

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

GOVERNOR'S ORDER NUMBER 25 OF 1937.

ORDER PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

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Whereas, the Director of the Division of Game and Fish of the Minnesota Department of Conservation has investigated the necessity of providing additional protection to migratory game birds and has found that these species are in danger of undue depletion;

Therefore, I, Elmer A. Benson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, pursuant to authority vested in me by Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1937, Section 8640, do hereby order that Wilson's snipe, (Jack snipe), rails, coots, gallinules, ducks and geese, for which an open season has been declared, may be taken for a period of thirty (30) days during the year 1937, commencing October 9, 1937, to November 7, 1937, both dates inclusive, shooting hours to be from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M.

I do further order that a person may take in one day during the open season not to exceed fifteen (15) in the aggregate of ducks, geese, coots, Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe, rails and gallinules, of which not more than ten (10) shall be ducks and not more than four (4) shall be geese and not more than twelve (12) shall be coots and not more than twelve (12) shall be Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe and not more than twelve (12) in the aggregate shall be rails and gallinules (except coot).

I do further order that a person at any one time may possess not more than thirty (30) in the aggregate of ducks, geese, coots, Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe, rails and gallinules, of which not more than ten (10) shall be ducks and not more than five (5) shall be geese and not more than twenty-five (25) shall be coots and not more than fifteen (15) shall be Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe, and not more than fifteen (15) in the aggregate shall be rails and gallinules (except coot).

I do further order that migratory game birds may be taken during the open season with a shotgun only, not larger than number 10 gauge, fired from the shoulder, but they shall not be taken with or by means of any automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless the magazine of such gun has been cut off, or plugged with a 1-piece metal or wooden filler incapable of removal through the loading end thereof, so as to reduce the capacity of said gun to not more than three shells at one loading, in the magazine and chamber combined.

I do further order that waterfowl are not to be taken by aid of the practice commonly known as baiting, with or by aid of corn, wheat, oats or other grain or products thereof, salt or any kind of feed or bait whatsoever, by anyone or for any purpose placed, deposited, distributed, scattered or otherwise put out in any environment whereby such waterfowl are lured, attracted or enticed to the hunter.

I do further order that in the taking of waterfowl the use, directly or indirectly, of live waterfowl decoys is not permitted.

The taking of wood duck, ruddy duck, bufflehead duck, redhead duck, canvasback duck, swans, greater and lesser yellowlegs, during the year 1937, is prohibited.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this 7th day of September, 1937.

Elmer A. Benson
Elmer A. Benson, Governor,
State of Minnesota.

ATTACHED:

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Secretary of State.

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