

B. Sora and Virginia Rails

Season Dates: Begin September 15 and end December 1, 2003.

Daily Bag Limit: 25 sora and Virginia rails singly, or in the aggregate.

Possession Limit: 25.

C. Common Snipe

Season Dates: Begin September 15 and end December 1, 2003.

Daily Bag Limit: Eight common snipe.

D. Woodcock

Season Dates: Begin September 2 and end December 1, 2003.

Daily Bag Limit: Five woodcock.

E. Mourning Doves: 1837 and 1842 Ceded Territories

Season Dates: Begin September 2 and end October 30, 2003.

Daily Bag Limit: Fifteen mourning doves.

General Conditions

A. All tribal members will be required to obtain a valid tribal waterfowl hunting permit.

B. Except as otherwise noted, tribal members will be required to comply with tribal codes that will be no less restrictive than the model ceded territory conservation codes approved by federal courts in the *Lac Courte Oreilles v. State of Wisconsin (Voigt)* and *Mille Lacs Band v. State of Minnesota cases*. The respective Chapters 10 of these model codes regulate ceded territory migratory bird hunting. They parallel federal requirements as to hunting methods, transportation, sale, exportation and other conditions generally applicable to migratory bird hunting. They also automatically incorporate by reference the federal migratory bird regulations adopted in response to this proposal.

C. Particular regulations of note include:

1. Nontoxic shot will be required for all off-reservation waterfowl hunting by tribal members.

2. Tribal members in each zone will comply with tribal regulations providing for closed and restricted waterfowl hunting areas. These regulations generally incorporate the same restrictions contained in parallel State regulations.

3. Possession limits for each species are double the daily bag limit, except on the opening day of the season, when the possession limit equals the daily bag limit, unless otherwise noted above. Possession limits are applicable only to transportation and do not include birds which are cleaned, dressed, and at a member's primary residence. For purposes of enforcing bag and

possession limits, all migratory birds in the possession and custody of tribal members on ceded lands will be considered to have been taken on those lands unless tagged by a tribal or State conservation warden as taken on reservation lands. All migratory birds which fall on reservation lands will not count as part of any off-reservation bag or possession limit.

4. The baiting restrictions can be obtained at the Tribal office in the model ceded territory conservation codes. These codes will be amended to include language which parallels that in place for nontribal members as published in 64 FR 29804, June 3, 1999.

5. The shell limit restrictions of the model ceded territory conservation codes will be removed.

D. Michigan—Duck Blinds and Decoys. Tribal members hunting in Michigan will comply with tribal codes that contain provisions parallel to Michigan law regarding duck blinds and decoys.

(f) Kalispel Tribe, Kalispel Reservation, Usk, Washington (Tribal Members and Nontribal Hunters)**Nontribal Hunters on Reservation****Geese**

Season Dates: Open September 1, 2003, close September 15, 2003.

Daily Bag Limits: 5 and 10, respectively.

Tribal Hunters Within Kalispel Ceded Lands**Ducks**

Season Dates: Open September 15, 2003, close January 26, 2004.

Daily Bag Limit: 7 ducks, including no more than 2 female mallards, 1 canvasback, 1 pintail, 4 scaup, and 2 redheads.

Geese

Season Dates: Open September 1, 2003, close January 31, 2004.

Daily Bag Limit: 3 light geese and 4 dark geese. The daily bag limit is 2 brant and is in addition to dark goose limits.

General: Tribal members must possess a validated Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp and a tribal ceded lands permit.

(g) Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, Minnesota (Tribal Members Only)**Ducks**

Season Dates: Open September 13, close December 31, 2003.

Daily Bag Limits: 10 birds.

Geese

Season Dates: Open September 1, close December 31, 2003.

Daily Bag Limits: 10 geese.

General: Possession limits are twice the daily bag limits. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Nontoxic shot is required. Use of live decoys, bait, and commercial use of migratory birds are prohibited. Waterfowl may not be pursued or taken while using motorized craft.

(h) Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Manistee, Michigan (Tribal Members Only)**Canada Geese, White-fronted Geese, Snow Geese, Ross Geese, and Brant**

Season Dates: Open September 1, close November 30, 2003, for all species, and open for Canada geese only, January 1, close February 7, 2004.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits: 5 Canada geese and a combination of 10 of all other species. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Rails, Snipe, and Woodcock

Season Dates: Open September 1, close November 14, 2003.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits: 10 rails, 10 snipe, and 5 woodcock. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Mourning Doves

Season Dates: Open September 15, close November 14, 2003.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits: 10 and 20 doves, respectively.

General:

A. All tribal members are required to obtain a valid tribal resource card and 2003–04 hunting license.

B. Except as modified by the Service rules adopted in response to this proposal, these amended regulations parallel all Federal regulations contained in 50 CFR part 20.

C. Particular regulations of note include:

(1) Nontoxic shot will be required for all waterfowl hunting by tribal members.

(2) Tribal members in each zone will comply with tribal regulations providing for closed and restricted waterfowl hunting areas. These regulations generally incorporate the same restrictions contained in parallel State regulations.

(3) Possession limits for each species are double the daily bag limit, except on the opening day of the season, when the possession limit equals the daily bag limit, unless otherwise noted above.

D. Tribal members hunting in Michigan will comply with tribal codes that contain provisions parallel to Michigan law regarding duck blinds and decoys.