

AGENDA

The agenda items and order may be changed at the discretion of the chair.

NJ FISH AND GAME COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

**Central Region Office, 1 Eldridge Road, *Robbinsville, NJ
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Call to Order

Flag Salute

Public Announcement

Roll Call: Cathy Blumig, Phillip Brodhecker, Dr. Barbara Brummer, David Burke, Joseph Demartino, Agust Gudmundsson, Jeffrey A. Link, Robert Puskas, Dan Van Mater

Approval of Minutes from the March 3, 2015 Meeting

Acting Chairman David Burke's Comments

Director David Chanda's Comments

*****Public Comment Period on Agenda Items:** (Limited to 3 minutes per person, with a total time of 15 minutes when scheduled.)

Council Reports:

Agriculture: Brodhecker, Link, Puskas

NJ State Federation of Sportsman's Clubs: Blumig, Burke, Demartino,
Gudmundsson, Van Mater

Finance Committee: Burke

Fish Committee: Gudmundsson

Game Committee: Burke

Legislative Committee: Puskas

Endangered & Non-Game Species Advisory Committee: Brummer

Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee: Burke, Demartino

Wildlife Rehabilitators Advisory Committee: Brodhecker

Division Reports:

Freshwater Fisheries: Chief, Lisa Barno

**Recommendations for Proposed Amendments to 2016 - 2017 Fish Code

Information and Education: Principal Biologist Al Ivany

Land Management: Chief, David Golden

Law Enforcement: Chief, Mark Chicketano – “Commercialization of Wildlife Cases” (presentation).

Wildlife Management: Acting Chief, Carole Stanko

Results of the 2014-15 Deer Season – Dan Roberts

Recommended 2015-2016 Waterfowl Seasons - Ted Nichols

Nongame and Endangered Species: Chief, David Jenkins – NJ Wildlife Action Plan Revision (update).

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comments: (Limited to 3 minutes per person and 15 minutes total time.)

Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Central Region Office, Robbinsville, NJ.

RECOMMENDED NEW JERSEY 2015-16 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

April 14, 2015

PRIMARY WATERFOWL SEASONS

Ducks: 60 days with 6 bird bag limit (*Species restrictions to be determined*)

Brant: 30 days with 2 bird bag limit or **CLOSED SEASON.** Final determination following July 2015 AFC and US FWS meetings.

Canada goose: (Regular season): To be determined but presumed to be 50 days with 3 bird bag; contingent on results of June Ungava survey

Youth days: 2 days with same bag limits as regular seasons

NORTH ZONE

<i>Ducks:</i>	Oct. 10 – Oct. 22	Nov. 14 – Jan. 9
<i>Brant:</i>	Nov. 14 – Nov. 28	Dec. 22 – Jan. 9
<i>Canada geese:</i>	Nov. 14 – Nov. 28	Dec. 12 – Jan. 23
<i>Youth days:</i>	Oct. 3 & Oct. 31	

SOUTH ZONE

<i>Ducks:</i>	Oct. 17 – Oct. 24	Nov. 14 – Jan. 14
<i>Brant:</i>	Oct. 17 – Oct. 24	Nov. 14 – Dec. 10
<i>Canada geese:</i>	Nov. 14 – Nov. 28	Dec. 12 – Jan. 23
<i>Youth days:</i>	Oct. 10 & Nov. 7	

COASTAL ZONE

<i>Ducks:</i>	Oct. 31 – Nov. 3	Nov. 26 – Jan. 30
<i>Brant:</i>	Nov. 26 – Dec. 5	Dec. 19 – Jan. 12
<i>Canada geese:</i>	Nov. 26 – Dec. 5	Dec. 15 – Jan. 30
<i>Youth days:</i>	Nov. 7 & Feb. 13	

CANADA GEESE

September Season (Statewide)

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

Daily bag limit: 15 Canada geese

The following special regulations apply:

1. Electronic calls permitted
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to **1/2 hour after sunset.**

NOTE: THESE SPECIAL REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO THE SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE SEASON

SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY (107 days)

Sept. 29 – Jan 30

Daily bag limit: 7 singly or in aggregate to include long-tailed ducks, eiders and scoters; except no more than 4 scoters

LIGHT GEESE

Regular Season (107 days)

Statewide: Oct. 17 – Feb. 15

Daily bag limit: 25, singly or in aggregate to include greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese

Conservation Order

Statewide: Feb. 16 – Apr. 9

Daily bag limit: None; includes greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese

The following special regulations apply:

1. Electronic calls permitted
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

NOTE: THESE SPECIAL REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO THE LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

WOODCOCK (36 days)

North Zone: Oct. 17 – Nov. 21

South Zone: Nov. 7 – Nov. 28

Dec. 19 – Jan. 1

Daily bag limit: 3

RAILS AND MOORHEN (70 days)

Sept. 1 – Nov. 7

Daily bag limit: Sora and Virginia rails 25 total or aggregate; moorhen and clapper rail 10

SNIPE (107 days)

Sept. 18 – Jan. 2

Daily bag limit: 8

CROWS (Mon., Thur., Fri., & Sat.)

Aug. 10 – Dec. 5

Dec. 14 – Mar. 19

Daily bag limit: None