

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2026-2027 Waterfowl Falconry Season

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries wishes to modify the Extended Falconry Seasons for ducks for the 2026-2027 hunting season. This modification adjusts falconry season dates to accommodate the experimental black-bellied whistling duck season while maintaining consistency with federal regulation for the number of waterfowl hunter exposure days.

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:962.G which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to employ emergency procedures to promulgate rules and regulations relative to hunting seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:115 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons and establish associated rules and regulations for hunting migratory game birds, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule amending the Extended Falconry Season Regulations for ducks for the 2026-2027 season:

Extended Falconry Seasons:

East Zone: November 5-November 20, December 7-December 18

West Zone: November 5-November 13, December 7-December 18, January 25-

January 31

This Declaration of Emergency is effective September 13, 2026 through January 31,
2027.

Kenneth A. "Andy" Brister, Chairman

Date Signed