

## **KDWPT STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS' 2021-22 WATERFOWL SEASONS**

### SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON

Staff recommends adopting a nine-day season in the High Plains Unit (west of Hwy 283) and a 16-day season in the Low Plains Zones (east of Hwy 283) (See figure 1 for the Kansas Duck Hunting Zone Map). Staff recommends adopting Federal Frameworks daily bag limit, possession limit and shooting hours. Staff recommends the following season dates.

- High Plains Unit Sep. 18 to Sep. 26
- Low Plains Zones Sep. 11 to Sep. 26

### YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

Staff recommends adopting two youth waterfowl hunting days and two days for veterans and active military days. Staff recommends the youth/veterans/active military waterfowl hunting days be held 1 week prior to the opening day of the general duck season in each of the respective Kansas duck zones. Staff recommends adopting Federal Frameworks daily bag limit, possession limit and shooting hours. Staff is recommending raising youth participation requirement from 15 to youth under the age of 18. Staff recommends removing the restriction that adult accompanying the youth on youth waterfowl hunting days must possess any licenses and/or other stamps required by law for that individual to hunt waterfowl.

### DUCK, MERGANSER, AND COOT SEASONS

Staff recommends adopting a 96-day season in the High Plains unit and 74-day season in the Low Plains Zones (See figure 1 for the Kansas Duck Hunting Zone Map). Staff recommends adopting Federal Frameworks for daily bag limit, possession limit and shooting hours and option A for merganser limit. Staff recommends the following season dates.

- High Plains Unit: Oct. 09 to Jan. 02 and Jan. 21 to Jan. 30
- Low Plains Early Zone Oct. 09 to Dec. 05 and Dec. 18 to Jan. 02
- Low Plains Late Zone Oct. 30 to Jan. 02 and Jan. 22 to Jan. 30
- Low Plains Southeast Zone Nov. 06 to Jan. 02 and Jan. 15 to Jan. 30

### CANADA, WHITE-FRONTED, BRANT, AND LIGHT GEESE

Staff recommends adopting a 105-day season for dark geese (Canada geese or any other dark goose species except white-fronted geese): and light geese (Snow and Ross's) and Option B (88-day season with a bag limit of 2) for white-fronted geese. Staff recommends adopting Federal Frameworks for daily bag limit, possession limit for light and whited fronted geese, and daily bag limit of 6 dark geese and Federal Framework for possession limits shooting hours. Staff recommends the following season dates.

- White-fronted geese: Oct. 30 to Jan. 02 and Jan. 22 to Feb. 13
- Dark Geese: Oct. 30 to Oct. 31 and Nov. 03 to Feb. 13
- Light Geese: Oct. 30 to Oct. 31 and Nov. 03 to Feb. 13
- Light Goose Conservation Order: Feb. 14 to Apr. 30

EXTENDED FALCONRY SEASON

Staff recommends adopting a 15-day season in the Low Plains Unit. Adopt Federal Frameworks for daily bag limit, possession limit and hawking hours. Staff recommends the following season dates.

- High Plains Unit: Closed to extended falconry season
- Low Plains Early Zone Feb. 24 to Mar. 10
- Low Plains Late Zone Feb. 24 to Mar. 10
- Low Plains Southeast Zone Feb. 24 to Mar. 10