

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 268-97
Natural Resources

A Commissioner's Order to regulate the hunting of migratory birds On-Reservation by members of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians.

WHEREAS, Commissioner's Order 173-93 established a regulatory parameter for the taking of migratory birds by individuals under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Mille Lacs Band's Department of Natural Resources entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a sound regulatory system and sound management program to insure protection of migratory bird species, and

WHEREAS, the priority placed upon the taking of migratory birds will be done with the preservation of the species; and

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa has reservations and lands under its jurisdiction where reserved hunting rights exist, and

WHEREAS, the regulation of taking migratory birds is necessary to insure the safety of members and the preservation of species harvested.

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me by the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians under tribal law, I, Don Wedll, Commissioner of Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians hereby establish the following regulations for the taking of migratory birds:

**REGULATION FOR "1997" MIGRATORY BIRD SEASON
ON-RESERVATION**

Shooting dates:

Ducks

September 24, 1997 - September 30, 1997
October 4, 1997 (noon) - November 18, 1997

**Geese, Coots, Common Snipe,
Woodcock and Rails**

September 15, 1997 - October 3, 1997
October 4 (noon) - November 10, 1997

Mourning Doves

Closed

Shooting Hours:

Shooting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except October 4, 1997, when shooting hours will start at 12:00 noon and end at sunset.

Daily Bag Limits:

Ducks:

6 ducks daily, including no more than 3 Mallards (2 Mallard hen), 5 Woodducks, 1 Redhead, 1 Pintail, 1 Hooded Merganser .
Canvasback- 1
Pintail - closed October 4- October 30
Possession limit - 12 ducks

Geese:

6 geese daily, including no more than 1 White-fronted geese and 2 Canada geese.
Possession limit - 12 geese

Coots:

Daily bag limit - 20
Possession limit - 40

Common Snipe:

Daily bag limit - 10
Possession limit - 15

Woodcock:

Daily bag limit - 6
Possession limit - 12

Rails:

Daily bag limit - 20
Possession limit - 40

Where hunting is allowed:

On all trust land or fee land under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians and within the boundaries of the Mille Lacs Reservation.

Transportation:

All transporting of migratory birds will be done with a minimum of field dressing. All birds will have the head and one wing attached.

Commercial Sales:

The taking of migratory birds for commercial purposes and the sale of migratory birds shall be strictly prohibited. The fine for violation of this provision will be at the maximum imposable under the Court of Central Jurisdiction.

Legal method of taking migratory birds:


The only allowable method of taking migratory birds will be with a shotgun and the use of steel shot.

License requirement:

The only license requirement for tribal hunters shall be a Band license to hunt on lands under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians.


*** Steel shot will be used exclusively by all waterfowl hunters hunting on lands under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians.**

DATED at Vineland, Minnesota this 12th day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.



Don Wedll
Commissioner of Natural Resources

APPROVED AND NUMBERED AS TO
FORM AND EXECUTION



Jim Genia
Solicitor General

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