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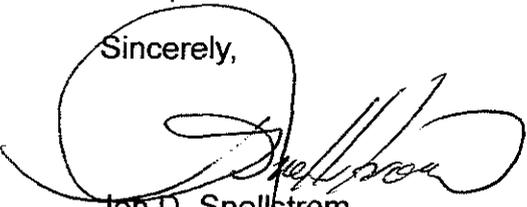
May 25, 2007

TO ALL AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

This is to provide you with a copy of the notice of proposed regulatory action relating to the Upland Game Bird Hunting, which will appear in the California Regulatory Notice Register on May 25, 2007

Please note the dates of the public hearings related to this matter and associated deadlines for receipt of written comments.

Sincerely,


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Attachment

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**TITLE 14. Fish and Game Commission
Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fish and Game Commission (Commission), pursuant to the authority vested by sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, 205, 206, 208, 215, 220, 240, 355, 3000, and 3270, of the Fish and Game Code and to implement, interpret or make specific sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, 215, 220, 355, 356, 3000, 3270, 3500 and 4304 of said Code, proposes to amend sections 251.7, 257, 300 and 600, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Possession of Game Birds, Resident Small Game Defined, Seasons and Bag Limits for Upland Game Birds and Regulations for Licensed Game Bird Clubs.

Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

1. Possession, Transportation, and Importation of Game Birds

Current regulations do not require resident game birds, once killed, to be kept in a condition where the species can be identified. Most migratory game birds are required to have a fully feathered wing or head attached while in the field or being transported. Regulations require that pheasants be kept in a condition where sex can be determined. In some locations, hunting seasons for quail are different than hunting seasons for different species in the same area. Unless there is a requirement to maintain a way of readily identifying the carcass of a game bird in the field, enforcement of species specific regulations is difficult. This proposal would change subsection 251.7(b) to require that a head or feathered wing be retained on all game birds while they are being transported.

2. Resident Small Game Defined (addition of Eurasian collared-doves), and Season Bag Limit for Doves

Current wording of Section 257 does not list Eurasian collared-doves as a resident small game species. This dove has become established in much of the U.S., including southern California, and is considered by some to be an invasive species, since its range and population are expanding rapidly. Because it is not specifically listed as a resident game species in Section 257, it is considered a non-game species and may not be taken. Chinese spotted doves and ringed turtle-doves are listed in Section 257 as small game species. This proposal would add Eurasian collared-doves to Section 257, which would eliminate the unnecessary protection of them while providing additional opportunity for hunters.

In addition, this proposal would add Eurasian-collared doves to subsection 300(b), and include them in the existing season and bag limit for doves.

3. Sage Grouse Hunting Permits

Existing regulations [subsection 300(a)(1)(D)4.] allow 125 two-bird permits for the East Lassen Zone, 50 two-bird permits for the Central Lassen Zone, 20 one-bird permits for the North Mono Zone, and 35 one-bird permits for the South Mono Zone. Under the current regulatory cycle, the Fish and Game Commission notice hearing date for sage grouse regulation changes occurs in

May. However, the final sage grouse population survey results are not available until after the date that the Department must submit proposed regulation changes to the Commission. The Department is proposing a range of maximum and minimum hunting permit numbers to the Commission, with the provision that the actual number of permits recommended for each hunt will be based on strutting ground counts conducted in April.

To allow the Department to recommend appropriate hunting permit quotas which reflect the results of population surveys, ranges of permit quotas are proposed at this preliminary stage of the regulation review process. The proposed ranges are 10 to 375 permits for the East Lassen Zone, 10 to 175 permits for the Central Lassen Zone, 10 to 100 permits for the North Mono Zone, and 10 to 100 permits for the South Mono and Inyo Zone.

4. Youth Hunting Season for Turkeys

This proposal is to add a youth spring hunting season for turkey. Under this proposal, hunters with junior hunting licenses would be allowed to hunt with any method authorized for the taking of turkey during the extended archery season for turkeys. The Department believes that, since only bearded turkeys (the vast majority of which are males) would be legal to take during this season, turkey populations would not be adversely affected. Under current regulations, roughly ten percent of the estimated turkey population statewide is taken by hunters annually. The proposed youth hunting season is not expected to add substantially to the annual harvest.

5. Licensed Game Bird Clubs – Shooting Hours

Shooting hours for taking domestically reared game birds on licensed game bird clubs are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset [subsection 600(a)(11)(A)]. This has caused confusion for hunters and some difficulty for Department Enforcement personnel, since shooting hours for waterfowl and most other upland game birds end at sunset. Also, shooting hours for pheasants begin at 8:00, not one-half hour before sunrise. This proposal is to make shooting hours for domestically reared game birds on licensed game bird clubs consistent with shooting hours for upland game birds in general.

6. A change is proposed to correct the printing error which inadvertently changed the closing date of the General Quail Season [subsection 300(a)(1)(B)1.a.].

7. Minor editorial changes are proposed for clarity and consistency.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held in the Truckee Donner Public Utility District Board Room, 11570 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, California, on June 8, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held in the Bridgeport Memorial Hall, 75 North School Street,

Bridgeport, California, on July 13, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. It is requested, but not required, that written comments be submitted on or before July 9, 2007 at the address given below, or by fax at (916) 653-5040, or by e-mail to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Written comments mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the Commission office, must be received before 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2007. All comments must be received no later than July 13, 2007, at the hearing in Bridgeport, CA. If you would like copies of any modifications to this proposal, please include your name and mailing address.

The regulations as proposed in strikeout-underline format, as well as an initial statement of reasons, including environmental considerations and all information upon which the proposal is based (rulemaking file), are on file and available for public review from the agency representative, John Carlson, Jr., Executive Director, Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090, phone (916) 653-4899. Please direct requests for the above mentioned documents and inquiries concerning the regulatory process to John Carlson, Jr., or Jon Snellstrom at the preceding address or phone number. **Mr. Rob Allen, Enforcement, Department of Fish and Game, phone (916) 651-9953, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations.** Copies of the Initial Statement of Reasons, including the regulatory language, may be obtained from the address above. Notice of the proposed action shall be posted on the Fish and Game Commission website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov>.

Availability of Modified Text

If the regulations adopted by the Commission differ from but are sufficiently related to the action proposed, they will be available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date of adoption. Any person interested may obtain a copy of said regulations prior to the date of adoption by contacting the agency representative named herein.

If the regulatory proposal is adopted, the final statement of reasons may be obtained from the address above when it has been received from the agency program staff.

Impact of Regulatory Action

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

(a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The proposed regulation change is sufficiently minor that there would be no significant impact to businesses.

(b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing

Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California: None.

(c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business:

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

(d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.

(e) Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None.

(f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts: None.

(g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed Under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: None.

(h) Effect on Housing Costs: None.

Effect on Small Business

It has been determined that the adoption of these regulations may affect small business.

Consideration of Alternatives

must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Commission, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Commission, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Dated: May 15, 2007

John Carlson, Jr.
Executive Director

Section 251.7, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§ 251.7. Possession, Transportation and Importation of Game Birds.

- (a) No person may possess ~~game~~ any birds taken in this state in excess of the daily bag and possession limits. The exception to this is for the purpose of transportation, cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services, where an individual may possess game birds taken by another hunter provided that they are tagged by the hunter who has lawfully taken them. The tag must contain the hunter's name, address, hunting license number, kinds and numbers of game birds taken, date and location of kill, and signature.
 - (b) ~~Migratory All game birds, except band-tailed pigeons, including migratory game birds, possessed or transported within California must have a fully feathered wing or head attached while being until moved from the place where taken into a personal abode or commercial preservation facility or being prepared for immediate consumption.~~ Doves must have a fully feathered wing attached.
 - (c) Migratory game birds imported into California shall be accompanied by a declaration of entry as prescribed in Section 2353 of the Fish and Game Code.
 - (d) Only one possession limit of migratory game birds may be possessed per individual after the close of the season for that species.
- Note: Authority cited: Sections 202 and 355, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 202, 355 and 356, Fish and Game Code.

Section 257, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§ 257. Resident Small Game Defined.

"Resident small game" means the following resident game birds: Chinese spotted doves, ~~Eurasian collared doves, ringed turtle doves, turtle doves~~ of the family Columbidae, California quail and varieties thereof, ~~Gambel's~~ Gambel's or desert quail, mountain quail and varieties thereof, blue grouse and varieties thereof, ruffed grouse, sage grouse (sage hens), white-tailed ptarmigan, Hungarian partridges, ~~red-legged~~ red-legged partridges, including the chukar and other varieties, ring-necked pheasants and varieties, and wild turkeys of the order Galliformes; and the following game mammals: jackrabbits and varying hares (genus *Lepus*), cottontail rabbits, brush rabbits, pigmy rabbits (genus *Sylvilagus*), and tree squirrels (genus *Sciurus* and *Tamiasciurus*).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202 and 203, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 207, ~~208~~, 3500, 3800 and 3950, Fish and Game Code.

Section 300, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

300. UPLAND GAME BIRDS.

(a) Resident Upland Game Birds

- (1) General Seasons: Shotgun; Crossbow; and Pistol/Revolver for Blue/Ruffed Grouse Only; Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas

(see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 311)

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(A) Pheasants	The second Saturday in November extending for 44 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 males per day for the first 2 days of the season; 3 males per day after the first two days of the season Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
3. Area: Statewide		
Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(B) Quail [including California (valley) quail, mountain quail, and Gambel's (desert) quail]	See area zone descriptions for details	Bag Limit: 10 quail in any combination of species per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
Mountain Quail only:	a. Early Mountain Quail Season (Zone AQ1) - The second Saturday in September extending through the Friday prior to the third Saturday in October	
All species:	General Quail Season (Zone AQ1) The third Saturday in October extending through the last Saturday-Sunday in January	
All species:	b. Early Coastal Season (Zone BQ2) - The last Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January	
All species:	c. Balance of the State Season (Zone GQ3) - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January	
QUAIL HUNTING ZONE AREA DESCRIPTIONS		
3. Area Zone Descriptions:		
a. Zone AQ1: The early mountain quail season hunting zone includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, and those portions of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, and Yuba counties lying east of the western boundary of the national forests.		
b. Zone BQ2: The early coastal quail season (all species) hunting zone includes the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino.		
c. Zone GQ3: The balance of the state season (all species) hunting zone includes the remaining land area not included in Zone B Zone Q2 the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino).		
Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(C) Chukar (Red-Legged Partridges)	The third Saturday in October through the last Sunday in January	Bag Limit: 6 chukar per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
3. Area: Statewide		
Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(D) Sage Grouse	The second Saturday in September extending for two consecutive days	See area open zone descriptions (Section subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3.) East Lassen and Central Lassen zones: Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day, 2 per season Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season North Mono and South Mono zones: Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day, 1 per season Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season

SAGE GROUSE HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS AND PERMIT PROCESS

3. Area Open Zone Descriptions:

a. **East Lassen Zone:**

That portion of Lassen County beginning at the intersection of Highway 395 and County Road 502 in the town of Ravendale; north and east on County Road 502 to County Road 526 (Buckhorn Road); east on County Road 526 to the Nevada state line; south along the Nevada state line to its intersection with County Road 320 (Wendel-Flanigan Road); northwest on County Road 320 to its intersection with Highway 395 between Wendel and Litchfield north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

b. **Central Lassen Zone:**

That portion of Lassen County beginning at the intersection of Highway 139 and County Road 513 (Termo-Grasshopper Road); east on County Road 513 to its intersection with County Road 523 (Westside Road); north on County Road 523 to its intersection with County Road 525 (Brockman Road); east on County Road 525 to its intersection with Highway 395; south on Highway 395 to its intersection with Highway 36 in the town of Johnstonville; west on Highway 36 to its intersection with Highway 139 in Susanville; north on Highway 139 to the point of beginning.

c. **North Mono Zone:**

That portion on Mono County beginning at the intersection of Highway 182 and the California-Nevada state line; south and east along the California-Nevada state line to Highway 167; west along Highway 167 to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to Highway 182 at Bridgeport; north along Highway 182 to the point of beginning.

d. **South Mono Zone:**

That portion of Mono County beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 6 and U.S. Highway 395; north along U.S. Highway 6 to the intersection of U.S. Highway 120; west along U.S. Highway 120 to the intersection of the Benton Crossing Road; west along Benton Crossing Road to the intersection of Owens River Road; west along Owens River Road to the intersection of U.S. Highway 395; south along U.S. Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

No open season in the balance of the state not included in the above open zones.

4. Number of Permits:

- a. **East Lassen Zone:** 425 10-375 permits
- b. **Central Lassen Zone:** 50 10-175 permits
- c. **North Mono Zone:** 20 10-100 permits
- d. **South Mono and Inyo Zone:** 35 10-100 permits

5. Permit Process:

The free sage grouse hunting permits shall be issued by public drawing. All applicants shall apply either on a postcard or through the Internet at the License and Revenue Branch Home Page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lrb> and select sage grouse drawing. All applicants must provide their name, address, zip code, hunting license number, and the zone they wish to hunt. Applicants shall submit only one drawing application for either the East Lassen Zone, Central Lassen Zone, North Mono Zone, or the South Mono and Inyo Zone. Up to four hunters may apply as a party. All hunters' names, addresses, and hunting license numbers must be included on the application. Postcard applications for all hunts shall be mailed to the Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 3244-S Street, in Sacramento, California, 95846. Applications must be received before the close of the business day on the second Monday of August for all open zones (East Lassen Zone, Central Lassen Zone, North Mono Zone, or the South Mono and Inyo Zone). Successful applicants will be notified by mail prior to the opening date of the season. Permits are nontransferable. Any permits remaining after the drawing will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and will be advertised by news release following each drawing. Applications for remaining permits shall be mailed to the above address with the same required information. Successful drawing applicants previously selected, or hunt party members, may not apply for remaining permits.

6. Falconry Only Permits:

Applicants desiring to use a sage grouse permit during the falconry-only season must declare upon the application that the permit is for falconry only.

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(E) Blue and Ruffed Grouse	The second Saturday in September extending for 31 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 grouse per day Bag Limit Makeup: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 2 blue grouse • up to 2 ruffed grouse • or one of each Possession Limit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • double the daily bag limit (4 grouse)

BLUE AND RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

3. Area Open Zone: The open hunting zone for blue and ruffed grouse includes the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba. All other counties are closed to the taking of blue or ruffed grouse.

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(F) White-tailed Ptarmigan	The second Saturday in September extending for nine consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 ptarmigan per day, 2 per season Possession Limit: 2 per season

PTARMIGAN HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

3. Area Open Zone: The open hunting zone for ptarmigan includes Alpine County and that portion of Mono County lying north and west of a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 203 and the Madera County line; east on Highway 203 to Highway 395; and north on Highway 395 to the Nevada state line.

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(G) Wild Turkeys	a. Fall Season - The second Saturday in November extending for 16 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day, 1 per season Possession Limit: 1 per season
	b. Spring Season - The last Saturday in March extending for 37 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day, 3 per season. No person shall take more than a total of 3 turkeys during the general archery and additional season for junior hunters, combined.
	c. Additional Spring Season for Hunters with Junior Hunting Licenses - The day following the close of the general spring turkey season extending for 14 consecutive days	Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)

3. Area:

- a. **Fall Season:**
All counties except San Diego County
- b. **Spring Season:**
Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County

(2) Archery Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas

(see Authorized Methods of Take, sections 311 and 354)

<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
(A) Pheasants	The second Saturday in November extending for 60 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 pheasants per day for the first 2 days of the season; 3 pheasants per day after the first two days of the season Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit; the daily archery bag may contain not more than one female pheasant
3. Area: Statewide		
<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
(B) Quail (all species)	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days and during the general seasons as follows:	Bag Limit: 10 quail in any combination of species per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
Mountain Quail only:	a. Early Mountain Quail Season (Zone AQ1) - The second Saturday in September extending through the Friday prior to the third Saturday in October	
All species:	General Quail Season (Zone AQ1) - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January	
All species:	b. Early Coastal Season (Zone BQ2) - The last Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January	
All species:	c. Balance of the State Season (Zone EQ3) - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January	
3. Area: Statewide		
<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
(C) Chukar	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days and during the general season	Bag Limit: 6 chukar Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
3. Area: Statewide		
<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
(D) Sage Grouse	The second Saturday in September extending for 2 consecutive days	See area open zone descriptions (Section 300(a)(1)(D)3), which include portions of Lassen, Mono, and Inyo counties. Hunting by free permit only; see permit process section for details. East Lassen and Central Lassen zones: Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day, 2 per season Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season North Mono and South Mono and Inyo zones: Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day, 1 per season Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season
3. Area: Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details [Section 300(a)(1)(D)3], which include portions of Lassen, Mono, and Inyo counties. Hunting by free permit only; see permit process section for details.		
<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
(E) Blue and Ruffed Grouse	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days and during the general season from the second Saturday in September extending for 31 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 grouse per day Bag Limit Makeup: • up to 2 blue grouse • up to 2 ruffed grouse • or one of each Possession Limit: • double the daily bag limit (4 grouse)
3. Area: Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details [Section 300(a)(1)(E)3], which include northern and eastern portions of the state		
<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
(F) White-Tailed Ptarmigan	The second Saturday in September extending for nine consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 ptarmigan per day, 2 per season Possession Limit: 2 per season
3. Area: Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details [Section 300(a)(1)(F)3], which include portions of Alpine and Mono counties		
<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>

(G) Wild Turkeys	a. Fall Season - The second Saturday in November extending for 16 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day, <u>1 per season</u> Possession Limit: 1 per season
	b. Spring Season - The last Saturday in March extending for 51 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day, <u>3 per season</u> . <u>No person shall take more than a total of 3 turkeys during the general archery, and additional season for junior hunters, combined.</u> Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)

3. Area:
- a. **Fall Season:**
All counties except San Diego County
 - b. **Spring Season:**
Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County

(3) Falconry Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas

(see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 311)

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits and Hawking Hours
(A) Pheasants (B) Quail (C) Chukar (D) Blue and Ruffed Grouse (E) White-Tailed Ptarmigan	October 1 extending through the last day in February	Bag and Possession Limits: same as general season regulations by species. The daily falconry bag may contain birds of either sex. Hawking hours are sunrise to sunset.

3. Area:
See open zone descriptions for details on each species [Section subsection 300(a)(1)]

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits and Hawking Hours
(F) Sage Grouse	The first Saturday in November extending for 60 consecutive days, and during the general season	See area open zone descriptions (Section subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3.) East Lassen and Central Lassen zones: Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day, <u>2 per season</u> Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season North Mono and South Mono and Inyo zones: Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day, <u>2 per season</u> Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season Hawking hours are sunrise to sunset.

3. Area:
See open zone descriptions [Section 300(a)(1)(D)3 subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3.]; hunting by free permit only; see permit process section for details [Section 300(a)(1)(D)5 subsection (300(a)(1)(D)5.].

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits and Hawking Hours
(G) Wild Turkeys	a. Fall Season - The second Saturday in November extending for 16 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day Possession Limit: 1 per season
	b. Spring Season - The last Saturday in March extending for 37 consecutive days Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County	Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)

3. Area:
a. **Fall Season:**
All counties except San Diego County
b. **Spring Season:**
Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County

(b) Migratory Upland Game Birds (1) Shotgun, Archery, and Falconry Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits (see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 507)	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
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(A) Band-Tailed Pigeons
 a. **Northern Zone** - The third Saturday in September extending for 9 consecutive days
 b. **Southern Zone** - The third Saturday in December extending for 9 consecutive days
 Bag Limit:
 2 band-tailed pigeons per day
 Possession Limit:
 double the daily bag limit

**BAND-TAILED PIGEON HUNTING
 ZONE DESCRIPTIONS**

3. Area Open Zone Descriptions:
 a. **Northern Zone:**
 Includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity.
 b. **Southern Zone:**
 Includes the balance of the state not included in the northern zone described above.

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(B) Doves (Mourning doves, white-winged doves, spotted doves, <u>Eurasian collared-doves</u> , and ringed turtle doves)	September 1 - 15 and from the second Saturday in November extending for an an additional 45 days	Bag Limit: Spotted doves, <u>Eurasian collared-doves</u> , and ringed turtle doves shall be included in the bag and possession limit set for the mourning doves and white-winged doves. 10 doves per day in aggregate of the above listed dove Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit in aggregate of the above listed dove
3. Area: Note: There is no open hunting season on common ground-doves, ruddy ground-doves, and Inca doves.	Statewide for mourning doves, <u>spotted doves</u> , <u>ringed turtle-doves</u> , and <u>Eurasian collared-doves</u> . White-winged doves may be taken only in Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.	
Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(C) Common Snipe The third Saturday in October extending for 107 days Bag Limit: 8 per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit		
3. Area: Statewide		

NOTE:
 Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203 and 355, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, 208-215, 220, 355 and 356, Fish and Game Code.

Subsection 600(a)(11)(A) is amended to read:

§600. Licensed Game Bird Clubs.

(11) Shooting Hours.

(A) The shooting hours for taking domestically reared game birds on licensed game bird clubs shall be from ~~one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset~~ (pursuant to the same as "Shooting Hours for Upland Game Birds" (Section 310.5, Title 14, CCR).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 203, 203.1, 3000 and 3270, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 203, 203.1, 3000, 3270, 3500 and 4304, Fish and Game Code.