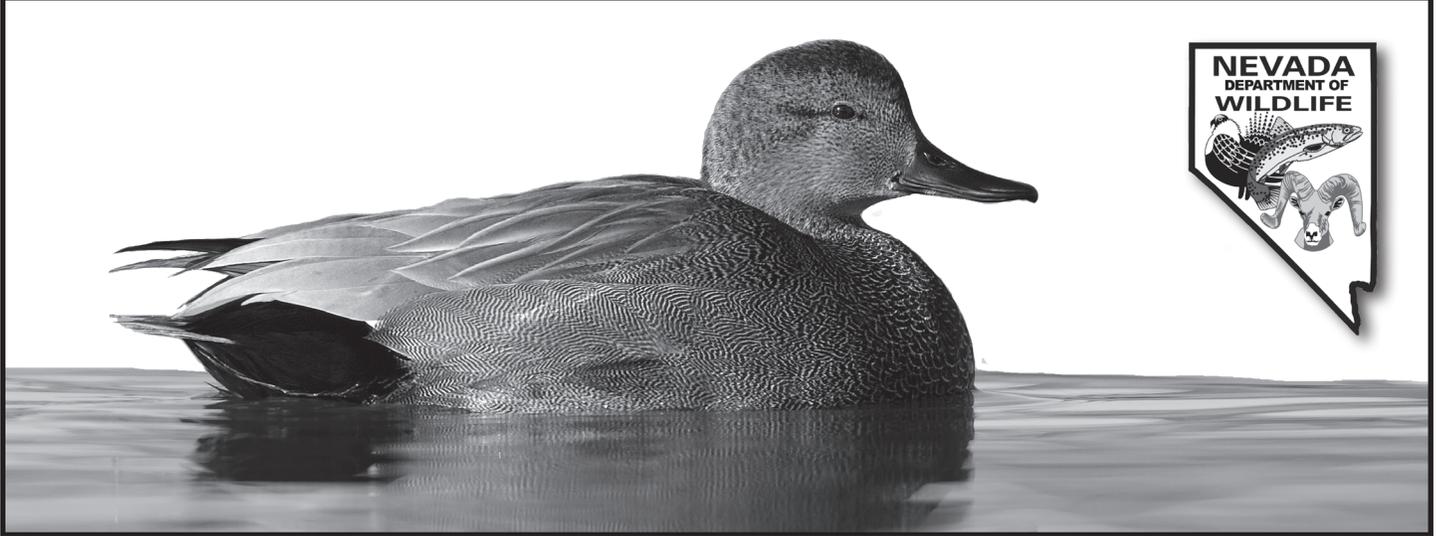


# NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

## 2012 – 2013 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS, LIMITS AND REGULATIONS

DUCKS • MERGANSERS • GEESE • SWANS • COOTS • MOORHENS • SNIPE • DOVE



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**STAMP REQUIREMENTS:** A Nevada State Duck Stamp (\$10) is required for any person 12-64 years old who hunts migratory game birds, except mourning or white-winged dove, snipe, coots, or moorhen. A Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Stamp (\$16 at NDOW) is required for any person age 16 or older who hunts any migratory waterfowl (ducks, mergansers, geese and swans).

**HUNTING HOURS** are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Shotguns must be plugged to limit overall shotshell capacity to **3** when hunting all migratory birds. (Note: See snow and Ross' geese season for exception.)

**SPECIES ID:** Head or fully feathered wing must remain attached to bird while in transit from the field to the hunter's residence for ducks, mergansers, coots and moorhens, snipe, geese and swan.

**2012-2013 MIGRATORY BIRD DATES AND LIMITS** are set by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners in CR 12-06 and CR 12-07.

Please see the 2012 *Nevada Hunting Guide* for laws and regulations, or to find an NDOW office near you.

**HIP NUMBER:** Any person, except a Nevada resident under 12, who plans to hunt any kind of migratory game bird, including ducks, geese, swans, coots, dove, snipe, or moorhens in Nevada this year, is required to ANNUALLY obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) validation number and write it on their hunting license before entering the field. The validation number is free and is available by simply calling 1-866-703-4605 or go online to [www.ndowlicensing.com](http://www.ndowlicensing.com). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is conducting the nationwide harvest survey.

Additionally, NDOW would like migratory bird hunters to complete an on-line questionnaire at the conclusion of the season.

*Nevada Department of Wildlife*

### DUCKS, MERGANSERS AND SCAUP

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<p><b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 22, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 6, 2013</p>	<p>7/14* (See special limit restrictions below table)</p>
<p><b>Northwest Zone</b> Oct. 13, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013</p>	<p>7/14* (See special limit restrictions below table)</p>
<p><b>South Zone Lincoln County Portion</b> Oct. 13, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013</p>	<p>7/14* (See special limit restrictions below table)</p>
<p><b>South Zone Clark County Portion</b> Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013</p>	<p>7/14* (See special limit restrictions below table)</p>

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

**\*LIMIT:** The combined daily limit on all ducks is 7, including not more than 2 hen mallards, 2 pintail, 2 redheads and 1 canvasback. The possession limit is twice the daily limit.

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 15, 2012 and Jan. 12, 2013	Daily bag limit is the same as that for the general seasons for ducks, mergansers, geese, coots and moorhens. Limits singly or in the aggregate for Canada and white-fronted geese. Limits singly or in the aggregate for Snow and Ross' geese.*
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Sept. 29, 2012 and Feb. 9, 2013	
<b>Southern Zone</b> Feb. 9–10, 2013	
<b>Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA</b> Oct. 20, 2012 Feb. 9–10, 2013	

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

**OPEN** to hunters 15 years of age or younger. (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.

\*Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine counties is closed to hunting for Snow and Ross' geese.

## AMERICAN CROW

Season Dates	Open Counties	Limits Daily/ Possession
Sept. 1 – Nov. 17, 2012 and March 1 – April 15, 2013	Statewide	10

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION

**Shotguns only.**

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

All crows must be retrieved and removed from the field.

**NOTE:** Season closed on common ravens.

## ZONE DESIGNATIONS

### NORTHEAST ZONE

Elko and White Pine Counties

### NORTHWEST ZONE

Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey and Washoe Counties.

### SOUTH ZONE

Lincoln and Clark Counties

## CANADA & WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 22, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 6, 2013	3/6
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Oct. 13, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	3/6
<b>South Zone Lincoln County Portion</b> Oct. 13, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	3/6
<b>South Zone Clark County Portion</b> Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	3/6

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

## ATTENTION WOOD DUCK HUNTERS

A research project is currently underway to study wood ducks in western Nevada. At hatch, a webtag is attached to ducklings. This webtag resembles a small staple with engraved numbers and is attached in the webbing of a foot. If you harvest a wood duck with a webtag, please contact Chris Nicolai by phone at (775) 861-6333 or e-mail at [Chris\\_Nicolai@fws.gov](mailto:Chris_Nicolai@fws.gov).

## COMMON SNIPE

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 22, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 6, 2013	8/16
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Oct. 13, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	8/16
<b>South Zone Lincoln County Portion</b> Oct. 13, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	8/16
<b>South Zone Clark County Portion</b> Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	8/16

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:**  
**OPEN** to nonresidents.

## COOTS & COMMON MOORHENS

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 22, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 6, 2013	25/25
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Oct. 13, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	25/25
<b>South Zone Lincoln County Portion</b> Oct. 13, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	25/25
<b>South Zone Clark County Portion</b> Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	25/25

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:**  
**OPEN** to nonresidents.

## MOURNING AND WHITE-WING DOVE

Season Dates	Open Counties	Limits Daily/Possession
Sept. 1–30, 2012	Statewide	10/20

**NEW:** Hunters planning an opening day or opening weekend hunt at the Overton WMA must now submit their reservation request via a paper application. The application must be received at the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Headquarters Office in Reno no later than 5 p.m. July 11 and must be delivered only through a postal service. A public drawing will be conducted at the Headquarters Office at 10 a.m. July 25 and successful applicants will receive their confirmation by return mail..

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION

**SHOOTING HOURS:** One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.  
**Shotguns must be plugged** to limit overall shotshell capacity to 3 when hunting dove.

**OPEN to nonresidents.**

**Limits:** Limits for mourning dove and white-winged dove are singly or in aggregate.

**NOTE:** The Eurasian Collared Dove is an unprotected species, and does not count towards your bag limit.

**HIP Requirements:** Any person 12 years or older who hunts dove is required to obtain a Harvest Information Program number **ANNUALLY** by calling 1-866-703-4605 or on the internet at [www.ndowlicensing.com](http://www.ndowlicensing.com)

## SNOW & ROSS' GEESE

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Nov. 3, 2012 - Jan. 6, 2013 Feb. 10, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2013	10/20
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Nov. 3, 2012 - Jan. 27, 2013 Feb. 10, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2013	10/20
<b>South Zone</b> Nov. 3, 2012 - Jan. 27, 2013	10/20

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

**LIMIT:** Singly or in the aggregate.

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

**NOTE:** Restrictions on three (3) shotshell capacity and electronic calls do **NOT** apply during the Feb. 10-28 season.

**CLOSED:** Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties.  
**CLOSED:** Kirch WMA, Mason Valley WMA and Scripps WMA/ Washoe State Park during Feb. 10-Feb. 28, 2013 season.

## SWAN

Season Dates	Open Counties	Limits Daily/Possession
Oct. 13, 2012 – Jan. 6, 2013	Churchill Lyon Pershing	1 swan per day (maximum two swan permits per season)

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION

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](http://www.huntnevada.com). Permits are to be awarded through an initial drawing.

**Deadline:** Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday September 14, 2012. 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 be provided by Wednesday, October 3rd, 2012.

Beginning on Monday, October 8, 2012 any remaining swan hunt permits will be available on a first come, first served basis, online at [www.huntnevada.com](http://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 Monday, October 8, 2012. 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.

**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.**

**If a total harvest of five (5) trumpeter swans is reached, the swan season is closed for the remainder of the season.**

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.

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.

## FALCONRY SEASONS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 22, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 6, 2013	3/6
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Oct. 13, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	3/6
<b>South Zone Lincoln County Portion</b> Oct. 13, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2012 Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	3/6
<b>South Zone Clark County Portion</b> Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013	3/6

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

**LIMITS:** Singly for all permitted migratory game birds or in the aggregate.

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

**HAWKING HOURS:** 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

\*Migratory game bird species allowed for take include: geese, ducks, mergansers, coots, common moorhens and common snipe.

### Nontoxic shot requirements in Nevada (NAC 503.183)

1. A hunter of ducks, mergansers, geese, swans, coots, moorhens or snipe shall use nontoxic shot in muzzleloaders or in shells for a shotgun when hunting in this state.
2. The possession of shells for a shotgun which contain other than nontoxic shot is prohibited while hunting any birds designated in subsection 1.
3. The possession of shot for a muzzle-loading shotgun other than nontoxic shot is prohibited while hunting any birds designated in subsection 1.

“Nontoxic shot” means any shot which has been approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to 50 C.F.R. Part 20.134.

### PLEASE REPORT BIRD BANDS

Go to [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov)

or call

**1-800-327-BAND (2263)**



# PUBLIC HUNTING LIMITED ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND DESIGNATED STATE LANDS

## SCRIPPS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA and WASHOE LAKE STATE PARK

1. During any waterfowl season open within the hunt zone, hunting is permitted seven days a week.

## MASON VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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 Wildlife Management Area 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.

2. AREAS CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING ADJACENT TO THE FT. CHURCHILL WATERFOWL SANCTUARY: Those portions of SE corner of Section 36, T.15N, R.25E; W ½ of Section 31, T.15N, R.26E, and N ½ of Section 1, T.14N, R.25E, M.D. & M. are closed to hunting as posted.

3. The following area within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area is designated as a CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE and will be closed to all persons five (5) days prior to the last Saturday in November through the end of the controlled goose hunting season, except for those persons having a valid Mason Valley controlled goose hunting reservation, described in #5 below. Prior to and after the described closure dates, all legal hunting is allowed within the CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE. The CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE includes those portions of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area within Sections 1, 2 and 12, T.14N, R.25E; Section 35, T.15N, R.25E; Sections 6 and 7, T.14N, R.26E, and Section 31, T.15N, R.26E, M.D.B. & M. as posted. The assigned blinds for the controlled goose hunt and Family Hunt are located in farm fields MV-8, 10 and 11, and B-11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. A lottery is held the morning of the hunt to determine blind assignments for those parties awarded a hunt reservation as described in #5 below. If blinds are still available after the first lottery for parties with reservations, a special lottery will be held for standby hunters present at 5:30 a.m.

4. Two Saturdays in mid-December will be set aside as Family Hunt Days, when all of the blinds in the CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE will be available for Family Hunt Day applicants as described in #5 below. The Wednesdays prior to the Family Hunt Days will be open for all other applicants as described in #5 below. If a standby lottery is invoked on Family Hunt Days, preference will be given to those parties containing at least one hunter 15 years of age or younger on that hunt day.

5. Hunt permit applications for the CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area are available through the Headquarters Office in Reno, the Western Region Office in Fallon or on the NDOW website at ndow.org. Unless their privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident is eligible to apply once for a hunt reservation. A person whose name appears on more than one

application will be rejected from the drawing. Hunt applications will be accepted for groups no larger than four individuals, and all members of a group must hunt from the same assigned location. Any application submitted for Family Hunt Days must include at least one licensed hunter who will be 15 years old or younger on the day of the hunt. Applications for the Special Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area Goose Hunt shall be received at the Headquarters Office in Reno (through a postal service only) no later than the second Wednesday in October. A public drawing will be held at the Headquarters Office in Reno at 10:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday in October. Successful applicants will receive a reservation confirmation by return mail.

## FT. CHURCHILL COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

1. From October 1, through the Friday preceding the second Saturday of February, the area shall be closed to trespass.

## OVERTON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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 the 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 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on:

- a) the opening weekend of the earliest opening waterfowl

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- 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 the 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 Wildlife Management Area

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

The Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area

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 Wildlife Management Area: 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 Wildlife Management Area 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](http://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. Applications for the dove hunt at the Overton Wildlife Management Area 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.

3. Waterfowl Opening Day/Weekend Reservation Process:

Hunters wishing to make reservations for the first two days of the duck and goose seasons at the Overton Wildlife Management Area and the opening day of the duck and goose seasons at the Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area 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](http://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. Applications for these waterfowl hunts 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 Las Vegas regional office at 10:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday in September. Successful applicants will receive a reservation confirmation by return mail.

4. Waterfowl Remainder of Season Reservation Process:

Reservations for the remainder of the waterfowl hunting season at the Overton Wildlife Management Area must be made in person (or by a representative) at the Las Vegas or Henderson offices or at the Overton Wildlife Management Area. 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 Wildlife Management Area, 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 Wildlife Management Area or failure to check out at the Overton Wildlife Management Area 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 Wildlife Management Area, 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 Wildlife Management Area, 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.