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Title 163 - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Chapter 4 - Wildlife Regulations

006 Coots, Ducks, Geese, Crow

The following regulations are prescribed by the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-314, 37-315, 37-405, 37-411, 37-428, 37-501, 37-508, 37-536, 37-563, 37-701. For purposes of these regulations, unless context otherwise requires, the definitions found in Chapter 37, sections 202 through 247 of the Game Law, are used. These regulations are effective following enactment by the Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

006.01 HUNTING SEASONS

006.01A Ducks and Mergansers (Zone and Management Unit boundaries in 006.01A5)

006.01A1 Open Season:

Low Plains

~~Zones 1 and 2 (Late): October 15 through 16, 2011 and October 22 through January 1, 2011.~~

~~Zones 3 and 4 (Early): October 8 through December 18, 2011 and December 23 through December 24, 2011.~~

High Plains

~~October 8, through January 11, 2012. the type of permit for which the application is made including weapon type and/or unit choice(s).~~

Zone 1: October 13 through December 25, 2012.

Zone 2:

Low Plains: October 6 through December 18, 2012.

High Plains: October 6 through December 18, 2012, and January 2 through January 23, 2013.

Zone 3:

Low Plains: October 20, 2012 through January 1, 2013.

High Plains: October 20, 2012 through January 1, 2013, and January 2 through January 23, 2013.

Zone 4:

Low Plains: October 6 through December 18, 2012.

006.01A2 Daily Bag Limit: Conventional System - Six Ducks. May include no more than: Five(5) mallards of which no more than two(2) can be females, one(1) mottled duck, two (2) pintail, one(1) canvasback, two(2) redheads, two(2) scaup (greater and lesser combined), and three(3) wood ducks.

Mergansers: A daily bag of five (5), only two (2) of which may be a hooded merganser.

006.01A3 Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag.

006.01A4 Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

006.01A5 Management Unit Boundaries

006.01A5a Low Plains: Eastern part of state: That portion of Nebraska lying east of a line beginning at the South Dakota-Nebraska border on U.S. Hwy. 183, south on U.S. Hwy. 183 to U.S. Hwy. 20, west on U.S. Hwy. 20 to NE Hwy. 7, south on NE Hwy. 7 to NE Hwy. 91, southwest on NE Hwy. 91 to NE Hwy. 2, southeast on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 92, west on NE Hwy. 92 to NE Hwy. 40, south on NE Hwy. 40 to NE Hwy. 47, south on NE Hwy. 47 to NE Hwy. 23, east on NE Hwy. 23 to U.S. Hwy. 283 and south on U.S. Hwy. 283 to the Kansas-Nebraska border.

006.01A5a(1) Zone 1: That portion of Dixon County west of NE Hwy. 26E Spur and north of NE Hwy. 12; those portions of Cedar and Knox Counties north of NE Hwy. 12; all of Boyd County; Keya Paha County east of U.S. Hwy. 183. Both banks of the Niobrara River in Keya Paha and Boyd counties east of U.S. Hwy. 183 shall be included in Zone 1.

Area bounded by designated Federal and State highways and political boundaries beginning at the South Dakota-Nebraska border west of NE Hwy. 26E Spur and north of NE Hwy. 12; those portions of Dixon, Cedar and Knox Counties north of NE Hwy. 12; that portion of Keya Paha County east of U.S. Hwy. 183; and all of Boyd County. Both banks of the Niobrara River in Keya Paha and Boyd counties east of U.S. Hwy. 183 shall be included in Zone 1.

006.01A5a(2) Zone 2: Area bounded by designated Federal and State highways and political boundaries beginning at the Kansas-Nebraska border on U.S. Hwy. 75 to U.S. Hwy. 136; east to the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 136 and the Steamboat Trace (Trace); north along the Trace to the intersection with Federal Levee R-562; north along Federal Levee R-562 to the intersection with the Trace; north along the Trace/Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way to NE Hwy. 2; west to U.S. Hwy. 75; north to NE Hwy. 2; west to NE Hwy. 43; north to U.S. Hwy. 34; east to NE Hwy. 63; north and west to U.S. Hwy. 77; north to NE Hwy. 92; west to County Road X; south to County Road 21 (Seward County Line); west to NE Hwy. 15, north to County Road 34; west to County Road J; south to NE Hwy. 92; west to U.S. Hwy. 81; south to NE Hwy. 66; west to County Road C; north to NE Hwy. 92; west to U.S. Hwy. 30; west to NE Hwy. 14; South to County Road 22 (Hamilton County); West to

County Road "M" (Hamilton County); South to County Road 21 (Hamilton County); West to County Road "K" (Hamilton County); south to U.S. Hwy. 34; west to NE Hwy. 2; south to U.S. Hwy. I 80; west to Gunbarrel Rd. (Hall/Hamilton county line); south to Giltner Rd.; west to U.S. Hwy. 281; south to U.S. Hwy. 34; west to NE Hwy. 10; north to County Road "R" (Kearney County) and County Road #742 (Phelps County); west to County Road #438 (Gosper County line); south along County Road #438 (Gosper County line) to County Road #726 (Furnas County line); east to County Road #438 (Harlan County line); south to U.S. Hwy. 34; south and west to U.S. Hwy. 136; east to U.S. Hwy. 183; north to NE Hwy. 4; east to NE Hwy. 10; south to U.S. Hwy. 136; east to NE Hwy. 14; south to the Kansas-Nebraska border; west to U.S. Hwy. 283; north to NE Hwy. 23; west to NE Hwy. 47; north to U.S. Hwy. 30; east to County Road 13; north to County Road 0; east to NE Hwy. 14; north to NE Hwy. 52; west and north to NE Hwy. 91; to U.S. Hwy. 281; south to NE Hwy. 22; west to NE Hwy. 11; Northwest to NE Hwy. 91; west to U.S. Hwy. 183; south to Round Valley Road; west to Sargent River Road; west to Sargent Road; west to Milburn Road; north to the Blaine County Line; east to the Loup County Line; north to NE Hwy. 91; west to North Loup Spur Road; north to North Loup Road; east to Pleasant Valley/Worth Road; east to the Loup County Line; north to the Loup Brown County Line; east along northern boundaries of Loup, Garfield and Wheeler counties; south on the Wheeler Antelope county line to NE Hwy. 70; east to NE Hwy. 14; south to NE Hwy. 39; southeast to NE Hwy. 22; east to U.S. Hwy. 81; southeast to U.S. Hwy. 30; east to U.S. Hwy. 75, north to the Washington County line; east to the Iowa Nebraska border; south along the Iowa Nebraska border; to

the beginning at U.S. Hwy. 75 at the Kansas Nebraska border.

The area south of Zone 1 and north of Zone 3.

006.01A5a(3) Zone 3: Burt, Cuming, Dakota, Holt, Howard, Madison, Pierce, Rock, Sherman, Stanton, Thurston, Valley and Wayne counties; the Low Plains portion of Blaine, Brown, Custer and Dawson counties, excluding that part of Dawson County in Zone 2; plus those portions of Antelope, Boone, Buffalo, Cedar, Colfax, Dixon, Dodge, Garfield, Greeley, Hall, Knox, Loup, Merrick, Nance, Platte, Washington and Wheeler counties not included in Zone 1 or 2.

Area bounded by designated Federal and State highways, County Roads, and political boundaries beginning at the Wyoming-Nebraska border at the intersection of the Interstate Canal; east along northern borders of Scotts Bluff and Morrill Counties to Broadwater Road; south to Morrill County Rd 94; east to County Rd 135; south to County Rd 88; southeast to County Rd 151; south to County Rd 80; east to County Rd 161; south to County Rd 76; east to County Rd 165; south to County Rd 167; south to U.S. Hwy. 26; east to County Rd 171; north to County Rd 68; east to County Rd 183; south to County Rd 64; east to County Rd 189; north to County Rd 70; east to County Rd 201; south to County Rd 60A; east to County Rd 203; south to County Rd 52; east to Keith County Line; east along the northern boundaries of Keith and Lincoln Counties to NE Hwy. 97; south to U.S. Hwy 83; south to E Hall School Rd; east to N Airport Road; south to U.S. Hwy. 30; east to Merrick County Rd 13; north to County Rd 0; east to NE Hwy. 14; north to NE Hwy. 52; west and north to NE Hwy. 91; west to U.S. Hwy. 281; south to NE Hwy. 22; west to NE Hwy. 11; northwest to NE Hwy. 91;

west to U.S. Hwy. 183; south to Round Valley Rd; west to Sargent River Rd; west to Sargent Rd; west to Milburn Rd; north to Blaine County Line; east to Loup County Line; north to NE Hwy. 91; west to North Loup Spur Rd; north to North Loup River Rd; east to Pleasant Valley/Worth Rd; east to Loup County Line; north to Loup-Brown county line; east along northern boundaries of Loup and Garfield Counties to Cedar River Road; south to NE Hwy. 70; east to U.S. Hwy. 281; north to NE Hwy. 70; east to NE Hwy. 14; south to NE Hwy. 39; southeast to NE Hwy. 22; east to U.S. Hwy. 81; southeast to U.S. Hwy. 30; east to U.S. Hwy. 75; north to the Washington County line; east to the Iowa-Nebraska border; south to the Missouri-Nebraska border; south to Kansas-Nebraska border; west along Kansas-Nebraska border to Colorado-Nebraska border; north and west to Wyoming-Nebraska border; north to intersection of Interstate Canal; and excluding that area in Zone 4.

006.01A5a(4) Zone 4: ~~Those parts of Adams, Butler, Cass, Franklin, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Kearney, Nemaha, Otoe, Phelps, Polk, Richardson and Saunders counties not included in Zone 2, that portion of Furnas County south of U.S. Hwy. 34 and north of U.S. Hwy. 136 together with Clay, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nuckolls, Pawnee, Saline, Seward, Thayer, Webster and York counties.~~

Area encompassed by designated Federal and State highways and County Roads beginning at the intersection of NE Hwy. 8 and U.S. Hwy. 75; north to U.S. Hwy. 136; east to the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 136 and the Steamboat Trace (Trace); north along the Trace to the intersection with Federal Levee R-562; north along Federal Levee R-562 to the intersection with the Trace; north along

the Trace/Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way to NE Hwy. 2; west to U.S. Hwy. 75; north to NE Hwy. 2; west to NE Hwy. 43; north to U.S. Hwy. 34; east to NE Hwy. 63; north to NE Hwy. 66; north and west to U.S. Hwy. 77; north to NE Hwy. 92; west to NE Hwy. Spur 12F; south to Butler County Rd 30; east to County Rd X; south to County Rd 27; west to County Rd W; south to County Rd 26; east to County Rd X; south to County Rd 21 (Seward County Line); west to NE Hwy. 15; north to County Rd 34; west to County Rd J; south to NE Hwy. 92; west to U.S. Hwy. 81; south to NE Hwy. 66; west to Polk County Rd C; north to NE Hwy. 92; west to U.S. Hwy. 30; west to Merrick County Rd 17; south to Hordlake Road; southeast to Prairie Island Road; southeast to Hamilton County Rd T; south to NE Hwy. 66; west to NE Hwy. 14; south to County Rd 22; west to County Rd M; south to County Rd 21; west to County Rd K; south to U.S. Hwy. 34; west to NE Hwy. 2; south to U.S. Hwy. I-80; west to Gunbarrel Rd (Hall/Hamilton county line); south to Giltner Rd; west to U.S. Hwy. 281; south to U.S. Hwy. 34; west to NE Hwy. 10; north to Kearney County Rd R and Phelps County Rd 742; west to U.S. Hwy. 283; south to U.S. Hwy 34; east to U.S. Hwy. 136; east to U.S. Hwy. 183; north to NE Hwy. 4; east to NE Hwy. 10; south to U.S. Hwy. 136; east to NE Hwy. 14; south to NE Hwy. 8; east to U.S. Hwy. 81; north to NE Hwy. 4; east to NE Hwy. 15; south to U.S. Hwy. 136; east to NE Hwy. 103; south to NE Hwy. 8; east to U.S. Hwy. 75.

006.01A5b High Plains: That part of the state which lies west of the boundary line delineated in 006.01A5a above.

That portion of Nebraska lying west of a line beginning at the South Dakota-Nebraska border on U.S. Hwy. 183; south on U.S. Hwy. 183 to U.S. Hwy. 20; west on U.S. Hwy. 20 to NE Hwy.

7; south on NE Hwy. 7 to NE Hwy. 91; southwest on NE Hwy. 91 to NE Hwy. 2; southeast on NE Hwy. 2 to NE Hwy. 92; west on NE Hwy. 92 to NE Hwy. 40; south on NE Hwy. 40 to NE Hwy. 47; south on NE Hwy. 47 to NE Hwy. 23; east on NE Hwy. 23 to U.S. Hwy. 283; and south on U.S. Hwy. 283 to the Kansas-Nebraska border.

006.01A5c Area Open: Within management units as delineated except federal or state sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized.

006.01B Coot -- Management Unit Boundaries as described in 006.01A5a through 006.01A5c.

006.01B1 Open Season:

Low Plains

Zones 1 and 2: To run concurrent with dates established in 006.01A1.

Zones 3 and 4: To run concurrent with dates established in 006.01A1.

High Plains:

To run concurrent with dates established in 006.01A1.

006.01B2 Daily Bag Limit: Fifteen (15).

006.01B3 Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag limit (30).

006.01B4 Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

006.01B5 Area Open: Within management units as delineated except federal or state sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized.

006.01C Geese

006.01C1 Light Geese (Blue, Snow and Ross' Geese)
- Zone boundaries are described in 006.01C1h.

006.01C1a Zone 1

006.01C1a(1) Open Season Dates: October ~~8~~ 6, ~~2011~~ 2012 through January 4, ~~2012~~ 2013 and January ~~21~~ 26 through February ~~5~~ 8, ~~2012~~ 2013.

006.01C1b Zone 2

006.01C1b(1) Open Season Dates: October ~~8~~ 6, ~~2011~~ 2012 through January 4, ~~2012~~ 2013 and January ~~21~~ 26 through February ~~5~~ 8, ~~2012~~ 2013.

006.01C1c Zone 3

006.01C1c(1) Open Season Dates: October ~~8~~ 6, ~~2011~~ 2012 through January 4, ~~2012~~ 2013 and January ~~21~~ 26 through February ~~5~~ 8, ~~2012~~ 2013.

006.01C1d Daily Bag Limit: Twenty (20).

006.01C1e Possession Limit: None.

006.01C1f Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

006.01C1g Area Open: Within management units as delineated except federal or state sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized.

006.01C1h Management Unit Boundaries

006.01C1h(1) Zone 1: The area contained within and bounded by the intersection of NE Hwy. 92 and NE Hwy. 15, south along NE Hwy. 15 to NE Hwy. 4, west along NE Hwy. 4 to U.S. Hwy. 281, north along U.S. Hwy. 281 to U.S. Hwy. 30, east along U.S. Hwy. 30 to NE Hwy. 14, south along NE Hwy. 14 to NE Hwy. 66, east along NE Hwy. 66 to U.S. Hwy. 81, north along U.S. Hwy. 81 to NE Hwy. 92

and east along NE Hwy. 92 to the beginning.

006.01C1h(2) Zone 2: The area contained within and bounded by the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 281 and U.S. Hwy. 30, south along U.S. Hwy. 281 to NE Hwy. 4, west along NE Hwy. 4 to U.S. Hwy. 34, west along U.S. Hwy. 34 to U.S. Hwy. 283, north along U.S. Hwy. 283 to U.S. Hwy. 30, east along U.S. Hwy. 30 to the beginning.

006.01C1h(3) Zone 3: Remainder of the State.

006.01C2 Dark Geese (Canada, Brant and all other goose species except white-fronted geese and those included as light geese) - Unit boundaries are described in 006.01C2a(4), 006.01C2b(4), 006.01C2c(4), 006.01C2d(4) and 006.01C2e(4).

006.01C2a Niobrara Unit

006.01C2a(1) Open Season Dates: October ~~24~~ 27, ~~2011~~ 2012 through February ~~5~~ 8, ~~2012~~ 2013.

006.01C2a(2) Daily Bag Limit: Three (3) geese.

006.01C2a(3) Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag limit.

006.01C2a(4) Management Unit Boundary -- The area contained within and bounded by the intersection of the South Dakota state line and the eastern Cherry County line, south along the Cherry County line to the Niobrara River, east to the Norden Road, south on the Norden Road to U.S. Hwy. 20, east along U.S. Hwy. 20 to NE Hwy. 14, north along NE Hwy. 14 to NE Hwy. 59 and County Road 872, west along County Line 872 to the Knox County line, north along the Knox County line to the South Dakota state line. Where the

Niobrara River forms the boundary, both banks of the river are included in the Niobrara Unit.

006.01C2b East Unit

006.01C2b(1) Open Season Dates: October ~~8 6~~ through October ~~16 14~~, ~~2011~~ ~~2012~~ and October ~~22 27~~, ~~2011~~ ~~2012~~ through January ~~25 30~~, ~~2012~~ ~~2013~~.

006.01C2b(2) Daily Bag Limit: Three (3) geese.

006.01C2b(3) Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag limit.

006.01C2b(4) Management Unit Boundary -- That area north and east of U.S. Hwy. 81 at the Kansas-Nebraska state line, north to NE Hwy. 91, east to U.S. 275, south to U.S. Hwy. 77, south to NE Hwy. 91, east to U.S. Hwy. 30, east to the Nebraska-Iowa state line.

006.01C2c Platte River Unit

006.01C2c(1) Open Season Dates: October ~~24 27~~, ~~2011~~ ~~2012~~ through February ~~5 8~~, ~~2012~~ ~~2013~~.

006.01C2c(2) Daily Bag Limit: Three (3) geese.

006.01C2c(3) Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag limit.

006.01C2c(4) Management Unit Boundary - That area north and west of U.S. Hwy. 81 at the Kansas-Nebraska state line, north to NE Hwy. 91, west along NE Hwy. 91 to NE Hwy. 11, north to the Holt County line, west along the northern border of Garfield, Loup, Blaine and Thomas Counties to the Hooker County line, south along the Thomas-Hooker County lines to the McPherson County line, east

along the south border of Thomas County to the western line of Custer County, south along the Custer-Logan County lines to NE Hwy. 92, west to U.S. Hwy. 83, north to NE Hwy. 92, west to NE Hwy. 61, south along NE Hwy. 61 to NE Hwy. 92, west along NE Hwy. 92 to U.S. Hwy, 26, south along U.S. Hwy. 26 to the Keith County line, south along the Keith County line to the Colorado state line.

006.01C2d North Central Unit

006.01C2d(1) Open Season Dates: October ~~8~~ 6, ~~2011~~ 2012 through January ~~20~~ 18, ~~2012~~ 2013.

006.01C2d(2) Daily Bag Limit: Three (3) geese.

006.01C2d(3) Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag limit.

006.01C2d(4) Management Unit Boundary -- That part of the state north of the Platte River, Panhandle and East units, and excluding that area described in 006.01C2a(4).

006.01C2e Panhandle Unit

006.01C2e(1) Open Season Dates: November ~~12~~ 10, ~~2011~~ 2012 through February ~~5~~ 8, ~~2012~~ 2013.

006.01C2e(2) Daily Bag Limit: Three (3) geese.

006.01C2e(3) Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag limit.

006.01C2e(4) Management Unit Boundary: - That area north and west of the Keith-Deuel County line at the Nebraska-Colorado state line, north along the Keith County line to U.S. Hwy. 26, west to NE Hwy. 92, east to NE Hwy. 61, north

along NE Hwy. 61 to NE Hwy. 2, west along NE Hwy. 2 to the corner formed by Garden-Grant-Sheridan Counties, west along the north border of Garden, Morrill, and Scotts Bluff Counties to the intersection of the Interstate Canal, west to the Wyoming state line.

006.01C2f Area Open: Within management units as delineated except federal or state sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized.

006.01C3 White-Fronted Geese

006.01C3a Open Season Dates: October 8 6 through December 18 14, 2011 2012 and February 4-5 2-3, 2012 2013.

006.01C3b Daily Bag Limit: Two (2) geese, EXCEPT ONE (1) goose during the February 4-5, 2012 dates.

006.01C3c Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag.

006.01C3d Area Open: Statewide except federal or state refuges unless otherwise authorized.

006.01C4 Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

006.01D Crow

006.01D1 Open Season: October 1 through November 15 and January 20 through April 6.

006.01D2 Hours Open: 30 minutes before sunrise to 60 minutes after sunset except during waterfowl seasons when hours are concurrent with waterfowl shooting hours.

006.01D3 Area Open: Statewide except federal or state refuges, unless otherwise authorized.

006.01D4 Daily Bag and Possession Limit: No limit.

006.01E Crow - Public Nuisance/Health Hazard Order

006.01E1 In Buffalo, Dawson, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney, Lincoln and Phelps counties, the crow is concentrated in such a manner and number as to constitute a public nuisance and a health hazard and may be taken using methods authorized during firearm and archery seasons during the period November 16 through January 19 in addition to the regular hunting season dates. Shooting hours shall be in accordance with the regular crow hunting season as specified in regulations. None of the birds taken pursuant to this section, nor their plumage, shall be sold or offered for sale.

006.01F Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season

006.01F1 Eligibility: Youth 15 years of age or younger. Youth ages 12 through 15 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old. Youth younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult at least 19 years old who possesses a valid Nebraska Small Game Permit. In neither case, the adult will not be allowed to shoot ducks, geese, mergansers or coots.

006.01F2 Species: Ducks, Geese, Mergansers and Coots.

006.01F3 Season Dates (Open Season): October 1-2, 2011.

006.01F4 Area Open: Statewide except federal or state refuges unless otherwise authorized.

Zone 1: October 6 through 7, 2012.

Zone 2: September 29 through 30, 2012.

Zone 3: October 13 through 14, 2012.

Zone 4: September 29 through 30, 2012.

006.01F5 Daily Bag Limit: Same as allowed in regular duck and merganser (006.01A2), coot

(006.01B2) and goose (006.01C1, 006.01C2, 006.01C3) seasons.

006.01F6 Possession Limit: Same as allowed in regular duck and merganser (006.01A3), coot (006.01B3) and goose (006.01C1, 006.01C2, 006.01C3) seasons.

006.01F7 Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

006.01G Early Teal Season

006.01G1 Species: Blue-winged, Green-winged, and Cinnamon Teal.

006.01G2 Season Dates (Open Season):

006.01G2a Low Plains Zone (described in 006.01G3a). Sixteen (16) consecutive days beginning the Saturday following Labor Day nearest September 6.

006.01G2b High Plains Zone (described in 006.01G3a). Nine (9) consecutive days beginning the Saturday following Labor Day nearest September 7.

006.01G3 Area Open: That portion of the state south and west of a line beginning from the Iowa border west along U.S. Hwy 30, to NE Hwy 61, north to NE Hwy 92 (just north of Kingsley Dam), west to U.S. Hwy 26 to U.S. Hwy. 385, north to NE Hwy. L62A, west to U.S. Hwy. 26, and then west to the Wyoming border, except federal or state refuges unless otherwise authorized.

006.01G3a

Low Plains Zone - That part of the Area Open described above (006.01G3) that lies east of a line which begins at the juncture of U.S. Hwy. 30 and NE Hwy. 47 in Dawson County; south on NE Hwy. 47 to NE Hwy. 23, east on NE Hwy. 23 to U.S. Hwy. 283, south on U.S. Hwy. 283 to the Kansas-Nebraska border.

High Plains Zone - That part of the Area Open described above (006.01G3) that lies west of a line which begins at the juncture of U.S. Hwy. 30 and NE Hwy. 47 in Dawson County; south on NE Hwy. 47 to NE Hwy. 23, east on NE Hwy. 23 to U.S. Hwy. 283, south on U.S. Hwy 283 to the Kansas-Nebraska border.

006.01G4 Daily Bag Limit: Four (4) birds singly or in the aggregate of only those species listed in 006.01G1.

006.01G5 Possession Limit: Twice the daily bag.

006.01G6 Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

006.02 Conservation Orders

The Commission may establish conservation orders or similar wildlife management activities for the conservation of migratory bird populations provided such orders and/or activities are approved by the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or an authorized representative under 50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 20.

006.02A Geese

006.02A1 Light Geese (Blue, Snow and Ross' Geese)
- Zone boundaries are described in 006.01C1h.

006.02A1a Eligibility: Resident persons 16 years of age or older and all nonresidents, regardless of age, participating in a conservation order for the conservation of migratory bird populations shall possess a valid Nebraska Small Game Hunting Permit, valid Nebraska Habitat Stamp, valid Nebraska Migratory Waterfowl Stamp, a Federal Waterfowl Stamp, and shall be registered in Nebraska for the Harvest Information Program (HIP), provided the requirement for the Nebraska Migratory Waterfowl Stamp shall begin January 1, 2006.

006.02A1b Zone 1

006.02A1b(1) Conservation Order Dates: Beginning the first day after the termination date of the Platte River Unit (006.01C2c(1)) dark goose season and through the Sunday nearest April 15.

006.02A1b(2) Beginning on the date specified in 006.02A1b(1), hunting of light geese is permitted only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Beginning on March 24, hunting is permitted on all days until the end of the Conservation Order as specified in 006.02A1b(1).

006.02A1b(3) Hunting of light geese is not permitted on the following lands owned, controlled or managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Springer WPA; Massie WPA, Hultine WPA, Wilkins WPA, Pintail WMA, Verona WPA, Bluebill WMA, Eckhardt WPA, Nelson WPA, Kirkpatrick North WMA, and Swan Creek WMA.

006.02A1b(4) Hunting of light geese is not permitted within 0.5 mile of an area bounded by the outermost channel with flowing water on the north and south sides of the Platte River from U.S. Hwy. 281 to NE Hwy 14.

006.02A1c Zone 2

006.02A1c(1) Conservation Order Dates: Beginning the first day after the termination date of the Platte River Unit (006.01C2c(1)) dark goose season and through April 1.

006.02A1c(2) Beginning on the date specified in 006.02A1c(1), hunting of light geese is permitted only on

Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Beginning on March 24, hunting is permitted on all days until the end of the Conservation Order as specified in 006.02A1c(1).

006.02A1c(3) Hunting of light geese is not permitted on the following lands owned, controlled or managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Funk WPA, Prairie Dog WPA, Bluestem WPA, Lindau WPA, and Clark WPA.

006.02A1c(4) For that portion of the Platte River lying south of Interstate 80, the hunting of light geese is not permitted within 0.5 mile of an area bounded by the outermost channel with flowing water on the north and south sides of the Platte River. Beginning March 11 through the Sunday nearest April 1, for that portion of the Platte River lying south of Interstate 80, the hunting of light geese is not permitted within 3 miles of an area bounded by the outermost channel with flowing water on the north and south sides of the Platte River.

006.02A1d Zone 3

006.02A1d(1) Conservation Order Dates: Beginning the first day after the termination date of the Platte River Unit (006.01C2c(1)) dark goose season and through the Sunday nearest April 15.

006.02A1e Daily Bag Limit: None.

006.02A1f Possession Limit: None.

006.02A1g Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

006.02A1h Area Open: Within management units as delineated except federal or state

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sanctuaries and refuges, unless otherwise authorized.

006.02A1h(1) Beginning March 11 through the Sunday nearest April 15 within that portion of Zone 3 which is east of U.S. Hwy 283 and west of U.S. Hwy 281, hunting of light geese is not permitted within three(3) miles of an area bounded by the outermost channel of flowing water on the north side of the Platte River.

006.02A1i Use of Recorded or Amplified calls: Permitted only as defined in 001.02A3 and 001.02A3a.

006.02A1j Baiting: Prohibited as described in 001.02A7.

006.02A1k Transporting: Same as defined in 001.02A9.

006.02A1l Live Decoys: Prohibited as described in 001.02A5.

006.02A1m Weapons Permitted: Same as those defined in State Statute 37-536 and prohibited in section 001.02A6. The use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shells in magazine and chamber combined: Permitted only as defined in 001.02A4a.

006.02A1n Nontoxic Shot: Same as those defined in 011.01 and 011.02.