

# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Upland Game Bird Hunting Seasons

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<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>July 16-17, 2020</b>	<b>Virtual Meeting</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>September 2, 2020</b>	<b>Virtual Meeting</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>September 2-3, 2020</b>	<b>Virtual Meeting</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Proposal:** 2020 grouse, partridge and quail hunting seasons

**Proposed changes from last year:**

1. Modify the season end date from the first Sunday in January to January 31 beginning with the 2020 hunting season.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

To align the season end date for all upland game bird hunting seasons as proposed by the Commission for the pheasant hunting season.

### RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue
  - Why make the change, what are the change alternatives, how will public/stakeholder input be solicited, and how will the change be evaluated if implemented?
    - i. Is related to a topic discussed with the pheasant marketing workgroup and supported by the Department.
    - ii. Input will be solicited during the public comment period and GFP Commission public hearing.
2. Historical Considerations
  - Over the years the season end dates for upland game birds has been extended with the desire to maximize hunting opportunities in balance with landowner tolerance.
3. Biological Considerations
  - What is the current and projected status of the population and habitat conditions for these populations?
    - i. There are no biological concerns with this recommended regulatory change.
4. Social Considerations
  - Would make season end dates consistent for all upland game bird hunting seasons.
5. Financial considerations
  - Not applicable.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? No.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Yes.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Provides additional hunting opportunity.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Yes.

<b>APPROVE</b> _____	<b>MODIFY</b> _____	<b>REJECT</b> _____	<b>NO ACTION</b> _____
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