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Division of Migratory Bird Management
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Dear XXXXXXXXX:

You have been selected to participate in this year's National Migratory Bird Harvest Survey. We only select a small percentage of the nation's hunters for this annual survey, so your response is important **EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HUNT MIGRATORY BIRDS THIS SEASON.**

We are asking you to tell us about your snipe, coot, rail, and/or gallinule hunting in **California** during the 2009-2010 hunting season. Please use the attached diary to record the details of your hunt each time you go snipe, coot, rail, and/or gallinule hunting in **California**. Please read the instructions on the diary form and fill it out **completely**. After the season is over or when you have finished hunting in **California**, send the completed form back to us in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. If you receive this survey too late for you to remember all of the details of your hunts, please fill out the lower portion of the form labeled "**SEASON TOTALS**".

Your response is very important, whether you bag any birds or not. If you don't hunt snipe, coot, rail, or gallinule at all this season, please mark the "Did not hunt" box at the upper right portion of the form and return it to us. If you do hunt snipe, coot, rail, or gallinule, please report **ONLY YOUR OWN PERSONAL HUNTING** activity and harvest. We also ask that you please keep track throughout the season of birds that you knocked down, but could not retrieve. Record this total number on the lower portion of the form labeled "**SEASON TOTALS**".

To protect your privacy, we will not associate your name with your hunting records after the survey is completed. If you have any questions or need more information about this survey, please write us at the above address, call us toll-free at 1.800.419.2965 from 7:30am-4:00pm EST, or log-on to <http://www.fws.gov/hip/>. Thank you in advance for your time and your participation in this year's National Migratory Bird Harvest Survey.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Blohm, Chief
Division of Migratory Bird Management

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 522a) 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. 706 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 current valid OMB control number. This information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned clearance number 1018-0023. We estimate that it will take you about three minutes to read the instructions and keep a record of your hunting depending upon the number of times you hunt. 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.



Snipe, Rail, Gallinule and Coot Hunting Record

1. IF YOU **DID NOT HUNT** SNIPE, RAILS, GALLINULES OR COOTS THIS SEASON, check the box to the right and mail this form.
2. Please record your personal hunting activity for each day you hunted snipe, rails, gallinules or coots in the State specified in the attached letter. Record the number of birds you personally bagged; **DO NOT** include birds shot by other people. Please include **ALL** of your hunts for the birds listed; if you did not bag any birds during a hunt, record zero (0) for the birds you hunted that day.
3. **IF YOU HUNTED SNIPE, RAILS, GALLINULES OR COOT BUT DO NOT HAVE DETAILED RECORDS,** check the box to the right and go to question number 6 to record your Season Totals.
4. Please include additional comments on a **SEPARATE SHEET** of paper.

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Please print all characters in **BLACK** ink using CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY as shown below.

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Number of Birds Killed and Retrieved

	Date of Hunt		County of Hunt	State of Hunt	Snipe	Rails	Gallinules	Coots
	Month	Day						
1								
2								
3								
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5. IF YOU RUN OUT OF SPACE ON THIS FORM, you can request an additional survey form by logging on to

<https://migbirdapps.fws.gov/hipweb> or calling 1-800-419-2965 from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm EST. We will ask you for the serial number located at the bottom of this form.

6. SEASON TOTALS:

	Days Hunted	Birds Killed and Retrieved	Birds Downed but Lost
Snipe			
Rails			
Gallinules			
Coots			

Please report banded birds by calling 1-800-327-BAND or www.reportband.gov