

Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE

.07 Waterfowl

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§10-205, 10-408, and 10-601.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

.06 Devices for Hunting Wetland Game Birds.

A.–E. (text unchanged)

F. The restriction in §E of this regulation that limits shotguns to those holding not more than three shells does not apply to: [shotguns used for hunting snow geese and resident Canada geese if these methods are permitted in Maryland according to a Final Rule adopted by the Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as published in the Federal Register pursuant to 50 CFR 20.]

- (1) Shotguns used for hunting snow geese during the Light Goose Conservation Order season; and
- (2) Shotguns used for hunting resident Canada geese during the September resident Canada goose season.

.07 Areas Open to Offshore Waterfowl Hunting.

A. [A] Consistent with a final rule published in the Federal Register pursuant to 50 CFR 20, except as provided in §C of this regulation, a person may hunt migratory waterfowl from a boat or floating blind which is anchored, drifting, sculled, or paddled, or while standing in the water on the natural bottom in those open areas described [as follows:] in §B of this regulation.

B. The following areas are open:

(1)–(8) (text unchanged)

C. In the sea duck shooting zone described in .04 of this chapter, sea ducks (scoters, long-tailed duck, and eiders) may only be taken during the dates of the special sea duck season.

[B.] D. A person hunting wild waterfowl in the offshore hunting zone shall remain at least:

(1) 800 yards from any shore including shore emerging at mean low water, except in the following waters, where a person hunting wild waterfowl shall remain at least 400 yards from shore including shore emerging at mean low water:

(a) Chesapeake Bay located in Baltimore, Harford, and St. Mary's counties as described in [§A(1)] §B(1) of this regulation;

(b) Potomac River as described in [§A] §B(2) of this regulation;

(c) Susquehanna Flats as described in [§A] §B(3) of this regulation; and

(d) Dorchester, Somerset and Wicomico counties as described in [§A(6)–(7)] §B(6)–(7) of this regulation.

(2)–(3) (text unchanged)