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Memorandum to the Natural Resources Commission:

SUBJECT: Falconry Regulations for 2007-2008  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Public Act 451, as amended, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage wild animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service annually prescribes migratory bird hunting season frameworks, or outer limits, for dates and times when hunting may occur, and the maximum number of birds that may be taken and possessed. Federal frameworks are negotiated with states via the Flyway Councils and this process is partitioned into early season selections and late season selections.

The extended falconry season in Michigan is included within the late season selections. The Department's submission for the late Federal frameworks for waterfowl regulations included a falconry season on ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens that contained a Statewide open season from January 25, 2008, through March 10, 2008. Due to the 2008 leap year, this creates a total season length of 108 days for these species. Federal frameworks allow for a maximum total season length of 107 days.

The Department is recommending a correction be made to close the falconry season on March 9, 2008 to bring the waterfowl seasons into compliance with the 107 day limit. All falconers with a Michigan permit will be notified of this change.

Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's November 26, 2007 calendar. It will be resubmitted for final action in January, 2008.

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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Rebecca A. Humphries  
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# WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

## Amendment No. 2 of 2008

Under the authority of sections 40107 and 40113a, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.40107 and 324.40113a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources ordered that effective January 11, 2008, the following sections of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

### **3.422 Migratory birds, falconry, seasons; daily limit, possession limit.**

Sec. 3.422. (1) The open season for taking migratory game birds by falconry shall be as follows:

<b>Species</b>	<b>Open Seasons</b>
Common snipe; Woodcock; Virginia and sora rails	The open season for these species shall be the same dates as the firearm seasons in the respective zones for these species
Geese	The open season for taking these species shall be the same dates as the firearm seasons in the respective zones and goose management units.
Ducks; mergansers; coots and moorhens	The open season for these species shall be the same dates as the firearm seasons in the respective zones for these species, plus the season shall also be open statewide from the beginning January 25, 2008 to March 9, 2008.

(2) The daily limit for migratory game birds taken by falconry shall be 3 birds combined, and the possession limit shall be 6 birds combined.

Issued this 10th day of January, 2008.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Keith J. Charters, Chairman  
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director