

AGENDA

The agenda items and order may be changed at the discretion of the chair.
NJ FISH AND GAME COUNCIL TELEPHONIC MEETING

April 12, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Announcement:

Roll Call: Joe DeMartino, Jim DeStephano, Mitchell Jones, Ed Kertz, Dr. Rick Lathrop, Rob Pollock, Robert Puskas, Loren Robinson, Frank Virgilio and Ken Whildin.

Approval of minutes from the March 8, 2022 meeting.

Chairman's Comments

Assistant Commissioner Dave Golden's Comments

****Public Comment Period on Agenda Items:**

Council Reports:

1. Agriculture: Jones, Kertz, Puskas
2. Sebastian Reist, DVM
3. Farmer/Sportsman Relations: Jones
4. NJ State Federation of Sportsman's Clubs: DeMartino, DeStephano, Robinson, Whildin, Virgilio
5. Finance Committee: Robinson
6. Fish Committee: Pollock
7. Game Committee: Virgilio
8. Endangered & Non-Game Species Advisory Committee: Lathrop
9. Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee: DeMartino
10. Wildlife Rehabilitators Advisory Committee: DeStephano
11. Law Enforcement Committee: Whildin
12. Public Member Comments: Pollock
13. Legislative Update: Mary Monteschio

Division Reports:

1. Business Administration: Kim Springer, Chief
2. Freshwater Fisheries: Shawn Crouse, Chief
3. Information and Education: Al Ivany, Chief
4. Land Management: Jason Hearon, Chief
5. Law Enforcement: Frank Panico, Chief
6. Wildlife Management: Carole Stanko, Chief
7. Endangered and Nongame Species: John Heilferty, Chief

Old Business:

- Greenwood Lake Update
- Black Bear Education Marketing Campaign (non-lethal measures)
 - Social Media Campaign
 - New Hire Personnel Status
 - Training for Police Departments

12:30 – 1:00 pm: Adjourn for lunch (approximate time)

New Business:

** Proposed Migratory Bird Seasons and Waterfowl Status Update

** Public Comment **relating to** Migratory Bird Seasons

Cormorant Assessment on Select Trout Stocked Waters

2021-2022 Deer Harvest Summary

Public Comment

Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 10, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Meeting type - in-person.

RECOMMENDED NEW JERSEY 2022-23 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

April 12, 2022

These dates unanimously approved by Migratory Bird Season Setting Committee meeting on March 8, 2022

PRIMARY WATERFOWL SEASONS

NORTH ZONE

Ducks: Oct. 15 – Oct. 22 Nov. 12 – Jan. 12
Scaup: Oct. 15 – Oct. 22 Nov. 12 – Dec. 20 (1 bird)
Scaup: Dec. 21 – Jan. 12 (2 birds)

Brant: Oct. 15 – Oct. 22 Nov. 12 – Dec. 31

Canada Goose: Nov. 24 – Nov. 26 Dec. 10 – Jan. 10

Youth Waterfowl Day: Oct. 8

SOUTH ZONE

Ducks: Oct. 22 – Oct. 29 Nov. 19 – Jan. 19
Scaup: Oct. 22 – Oct. 29 Nov. 19 – Dec. 27 (1 bird)
Scaup: Dec. 28 – Jan. 19 (2 birds)

Brant: Oct. 22 – Oct. 29 Nov. 19 – Jan. 7

Canada Goose: Nov. 24 – Nov. 26 Dec. 17 – Jan. 17

Youth Waterfowl Day: Oct. 15

COASTAL ZONE

Ducks and Canada goose:
 Nov. 10 – Nov. 12 Nov. 24 – Jan. 28
Scaup: Nov. 10 – Nov. 12 Nov. 24 – Jan. 5 (1 bird)
Scaup: Jan. 6 – Jan. 28 (2 birds)

Brant: Nov. 10 – Nov. 12 Nov. 24 – Jan. 17

Youth Day: Oct. 29

SPECIAL WATERFOWL SEASONS

Youth Days

 North Zone Oct. 8
 South Zone Oct. 15
 Coastal Zone Oct. 29

Statewide Veterans/Military Day: Nov. 5

Statewide Joint Youth and Veterans/Military Day: Feb. 4

Daily bag limits

Ducks: 6 ducks which may NOT include more than: 2 mallards (not more than 1 hen mallard), 2 black ducks, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 4 sea ducks (but not more than 3 scoters, 3 long-tailed ducks, or 3 eiders [only 1 hen eider]), 1 fulvous or black-bellied whistling duck in aggregate, and scaup: 1 scaup/day for first 40 days in each zone; 2 scaup/day for last 20 days.

Coot: 15

Mergansers: 5 mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to regular ducks.

Brant: 2

Canada geese (Regular season): 1, North and South Zones; 2, Coastal Zone;
Canada goose bag limits include cackling geese and white-fronted geese singly or in aggregate.

Youth and Veterans/Military Days: To include ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots, and gallinules. Bag limits are the same as those allowed in the regular season in each zone except for scaup which is 2 scaup per day.

SEA DUCKS

Season and bag limit part of regular duck season in each zone

CANADA GOOSE

September Season (Statewide)

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

Daily bag limit: 15 Canada geese

Special regulations apply

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

CANADA GOOSE

Special Winter Season (Two Distinct Zones)

Jan. 18 – Feb. 15

Daily bag limit: 5 singly or in aggregate including cackling and white-fronted geese.

LIGHT GOOSE

Regular Season

Statewide: Oct. 15 – 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. 8

Daily bag limit: None; includes greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese
Special regulations apply during the Conservation Order

WOODCOCK

North Zone: Oct. 15 – Oct. 29
Nov. 1 – Nov. 26

South Zone: Nov. 12 – Dec. 3
Dec. 15 – Jan. 3

Daily bag limit: 3

RAILS AND GALLINULE

Sept. 1 – Nov. 21

Daily bag limits: Sora and Virginia rails: 25 total or in aggregate;

Clapper rail: 10

Gallinule: 1

SNIPE

Sept. 10 – Jan. 12

Daily bag limit: 8

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

Aug. 8 – Dec. 3

Dec. 12 – Mar. 18

Daily bag limit: None