GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL

Duck Hunting Season
Chapter 41:06:16

Commission Meeting Dates:	**Public Hearing**	**August 2, 2012**	**Milbank**
	Finalization	**August 2-3, 2012**	**Milbank**

COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

Season Dates and Open Areas:

High Plains	October 13, 2012 – January 17, 2013
Low Plains North & Low Plains Middle	September 29 – December 11, 2012
Low Plains South	October 13 – December 25, 2012

Duck Hunting Zones

Daily Duck Limit: 6

The duck limit may be comprised of no more than:

5 mallards (which may include no more than 2 hens)
3 wood ducks
3 redheads
2 scaup
2 pintails
1 canvasback

Daily Coot Limit: 15

Daily Merganser Limit: 5

The daily bag may contain no more than two hooded mergansers.

Possession Limits: Twice the daily bag limits

Recommended changes from last year:

1. Increase the redhead daily limit from 2 to 3.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Redhead daily limit change is dependent upon the redhead harvest strategy recommended by the Central Flyway Council and approval by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Year	Resident Hunters	Nonresident Hunters	Ducks Harvested
2007	14,519	3,853	228,000
2008	13,376	4,058	219,125
2009	13,873	4,010	252,882
2010	14,038	4,123	262,302
2011	13,394	4,132	264,740