

CHAPTER 91
WATERFOWL AND COOT HUNTING SEASONS
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571—91.1(481A) Duck hunting.

91.1(1) Zone boundaries. The following zone boundaries apply in the time frames noted:

a. For the 2020-2021 season, the north duck hunting zone is that part of Iowa north of a line beginning on the South Dakota-Iowa border at Interstate 29, southeast along Interstate 29 to State Highway 175, east to State Highway 37, southeast to State Highway 183, northeast to State Highway 141, east to U.S. Highway 30, and along U.S. Highway 30 to the Iowa-Illinois border. The Missouri River duck hunting zone is that part of Iowa west of Interstate 29 and south to the Iowa-Missouri border. The south duck hunting zone is the remainder of the state.

b. For the fall 2021 through spring 2026 seasons, the north duck hunting zone is that part of Iowa north of a line beginning on the South Dakota-Iowa border at Interstate 29, southeast along Interstate 29 to State Highway 20 to the Iowa-Illinois border. The south duck hunting zone is that part of Iowa west of Interstate 29 and south of State Highway 92 east to the Iowa-Illinois border. The central duck hunting zone is the remainder of the state.

91.1(2) Season dates - north zone.

a. For the 2020-2021 season. Special September teal season: September 1 through September 16. For all ducks: The first segment of the season will begin on the last Saturday in September and run for 7 days. The second segment of the season will open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 53 consecutive days.

b. For the fall 2021 through spring 2026 seasons. Special September teal season: September 1 through September 16. For all ducks: The first segment of the season will begin on the Saturday nearest September 30 and run for 7 days. The second segment of the season will open on the Saturday nearest October 13 and continue for 53 consecutive days.

91.1(3) Season dates - south zone/central zone.

a. For the 2020-2021 season - south zone. Special September teal season: September 1 through September 16. For all ducks: The first segment of the season will begin on the first Saturday in October and run for 7 days. The second segment of the season will open on the third Saturday in October and continue for 53 consecutive days.

b. For the fall 2021 through spring 2026 seasons - central zone. Special September teal season: September 1 through September 16. For all ducks: The first segment of the season will begin on the Saturday nearest October 6 and run for 7 days. The second segment of the season will open on the Saturday nearest October 20 and continue for 53 consecutive days.

91.1(4) Season dates - Missouri River zone/south zone.

a. For the 2020-2021 season - Missouri River zone. Special September teal season: September 1 through September 16. For all ducks: The first segment of the season will begin on the second Saturday in October and run for 7 days. The second segment of the season will open on the fourth Saturday in October and continue for 53 consecutive days.

b. For the fall 2021 through spring 2026 seasons - south zone. Special September teal season: September 1 through September 16. For all ducks: The first segment of the season will begin on the Saturday nearest October 13 and run for 7 days. The second segment of the season will open on the Saturday nearest October 27 and continue for 53 consecutive days.

91.1(5) Bag limit. Bag limits for all species other than scaup are as adopted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and published in the Federal Register. The daily bag limit for scaup will be 1 for the first 15 days of the duck hunting season and 2 for the remaining 45 days.

91.1(6) Possession limit. For the special September teal season and for all ducks: Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

91.1(7) Shooting hours. For the special September teal season: Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset each day. For all ducks: Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day.

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571—91.2(481A) Coots (split season). Same as duck season dates and shooting hours.

91.2(1) Bag and possession limits. Daily bag limit is 15 and possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

91.2(2) Reserved.

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571—91.3(481A) Goose hunting.

91.3(1) Zone boundaries. The following zone boundaries apply in the time frames noted:

a. For the 2020-2021 season, the north goose hunting zone is that part of Iowa north of a line beginning on the South Dakota-Iowa border at Interstate 29, southeast along Interstate 29 to State Highway 175, east to State Highway 37, southeast to State Highway 183, northeast to State Highway 141, east to U.S. Highway 30, and along U.S. Highway 30 to the Iowa-Illinois border. The Missouri River goose hunting zone is that part of Iowa west of Interstate 29 and south to the Iowa-Missouri border. The south goose hunting zone is the remainder of the state.

b. Effective fall 2021 through spring 2026, the north goose hunting zone is that part of Iowa north of a line beginning on the South Dakota-Iowa border at Interstate 29, southeast along Interstate 29 to State Highway 20 to the Iowa-Illinois border. The south duck hunting zone is that part of Iowa west of Interstate 29 and south of State Highway 92 east to the Iowa-Illinois border. The central duck hunting zone is the remainder of the state.

91.3(2) Season dates - north zone.

a. For the 2020-2021 season. For all geese: The first segment of the regular goose season will begin on the second-to-last Saturday of September and run for a 16-day period. The second segment of the goose season will open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 53 consecutive days. The goose season will then close for a 10-day period and shall then reopen on the following Saturday and remain continuously open until the total number of days used for goose hunting reaches 107.

b. For the fall 2021 through spring 2026 seasons. For all geese: The first segment of the regular goose season will begin on the Saturday nearest September 23 and run for a 16-day period. The second segment of the goose season will open on the Saturday nearest October 13 and continue for 53 consecutive days. The goose season will reopen on the Saturday nearest December 13 and remain continuously open until the total number of days used for goose hunting reaches 107.

91.3(3) Season dates - south zone/central zone.

a. For the 2020-2021 season - south zone. For all geese: The first segment of the regular goose season will begin on the last Saturday of September and run for a 16-day period. The second segment of the goose season will open on the third Saturday in October and continue for 53 consecutive days. The goose season will then close for a 10-day period and shall then reopen on the following Saturday and remain continuously open until the total number of days used for goose hunting reaches 107.

b. For the fall 2021 through spring 2026 seasons - central zone. For all geese: The first segment of the regular goose season will begin on the Saturday nearest September 30 and run for a 16-day period. The second segment of the goose season will open on the Saturday nearest October 20 and continue for 53 consecutive days. The goose season will reopen on the Saturday nearest December 20 and remain continuously open until the total number of days used for goose hunting reaches 107.

91.3(4) Season dates - Missouri River zone/south zone.

a. For the 2020-2021 season - Missouri River zone. For all geese: The first segment of the regular goose season will begin on the first Saturday of October and run for a 16-day period. The second segment of the goose season will open on the fourth Saturday in October and continue for 53 consecutive days.

The goose season will then close for a 10-day period and shall then reopen on the following Saturday and remain continuously open until the total number of days used for goose hunting reaches 107.

b. For the fall 2021 through spring 2026 seasons - south zone. For all geese: The first segment of the regular goose season will begin on the Saturday nearest October 6 and run for a 16-day period. The second segment of the goose season will open on the Saturday nearest October 27 and continue for 53 consecutive days. The goose season will reopen on the Saturday nearest December 27 and remain continuously open until the total number of days used for goose hunting reaches 107.

91.3(5) Bag limit. The daily bag limit for dark geese (Canada geese, white-fronted geese, brant and any other geese that are not light geese) is 5 and may include no more than 2 Canada geese from September 16 through October 31 and no more than 3 Canada geese from November 1 through the end of the season. The daily bag limit for light geese (white and blue-phase snow geese and Ross' geese) is 20.

91.3(6) Possession limit. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit for Canada geese, brant and white-fronted geese. There is no possession limit for light geese.

91.3(7) Shooting hours. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

91.3(8) Light goose conservation order season. Only light geese (white and blue-phase snow geese and Ross' geese) may be taken under a conservation order from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service beginning the day after the regular goose season closes and continuing until May 1.

a. Zone boundaries. Statewide.

b. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

c. Bag limit. No bag limit.

d. Possession limit. No possession limit.

e. Other regulations. Methods of take approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for hunting light geese during the conservation order season shall be permitted.

91.3(9) Cedar Rapids/Iowa City goose hunting zone.

a. Season dates. The first Saturday in September for nine consecutive days.

b. Bag limit. Daily bag limit is 5 Canada geese.

c. Possession limit. Three times the daily bag limit.

d. Zone boundary. The Cedar Rapids/Iowa City goose hunting zone includes portions of Linn and Johnson Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the west border of Linn County and Linn County Road E2W; thence south and east along County Road E2W to Highway 920; thence north along Highway 920 to County Road E16; thence east along County Road E16 to County Road W58; thence south along County Road W58 to County Road E34; thence east along County Road E34 to Highway 13; thence south along Highway 13 to Highway 30; thence east along Highway 30 to Highway 1; thence south along Highway 1 to Morse Road in Johnson County; thence east along Morse Road to Wapsi Avenue; thence south along Wapsi Avenue to Lower West Branch Road; thence west along Lower West Branch Road to Taft Avenue; thence south along Taft Avenue to County Road F62; thence west along County Road F62 to Kansas Avenue; thence north along Kansas Avenue to Black Diamond Road; thence west on Black Diamond Road to Jasper Avenue; thence north along Jasper Avenue to Rohert Road; thence west along Rohert Road to Ivy Avenue; thence north along Ivy Avenue to 340th Street; thence west along 340th Street to Half Moon Avenue; thence north along Half Moon Avenue to Highway 6; thence west along Highway 6 to Echo Avenue; thence north along Echo Avenue to 250th Street; thence east on 250th Street to Green Castle Avenue; thence north along Green Castle Avenue to County Road F12; thence west along County Road F12 to County Road W30; thence north along County Road W30 to Highway 151; thence north along the Linn-Benton County line to the point of beginning.

91.3(10) Des Moines goose hunting zone.

a. Season dates. The first Saturday in September for nine consecutive days.

b. Bag limit. Daily bag limit is 5 Canada geese.

c. Possession limit. Three times the daily bag limit.

d. Zone boundary. The Des Moines goose hunting zone includes those portions of Polk, Warren, Madison and Dallas Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Northwest 158th Avenue and County Road R38 in Polk County; thence south along County Road R38 to Northwest

142nd Avenue; thence east along Northwest 142nd Avenue to Northeast 126th Avenue; thence east along Northeast 126th Avenue to Northeast 46th Street; thence south along Northeast 46th Street to Highway 931; thence east along Highway 931 to Northeast 80th Street; thence south along Northeast 80th Street to Southeast 6th Avenue; thence west along Southeast 6th Avenue to Highway 65; thence south and west along Highway 65 to Highway 69 in Warren County; thence south along Highway 69 to County Road G24; thence west along County Road G24 to Highway 28; thence southwest along Highway 28 to 43rd Avenue; thence north along 43rd Avenue to Ford Street; thence west along Ford Street to Filmore Street; thence west along Filmore Street to 10th Avenue; thence south along 10th Avenue to 155th Street in Madison County; thence west along 155th Street to Cumming Road; thence north along Cumming Road to Badger Creek Avenue; thence north along Badger Creek Avenue to County Road F90 in Dallas County; thence east along County Road F90 to County Road R22; thence north along County Road R22 to Highway 44; thence east along Highway 44 to County Road R30; thence north along County Road R30 to County Road F31; thence east along County Road F31 to Highway 17; thence north along Highway 17 to Highway 415 in Polk County; thence east along Highway 415 to Northwest 158th Avenue; thence east along Northwest 158th Avenue to the point of beginning.

91.3(11) Cedar Falls/Waterloo goose hunting zone.

a. *Season dates.* The first Saturday in September for nine consecutive days.

b. *Bag limit.* Daily bag limit is 5 Canada geese.

c. *Possession limit.* Three times the daily bag limit.

d. *Zone boundary.* The Cedar Falls/Waterloo goose hunting zone includes those portions of Black Hawk County bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of County Roads C66 and V49 in Black Hawk County, thence south along County Road V49 to County Road D38, thence west along County Road D38 to State Highway 21, thence south along State Highway 21 to County Road D35, thence west along County Road D35 to Grundy Road, thence north along Grundy Road to County Road D19, thence west along County Road D19 to Butler Road, thence north along Butler Road to County Road C57, thence north and east along County Road C57 to U.S. Highway 63, thence south along U.S. Highway 63 to County Road C66, thence east along County Road C66 to the point of beginning.

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571—91.4(481A) Closed areas. Waterfowl and coots may be hunted statewide except in specific areas.

91.4(1) Waterfowl and coots. There shall be no open season for ducks, coots and geese on the east and west county road running through sections 21 and 22, township 70 north, range 43 west, Fremont County; three miles of U.S. Highway 30, located on the south section lines of sections 14, 15, and 16, township 78 north, range 45 west, Harrison County; on the county roads immediately adjacent to, or through, Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge, Kossuth County; Louisa County Road X61 from the E-W centerline of section 29, township 74 north, range 2 west, on the south, to the point where it crosses Michael Creek in section 6, township 74 north, range 2 west, on the north, and also all roads through or adjacent to sections 7, 18, and 19 of this same township and roads through or adjacent to sections 12 and 13, township 74 north, range 3 west; the levee protecting the Green Island Wildlife Area from the Mississippi River in Jackson County wherever the levee is on property owned by the United States or the state of Iowa; certain dikes at Otter Creek Marsh, Tama County, where posted as such; and the NE¼, section 23, and the N½, section 24, all in township 70 north, range 19 west, Appanoose County, including county roads immediately adjacent thereto; and all privately owned lands in the S½, section 30, township 71 north, range 20 west, Lucas County, including the county road immediately adjacent thereto; Cerro Gordo County Road S14 and its right-of-way, between its junction with U.S. Highway 18 and County Road B-35, and portions of Clear Lake and Ventura Marsh, where posted as such in Cerro Gordo County; that portion of Summit Lake located south of State Highway 25 in the west half of the NW¼ of section 2 (22 acres), and the west half of section 3 (100 acres), T72N, R31W in Union County; and within 150 feet of the center of the Army Road from New Albin to the boat ramp on the Mississippi River in sections 11 and 12, T100N, R4W, and sections 7 and 8, T100N, R3W, as posted.

91.4(2) *Canada geese.* There shall be no open season on Canada geese in certain areas described as follows:

a. Area one. Portions of Emmet County bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of section 3, township 98 north, range 33 west; thence east on the county road a distance of five miles; thence south on the county road a distance of three and one-half miles; thence west on the county road a distance of four miles; then continuing west one mile to the southwest corner of the northwest one-quarter of section 22, township 98 north, range 33 west; thence north on the county road to the point of beginning.

b. Area two. Portions of Clay and Palo Alto Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of County Roads N14 and B17 in Clay County, thence south four miles on N14 (including the road right-of-way), thence east one-half mile, thence east one mile on a county road, thence north one mile on a county road, thence east one mile on a county road to County Road N18, thence south and east approximately one mile on N18, thence east one and one-half miles on a Palo Alto County Road, thence north two miles on a county road, thence east approximately one and one-half miles on a county road, thence north two miles on a county road to County Road B17, thence west six miles to the point of beginning.

c. Area three. A portion of Dickinson County bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of State Highways 9 and 86; thence north along State Highway 86 (including the right-of-way) to the Iowa-Minnesota state line; thence east along the Iowa-Minnesota state line approximately 3.5 miles (excluding any road right-of-ways) to 240th Avenue (also known as West Lake Shore Drive in Orleans or Peoria Avenue in Spirit Lake); thence south along 240th Avenue (including the right-of-way) to State Highway 9; thence west along State Highway 9 (including the right-of-way) to the point of beginning.

d. Area four. Portions of Winnebago and Worth Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 69 and County Road 105 in the city of Lake Mills; thence east along County Road 105 (including the right-of-way and all other road right-of-ways identified in this description) approximately 2 miles to Apple Ave.; thence south along Apple Ave. to 448th St.; thence east two and one-fourth miles on 448th St. to Cardinal Ave.; thence south one-fourth mile to 445th St.; thence east one-fourth mile to Cedar Ave.; thence south one-half mile on Cedar Ave. to the intersection of Cedar Ave. and 440th St.; thence south one-half mile across the north half of section 16, township 99 north, range 22 west, to the intersection of Cedar Ave. and 435th St.; thence south 2 miles along Cedar Ave. to Lake St.; thence west one-fourth mile along Lake St. to Front St.; thence southeast one-half mile along Front St. to County Road A38 (also named 410th St.); thence west along County Road A38 to County Road R74 (also named 225th Ave.); thence north along County Road R74 to 420th St.; thence west along 420th St. to 220th Ave.; thence north along 220th Ave. to 430th St.; thence west along 430th St. one-half mile; thence north one mile across section 15, township 99 north, range 23 west, to the intersection of 440th St. and 215th Ave.; thence north one-fourth mile on 215th Ave. to 445th St.; thence east and northeast on 445th St. to South 12th Ave. West in Lake Mills; thence east on South 12th Ave. West to South Lake St.; thence north on South Lake St. to point of beginning.

e. Area five. On any federal or state-owned lands or waters within the area bounded by the following roads: Beginning at the junction of Lucas County Road S56 and 400th Street; thence west on 400th Street to its intersection with 291st Avenue; thence north on 291st Avenue to its intersection with 410th Street; thence west on 410th Street to its intersection with 280th Avenue; thence north on 280th Avenue to its intersection with 430th Street; thence east on 430th Street to its intersection with 290th Trail; thence south and east on 290th Trail to its intersection with Lucas County Road S56; thence south on Lucas County Road S56 to the point of beginning, including all federal, state, and county roads through or immediately adjacent thereto.

f. Area six. Rescinded IAB 8/31/05, effective 8/11/05.

g. Area seven. Portions of Guthrie and Dallas Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of State Highways 4 and 44 in Panora; thence north along State Highway 4 (including the right-of-way) to County Road F25; thence east along County Road F25 (including the right-of-way) to York Avenue; thence south along York Avenue 1 mile (including the right-of-way) to 170th Street; thence east one-half mile (including the right-of-way) to A Avenue in Dallas County; thence south on A

Avenue 5 miles (including the right-of-way) to State Highway 44; thence west along State Highway 44 (including the right-of-way) to the point of beginning.

h. Area eight. A portion of Adams County bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of State Highway 148 and Adams County Road N28; thence east along Adams County Road N28 (including the right-of-way) to Adams County Road N53; thence east and north along Adams County Road N53 (including the right-of-way) approximately 4.5 miles to Adams County Road H24; thence west along Adams County Road H24 (including the right-of-way) about 8 miles to Hickory Avenue; thence south along Hickory Avenue (including the right-of-way) about 2.5 miles to Adams County Road N28; thence east along Adams County Road N28 (including the right-of-way) to the point of beginning.

i. Area nine. Portions of Monona and Woodbury Counties bounded as follows: For the portion in Monona County, beginning at the junction of County Road K42 and 120th Street; thence south along County Road K42 (including the right-of-way and all other road right-of-ways identified in this description) approximately 4 miles; thence south on Berry Avenue approximately 1 mile to 170th Street; thence east along 170th Street to Cork Avenue; thence north along Cork Avenue to County Road K45; thence northwest approximately 2 miles along County Road K45 to 120th Street; thence west along 120th Street to the point of beginning; and for the portion in Woodbury County, beginning at the junction of County Road K42 and Interstate 29; thence northwest along Interstate 29 approximately 6 miles to the intersection with Woodbury County Road K25; thence west approximately 2 miles along Woodbury County Road K25 to the intersection with Port Neal Road; thence continuing along the same westerly line approximately 1 mile on the north border of section 6, township 86 north, range 47 west, to the center of the Missouri River; thence southerly along the Missouri River channel approximately 8 miles to a point where 340th Street meets the Iowa-Nebraska state line on the Missouri River except that portion of Nebraska lying on the east side of the Missouri River; thence east to and along 340th Street approximately 5.5 miles to County Road K42; thence north and east along County Road K42 approximately 1.5 miles to the point of beginning.

j. Area ten. Rescinded IAB 9/5/01, effective 8/17/01.

k. Area eleven. Starting at the junction of the navigation channel of the Mississippi River and the mouth of the Maquoketa River in Jackson County, proceeding southwesterly along the high-water line on the west side of the Maquoketa River to U.S. Highway 52; thence southeast along U.S. Highway 52 (including the right-of-way) to 607th Avenue; thence east along 607th Avenue (including the right-of-way) to the Sioux Line Railroad; thence north and west along the Sioux Line Railroad to the Green Island levee; thence northeast along a line following the Green Island levee to the center of the navigational channel of the Mississippi River; thence northwest along the center of the navigational channel to the point of beginning.

l. Area twelve. Rescinded IAB 8/30/06, effective 8/11/06.

m. Area thirteen. Portions of Van Buren County bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of State Highway 2 and State Highway 1; thence west on State Highway 2 to County Road V64 (including the right-of-way and all other road right-of-ways identified in this description); thence north on County Road V64 to County Road J40; thence east on County Road J40 to State Highway 1; thence south on State Highway 1 to the point of beginning.

n. Area fourteen. Portions of Bremer County bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Tahoe Avenue and State Highway 93 (also named 140th Street); thence south along Tahoe Avenue (including the right-of-way and all other road right-of-ways identified in this description) to County Road C33; thence west along County Road C33 to Navaho Avenue; thence north along Navaho Avenue to State Highway 93; thence west along State Highway 93 to U.S. Highway 63; thence north 3 miles along U.S. Highway 63 to 140th Street; thence east along 140th Street for 2 miles and continuing on a similar east line for 2 more miles along the north borders of sections 28 and 29, township 93 north, range 12 west, to County Road V5C (also named 140th Street); thence east about one-half mile on County Road V5C to State Highway 93; thence east on State Highway 93 to the point of beginning.

o. Area fifteen. Portions of Butler County bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of State Highway 14 and 245th Street; thence south along State Highway 14 (including the right-of-way and all other road right-of-ways identified in this description) to 280th Street; thence west along 280th Street for

3 miles; continuing on a similar westerly line along the south border of section 32, township 91 north, range 17 west, to County Road T25 (also named Hickory Avenue); thence north along County Road T25 to 230th Street; thence east along 230th Street to Jackson Avenue; thence south along Jackson Avenue to 240th Street; thence east along 240th Street to Jackson Avenue; thence south on Jackson Avenue to 245th Street; thence east along 245th Street to the point of beginning.

p. Area sixteen. A portion of Union County bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 34 and County Road P53 near Afton; thence west along U.S. Highway 34 (including the right-of-way and all other road right-of-ways identified in this description) approximately 2.5 miles to Twelve Mile Lake Road; thence north along Twelve Mile Lake Road approximately 5 miles to Union County Road H17; thence north and east along Union County Road H17 to County Road P53; thence south along County Road P53 to the point of beginning.

q. Area seventeen. Rescinded IAB 9/1/04, effective 8/13/04.

91.4(3) Forney Lake. The entire Forney Lake area, in Fremont County, north of the east-west county road, shall be closed to waterfowl hunting prior to the opening date for taking geese on the area each year.

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571—91.5(481A) Canada goose hunting within closed areas.

91.5(1) Closed areas. All areas described in subrule 91.4(2).

a. Purpose. The hunting of Canada geese in closed areas is being undertaken to allow landowners or tenants who farm in these closed areas to hunt Canada geese on land they own or farm in the closed area.

b. Criteria.

(1) Landowners and tenants who own or farm land in the closed areas will be permitted to hunt Canada geese in the closed areas for three years. This experimental hunting opportunity will be evaluated by the landowners and the DNR following each season, at which time changes may be made.

(2) Landowners and those individuals named on the permit according to the criteria specified in paragraph (9) of this subrule will be permitted to hunt in the closed area. Tenants may obtain a permit instead of the landowner if the landowner transfers this privilege to the tenant. Landowners may choose, at their discretion, to include the tenant and those individuals of the tenant's family specified in paragraph (9) of this subrule on their permit. Landowners may assign the permit for their land to any landowner or tenant who owns or farms at least eight acres inside the closed area. Assigned permits must be signed by both the permittee and the landowner assigning the permit.

(3) Landowners must hold title to, or tenants must farm by a rent/share/lease arrangement, at least eight acres inside the closed area to qualify for a permit.

(4) No more than one permit will be issued to corporations, estates, or other legal associations that jointly own land in the closed area. No individual may obtain more than two permits nor may an individual be named as a participant on more than two permits.

(5) Persons holding a permit can hunt with those individuals named on their permit as specified in paragraph (9) of this subrule on any property they own (or rent/share/lease in the case of tenants) in the closed area provided their activity complies with all other regulations governing hunting. Nothing herein shall permit the hunting of Canada geese on public property within the closed area.

(6) Persons hunting under this permit must adhere to all municipal, county, state and federal regulations that are applicable to hunting and specifically applicable to Canada goose hunting including, but not limited to: daily limits, possession limits, shooting hours, methods of take, and transportation. Hunting as authorized by this rule shall not be used to stir or rally waterfowl.

(7) Hunting within the closed area will be allowed through October 31.

(8) Permit holders will be allowed to take eight Canada geese per year in the closed area.

(9) Permits will be issued only to individual landowners or tenants; however, permit holders must specify, when requesting a permit, the names of all other individuals qualified to hunt on the permit. Individuals qualified to hunt on the permit shall include the landowners or tenants and their spouses,

domestic partners, parents, grandparents, children, children's spouses, grandchildren, siblings and siblings' spouses only.

c. Procedures.

(1) Permits can be obtained from the local conservation officer at the wildlife unit headquarters within the closed area at announced times, but no later than 48 hours before the first Canada goose season opens. The permit will be issued to an individual landowner or tenant and must list the names of all individuals that may hunt with the permittee. The permit will also contain a description of the property covered by the permit. The permit must be carried by a member of the hunting party whose name is listed on the permit. Conservation officers will keep a record of permittees and locations of properties that are covered by permits.

(2) Eight consecutively numbered tags will be issued with each permit. Geese will be tagged around the leg immediately upon being reduced to possession and will remain tagged until delivered to the person's abode. Within one week of the close of hunting within the closed area during at least the first three years the hunt is permitted, unused tags must be turned in at the wildlife unit headquarters within the closed area or the permittee must report the number of geese killed. Failure to turn in unused tags or report the number of geese killed within the specified time period may result in the permittee's forfeiting the opportunity to hunt within the closed area the following year.

(3) No one may attempt to take Canada geese under this permit unless the person possesses an unused tag for the current year.

(4) No landowner or tenant shall be responsible or liable for violations committed by other individuals listed on the permit issued to the landowner or tenant.

91.5(2) Reserved.

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571—91.6(481A) Youth waterfowl hunt. A special youth waterfowl hunt will be held the weekend before the first segment of the regular duck season in each duck hunting zone. Youth hunters must be residents of Iowa as defined in Iowa Code section 483A.1A and less than 16 years old. Each youth hunter must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older. The youth hunter does not need to have a hunting license or stamps. The adult must have a valid hunting license and habitat stamp if normally required to have them to hunt and a state waterfowl stamp. Only the youth hunter may shoot ducks and coots. The adult may hunt for any game birds for which the season is open. The daily bag and possession limits are the same as for the regular waterfowl season, as defined in rule 571—91.1(481A). All other hunting regulations in effect for the regular waterfowl season apply to the youth hunt.

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