

To: Western Zone Sporting Organizations & Clubs
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**WESTERN ZONE WATERFOWL TASK FORCE SEASON
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011-2012**

The Western Zone Waterfowl Task Force met on Saturday 23 April @ DEC Reg. 8 HQ in Avon to make recommendations for Western Zone waterfowl season dates for 2011-2012. The recommended dates are shown in the Table below. **Please note that the goose dates are recommendations that can still be altered by NYSDEC biologists**, based upon several considerations. The duck dates will likely change only if the USFWS makes changes based upon duck production numbers.

| | ITEM | DATES | #DAYS |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Regular Duck Season | 22 OCT. (SAT)-5 DEC (MON) | 45 |
| | | 26 DEC (MON)-9 JAN (MON) | 15 |
| | | TOTAL | 60 |
| 2 | Youth Duck Hunt Days | 8-9 October (SAT/SUN) | 2 |
| 3 | Scaup (2/day dates) | 1 DEC (THURS)-5 DEC (MON) | 5 |
| | | 26 DEC (MON)-9 JAN (MON) | 15 |
| | | TOTAL | 20 |
| 4* | West Central Canada Goose | 22 OCT (SAT)-20 NOV (SUN) | 30 |
| | | 26 DEC (MON)-9 JAN (MON) | 15 |
| | | TOTAL | 45 |
| 5* | South Canada Goose | 22 OCT (SAT)-10 DEC (SAT) | 50 |
| | | 26 DEC (MON)-9 JAN (MON) | 15 |
| | | 25 FEB (SAT)-10 MARCH (SAT) | 15 |
| | | TOTAL | 80 |
| 6* | Brant | 2 OCT (SUN)-20 NOV (SUN) | 50 |
| 7* | Snow Geese | 22 OCT (SAT)-10 DEC (SAT) | 50 |
| | | 26 DEC (MON)-9 JAN (MON) | 15 |
| | | 29 JAN (SUN)-10 MAR (SAT) | 42 |
| | | TOTAL | 107 |
| * | Final dates to be determined by NYSDEC | | |