1. Recommended Change: Increase the northern pintail daily bag limit from one to two. Justification: The USFWS annually recommends pintail bag limits following the guidelines outlined in the northern pintail harvest strategy. The optimal bag limit for the 2018-19 duck season was two; however, the daily bag limit was inadvertently left at one (the 2017-18 bag limit) during the regulations process. This change will correct that oversight.

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B1.08 DUCK, COOT AND MERGANSER SEASON AND LIMITS

05-18 Nov. 18 26 17-25, Dec. 7-23 6-23 and Dec. 26, 2017 2018-Jan. 28, 2018 27, 2019. .

First segment the Saturday before Thanksgiving through the first Sunday after Thanksgiving; second segment the first Thursday in December through December 23; third segment December 26 through the last Sunday in January (60 days total) statewide.

EXCEPTION:

Ducks, coots and mergansers may be taken during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Code 11.04).

LIMIT

COOT: Daily limit 15, possession limit 45.

DUCKS: Daily limit six. No more than four mallards (no more than two of which may be females), one two pintails, one mottled duck, three scaup, three wood ducks, two redheads, one black duck and one canvasback. Possession limit no more than three daily limits.

MERGANSERS: Daily limit of five (no more than two of which may be hooded mergansers).

Possession limit no more than three daily limits.