

Goose Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Management Activity
Wintering	[Bar]										[Bar]		Prepare! Complete the harassment schedule or line up a contractor. If you want to use special equipment, such as lasers, remote-control boats, etc., purchase or budget for that now. Set up an online e-permit account with USFWS, https://epermits.fws.gov/ercgr/ , designate staff/agent to regularly report egg destruction.
Scouting			[Bar]										Begin harassment measures as soon as the first geese of the year start arriving. Harassment should be intense and persistent every day, for at least two weeks, at sites where large nesting flocks are undesirable. Make education/outreach efforts to inform public of goose mgmt. objectives and to discourage feeding.
Nesting				[Bar]									Tear up empty new nests as they appear and then continue to harass nesting pairs as needed or addle/oil eggs monitoring new nests when harassment is no longer effective. Remember that nesting birds will actively defend nest, thus the nest should be destroyed before harassment is employed. Nests with eggs can be removed/addled/oiled as per your USFWS e-permit, make sure to keep track of total numbers of eggs and nests destroyed for reporting purposes.
Molting						[Bar]							Geese cannot fly during this time; thus harassment measures are generally ineffective but we are able to easily exclude birds with short fences. Consider installing trip-wire fences in problem areas and continue to educate public about the harms of feeding waterfowl.
Beginning migration									[Bar]				Harassment may resume once geese are flight capable again, it may encourage them to begin migration a little earlier. Be certain that no food is being provisioned as this may delay migration.

Most critical time of year!

