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**ADVISORY COUNCIL RULE SUGGESTION REVIEW:  
HUNTING BIRDS**

**COMPREHENSIVE  
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

**SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS**

**TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS**

**SUB-TOPIC: DOVES**

**Michaels, Debbie**

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**Cc:** Guinnup, Jacob  
**Subject:** SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

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State of Residence  
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**Suggestions**

Myself and my hunting partner were down at the boat sport and travel show a few weeks ago and stopped by the conservation booth. We had a few questions for them, with one question being, what is the season and what is the limit on doves? The gentleman responded and said you won't find that in our hunting and trapping rules and regulations book. When he said that, I ask what do you mean, and he said oh that information is in another book just for birds. Well I have hunted, trapped, and fished since I was 5-6 years old and I'm now 26. I've never heard of such a thing and I consider myself knowing most of the rules and regulations very well. I even have corrected several older people about seasons and bag limits. When trapping and deer season is over and my partner does a lot of rabbit hunting and sees several doves. Thankfully we haven't shot any because according to the gentleman at the boat sport and travel show the season for doves is over with before November or something close to that. I never knew there was even another book and neither did my partner who is 51 years old. I think all rules and regulations for hunting and trapping, no matter what species should be in the same book. How do you expect people to follow rules and regulations when they are not posted in our hunting and trapping regulations book? I think you should think about that, especially if we are trying to get people to be lawful, true outdoorsmen, and teach the youth.

**Michaels, Debbie**

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First Name  
Ken

Last Name  
Layton

County  
Jackson

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Suggestions  
Limit dove hunting to afternoons and extend the season a few days.

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**TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS**

**SUB-TOPIC: CROW/BAG LIMITS & SEASON LENGTH**

**Michaels, Debbie**

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First Name  
Rhonda

Last Name  
Remesnik

County  
newton

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions

Myself and my daughter, s 8th grade classmates believe that a no baglimit on crows is incredibly wrong! Those beautiful birds arevanishing and should not be held with no regard. I ask that you removethe no bag limit and show these children that they can make adifference in our world.

We also think that the shells from duck hunting (over water) shouldnot just be discarded into the water, what about that pollution?

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First Name  
Rob

Last Name  
Harris

County  
Allen

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IN

**Suggestions**

Crow season needs to extend thru the month of March. If the total number of days is limited, eliminate either a month in the summer or start in January instead of December. There would be less conflict with other hunting, specifically waterfowling, and more days of hunting opportunity provided during a time when little else is in season.

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First Name  
Ken

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Layton

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Jackson

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Suggestions  
Leave the crow season open from August 15th through the end of theyear.

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**SUB-TOPIC: WATERFOWL/HABITAT F&W AREAS**

**Michaels, Debbie**

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Other

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County

Union

State of Residence

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Suggestions

I would like to see the waterfowl resting area between Dunlapsvilleroad and SR 44 in Union county opened for woodland game and Deerhunting.

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First Name  
Nick

Last Name  
Kettinger

County  
Vanderburgh

City

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions  
Hello IDNR,

I am suggessting that something more be done with Hovey Lake FWA inPosey county in southern IN. I just think that the place can bemanages much better than it is. Yes the place hold birds and does goodon waterfowl numbers, but it could be much better. I have to say onegood move down there was when the blinds were removed from the lakeand you had to supply your own boat and such.

On to my suggestion:

The Rail marsh is not longer planted. I know ducks still use it, butthink that it would be a much better place if it was plated with cornor milow again and then flooded in the fall.

Also, the goose pits are over down there. Maybe installing some damaround some of the pits and flooding then from the river would be areal hotspot.

I would also like to see a no HP limit on the lake, just IDLE ONLY,just like Bluegrass FWA. People use bigger motors on Hovey and neverget caught. It should not matter what size motor you have. You dontneed to be flying around the lake anyway because of all the stumps. Ano wake restriction would be really nice.

Thanks for your time.

Thanks.  
Nick

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**TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS**

**SUB-TOPIC: WATERFOWL/DRAW HUNTS**

**Kane, Jennifer**

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County  
Lake

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IN

Suggestions  
TOPIC: WATERFOWL RESERVATION SYSTEM

I would like the state to review the waterfowl reservation system. Reason being, I (along with many other waterfowlers from northwest Indiana) feel there are WAY too many reservation days for the season in general. My disappointment with the system is very simple: it takes away regular drawing opportunities for hunters like myself and those who plan weeks vacation at a time to work around the waterfowl season. For example, it makes no sense that virtually every other day is a reservation day. Since the majority of my own personal hunting opportunities take place on DNR managed waterfowl areas, this is very discouraging. I unfortunately do not have a lot of opportunities on private lands, and when I take a weeks vacation, I'd like a fair chance/opportunity to possibly hunt everyday. Under the current system, I only get a couple of days to hunt because of the reservations that are already pre-drawn. There is no reason why you can't limit the reservation days to once a week? I've gone as far as to try and draw "stand-by" for the reservation spots that went unclaimed during my vacation time. Granted, I'm not complaining about that opportunity, and I hope it continues. However, it makes no sense to me to even have a stand-by drawing in the first place. Reason being, if you took a poll from property managers that run these drawings, I'd bet they'd tell you that the turn out rate for reservations is in the 50-70% range. On the days during the week that I drew stand-by at Willow Slough FWA, their turn out ratio was usually no more

that 60% of the folks pre-drawn. Now you explain to me, what's the point in a reservation system if you are only getting 1/2 of the folks to turn out anyhow? How can the state continue to promote a reservation system that in essence, only creates a turn out ratio for the top spots on the property? If 9 out of 10 folks show up from the top 10 numbers drawn, and say 2 out of the next 10 show up, it proves something: people aren't willing to come and show up unless they think they will be in the best spots. Between high gas costs and the hardships of this current economy, most folks simply aren't going to travel long distances if they think their pre drawn number will in turn mean they are only in a "marginal spot." This unfortunately, is just the way some waterfowlers think: they aren't all willing to put in the time and work for a hard hunt if they think only the top spots can guarantee them a quality hunt from the start.

It's very frustrating that within the last couple of years, our state has decided to make OPENING DAY a reservation day. If DNR personnel understood anything about traditional waterfowl hunting in Northwest Indiana, they would understand that opening day is the most prized day amongst us. It's the first chance to get out, see old friends, and hopefully be lucky enough to "draw in." Ever since I was a kid, part of the opening day tradition was simply getting up, driving to our local DNR property, and seeing all the usual faces in the check-in station for the new season. Seeing old friends, hearing hunting stories, and basic camaraderie in general was all part of it - it didn't even matter if you were successful in the draw. Now our state has decided to also take that day away from us and make it a reservation day? That makes no sense at all, and is rather discouraging for the younger folks in our sport who also don't have any other opportunities but on public land. I've personally been able to get no answers out of DNR staff as to why this decision was made. In reality, most waterfowlers believe that our state simply took this opportunity away from us because of administrative cuts. It's very easy to understand: if the state has a pre-drawn reservation day on opening day, they can then prepare for the amount of staff it will take to fill just the blinds they are drawing for (i.e. 20-30 blinds means only 20-30 parties of hunters). It's a lot easier to staff and pay 2 DNR employees to work the reservation draw at a given state property, vs. what it would take to handle 80-120 parties like they normally would on an opening day. AND, if staffing alone was the reason why the decision was made to have so many reservation days, that would be pretty sad.

I personally now hunt less in Indiana because of the increased reservation decision. Much of my hunts now are across the state line in Illinois, where I know I can go EVERYDAY and have a fair shot drawing over there on some of their state properties. Public land hunting is very simple: "drawing in" is just part of the process due to all the waterfowlers in this area. As an Indiana resident, I don't like to go over to Illinois all the time and quite frankly, spend my money for their economy. Due to the saturation of reservation days recently by our DNR, it's unfortunately left me no choice. I sure hope the advisory board reviews this issue.

Best Regards,

Matt Bochnowski

**Michaels, Debbie**

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County  
ST.JOE

State of Residence  
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Suggestions

HAVE ANOTHER GOOSE REDUCTION HUNT AT STATE PARKS WITH A FIVE GOOSELIMIT TO HELP REDUCE THE POPULATION IN TUNE WITH THE MIGRATION.

**Kane, Jennifer**

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**From:** Ferguson [duckmaster1@wowway.com]  
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Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

First Name  
Brian

Last Name  
Ferguson

County  
Vand.

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions

Do not allow hunting on DNR or Federal property during the Feb. season. The idea is to reduce resident geese or nueseince geese. The state & federal land is made for these birds, the birds are not causing any problems on the state and federal lands, and hunting on these lands should not be allowed. Why have an area for the birds to build their flocks and rest when you are letting the hunters hunt them after regular season is over.

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Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

First Name  
John

Last Name  
Penkala

County  
Cass, Mi

City

State of Residence  
MI

**Suggestions**

Allow a party of 1 to hunt a reserved waterfowl hunt he/she was drawn for. If a person cannot find 1 or 2 hunting partners on a given day, the reservation must now go unused. Other reserved hunts (turkey, most deer, pheasant) do not require a party of 2 or 3.

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Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

First Name  
John

Last Name  
Penkala

County  
Cass, MI

City

State of Residence  
MI

**Suggestions**

Allow a party of 1 to participate in a waterfowl drawing at managed properties. Other types of hunting that have draws (pheasant, turkey, deer) do not require a party of 2 or 3 - why waterfowl hunting?

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Hunting Birds  
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First Name  
George

Last Name  
Witczak

County  
Newton

City

State of Residence  
IN

**Suggestions**

Please lower the number of days for reserved hunts for waterfowl. For hunting families with children in school who hunt, it limited most of the hunting schedule to 1 day a week for them when they were not selected for any reserved hunts.

Thank you,

George Witczak  
Roselawn, Indiana

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Hunting Birds  
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First Name  
Thomas

Last Name  
Rindfuss

County  
Lake

City

State of Residence  
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**Suggestions**

Do away with reserved hunts on the weekend. Sunday is the only daysome people get of to try to hunt and it's near impossible to get adescnt blind with the reserved hunts on sunday.

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**Michaels, Debbie**

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First Name  
JOHN`

Last Name  
COLLINS

County  
Hancock

City

State of Residence  
IN

**Suggestions**

My request is that you let the parks run their hunts how they wantto. The summit lake (goose reduction) hunt has been a joke the lasttwo years. Why not have standbys, waiting at the park just like theydo for all the other draw hunts,ie Kankakee and such. I belive thethere were only 8 groups that showe up out of 25 on the first day. Wewent to try and hunt and were denied. The park said they had no choicethey had to go by the states rules. Please change this or the goosereduction hunts will never be effective. Thanks

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ryan

Last Name  
mcduffee

Email

County  
parke

State of Residence  
IN

**Suggestions**

Place a small user fee on the draw hunts to submit for the draw. This would provide small amount of revenue and weed out some of the individuals not really interested in the hunt to begin with.

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**SUB-TOPIC: WATERFOWL/METHODS**

**Michaels, Debbie**

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First Name  
TONY

Last Name  
COOK

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County  
MARION

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions  
MY SUGGESTION IS TO HELP INCREASE THE BIRD POPULATION BY SUPEINDINGTHE USE OF AUTO  
LOADER SHOTGUNS FOR FIVE YEARS OR UNTILL THE NUMBERSINCREASE. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
THIS NATION WIDE.

I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY IT TAKE TO HUNT DUCKS AND GEESE. THE COST OFEQUPMENT AND LICENCES  
GASS DOES NOT OFF SET THE NUMBER OF BIRDSALLOWED. SO I HAVE NOT HUNTED WATER FOWL  
SINCE I LEFT NORTH CAROLINA.I DO MISS IT.

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**TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS**

**SUB-TOPIC: WATERFOWL/SEASONS**

**Michaels, Debbie**

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First Name  
Bert

Last Name  
Holtzman

County  
Perry

City

State of Residence  
IN

**Suggestions**

Hovey Lake needs to be better managed for ducks. The days of killinggeese there are gone. The area needs more flooded fields to attractand keep ducks. Also, resting areas should be added with absolutely nohunting on them.

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First Name  
Thomas

Last Name  
Thomas Cogswell

County  
Floyd

City

State of Residence  
IN

**Suggestions**

WE need an early wood duck teal season wood duck are gone when season starts. Hunters need to have more input when seasons start. We do not MN to set our seasons.

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First Name  
Rob

Last Name  
Harris

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Allen

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**Suggestions**

This years north zone goose season was perfect.

The north zone duck season needs to be open thru at least Christmas, extending back from there as many days as the Feds allow. This will be even more crucial when AHM cuts our season to 45 from the present 60 days. Sooner or later... it's coming. Early November is a waste of days.

IF there is an early wood duck season, make it a long weekend anytime in mid-October.

I don't hunt any other zone, and have no comments regarding them.

Love the late goose season!

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First Name  
WILLIAM

Last Name  
MITCHELL

County  
GIBSON

City

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions  
PLEASE!!!!!!!

SHORTEN THE EARLY DUCK SEASON  
IN THE SOUTH ZONE TO TWO OR THREE DAYS  
AND TAKE THE REMAINING DAYS AND ADD  
THEM TO THE END OF THE SEASON BECAUSE  
OF THE CHANGING CLIMATE THE BIRDS ARE NOT GETTING HERE TILL LATE DECEMBER EARLY JANUARY.  
ONCE AGAIN THE SOUTH ZONE HAD TEN DAYS FOR EARLY SEASON.NORTH ZONE HAD THREE AND OHIO  
RIVER ZONE HAD NONE.  
WHY MUST THE SOUTH ZONE HAVE SO MANY.

THANK YOU.

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Last Name  
Broderick

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County  
Morgan

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions

Please consider extending the shooting time to 30 min. past sunset in the bonus goose seasons. Many of us have given up trying because we're tired of lying in a field for hours only to have geese land on us as we pick up our spread.

Thanks, PB

**Michaels, Debbie**

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Last Name  
Jefferson

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County  
Clark

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions  
I would like to see waterfowl season run into february and some time allowed to hunt the refuge's like Masketituck NWR a day or two aweek.

**Michaels, Debbie**

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shane

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weaver

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County

carroll

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Suggestions

alow more counties to participate in the february goose season. seemsthe birds are abundant throughout the state,  
not just the fewprivelaged counties

**Kane, Jennifer**

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Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

First Name  
Brian

Last Name  
Ferguson

County  
Vand.

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions

Make the south zone duck season come in on Thanksgiving day, instaedof on a Wed. when everyone has to work, we can enjoy it on a holiday. Also in South zone, let the season end on a Sunday! This is not fairto end it on a weekday. Every other states end all of their seasons ona weekend so everyone can hunt it. I understand about the early season, but if you start season onThanksgiving day, you gain 1 day, then cut the early season back 3 daysand it would end on a Sunday so EVERYONE can enjoy the huntingseason.

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Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

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Suggestions

Allow the whole state to have a late goose season in Feb. This is not fair to have only the northern part of the state to get this season. We need it down south also.

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**Kane, Jennifer**

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**From:** Andrews [sjamea@rtccom.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2009 7:49 PM  
**To:** NRCFWRulesProject  
**Subject:** SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

First Name  
Steven

Last Name  
Andrews

County  
Lawrence

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions  
Please consider shortening October waterfowl season and extending  
lateseason in South zone to the same as the Ohio River zone. This  
wouldallow more hunting opportunities at the time when the majority ofducks  
are present in the South zone.

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**Kane, Jennifer**

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Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

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Steven

Last Name  
Andrews

County  
Lawrence

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions  
Please consider adding Martin County to the late goose season. Resident geese are becoming a nuisance in many parts of MartinCounty.

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**Kane, Jennifer**

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**From:** Carpenter [carp8it@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2009 12:27 AM  
**To:** NRCFWRulesProject  
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Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

First Name  
Scot

Last Name  
Carpenter

County  
Porter

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions

I think we should extend the waterfowl season to match the Michigan season. The migration doesn't really get started until later in the season, and it seems here in the northern part of the state the season is over about the time the birds are starting to come down. If Michigan's season goes into January why wouldn't we follow that timeline in Indiana? It certainly doesn't interfere with mating or rearing of young.

Thank you,

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**Michaels, Debbie**

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**From:** diehl [jjd727@msn.com]  
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**To:** NRCFWRulesProject  
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Hunting Birds  
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First Name  
jerome

Last Name  
diehl

County  
morgan

State of Residence  
IN

**Suggestions**

I would like to see the waterfowl for both duck and geese extended into Feb. The last 4 years the birds are very slow to come south. Yes the geese are everywhere and I know that season changed. The ducks start showing up here south of Indy near the end of the season. As for harvest, very few of my friends have time to go any more and don't even see many flying. I got one duck, took 2 shots, and saw very few hunting some 30 hours this year. I believe it was last season that was very warm and the ducks didn't show up until mid Jan. Thanks

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**Michaels, Debbie**

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**From:** GEARHART [gearhart@netnitco.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2009 11:37 AM  
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Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

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County  
porter

State of Residence  
IN

**Suggestions**

have a floating duck season directly related to the migration.. IE:ifmigration is late,move season to later date.

**Michaels, Debbie**

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**From:** Echterling [mikeechterling@lakecountyfishandgame.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2009 7:30 AM  
**To:** NRCFWRulesProject  
**Subject:** SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

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County  
Lake

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions  
Late Canadian goose hunt for Lake Co

**Michaels, Debbie**

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**From:** Doty [tracedoty@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2009 6:30 PM  
**To:** NRCFWRulesProject  
**Subject:** SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

First Name  
Trace

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County  
Floyd

State of Residence  
IN

**Suggestions**

I am a goose hunter! It seems year after year geese are migrating less and less. I know geese tend to stay just below the snow cover lines. Living in the southern part of the state, I do most if not all my hunting in the SOUTH ZONE. This zone covers nearly 2/3 of the state, however, I hunt mostly Clark, Jackson, and Scott counties. Over the past several years the goose numbers do not go up in our area until late January. Just in time for season to close! Hunters between Indy and Columbus can be having great hunts with lots of birds, meanwhile, just a few miles south, we are wondering where all the birds are at. The middle third as well as the northern part of the state enjoy good seasons. In the southern part of the SOUTH ZONE we are still hunting resident geese if any geese at all. No migrators have arrived yet. This is evident by looking at the waterfowl counts for Indiana and by scouting observations. Now for my suggestion: Add a CENTRAL ZONE with their season closing when the current SOUTH ZONE season closes. Narrow the SOUTH ZONE to the true southern part of the state and extend this season through at least mid February. I'm not forgetting about the OHIO RIVER ZONE. Extend that season to mid February as well. In closing, we usually get our biggest push of geese just as the season is closing.

\*NOTE\* I realize waterfowl regulations are also governed by Federal Law as well and this could make it difficult to change zones and dates. Just an idea.

Thanks, Trace

**Kane, Jennifer**

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**From:** Trueblood [gtrue@outdrs.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2009 7:28 PM  
**To:** NRCFWRulesProject  
**Subject:** SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds  
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Guy

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County  
Jasper

State of Residence  
IN

**Suggestions**

Open the late Feb goose season for Jasper Co. in the future and try to open duck season later so it can run longer into Dec.  
There's a lot more birds around then

**Michaels, Debbie**

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**From:** pence [copenter2928@yahoo.com]  
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Hunting Birds  
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First Name  
albert

Last Name  
pence

County  
lake

City

State of Residence  
IN

**Suggestions**

leave the season for goose open from september to february. also is itlegal to keep water open in winter around docks especialy cedar lakein cedar lake, county of lake, indiana this seems that it causes adanger to snowmobiles and ice fishermen and seems like it could causean environment concern because the ammount of geese seeking that openwater

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**COMPREHENSIVE  
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**SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS**

**TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS**

**SUB-TOPIC: WATERFOWL/BAG LIMITS**

## Michaels, Debbie

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**From:** Brewer [dansam@localnet.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 31, 2009 5:52 PM  
**To:** NRCFWRulesProject  
**Subject:** SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

First Name  
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County  
Fountain

State of Residence  
IN

### Suggestions

The limit of 2 dark geese is way too conservative. The February season has a limit of 5. We are killing the very same Geese, most of which are migrators in both seasons. Why not make the limit 3 or 4 all the way thru.

**Kane, Jennifer**

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**From:** Coverstone [m1cov@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2009 8:31 PM  
**To:** NRCFWRulesProject  
**Subject:** SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds

Other

First Name

Michael

Last Name

Coverstone

County

Whitley

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

I think you are aware of the Canadian Goose problem. My thinking is to have open season year round, with no dailly bag limit. At least theseason should be in April thru June when they are nesting, also I liveinside city limits with a pond. I would like to use a crossbow to killthese birds. Thanks for giving me my 2 cents worth

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## Michaels, Debbie

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**From:** Bedwell [bedwell@ccrtc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2009 4:45 PM  
**To:** NRCFWRulesProject  
**Subject:** SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds  
Waterfowl

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County  
Clay

State of Residence  
IN

### Suggestions

I feel that the bag limit placed on Canada Geese should be increased. Many areas of the state have a problem with abundant geese and with a daily bag limit of 2, hunters are reluctant to take the time and trouble to harvest them. As well as being a hunter I am also a pilot, and at times our local airport runway is covered with geese. This makes a very unsafe situation on final approach when dozens of them fly up in your path. There are several lakes surrounding this airport and we do hunt there during early and regular seasons, but more needs to be done. If the daily bag limit was raised to 5, even if only in specified counties, I feel this would bring out more hunters to help control this ongoing problem.

Farmers lose many acres of crops each year to these local non-migratory geese as well. I know this as I too am a farmer and have several hundred acres devoted to wildlife conservation. Not only is this a very rewarding practice but it is very expensive. Geese coming from nesting sites on surrounding lakes and eating acres of new seedlings in the spring make it hard for me not to consider removing land from the wildlife conservation program and put it back into crop production.

I know I am but one person but I feel I reflect the feelings of many of my friends and neighbors on this issue. Ask almost any farmer about goose hunting on his property and he'll say "Please Do". There are but few goose hunters in this area, and most of the hunting is done from fields with large spreads of decoys. I know spending two hours early in the morning getting set up, only to take 2 geese seems almost insane to most hunters, but if that limit was raised to 5, I'm sure more sportsmen would take advantage of it.

Thank You

**COMPREHENSIVE  
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

**SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS**

**TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS**

**SUB-TOPIC: PHEASANT/DRAW HUNTS**

**Kane, Jennifer**

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**To:** NRCFWRulesProject  
**Subject:** SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds  
Pheasant

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County  
Vanderburgh

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions

My two sons and I have faithfully been applying for and have not been drawn for the special pheasant hunts for about the last twenty years. I have been told that many of the same hunters have been drawn several years. The draw should have some weight placed on how many years you have not been drawn in order to improve the chances of being selected. Western states do just that on some of their draws for various hunts. Would a good word from State Legislators or Federal Legislators do any good to improve the chances of us southern Indiana hunters? I hope that we have not been blacklisted by anyone in the department that does the drawing.

I am a Hunter Safety Instructor and we all have Lifetime Hunting Licenses since 1988 in order to help support Indiana hunting.

Thank you,

Jim

**Michaels, Debbie**

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**From:** Berghorn [w.berghorn@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2009 6:30 PM  
**To:** NRCFWRulesProject  
**Cc:** Guinnup, Jacob  
**Subject:** SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

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County  
Allen

State of Residence  
IN

Suggestions

Please consider a point system or a successful applicant 1 and donefor the special pheasant hunt drawing in the management areas on thewest side of the state.Eliminate or limit out of state applicants.Because the computer program is in place,I'm confident that a newprocedure can be implimented giving applicants a better chance for atleast 1 opportunity to be drawn.