

2021-22 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons



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Schedule

- *Dec. 10, 2020 = Proposed Frameworks
- Dec. 11, 2020 = Waterfowl Workgroup
- Jan. 7 & 9, 2021 = CWAC
- Feb. 11, 2021 = NRC for Information
- *Feb. 25, 2021 = Final Frameworks
- March 11, 2021 = NRC for Action
- April 30, 2021 = Season Selections Due



Canada Goose Population Status

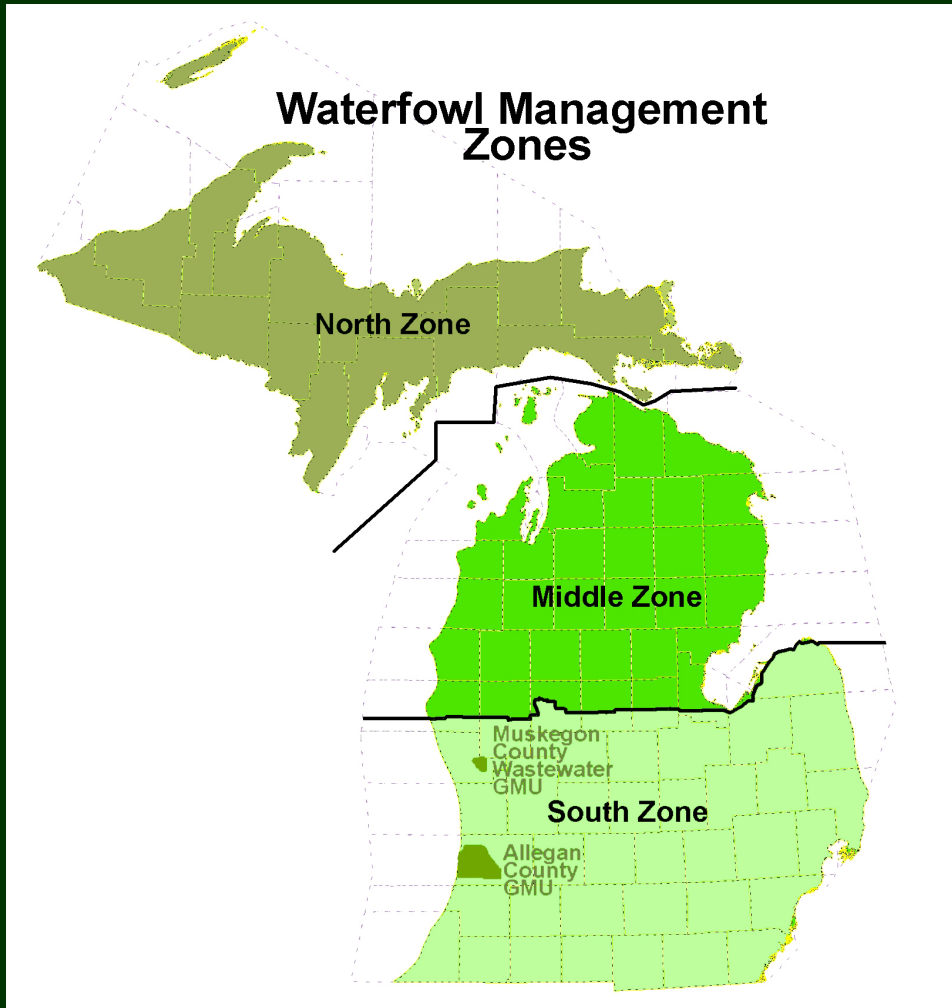
- Breeding Waterfowl Surveys cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic
- Recent trends:
 - Mississippi Flyway temperate-breeding geese long-term increasing trend
 - Michigan Canada geese near top of goal range
 - Subarctic-nesting geese stable but variable



2021 Goose Season Federal Framework



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- Season length and outside dates
 - Maximum 107 days
 - Between Sept. 1 - Feb. 15
- 4 segments allowed



2021 Goose Federal Frameworks – Bag Limits

- Canada daily limits:
 - Maximum 5 birds
- White-fronted daily limits:
 - Maximum 5 birds in aggregate with dark geese
- Brant daily limits:
 - Maximum 1 bird in aggregate with dark geese
- Snow, blue, Ross' daily limits:
 - Maximum 20 birds

Possession limits 3X daily limit

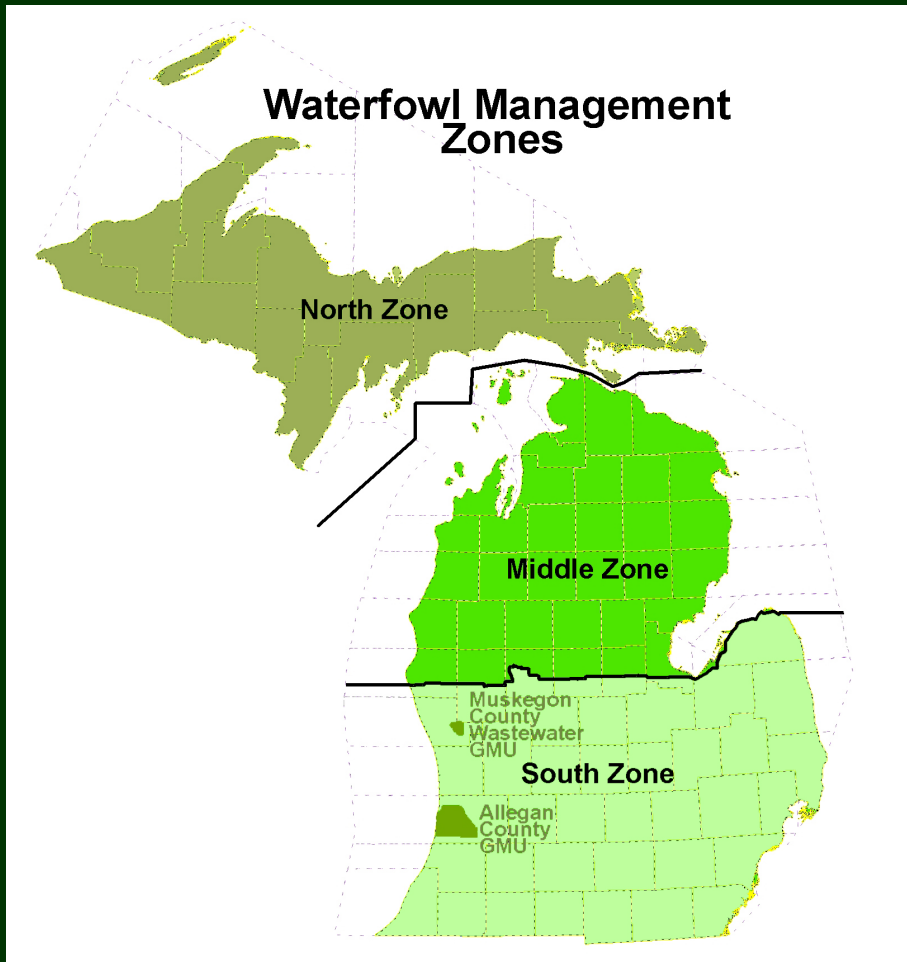


2021 Michigan Goose Season Recommendations



2021 Goose Season

Recommendations Season Dates and Bag Limits – North and Middle Zones

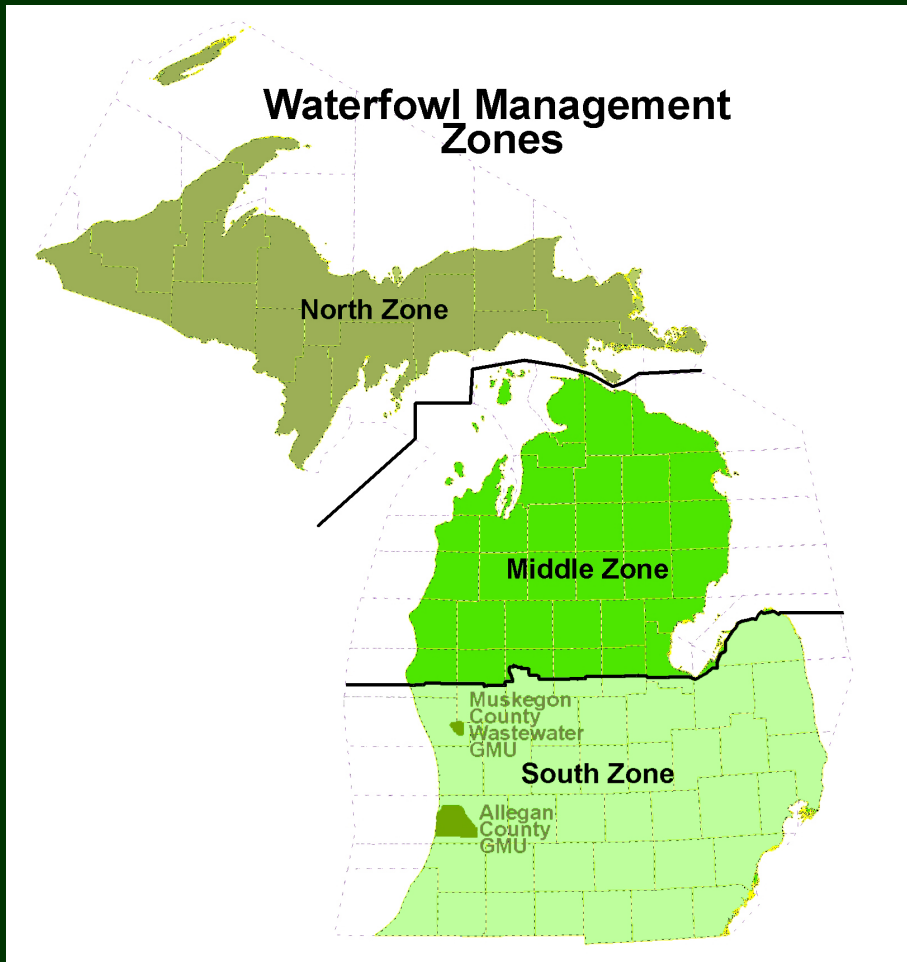


- Sept. 1 – Dec. 16
- Dark goose aggregate daily limit = 5, only 1 of which can be a brant
- Light goose daily limit = 20



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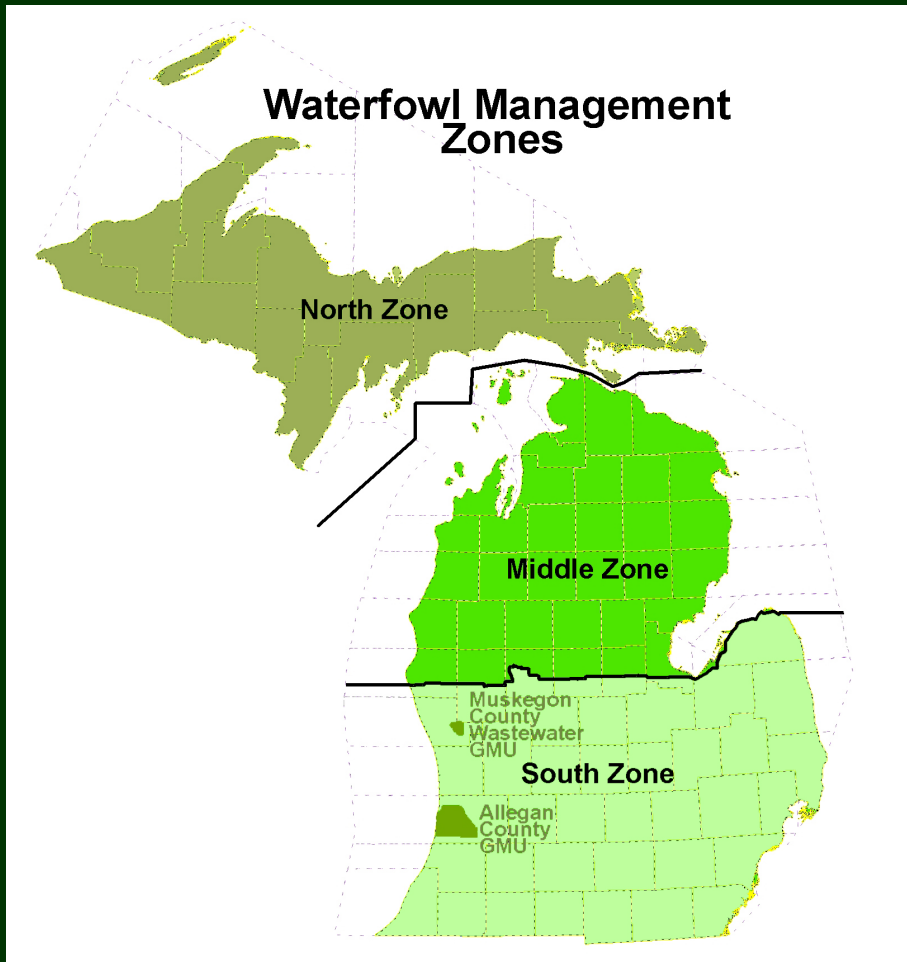
Recommendations Season Dates and Bag Limits – South Zone



- Sept. 1-30; Oct. 9 – Dec. 5; Jan. 1-Jan. 9, 2022; and Feb. 5-Feb. 14, 2022
- Dark goose aggregate daily limit = 5, only 1 of which can be a brant
- Light goose daily limit = 20



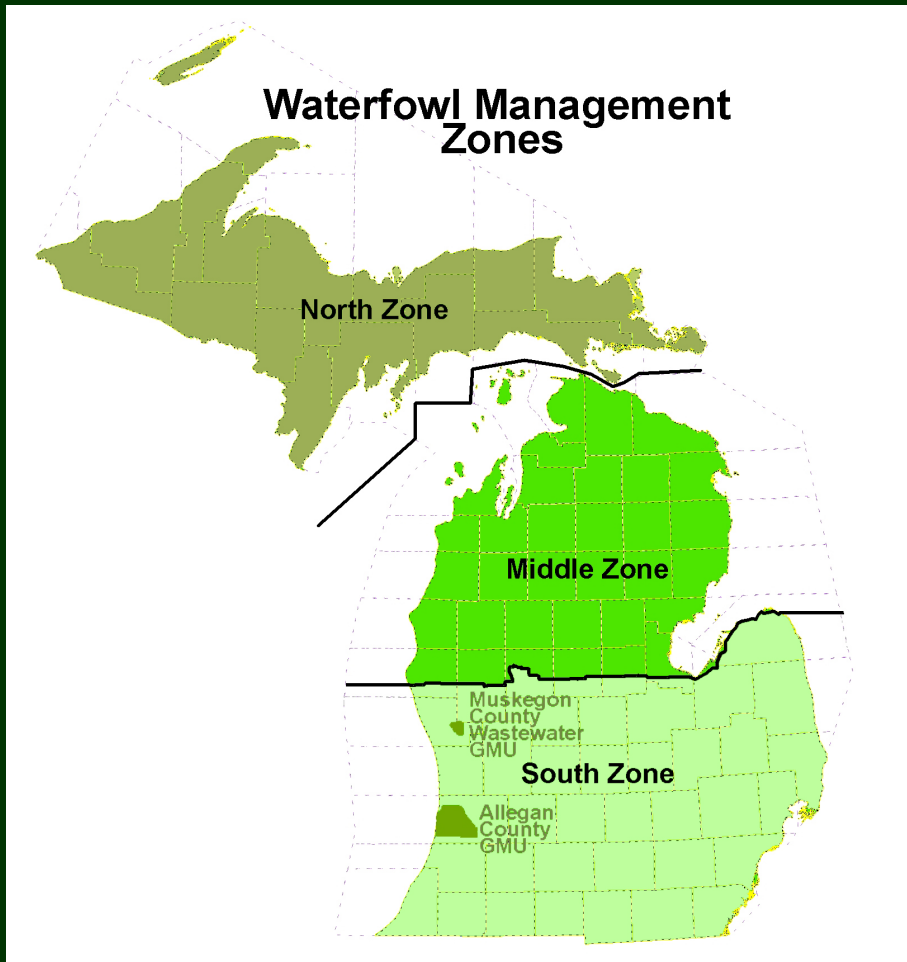
2021 Goose Season Recommendations – GMUs



- Allegan County
 - Sept. 1-30; Nov. 6-Nov. 13; Nov. 25-Dec. 5; and Dec. 18-Feb. 13, 2022
- Dark goose aggregate daily limit = 5, only 1 of which can be a brant
- Light goose daily limit = 20



2021 Goose Season Recommendations – GMUs



- Muskegon County Wastewater
– Oct. 16 – Dec. 23
- Dark goose aggregate daily limit = 5, only 1 of which can be a brant
- Light goose daily limit = 20



Duck Population Status

- 2020 Waterfowl Breeding Population & Habitat Survey cancelled
- No 2020 estimates

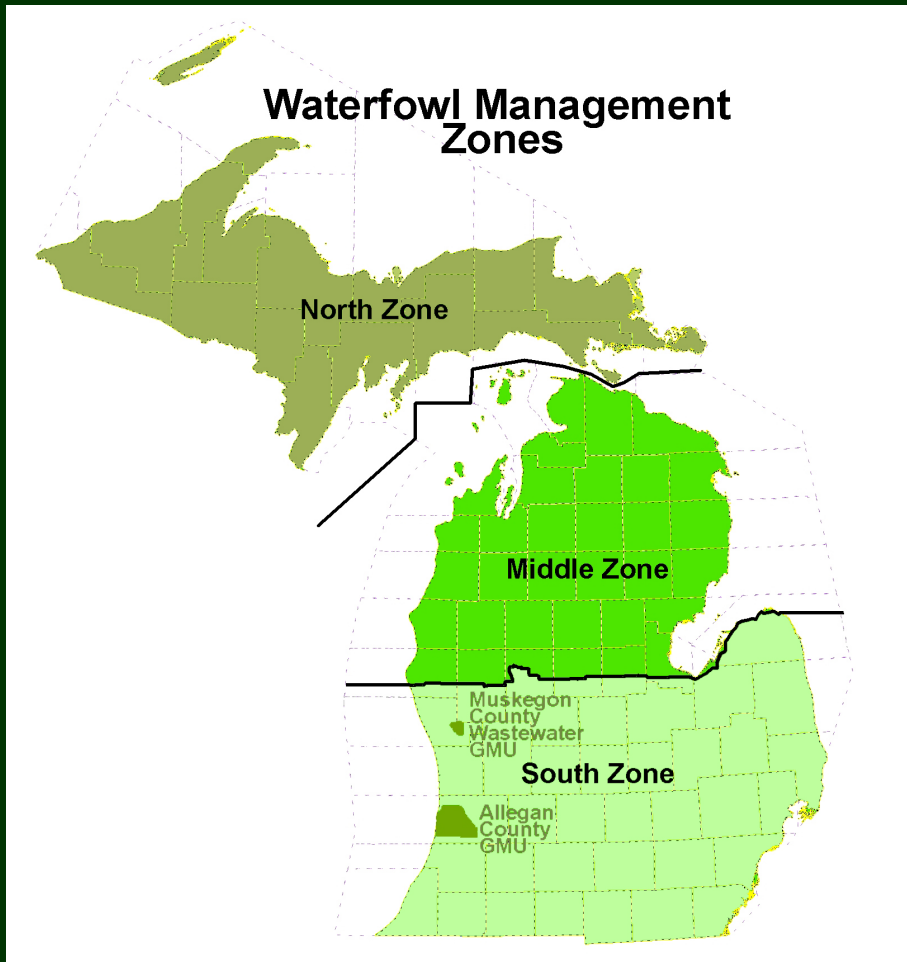


Approach without Population and Habitat Estimates

- AHM protocols adjusted to inform duck hunting regulations based on model predictions of breeding populations and habitat conditions.
- In most cases, system models specific to each AHM decision framework used to predict breeding population sizes from available information (e.g., 2019 observations).
- For some system state variables, used updated time series models to forecast 2020 values based on the most recent information.
- Overall, high confidence in models because of long-term data.



2021 Duck Season Federal Framework

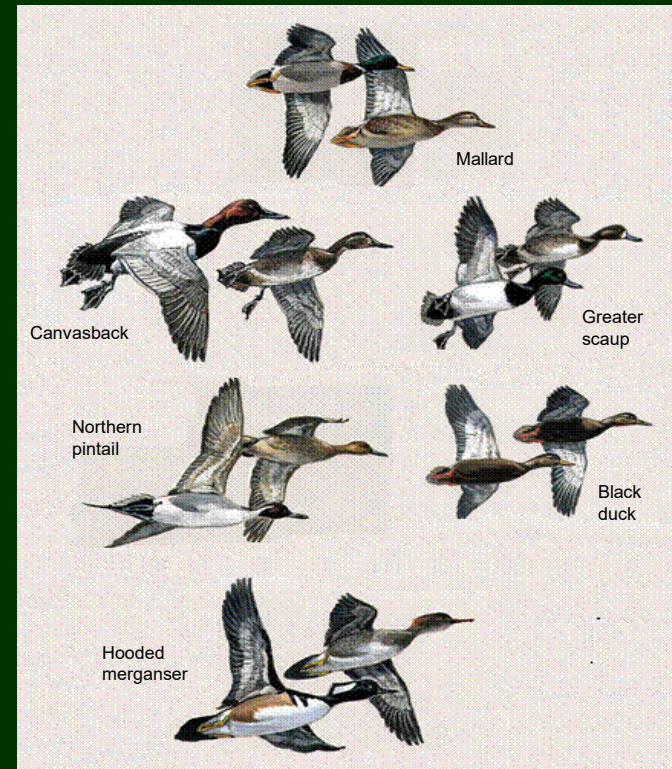


- Liberal season
 - Maximum 60 days
 - Between Saturday nearest Sept. 24 and January 31
 - Maximum 6 birds per day
- Possession limit 3X daily limit
- Seasons set by Zone
- One split per Zone

2021 Duck Season

Federal Framework – Daily Limits

- 6 ducks combined
 - Mallard
 - Maximum 4 birds (maximum 2 hens)
 - Wood duck
 - Maximum 3 birds
 - Redhead, Canvasback, & American black duck
 - Maximum 2 birds
 - Scaup
 - 2 for 45 days and 1 for 15 days
 - Northern pintail
 - Maximum 1 bird
 - All other ducks
 - 6 birds
- 5 mergansers combined
 - Maximum 2 hooded mergansers

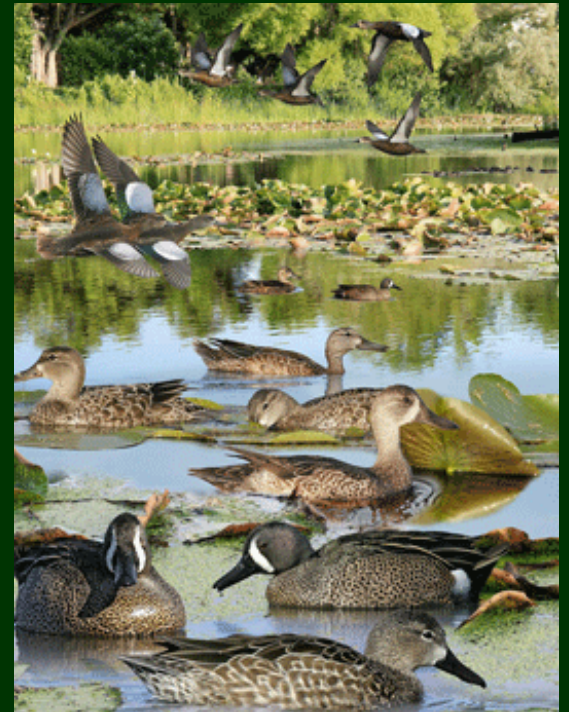


2021 Michigan Duck Season Recommendations



2021 Early Teal Season Recommendations

- Sept. 1 – 16 Statewide
- Daily limit 6 teal
- Possession 3X
- Hunting hours begin at sunrise



2021 Youth Season Recommendations

- Remain 3rd weekend in September (Sept. 18-19)
- Daily and possession limits same as regular waterfowl seasons

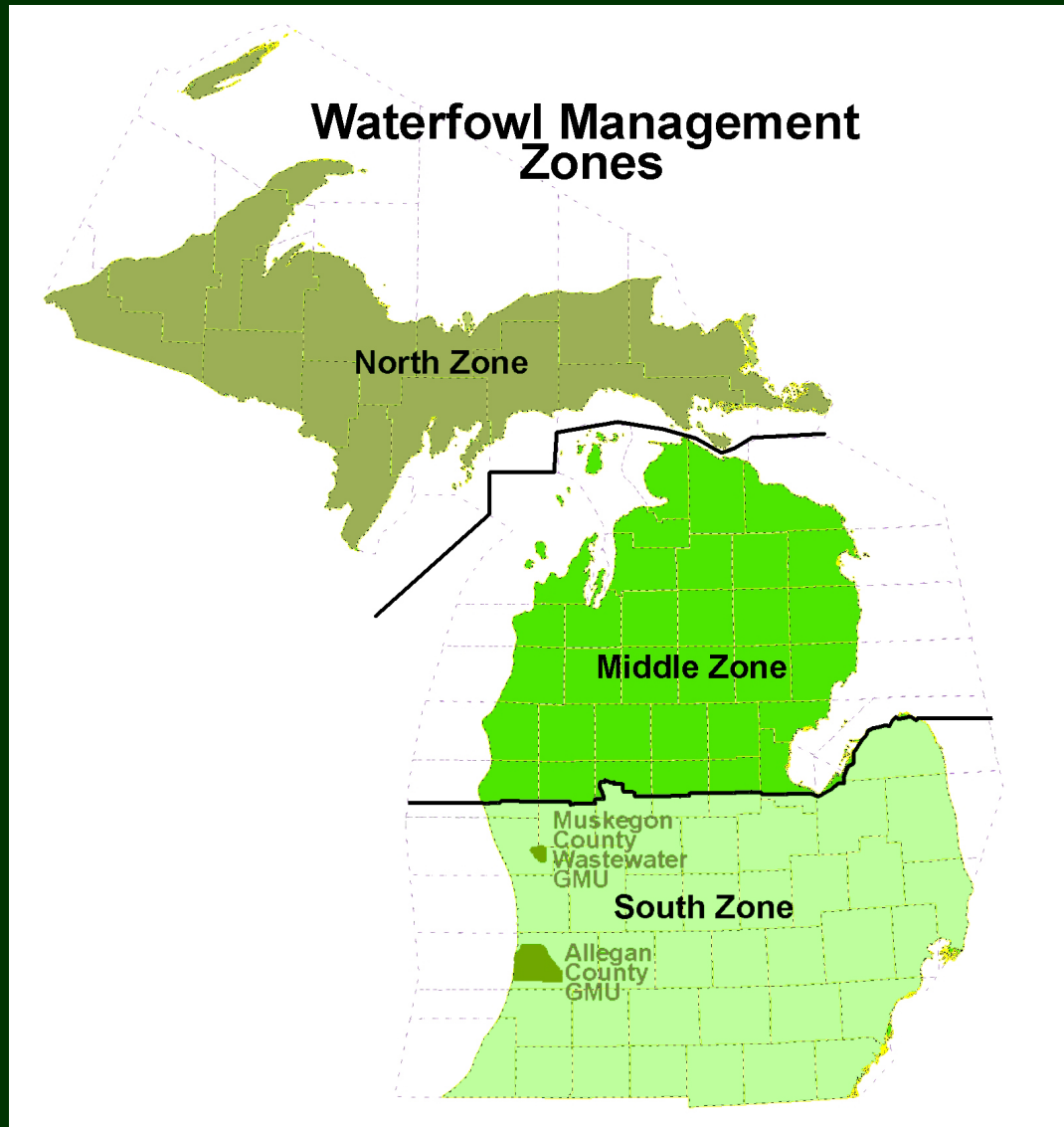


Veterans and Active-Duty Waterfowl Hunt Recommendations

- Hold concurrently with Youth Season (September 18-19)
- Bag limits for Youth Season apply



2021 Zone Boundary Change

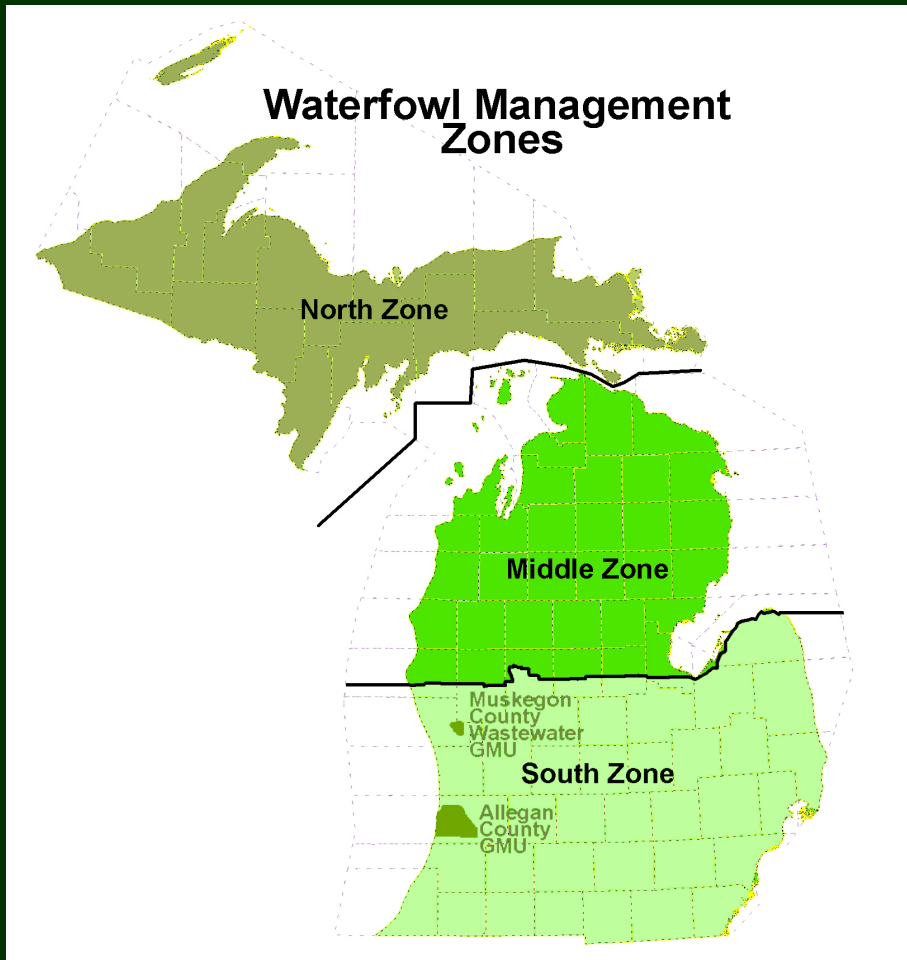


3-Year Stable Opening Dates

- North Zone – last Saturday in Sept.:
 - 2021 = Sept. 25
- Middle Zone – 1st Saturday in Oct.:
 - 2021 = Oct. 2
- South Zone – 2nd Saturday in Oct.:
 - 2021 = Oct. 9



2021 Duck Season Recommendations – Dates



- North Zone
 - Sept. 25 – Nov. 21
 - Nov. 27 – 28
- Middle Zone
 - Oct. 2 – Nov. 28
 - Dec. 11 – 12
- South Zone
 - Oct. 9 – Dec. 5
 - Jan. 1 – Jan. 2



2021 Duck Season

Recommendations – Daily Limits

- Maximum allowed under Federal Frameworks
- Scaup:
 - North Zone: September 25 to November 8 (two-bird limit); November 9 to November 21 and November 27 to November 28 (one-bird limit)
 - Middle Zone: October 2 to October 17 (one-bird limit); October 18 to November 28 and December 11 to December 12 (two-bird limit)
 - South Zone: October 9 to October 24 (one-bird limit); October 25 to December 5 and January 1 to January 2 (two-bird limit)



2021 Woodcock Season Recommendation

- Federal Framework change now allows concurrent opener with grouse
- 45 days beginning Sept. 15



2021-22 Falconry Season Recommendations

- Same dates as gun hunting
- Additional days for ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens:
 - Jan. 3 – Jan. 16, 2022
 - Feb. 24 – Mar. 10, 2022
- No change to daily bag limits
- Possession limits 3X daily limit



Thank You

