east along Route 28 to Route 29; thence east along Route 29 to IR 87; thence north along IR 87 to Route 9 (at Exit 20); thence north along Route 9 to Route 149; thence east along Route 149

to Route 4; thence north along Route 4 to the New York-Vermont boundary, and northwest of IR 95 in Westchester County.

(5) The Western Zone is that area west of a continuous line extending from Lake Ontario east along the north shore of the Salmon River to IR 81 and thence south along IR 81 to the New York-Pennsylvania boundary.

(6) Special hunting areas.

(i) The Special Sea Duck Area is defined as the coastal waters of New York State lying in Long Island Sound, Block Island Sound, Great Peconic Bay and associated bays eastward from a line running between Miamogue Point in the Town of Riverhead to Red Cedar Point in the Town of Southampton, and any ocean waters of New York State lying south of Long Island.

(ii) The Lake Champlain Goose Hunting Area is the same as the Lake Champlain Zone, as defined in paragraph (1) of this subdivision.

(iii) The Northeast Goose Hunting Area is the same as the Northeastern Zone, as defined in paragraph (3) of this subdivision.

(iv) The East Central Goose Hunting Area consists of the following WMUs: 4A, 4F, 6P, 6R, 6S, 7M, and 7P. The East Central Goose Hunting Area also includes those parts of WMUs 7F and 7J lying south of Route 31 and east of IR 81.

(v) The West Central Goose Hunting Area consists of the following WMUs: 7A, 7H, 8A, 8C, 8F, 8H, 8J, 8R, and 8S. The West Central Goose Hunting Area also includes: that part of WMU 6K lying west of a continuous line

extending along the north shore of the Salmon River from US Route 11 to IR 81, then south along Route 81 to Route 49; those parts of WMUs 7F and 7J lying west of IR 81; and that part of WMU 8G lying north and east of a continuous line extending along the New York State Thruway from Crittenden-Murrays Corners Road (near the Erie-Genesee County line) to Exit 48 in Batavia, then south along Route 98 to Route 20.

(vi) The Hudson Valley Goose Hunting Areas consists of the following WMUs: 3F, 3J, 3M, 4B, 4C, 4J, 4K, 4L, 4S, 4T, 4U, 4Y, 4Z, 5R, 5S and 5T (excluding that area that is within the Lake Champlain Zone); that part of WMU 5J lying east of a continuous line extending along IR 87 from Route 29 at Saratoga Springs north to Route 9 (at Exit 20), then north along Route 9 to Route 149; and that part of WMU 3G lying in Dutchess County.

(vii) The South Goose Hunting Area consists of the following WMUs: 3A, 3C, 3H, 3K, 3N, 3P, 3R, 4G, 4H, 4O, 4P, 4R, 4W, 7R, 7S, 8M, 8N, 8P, 8T, 8W, 8X, 8Y, 9A, 9C, 9F, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M, 9N, 9P, 9R, 9S, 9T, 9W, 9X, and 9Y. The South Goose Hunting Area also includes: that part of WMU 8G lying south and west of a continuous line extending along the New York State Thruway from Crittenden-Murrays Corners Road (near the Erie-Genesee County line) to Exit 48 in Batavia, then south along State Route 98 to State Route 20; that part of WMU 3G lying in Putnam County; and that part of WMU 3S lying north of IR 95.

(viii) The Western Long Island Goose Hunting Area is that area of Westchester County and its tidal waters southeast of Interstate Route 95

and that area of Nassau and Suffolk Counties lying west of a continuous line extending due south from the New York-Connecticut boundary to the northernmost end of the Sunken Meadow State Parkway; then south on the Sunken Meadow Parkway to the Sagtikos State Parkway; then south on the Sagtikos Parkway to the Robert Moses State Parkway; then south on the Robert Moses Parkway to its southernmost end; then due south to international waters.

(ix) The Central Long Island Goose Hunting Area is that area of Suffolk County lying between the Western and Eastern Long Island Goose Hunting Areas, as defined in subparagraphs (viii) and (x) of this paragraph.

(x) The Eastern Long Island Goose Hunting Area is that area of Suffolk County lying east of a continuous line extending due south from the New York-Connecticut boundary to the northernmost end of Roanoke Avenue in the Town of Riverhead; then south on Roanoke Avenue (which becomes County Route 73) to State Route 25; then west on Route 25 to Peconic Avenue; then south on Peconic Avenue to County Route (CR) 104 (Riverleigh Avenue); then south on CR 104 to CR 31 (Old Riverhead Road); then south on CR 31 to Oak Street; then south on Oak Street to Potunk Lane; then west on Stevens Lane; then South on Jessup Avenue (in Westhampton Beach) to Dune Road (CR 89); then due south to international waters.

(xi) The Special Late Canada Goose Hunting Area is that portion of the Central Long Island Goose Hunting Area lying north of State Route 25A and west of a continuous line extending northward from State Route 25A along Randall Road (near Shoreham) to North Country Road, then east to Sound Road and then north to Long Island Sound and then due north to the New York-Connecticut boundary.]

(e) Open seasons.

No person shall take migratory game birds except during open seasons, which are as follows:

(1) Season dates for migratory game birds except crows. Open season dates for migratory game birds, except crows, shall be those dates fixed annually by Federal regulation, as published annually in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of the Interior, unless indicated otherwise below.

(i) Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days. In addition to open seasons specified above, licensed junior hunters (12-15 years of age), accompanied as provided by subdivision 1 of section 11-0929 of the Environmental Conservation Law, who are licensed to hunt may take ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules as published annually in the Federal Register 50 CFR 20 by the U.S. Department of Interior. No licensed adult hunter accompanying a youth pursuant to this section shall carry firearm, longbow or crossbow. The licensed adult hunter accompanying a youth participating in the Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days shall possess a valid Federal migratory bird hunting and conservation

stamp and have a current Harvest Information Program (HIP) confirmation number. [Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days. In addition to open seasons specified above, licensed junior hunters (12-15 years of age), accompanied as provided by subdivision 1 of section 11-0929 of the Environmental Conservation Law, may take ducks, coot, mergansers, Canada geese, and brant on special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days, as published annually in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of the Interior. The adult companion shall not shoot any migratory game birds on those special days unless the respective seasons are open. The adult companion shall possess a valid Federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp and have a current Harvest Information Program (HIP) confirmation number on those special days.]

(ii) Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Hunt Days. In addition to open seasons specified above, licensed military veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) or members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training), may take ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules as published annually in the Federal Register 50 CFR 20 by the U.S. Department of Interior. Veteran and active military hunters must carry on their person at least one of the following forms of identification while participating in the Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl hunt days:

(1) Active duty identification card;

- (2) Actively participating Guard or Reservist identification card;
- (3) Retired military identification card;
- (4) New York State drivers license with Veteran Status;
- (5) Form DD214, Certificate of Discharge;
- (6) Form DD215, Corrected Certificate of Discharge.

([ii]iii) Special Snow Goose Harvest Program. Any person who has migratory game bird hunting privileges in New York, including a valid Harvest Information Program (HIP) confirmation number, may take "light geese" (snow geese and Ross' geese) in the Western, Northeastern, Southeastern, and Lake Champlain Zones from January 16 through April 15 annually, in addition to seasons published annually in the Federal Register. All migratory game bird hunting regulations and requirements shall apply to the taking of snow geese or Ross' geese during this period, except that use of recorded or electrically amplified calls or sound is allowed and use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shells is allowed. Any person who participates in the special snow goose harvest program must provide accurate and timely information on their activity and harvest upon request from the department.

(2) Season dates for crows. Crows may be taken statewide on any Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday falling on or between September 1 through March 31 annually.

(3) Falconry seasons. Properly licensed falconers may use trained raptors to take water fowl during falconry seasons described below:

(i) In the Western, Northeastern and Southeastern Zones, any ducks, coot, and mergansers for which regular seasons are established may be taken by falconers from October 1 through January 13. At all other times, taking of waterfowl by falconry is not allowed in these three zones except during the respective regular seasons for each species.

(ii) In the Long Island Zone, any ducks, coot, and mergansers for which regular seasons are established may be taken by falconry from November 1 through February 13. At all other times, taking of waterfowl by falconry is not allowed in this zone except during the respective regular seasons for each species.

(iii) In the Lake Champlain Zone, taking by falconry is not allowed except during the respective regular seasons for each species.

(f) Shooting and hawking hours.

No person may take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting or hawking (falconry) which are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily, for all species and seasons, except as follows:

(1) woodcock and crows may be taken from sunrise to sunset only;

(2) snow geese and Ross' geese may be taken from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset during the Special Snow Goose Harvest Program.

(3) Canada geese may be taken from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset during the September season.

Subdivision 2.30(g) remains unchanged.

Subdivision 2.30(h) is amended as follows:

(h) Federal duck stamp.

All persons 16 years of age or older hunting migratory ducks or geese, or acting as an adult companion for a junior hunter on any youth waterfowl hunt day, in addition to any required hunting license, are required to carry on their person a current Federal migratory bird hunting stamp Federal migratory-bird hunting stamp or e-stamp, validated as defined in the Federal Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013. [validated by their signature on the face of the stamp]

Subdivisions 2.30(i) through 2.30(r) remain unchanged.

Subdivision 2.30(s) is amended as follows:

(s) Publication of regulations.

Public notice of open seasons and bag limits for migratory game birds shall be provided by the department's annual syllabus of fish and wildlife laws and regulations and any other means that the department determines to be appropriate and effective, including posting on the department's public website and or press release. [department press release and any other means that the department determines to be appropriate and effective, including posting on the department's public website. Also, the department's annual syllabus of fish and wildlife laws and regulations shall include information advising migratory game bird hunters where they can obtain information regarding open seasons, bag limits, and other hunting regulations.]