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In Reply Refer To:
FWS/DMBM

Dear Waterfowl Hunter:

Thank you for volunteering to send us wings from the ducks and tail feathers and wing tips from the geese you shoot this season. With your help, we will be able to determine the species, sex, and age composition of this season's duck harvest and the species and age composition of the goose harvest. If you want to see the information that we get from this survey, please visit our web site and check out our reports on hunting statistics at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/>.

- one wing from each duck that **you personally shoot** in the United States.
- the tail feathers and wing tips of each goose **you personally shoot** in the United States.

Enclosed are postage-paid envelopes to be used to mail the parts. We need duck wings and goose tail feathers and wing tips from birds killed throughout the season, so please send parts for as long as you hunt. If you run out of envelopes, send us the post card that is enclosed in this package. **Do not** put the post card in a wing envelope as these are not opened until after the season closes. Also, please advise us if your address shown on the post card is incorrect.

Please do not give your envelopes to other hunters. After we have examined all of the duck wings and goose tail feathers and wing tips next spring, we will send you a species, sex and age report on all the waterfowl parts that we received in **envelopes assigned to you.**

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE MAIL CLEAN

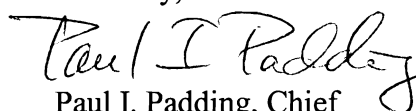
Wet, bloody or fly-blown wings will damage other mail and create offensive odors. Postal workers might refuse to handle your envelopes if they are bloody, greasy or smelly. This can be prevented if you:

- follow the instructions on the envelopes
- send only tail feathers and wing tips from each goose you bag – **do not send the entire goose wing, and do not send the entire rump of the goose**
- allow excess moisture or blood on duck wings to dry
- do not wrap wings in plastic as this speeds decay
- use two envelopes for each wing. Insert one wing in an **inner** envelope and seal the flap tightly; then place the inner envelope in the large pre-addressed **outer** envelope
- mail envelopes promptly.

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information. This study is authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S. C. 703 et seq.). The information that you provide will be used for estimating migratory bird hunter activity and harvest in the United States. It is our policy not to use your name for any other purpose. All names and identifying information will be removed when we compile the results, and only summary information will be reported. The information is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act. Your response is voluntary. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned control number 1018-0023. We estimate that it will take you about 5 minutes to review instructions and complete Form 3-165. Comments on this form should be mailed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Your help will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,


Paul I. Padding, Chief
Harvest Surveys Section

Enclosures

The following table of estimated waterfowl harvest during the 2005-06 hunting season may be of interest.

Duck Harvest by Flyway

<u>Species</u>	<u>Atlantic</u>	<u>Mississippi</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Pacific</u>	<u>Alaska</u>	<u>U.S. Total</u>
Mallard	444,300	2,049,400	867,200	1,075,700	30,300	4,466,900
Black Duck	93,400	36,400	100	0	0	129,900
Gadwall	34,300	635,300	501,300	191,900	1,200	1,364,000
Wigeon	20,900	121,200	204,500	347,500	7,600	701,700
Green-winged Teal	120,700	513,900	358,600	496,700	10,600	1,500,500
Blue-winged Teal	77,100	314,100	234,900	77,300	0	703,500
Shoveler	18,700	195,500	137,800	185,400	4,500	542,000
Pintail	17,300	107,300	78,600	203,000	5,800	412,000
Wood Duck	323,500	673,500	66,800	56,100	0	1,119,900
Lesser Scaup	63,700	111,400	54,400	28,100	1,400	259,000
Ring-necked Duck	109,000	240,100	76,800	48,100	1,200	475,200
Total Ducks	1,610,500	5,270,000	2,729,800	2,826,000	74,500	12,510,800

Goose Harvest by Flyway

<u>Species</u>	<u>Atlantic</u>	<u>Mississippi</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Pacific</u>	<u>Alaska</u>	<u>U.S. Total</u>
Canada Goose	774,500	928,500	621,700	326,800	4,200	2,655,700
Snow Goose	35,400	116,500	221,500	63,400	0	436,800
White-fronted Goose	100	93,000	113,700	45,200	600	252,400
Brant	30,400	0	0	2,000	700	33,100
Ross' Goose	0	4,900	53,500	8,000	0	66,400
Total Geese	841,200	1,275,300	1,092,900	445,800	5,500	3,660,700

WATERFOWL HUNTERS

FWS Form 3-165
REV 02/05

OMB Control No. 1018-0023
Expiration Date: XX/XX/XX

DUCKS, BRANT & COOT

1. Cut the least damaged wing close to the body without including any flesh.
2. Make certain any blood has drained and dried.
3. Use one envelope (with inner envelope) for each wing.
4. Do not wrap wings in plastic because this speeds decay.

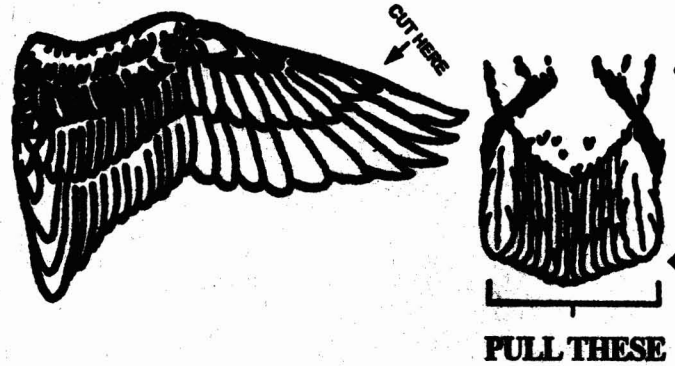


The wing should not contain any excess flesh or blood and therefore will remain dry and odor free in the mail.

- MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (no postage required).
- Mail the blue postcard to us if you need more envelopes. Do not put the postcard in this envelope.
- Continue sending for the entire season.

FOR GEESE ONLY

1. Cut the outer 3 primary feathers of the wing about 6 inches from the tip and send the wing tips.
2. Pull out all the tail feathers. Do not cut the rump off the goose.
3. Use one envelope (with inner envelope) for each set of wing and tail feathers.



We only need the feathers that you cut from the wing and the feathers that you pull from the tail. This will ensure that the feathers do not contain flesh or oil glands and remain dry and odor free in the mail.

PLEASE COMPLETE

Where Shot:

State _____

County _____

Town _____

When Shot:

Date _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

Time _____
(hr.min) A.M.
P.M.

If the bird was banded, please write the band number below, AND report the band to the BIRD BANDING Laboratory by calling 1-800-327-BAND(2263).

Band Number _____

Hunter's Name _____

ENVELOPE CONTENTS

Duck, Brant, or Coot Wing

Goose Tail and Wing Tip

Please do not write in this block.

C O D E				
	AM 7	IM 8	UM 9	
	AF 4	IF 5	UF 6	
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