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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Emergency Rule**  
LSA Document #10-739(E)

DIGEST

Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9](#) to establish a season in February 2011 for taking Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*) in 30 Indiana counties and to establish a season in spring 2011 for taking lesser snow geese and Ross's geese in support of a federal effort to control the numbers of these geese. Effective January 1, 2011.

SECTION 1. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to [312 IAC 9-4](#).

(b) An individual may take a Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*) under this SECTION of this document from February 1 through February 15, 2011, in the following counties only:

- (1) Adams.
- (2) Allen.
- (3) Boone.
- (4) Clay.
- (5) Dekalb.
- (6) Elkhart.
- (7) Greene.
- (8) Hamilton.
- (9) Hancock.
- (10) Hendricks.
- (11) Huntington.
- (12) Johnson.
- (13) Kosciusko.
- (14) LaGrange.
- (15) LaPorte.
- (16) Madison.
- (17) Marion.
- (18) Marshall.
- (19) Morgan.
- (20) Noble.
- (21) Parke.
- (22) Shelby.
- (23) Starke.
- (24) Steuben.
- (25) St. Joseph.
- (26) Sullivan.
- (27) Vermillion.
- (28) Vigo.
- (29) Wells.
- (30) Whitley.

(c) An individual must obtain a free permit from the department to take a Canada goose under this SECTION.

(d) In order to take a Canada goose under this SECTION, an individual must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- (1) Possess one (1) of the following valid Indiana hunting licenses:
  - (A) resident yearly hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(2\)](#);
  - (B) resident yearly hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(3\)](#);
  - (C) nonresident yearly hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(6\)](#);
  - (D) nonresident five (5) day hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(10\)](#);
  - (E) nonresident youth yearly hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(25\)](#);
  - (F) resident youth consolidated hunting and trapping license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#) or [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#);
  - (G) disabled American veteran's hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1.5](#);
  - (H) an apprentice hunting license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (F) under [IC 14-22-](#)

[12-1.7](#);

(I) lifetime basic hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(2\)](#);

(J) lifetime comprehensive hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#);

(K) lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#);

or be exempt from needing a license as authorized in [IC 14-22-11-1](#).

(2) Possess a valid Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege issued under [IC 14-22-7-4](#).

(3) Possess a valid Harvest Information Program registration number issued under [312 IAC 9-4-2](#).

(4) Possess a valid and signed federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp under 16 U.S.C. 718a.

(e) An individual must comply with all requirements for hunting waterfowl in 50 CFR 20, [IC 14-22-6](#), and [312 IAC 9](#).

(f) An individual may take no more than five (5) Canada geese per day. The possession limit is ten (10) Canada geese.

(g) An individual who takes a Canada goose under this SECTION must cause delivery of the goose to an official goose checking station within forty-eight (48) hours of taking the goose or by 3:00 p.m. local time on February 15, 2011, whichever is sooner, if the goose is taken in one (1) of the following counties:

(1) Clay.

(2) Greene.

(3) Parke.

(4) Sullivan.

(5) Vermillion.

(6) Vigo.

SECTION 2. SECTION 1 of this document expires February 16, 2011.

SECTION 3. (a) This SECTION of this document is supplemental to [312 IAC 9-4](#).

(b) An individual may take a lesser snow goose (*Anser caerulescens*) or a Ross's goose (*Anser rossii*) under this SECTION of this document from:

(1) February 16, 2011, through March 31, 2011, in the following counties:

(A) Adams.

(B) Allen.

(C) Boone.

(D) Clay.

(E) Dekalb.

(F) Elkhart.

(G) Greene.

(H) Hamilton.

(I) Hancock.

(J) Hendricks.

(K) Huntington.

(L) Johnson.

(M) Kosciusko.

(N) LaGrange.

(O) LaPorte.

(P) Madison.

(Q) Marion.

(R) Marshall.

(S) Morgan.

(T) Noble.

(U) Parke.

(V) Shelby.

(W) Starke.

(X) Steuben.

(Y) St. Joseph.

(Z) Sullivan.

(AA) Vermillion.

(BB) Vigo.

(CC) Wells.

(DD) Whitley.

(2) February 1, 2011, to March 31, 2011, in all other Indiana counties.

(c) In order to hunt a lesser snow goose or a Ross's goose under this SECTION, an individual must satisfy all of the following requirements:

(1) Possess one (1) of the following valid Indiana hunting licenses:

(A) resident yearly hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(2\)](#);

(B) resident yearly hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(3\)](#);

(C) nonresident yearly hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(6\)](#);

(D) nonresident five (5) day hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(10\)](#);

(E) nonresident youth yearly hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(25\)](#);

(F) resident youth consolidated hunting and trapping license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#) or [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#);

(G) disabled American veteran's hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1.5](#);

(H) an apprentice hunting license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (F) under [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#);

(I) lifetime basic hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(2\)](#);

(J) lifetime comprehensive hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#);

(K) lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#);

or be exempt from needing a license as authorized in [IC 14-22-11-1](#).

(2) Possess a valid Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege issued under [IC 14-22-7-4](#).

(d) In addition to the requirements in subsection (c), an individual must obtain a free permit from the department to take a lesser snow goose or Ross's goose under this SECTION.

(e) Notwithstanding [312 IAC 9-4-2](#), an individual taking a lesser snow goose or Ross's goose under this SECTION is exempted from the requirements to register for and possess an identification number through the Harvest Information Program.

SECTION 4. SECTION 3 of this document expires on April 1, 2011.

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