

Shooting Preserve Order



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Background

- Shooting Preserve Order was established in 2001
- Replacement of regulations established under the Private Shooting Preserves Act (repealed)
- Director's Authority
- 1 change since 2001



Background

- 229 shooting preserves in Michigan
 - 73 open to public
 - 156 are private
 - 215 release pheasants
 - 103 release bobwhite quail
 - 42 release Hungarian partridge
 - 13 release mallard ducks
 - 137 release chuckars, 47 release other exotic birds



Extend Open Hunting Season

- Most preserves operate August 15 – April 30
 - Released pheasants, bobwhite quail, Hungarian partridge, and mallard ducks
- Others operate year-round
 - Exotic birds
- Recommendation to extend the open hunting season year-round
 - Released pheasants, bobwhite quail, and Hungarian Partridge
 - Does not include released mallard ducks



Extend Open Hunting Season

- Additional recreational opportunities
- No biological impact on wild upland game birds
 - Does not include mallard ducks because of biological concerns
- Midwest states have similar regulations
- Supported by the Michigan Bird and Game Breeders Association



Remove Acreage Limit Per County

- Limit on how many acres of shooting preserves can be in a county
 - Total acres of shooting preserves cannot be more than 1 percent of total land mass of that county
- Previously some counties have neared or reached limit
- Recommended removing limit



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- More accessible recreational opportunities
- Midwest states have similar regulations
- No biological impact
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Thank You

