

# MEMORANDUM



**To:** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners  
**From:** Morgan Richardson, Director, Hunting and Game Management  
**Date:** June 19, 2018  
**Subject:** Consent Agenda: Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations, 2018-2019

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**Purpose:**

Update the Commission on changes in federal frameworks and obtain approval of a proposed rule amendment for the 2018-2019 migratory bird seasons.

**Summary:**

Migratory bird hunting regulation frameworks are established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). These frameworks provide the foundation of Florida's migratory bird hunting rules. Changes in the federal frameworks generally necessitate conforming action by the Commission to modify appropriate hunting regulations. The only change to the federal frameworks for the 2018-19 migratory bird hunting season is an increase in the daily bag limit of northern pintails from one to two.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approve the proposed rule amendment to Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C. Hunting Regulations for Ducks, Geese, and Coots for advertising and file for adoption as soon as possible. If the rule amendment is approved for both advertisement and final adoption, Commission staff will file the rules for adoption as allowed by s. 120.54(3) Florida Statutes, without further public hearing.

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