

Fish & Wildlife releases rules for game birds

The initial set of proposed migratory game bird regulations for this fall's hunting season was published in the *Federal Register* last month.

This is the first step in the process by which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service annually sets the framework for seasons, shooting hours, bag limits and other regula-

tions governing the hunting of waterfowl and other migratory game birds.

State wildlife agencies select their migratory bird hunting regulations within the framework established by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The preliminary regulations propose few changes from last season's regulations. However, more detail-

ed supplements will be published in the *Federal Register* during the coming months as additional information concerning waterfowl populations, wetland habitat conditions and harvest surveys become available.

The comment period for Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will end June 18.