United States Fish and Wildlife Service Frameworks for Dark Goose Hunting Seasons in the Northwest Oregon Permit Goose Zone (Figure 1)

The Migratory Bird Treat Act prohibits hunting after March 10 and before September 1. In addition, the maximum number of days which can be hunted for a group of geese (dark geese and light geese are different groups) is 107, regardless of season type.

**Regular Fall Dark Goose Season Frameworks** – Up to 107 days from Saturday nearest October 1 through Sunday nearest February 28. The bag limit is 4 dark geese per day (not more than 2 cacklers or Aleutians combined and not more than 1 dusky per season). The state may split this season into 3 periods. Dusky goose quotas (90 total) assigned to areas, hunters must have state issued permits showing compliance with educational program, state must quantitatively measure dusky harvest, and season must close if state cannot meet above requirements.

Oregon currently selects a 3 period, 97 day season (16, 58, and 23 days) and the maximum bag limit allowed. The season starts in late October and ends on the last day allowed under the frameworks. Currently, hunting is allowed only on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays due to budgetary constraints because of the need to operate federally mandated goose check stations. Out of the selected 97 day season a total of 45 season days are open to goose hunting.

**September Resident Goose Season Frameworks** – Up to 15 days from Sept. 1-20 and 5 Canada geese per day. No Cacklers or Aleutians.

Oregon selects a 10 day season and the maximum bag limit allowed.

For both seasons combined, Oregon selects the maximum allowed number of season days of 107. In addition, the maximum bag limits are selected during both seasons.
United States Fish and Wildlife Service Frameworks for Dark Goose Hunting Seasons in the Northwest Oregon General Goose Zone (Figure 1)

The Migratory Bird Treat Act prohibits hunting after March 10 and before September 1. In addition, the maximum number of days which can be hunted for a group of geese (dark geese and light geese are different groups) is 107, regardless of season type.

**September Resident Goose Season Frameworks** – Up to 15 days from Sept. 1-20 and 5 Canada geese per day. No Cacklers or Aleutians.

Oregon selects a 10 day season and the maximum bag limit allowed.

**Regular Fall Dark Goose Season Frameworks** – Up to 100 days from Saturday nearest October 1 through last Sunday in January. The bag limit is 4 dark geese per day (not more than 1 cackler or 1 Aleutian combined). The state may split this season into 2 periods.

Oregon currently selects a 2 period, 97 day season (9 and 88 days) and the maximum bag limit allowed. The season starts in mid-October and ends on the last day allowed under the frameworks.

For both seasons combined, Oregon selects the maximum allowed number of season days of 107. In addition, the maximum bag limits are selected during both seasons.
Figure 1. Goose hunting zones in Northwest Oregon.