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Recommendation 1 — Pacific Greater White-fronted Goose Harvest Strategy Revision

Recommendation

The Pacific Flyway Council (Council) adopts the revised harvest strategy to inform harvest management decisions beginning in the 2026-27 hunting season.

Justification

This addendum updates the harvest strategy in the 2003 Management Plan for Pacific Greater White-fronted Geese (Plan). The Plan is currently being revised with the goal of approval off-cycle of the regularly scheduled business meetings. However, the harvest strategy was updated for use in the interim.

The revised harvest strategy maintains the current population objective, closure and reopening thresholds; however, features a more structured approach that includes specified regulation packages based on population status. The packages contain incremental daily bag limit and season length adjustments, in place of harvest rate thresholds as prescribed in the current strategy.

The 2025 addendum to the Pacific whitefront harvest strategy* is as follows and would replace the harvest strategy, found on page 30–31 of the 2003 Plan.

Adoption
Pacific Flyway Study Committee
September 10, 2025



Jason Jones, Chair

Pacific Flyway Council
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Addendum to the Pacific Flyway Council Management Plan for the Pacific Population of Greater White-fronted Geese – September 10, 2025

REVISED HARVEST STRATEGY FOR PACIFIC GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GEESE
The harvest strategy is intended to provide hunting opportunities commensurate with population status and to conserve Pacific whitefronts in perpetuity. In recognition that this population is a shared resource throughout the flyway, the following harvest guidelines apply:

1. Harvest management should maintain a minimum population of 300,000 as assessed by the 3-year average projected fall index.
2. If the 3-year average exceeds 450,000 further liberalizations should be considered.
3. To reopen after closure, the 3-year average must exceed 120,000.
4. When in Moderate and Restrictive regulation package, AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT and WY have the option to include white-fronted geese in an aggregate bag limit in accordance with their established regular season framework for Canada and cackling geese and brant (dark geese). Seasons must end no later than January 31 if this option is selected.
5. Implementation of this strategy will include consideration of effects on the Pacific Flyway population of Tule greater white-fronted geese.

Regulation Package	3-year average
Closed	<100,000
Restrictive	100,000-<200,000
Moderate	200,000-<300,000
Liberal	\geq 300,000

Regulation Package	Restrictive	Moderate	Liberal	Framework Start Date
Days and Bag	37 days 2 daily bag	79 days 4 daily bag	107 days 6 daily bag	Saturday closest to September 24 Except Alaska is September 1
Ending Date	January 31	January 31	March 10	
Segments	1	2	3	