

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

SEASON DATES:

DUCKS (except teal), MERGANSERS, COMMON SNIPE: Sept. 1 - Dec. 31

GEESE, TEAL, COOT, GALLINULE, SORA & VIRGINIA RAILS: Sept. 1 - Dec. 31. In addition, any portion of the ceded territory which is open to state-licensed hunters for goose hunting after December 31, shall also be opened concurrently for tribal members.

WOODCOCK: Sept. 2 - Dec. 1

MOURNING DOVE: Sept. 1- Nov. 14

DAILY BAG LIMITS:

DUCKS: 20, (5) canvasbacks, (10) merganser, (5) black ducks, (5) wood ducks, and (10) mallards (only 5 of which may be hens)

MERGANSERS: 10 (all species in aggregate)

COOTS & COMMON MOORHENS (COMMON GALLINULES): 20 in the aggregate

CANADA GEESE & OTHER GEESE: 20 in the aggregate

WOODCOCK: 10

SORA & VIRGINIA RAILS: 20 in the aggregate

COMMON SNIPE: 16

MOURNING DOVE: 10

POSSESSION LIMITS:

Possession limits are double the daily bag limit, except for rails, for which the possession limit equals the daily bag limit (20). On the opening day of the season, the possession limit equals the daily bag limit.

SHOOTING HOURS:

One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset

*With the exception of shooting hours Sault Tribe members will be required to comply with regulations in 50 CFR part 20 including the use of non-toxic shot.

To closely monitor Sault Tribe harvest the Natural Resources Department will employ mandatory harvest reporting requirements. All Sault Tribe members exercising hunting, fishing, gathering, and trapping treaty rights within the 1836 Ceded Territory are required to submit annual harvest reports. For other treaty rights hunting activities we receive strong compliance with this requirement. For migratory bird hunting, Sault Tribe will require that members participating report the date of harvest, number, and species harvested. The information derived from the harvest reports will be used to understand potential impacts on the migratory bird resource.

The Sault Tribe Conservation Committee is an advisory body to the Tribal Council. The Conservation Committee is charged with overseeing issues with regard to hunting, fishing, gathering and trapping treaty rights including developing recommendations for hunting regulations. Upon recommendation to the Tribal Council our migratory bird hunting regulations will be incorporated in to Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code. Sault Tribe Law Enforcement will be responsible for the enforcement of the migratory bird regulations. They will conduct routine bag checks and conservation patrols in areas of heavy hunting effort. All violations of these regulations will be subject to prosecution in the Sault Tribe court system, including restitution costs for illegally harvested game.