

# MEMORANDUM



**To:** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners  
**From:** Morgan Richardson, Director, Hunting and Game Management  
**Date:** March 28, 2019  
**Subject:** Consent Agenda: Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations, 2019-2020

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## **Purpose:**

Update the Commission on changes in federal frameworks and request approval of a proposed rule change for the 2019-2020 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 Rules 68A-13.003, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Hunting Regulations for Ducks, Geese, and Coots or 68A-13.008, F.A.C., Hunting Regulations for Migratory Birds Other than Ducks and Coots. The only changes to the federal frameworks for the 2019-20 migratory bird hunting season are a decrease in the daily bag limit of mallards from four to two (no more than one of which may be female) and to decrease the daily bag limit of northern pintails from two to one; therefore, it is recommended that the Commission take action to amend Rule 68A-13.003, F.A.C. to accommodate these changes. If the rule amendment is approved for both advertisement and final adoption, Commission staff will file the rules as allowed by s. 120.54(3) Florida Statutes, without further public hearing.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

Approve the proposed rule amendment for advertising and filing for adoption as soon as possible

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