



2019 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Season Public Input Summary

We would like to thank everyone that reached out to the WDNR to provide public input, whether that was via phone call, email, online input tool or attending a meeting or hearing. We have seen significant increases in public input the last 2 years compared to what we historically had received from waterfowl hunters. To put it into perspective in 2017 we received 151 total public comments, in 2018 we increased our outreach efforts using direct email and social media and that increased our public input to 712 comments. This year with the inclusion of the online input tool we received 2,224 total comments. That is over a 1000% increase in public input compared to 2017 and we wanted to thank all of you for reaching out to provide feedback on the 2019 migratory bird hunting season frameworks. Below is a summary of all the comments received, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact [Taylor Finger](#).

2019 Input Summary

Are you in favor of an early teal season?

- 69% - In favor of an early teal season (1492 comments)
- 31% - In opposition of an early teal season (683 comments)

How many days would you prefer for an early teal season?

- 31% - 0 days (682 comments)
- 11% - 7 days (233 comments)
- 35% - 9 days (771 comments)
- 7% - 12 days (165 comments)
- 15% - 15/16 days (323 comments)

Do you support the maximum of 6 ducks/day with the following limits: 4 mallards (only one may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 1 pintail, 2 canvasbacks, 5 mergansers (2 hooded mergansers) and a 15 Coot daily bag limit?

- 83% - In support of proposed bag limit (1833 comments)
- 17% - Oppose some portion of the proposed bag limit (384 comments)

Do you support an increase in the black duck daily bag limit to 2 birds/day from 1 bird/day?

- 64% - In support of increasing the black duck bag limit to 2/day (1403 comments)
- 36% - In support of maintaining the black duck bag limit at 1/day (802 comments)

Do you support the youth waterfowl hunt on Sept. 14th and Sept. 15th?

- 69% - In support of the youth waterfowl hunt on the proposed dates (1541 comments)
- 7% - In support of the youth waterfowl hunt on a different date (162 comments)
- 23% - Oppose the youth waterfowl hunt (521 comments)

What opening date do you prefer for the North Zone duck season?

- 31% - September 21, 2019 (636 comments)
- 53% - September 28, 2019 (1111 comments)
- 16% - October 5, 2019 (329 comments)

Do you support a split in the North Zone duck season?

- 77% - Oppose a split in the duck season in the North Zone (1645 comments)
- 23% - Support a split in the duck season in the North Zone (499 comments)

Of those that supported a split in the North Zone, how many days would you prefer?

- 40% - 5 day split (201 comments)
- 36% - 7 day split (181 comments)
- 11% - 9 day split (57 comments)
- 12% - 12 day split (60 comments)

What opening date do you prefer for the South Zone duck season?

- 14% - September 21, 2019 (280 comments)
- 50% - September 28, 2019 (1020 comments)
- 36% - October 5, 2019 (742 comments)

Do you support a split in the South Zone duck season?

- 34% - Oppose a split in the duck season in the North Zone (732 comments)
- 66% - Support a split in the duck season in the North Zone (1397 comments)

Of those that supported a split in the South Zone, how many days would you prefer?

- 48% - 5 day split (673 comments)
- 27% - 7 day split (380 comments)
- 10% - 9 day split (139 comments)
- 14% - 12 day or longer split (193 comments)
- 1% - Different (12 comments)

What opening date do you prefer for the Mississippi Zone duck season?

- 14% - September 21, 2019 (280 comments)
- 57% - September 28, 2019 (1123 comments)
- 28% - October 5, 2019 (546 comments)
- 1% - Different (10 comments)

Do you support a split (closure) in the Mississippi Zone duck season?

- 39% - Oppose a split in the duck season in the Mississippi Zone (792 comments)
- 61% - Support a split in the duck season in the Mississippi Zone (1227 comments)
- -- - Different (9 comments)

Of those that supported a split in the Mississippi Zone, how many days would you prefer?

- 26% - 5 day split (334 comments)
- 27% - 7 day split (338 comments)
- 12% - 9 day split (154 comments)
- 32% - 12 day split (416 comments)
- 2% - Different (26 comments)

Do you support an Early Goose season (Canada and Light geese) on Sept. 1 – 15?

- 93% - Support early goose season as proposed (1994 comments)
- 7% - Oppose an early goose season (150 comments)
- -- - Different structure (3 comments)

Do you support a regular season Canada goose bag of 3 Canada geese/day?

- 88% - Support the proposed daily bag limit of 3 Canada geese/day (1841 comments)
- 12% - Support a different bag limit (increase/decrease) (258 comments)

Do you support a regular season Canada goose opener of Sept. 16 for the North and South Zones?

- 84% - Sept. 16, 2019 (1691 comments)
- 16% - Support a different opening date (315 comments)

Do you support a regular season Canada goose opener of Sept. 28 for the Mississippi River Zone?

- 76% - Sept. 28, 2019 (1426 comments)
- 24% - Sept. 16, 2019 (457 comments)
- -- - Sept. 21, 2019 (3 comments)

Do you support a split in the regular Canada goose season in the North Zone?

- 62% - Oppose a split in the North Zone regular Canada goose season (1220 comments)
- 38% - Support a split in the North Zone regular Canada goose season (733 comments)

Do you support a split in the regular Canada goose season in the South Zone during the duck season split?

- 63% - Support a split in the goose season in the South Zone during the duck season split (1234 comments)
- 37% - Oppose a split in the goose season in the South Zone during the duck season split (723 comments)

Do you support a 2nd split in the regular Canada goose season in the South Zone (Holiday Hunt Split)?

- 58% - Support a 2nd Holiday Hunt split (1137 comments)
- 42% - Oppose a 2nd Holiday Hunt split (809 comments)

Do you support a split in the regular Canada goose season in the Mississippi Zone during the duck season split?

- 69% - Support a split in the goose season in the Mississippi River Zone during the duck season split (1274 comments)
- 31% - Oppose a split in the goose season in the Mississippi River Zone during the duck season split (577 comments)