



## Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

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Ms. Tina Chouinard  
United States Fish & Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Program  
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Re: 2008/09 Migratory Bird Proposal

Dear Ms Chouinard:

I am pleased to submit the enclosed 2008/09 migratory bird hunting proposal on behalf of the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe. The tribe as a signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliot (1855) with the United States reserved the right to manage its own fisheries and hunting seasons. The following proposed hunting season proposal is consistent with the International Bird Treaty and the Draft 2008/09 Upper Skagit migratory bird hunting seasons. Please contact me at the above number if any season changes are required to reflect current management guidelines.

Sincerely,

Scott Schuyler  
Policy Representative, USIT

cc Upper Skagit Council



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**2007/08 Migratory Bird Hunting Proposal**  
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1. General Closure: The Upper Skagit Reservation and all other areas within the Tribe's jurisdiction are closed to the hunting unless those areas are specifically opened by regulation. Areas opened by regulations are only open to hunting in accordance with the Upper Skagit Hunting Ordinance and all applicable regulations.
2. Permit/Photo I.D. Required: All persons hunting under the authority of the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe must have in their possession an tribal identification card while exercising Upper Skagit tribal hunting rights
3. Hunters under Age 18: If you are age of fourteen through seventeen you must present proof that you have completed a firearm safety class before any tags will be issued to you. An adult (age 18 and over) must also accompany persons age 14 and 15 years while hunting.
4. OPEN LANDS: Pursuant to this regulation, hunting is only allowed on lands within the boundaries of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Game Management Units 407,418,426,437,448,450,454,460,466,485,490,653 which are put to uses consistent with hunting. Lands within these Units, which are (a) State Parks, (b) National Parks, (c) put to uses inconsistent with hunting, (d) conspicuously posted No Hunting, (e) within 1000 feet of an occupied building or area ARE CLOSED TO HUNTING.

## 2008/09 Migratory Bird Seasons

Note: The migratory bird schedule will be subject to adoption into the federal register prior to season implementation.

Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Ducks	October 1, 2008 through February 28 <sup>th</sup> 2009	15	20
Coots	October 15, 2008 through February 15 <sup>th</sup> 2009	20	30
Geese	October 15, 2008 through February 28 <sup>th</sup> 2009	7 geese 5 brant	10 geese 7 brant
Mourning Dove	September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009	12	15

**Migratory bird hunting requirements:**

- Must carry tribal ID card on person.
- All harvest shall be reported to the tribal fish & wildlife office within 72 hours.
- Legal weapons shotguns of 20, 12 gauge.
- Steel shot required.
- The following units are open to migratory bird hunting: 407,410,418,426,437,448,450,454,460,466,485,490,653.

5. Hours: Hunting is allowed only in the day: from 15 minutes before the official time of sunrise until 15 minutes after official time of sunset.
  6. Ceremonial Hunts: Ceremonial hunting outside of general Hunting Season is authorized and shall be governed by special permit and or regulation.
  7. Non-tribal member hunters: This regulation is intended to provide the opportunity to Upper
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Skagit members in good standing to exercise treaty rights guaranteed under the Treaty of Point Elliot (1855) and is not intended to authorize non-Upper Skagit member hunting.

**8. Other Requirements:** The following is a summary of required safety practices. These and other safety requirements are set out in full in the Upper Skagit Hunting Ordinance:

- (a) No hunting at night, no spotlighting;
- (b) No loaded weapons in or on a vehicle;
- (c) No hunting while under the influence of alcohol/drugs;
- (d) No shooting along or across public highways;
- (e) No hunting within 1000 feet of an occupied building or occupied area.
- (f) "Occupied building," means a structure in current use by people or domestic animals whether or not it is actually occupied at the time of the incident. "Occupied area," means land within a city's limits and areas enclosed by a fence except with the permission of the landowner or lessee. Provided, no hunting is allowed within a city's limits or 1000 feet of an occupied building.

## OFFICIAL TRIBAL CERTIFICATION

The above regulation was adopted by the Upper Skagit Tribal Council and ratified by the Upper Skagit Council on \_\_\_\_, 2008 by a vote of \_\_\_ for, \_\_\_ against, \_\_\_ abstention.

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Jennifer Washington

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Doreen Maloney, Wildlife Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## GAME MANAGEMENT UNIT BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS

**407-North Sound:** Begin at the corner of Whatcom Co. and the Canadian border; E on the Canadian border to the Silver Lake Rd; S on the Silver lake Road to the Mount Baker Highway 542; SW on 542 to the Mosquito Lake Rd; S on the Mosquito lake Hwy 9; S on Hwy 9 through Sedro Woolley through the town of Arlington; NE on Hwy 530 to the Trafton School; SE along the Jim Creek-Trafton Road to the city of Seattle power transmission line; SW on the transmission line to Jordan Rd; SE along Jordan Rd to Granite Falls & the Menzel Lake Rd; S on the Menzel Lake Rd past lake Roesiger to the Woods Creek Rd; S on the Woods Creek Rd to Monroe & Hwy 203 ; SW on Hwy 203 to the Snoqualmie River at Duvall; N along the Snoqualmie River to the Snohomish River; W along the Snohomish River to Puget Sound; N along the Island/Snohomish County Line in Possession Sound and Port Susan to Juniper Beach & through W. Pass; W & N through Skagit Bay, Deception Pass, Rosario Straight & Bellingham Channel to Carter Point on Lummi Island, W along the Skagit/Whatcom County line to the Whatcom/San Juan County line; NW along the Whatcom/San Juan County line to the Canadian border and point of beginning.

**410 Islands:** Begin at the N corner of San Juan/Whatcom County line; SE on the co. line to Carter Point on Lummi Island; SW down Bellingham Channel to the Skagit/San Juan County line; S through Rosario Straight on the Skagit/San Juan County line to the island County line; E on the Skagit/Island County line through Deception Pass & S through Skagit Bay; SE on the Island/Snohomish County line through Juniper Beach, Port Susan Possession Sound to the Island/Kitsap/Jefferson County line through Puget Sound, Admiralty Inlet, & the Straight of Juan De Fuca; W on the San Juan/Jefferson/Clallam County lines to the Canadian border; N on the Canadian border through Middle Bank, Haro Straight, & Boundary Pass to the N to the corner of San Juan/Whatcom County line to the point of beginning.

**418 Nooksack:** Begin at Silver Lake Rd & the Canadian border; E on the Canadian border to the North Cascades Nation Park boundary; S on the North Cascades Nation Park boundary to the Noisy Diobsud Wilderness boundary; W & S on Noisy Diobsud Wilderness boundary to Watson Creek; down Watson Creek to Thunder Creek and Baker River Rd to Concrete & Hwy 20; W along Hwy 20 to Hwy 9; N along Hwy 20 to Mosquito Lake Rd to Mount Baker Hwy 542: N on Mount Baker Hwy to Silver Lake Rd; N on Silver lake Rd to Canadian border and point of beginning

426 Diablo: Beginning at the Canadian border and the W boundary of the Ross Lake National Recreation Area Boundary; S along the Ross Lake National Recreation Area Boundary across the North Cascades National Hwy & Skagit River; N and E on the Ross Lake Recreational boundary to a point 2 miles E of Panther Creek; S on the North Cascades National Park boundary to Fisher Peak; E along the Skagit/Chelan County line, across Hwy 20 to the Pacific Crest Trail; N on the Pacific Crest Trail to Jim Pass; W along the Pasayten Wilderness Boundary to the Ross Lake National Recreation Area boundary; N along the Ross Lake National Recreational Area/Pasayten Wilderness boundary to the Canadian border; W along the Canadian border to the NW corner of the Ross Lake National Recreational Area and to point of beginning.

437 Sauk: Begin at the intersection of Hwy 9 & 20; E along Hwy 20 to Baker River Rd at Concrete; N on the Baker River Rd to Thunder Creek; E and N up Thunder Creek; and Watson Creek Noisy Diobsud Wilderness Boundary; N and E on the Noisy Diobsud Wilderness Boundary to the North Cascades National Park; N and E on the north Cascades National Park Boundary to the Ross Lake National Recreational Area Boundary; S on the Ross Lake National Recreational Area across the N Cascade Highway 20 & the Skagit River & E along the Ross Lake National Recreational Boundary to the North Cascades National Park Boundary near Devils Peak; SE on the North Cascades National Park Boundary to the N Boundary of the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area: W & S on the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area Boundary to the Suiattle River; W along the Suiattle River to Hwy 530; S on Hwy 530 to Darrington; W on Hwy 530 to Hwy 9 at Arlington; N on Hwy 9 to Hwy 20 & point of Beginning.

448 Stillaguamish: Begin at Trafton on Hwy 530; NE on Hwy 530 to Darrington; N on 530 to the Suiattle River; E along the Suiattle River to the Glacier Peak Wilderness Boundary; S on the Glacier peak Wilderness Boundary to June Mtn. USFS Trail 650; W on USFS Trail 650 to the crest between Sloan Creek & the N fork of the Skykomish River Drainages to Curry Gap and the Quartz Creek Trail 1050; S on the Quartz Creek Trail 1050 & 1054 W Caddy Creek; S along West Caddy Creek To Section 36, T28N, R12E to Meadow Creek; S along Meadow Creek to the Rapid River; E along the Rapid River to lake Janus & the Pacific Crest Trail; S on the pacific Crest Trail to Stevens Pass & Hwy 2; W on Hwy 2 to Monroe & Woods Creek Rd; N on Woods creek Rd past Roesiger to Lake Menzel Rd; N on Lake Menzel Rd Granite Falls & the Jordan Rd; NW on the Jordan Rd through Jordan to the City of Seattle power transmission lines; NE in the transmission lines to the Jim Creek-Trafton Rd to Trafton and the point of beginning.

450 Cascade: Begin on the Glacier Peak Wilderness Boundary 1 mi. N of Jordan Lakes on township line between T34 & 35N; E on Wilderness Boundary to USFS Rd 1590; N on USFS Rd 1590 to the Cascade River Rd; N on the Cascade River Rd to the North Cascades National Park Boundary; E on the North Cascade National Park Boundary to the Pacific Crest Trail Boundary; S on the Pacific Crest Trail to Lake Janus and the Rapid River; NW along the Rapid River to Meadow Creek to; N along Meadow Creek to West Cady Creek; NW along W Cady Creek near Excelsior Mtn. & USFS Trail 1054; N on USFS 1054 & the Quartz Creek Trail to Curry Gap & USFS Trail 650; E on USFS 650 to June Mtn. & the Glacier Peak Wilderness Boundary across the Suiattle River to Jordan Lakes on township line between T34 & 35N and the point of beginning.

454 Issaquah: Begin at the mouth Snohomish River Near Everett; SE along the Snohomish River to the Snoqualmie River; SE along the Snoqualmie River to Duvall & Hwy 203 to Fall City; Then SW on Preston Fall City Rd, to Preston & Interstate 90 to Hwy 18; Hwy 18 to the Raging River to Keriston Rd to the City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed; W, S & E on the Cedar River Watershed to the City of Tacoma Green River Watershed; S on the Green River Watershed to USFS Rd 7110 near Lynn lake; SW on USFS Rd 7110 to US Hwy 410; W on US Hwy 410 to Enumclaw and Hwy 164 to Auburn & Hwy 18; W on Hwy 18 to US Hwy 99; N on US Hwy 99 to Buenna & Redondo Beach; due W to Puget Sound; W along East Passage and N along Colvos Passage (including Vashon and Maury Islands) to Puget Sound; N to the Snohomish River and point of beginning.

460 Snoqualmie: Begin at Monroe on Hwy 203 & US Hwy 2; E on US Hwy 2 to Stevens Pass & the Pacific Crest Trail; S on the Pacific Crest Trail to the City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed; W on the Cedar River Watershed Boundary to Keriston Rd; N on Keriston Rd to the Raging River; W and N along the Raging River to State Hwy 18; N on State Hwy 18 to Interstate 90; W on Interstate 90 to the Preston Fall City Rd; N on the Preston Fall City Rd to State Hwy 203; N on Hwy 203 to Monroe and point of beginning.

466 Stampede: Begin at the Pacific Crest Trail & the boundary of City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed; S on the pacific Crest Trail past Blowout Mtn. To USFS Rd 7038 at its closest point to the Pacific Crest Trail near Windy Gap N of Pyramid Peak; NW on USFS Roads 7038,7036,7030, & 7032 to USFS Trail 1172; W on USFS Trail 1172 to about ¼ mile past Williams Hole to the posted Boundary to the City of Tacoma Green River Watershed Boundary; N on the Green River Watershed Boundary to the City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed Boundary and along this boundary to Pacific Crest Trail and point of beginning.

485 Green River: Begin at the NW corner of the Green River Watershed; E on boundary between Green/Cedar River Watershed Boundary to USFS Rd 5060; S on USFS 5060 to posted boundary of Green River Watershed; along southern boundary of Green River Watershed over Huckleberry Mtn. & Grass Mtn. & across Green River to NW corner of Green River Watershed 7 point of beginning.

490 Cedar River: The area within the posted boundary of Seattle Cedar Watershed.

653 White River: Begin at the lookout at Grass Mountain mainline (USFS Rd 7110) & the City of Tacoma Green River Watershed Boundary; E on the Green River Watershed boundary & USFS Trail 1172 to USFS RD 7032; E along USFS Rd 7032 to USFS Rd 7030; SE along USFS Rd 7030 & USFS Rd 7036 & USFS Rd 7038; then on the Pacific Crest Trail (USFS 2000) at its closest point to RD 7038 near Windy Gap N of Pyramid Peak; S on the Pacific Crest Trail to the Mtn Rainer National Park boundary at Chinook Pass. N & W on the park boundary to the Carbon River to Bonneville Power Transmission Line; NE along the transmission line to S Prairie Creek; N along S Prairie Creek to intersection with Champion ownership line (Section 14 T19N, R6E); E & N along Champion ownership to White River (Along W line of Section 6, T19N, R7E); SE along White River to Bonneville Power Line on N side of River

near Mud Mtn. Dam Rd; NE on transmission lines to State Hwy 410; E on Hwy 410 to USFS Rd 7110; N on USFS Rd 7110 to City of Tacoma Green River Watershed & point of beginning.  
Game Unit Map