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OPEN SEASON FOR GAME  
IN  
FISH AND GAME REGIONS

**Government Notice****Wildlife Act 1953  
Wildlife Regulations 1955  
New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp Regulations 1993****Open Season for Game in Fish and Game Regions**

Under sections 15 and 16 of the Wildlife Act 1953, the Minister of Conservation declares an open season for game in the Fish and Game Regions from 5 May 2018 to 3 May 2019 inclusive, subject to the conditions specified in the First and Second Schedules of this notice.

The Minister of Conservation gives consent, under section 17(2) of the Wildlife Act 1953, to the hunting or killing of game in the manner set out in this notice.

**New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp**

A game bird habitat stamp must<sup>1</sup> be affixed to every licence to hunt or kill game or (in the case of licences issued in the form of plastic cards) a reproduction of the stamp incorporated within it. The following form of the 2018 Game Bird Habitat Stamp is approved<sup>2</sup>.



The 2018 Game Bird Habitat Stamp has a face value of ten dollars (\$10.00). A fee of three dollars (\$3.00) only is payable<sup>3</sup> for every game bird habitat stamp supplied with a licence to hunt or kill game.

**First Schedule** Hunting conditions generally common to all Fish and Game Regions.

**Second Schedule** Regionally specific hunting conditions, bag limits, closed and open game areas, and the like.

<sup>1</sup>Section 19A(1) of the Wildlife Act 1953

<sup>2</sup> Sections 19A(2)(a)(i) and 19A(2)(a)(ii) of the Wildlife Act 1953

<sup>3</sup> Section 72(3A) of the Wildlife Act 1953

**FIRST SCHEDULE****Hunting conditions generally common to all fish and game regions****1 Bag limits**

- (1) No person shall possess on any one day, more than the number of game birds specified as the daily bag limit for the Fish and Game Region in which the game is taken, except on Sunday 6 May 2018, when that person may have in his or her possession twice the number of game birds specified as the daily bag limit for Saturday 5 May 2018.
- (2) A person may possess more game than specified in sub-clause (1) of this Schedule, if all such game is labelled with the following details:
  - (a) The name and address of the person by whom the game was taken;
  - (b) The number of the licence to hunt or kill game held by the person by whom the game was taken;
  - (c) The name of the Fish and Game Region by which that licence was issued;
  - (d) The name of the Fish and Game Region in which the game was taken; and
  - (e) The date on which the game was taken.

**2 Waiver of Restrictions on Baiting for Waterfowl**

A person<sup>4</sup> may hunt or kill game of the family Anatidae (waterfowl) during the open season for game in all Fish and Game Regions, except Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region, where food has been cast, thrown, placed or planted any time during the year. In the Second Schedule, Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region, Special Condition 4(9), applies to restrictions on baiting.

**3 Magazine Shotguns**

A person may hunt or kill game birds, as specified, in any Fish and Game Regions with any magazine shotgun of a calibre 10 gauge or less, which includes magazine extensions<sup>5</sup>, other than in the:

- (a) Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region;
- (b) Eastern Fish and Game Region;
- (c) Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Region;
- (d) Wellington Fish and Game Region;
- (e) Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Region;
- (f) West Coast Fish and Game Region.

For these six Regions special conditions in the Second Schedule apply.

**4 Shot Size**

No person shall use, in any shotgun used for the purposes of hunting and killing game, any cartridge containing any shot size having a larger retained, per-pellet energy at 90 metres than lead BB.

**5 Use of Lead Shot Prohibited**

- (1) No person may possess lead shot, or use lead shot, while hunting or killing waterfowl within 200 metres of open water, with any gun using a 10 or 12 gauge cartridge. Non-toxic alternative shot may be used, including steel.
- (2) For the purposes of this requirement, "waterfowl" means any of the following game species:

<sup>4</sup>Section 17 of the Wildlife Act 1953

<sup>5</sup>Amended notification to section 18(1)(c) (iii) and (v) of the Wildlife Act 1953 as authorised by the Minister of Conservation under section 18(1) of that Act

Black swan (*Cygnus atratus*);

Grey duck (*Anas superciliosa*) and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck;

Mallard duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*) and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck;

Paradise shelduck (*Tadorna variegata*) also known as Paradise duck;

Spoonbill duck (New Zealand shoveler) (*Anas rhynchos*);

Pukeko (*Porphyrio porphyrio melanotus*).

(3) For the purposes of this requirement, “open water” means either:

- (a) any area of land or seabed covered permanently or seasonally by water wider than 3 metres; or
- (b) any area which is temporarily covered by water wider than 3 metres at the time of such possession or use, and that is contiguous to an area referred to in paragraph (3)(a).

## **6 Shotguns of a Bore Smaller Than 12 Gauge and Muzzle Loaders Exempt in Relation to Use of Lead Shot**

Hunters may use lead shot in shotguns of a bore smaller than 12 gauge (including 16, 20, 28, 410) or muzzle loaders for the 2018 season.

## **7 Camouflaged Rowboats**

A person<sup>6</sup> may hunt or kill game within the following Fish and Game Regions, from unmoored camouflaged rowboats, subject to the excluded periods for the regions specified below:

Northland – no excluded period

Auckland/Waikato – excluding 5 and 6 May 2018

Eastern – excluding 5 and 6 May 2018

Hawke’s Bay – excluding 5 and 6 May 2018

Taranaki – no excluded period

Wellington – excluding 5 and 6 May 2018

Nelson/Marlborough – no excluded period

West Coast – no excluded period

North Canterbury – excluding 5 and 6 May 2018

Central South Island – excluding 5 and 6 May 2018

Otago – excluding Clutha River 5 to 13 May 2018 inclusive

Southland – excluding the Matarua, Aparima, Oreti, Waiiau and Waimatuku rivers and their tributaries 5 to 31 May 2018 inclusive.

## **8 Restriction on Taking of Game**

No person shall use any vehicle propelled by mechanical power (including motorised watercraft)<sup>7</sup> to chase or kill game, except in such circumstances and at such times as authorised by the Conservation Act 1987 and Wildlife Act 1953.

## **9 Pegging Day**

(1) Stand claimants who claimed and occupied a stand during the 2017 Game Season may claim that stand at any time prior to pegging day (up to 10.00 a.m. on 8 April 2018) following the purchase of the 2018 game licence. If you are in the Auckland/Waikato Region, then the above mentioned

<sup>6</sup>Section 18(1)(f)(vi) of the Wildlife Act 1953

<sup>7</sup>Section 18(1)(f)(v) of the Wildlife Act 1953

applies **only to Adult Whole Season Licence Holders** and does not apply to Junior Licence Holders as it does in all other Fish and Game Regions.

- (2) Otherwise, unclaimed stands can only be claimed any time after 10.00am on 8 April 2018 in all Fish and Game Regions.
- (3) A stand may be claimed by planting on it a stake having either a board or identifying label attached, plainly identifying the name of the claimant and the number of his/her licence. The hunting stand claim tag provided with the licence must be completed with the name of the claimant and affixed to the board or identifying label.
- (4) The licence holder claiming a stand must be present in person at the stand when marking it up.
- (5) No one can claim more than one stand.
- (6) A stand cannot be claimed closer than 90 metres to a stand already claimed by another person without that person's consent.
- (7) Any stand not occupied by the claimant within one hour after the opening hour of hunting, on any day, can be occupied by another licence holder for the remainder of the day.

## **10 Conditions**

These conditions will expire at the end of the open season for game specified under the Second Schedule for each Fish and Game Region.

**SECOND SCHEDULE****Regionally specific hunting conditions, bag limits, closed and open game areas and the like.****NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME REGION<sup>8</sup>****1 Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2018/2019 Season**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Season Duration (dates inclusive)</b>	<b>Daily Bag Limit</b>	<b>Hunting Area</b>
Grey, mallard and shoveler duck aggregate bag limit	5 and 6 May 2018	25	All areas
Grey, mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	7 May to 29 Jul 2018	15	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	5 May to 29 Jul 2018	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	5 May to 29 Jul 2018	20	Area A
	5 May to 23 Sep 2018	20	Area B
	12 Jan 2019 to 3 Mar 2019	20	Area B
	12 Jan 2019 to 3 Mar 2019	5	Area A
Pukeko	5 May to 29 Jul 2018	2	All areas
Black swan	5 May to 29 Jul 2018	5	Area A
	30 Jul to 23 Sep 2018	20	Area A
	5 May to 29 Jul 2018	2	Area B
California quail	5 May to 19 Aug 2018	10	All areas
Cock pheasant	9 and 10 Jun 2018 (two days only)	1	All areas
Chukar	Closed season	0	All areas

**2 Definition of Areas**

- (1) **Area A (Paradise shelduck and Black swan):** That area east of State Highway 1 from the Rakaia River in the south to Woodend Beach Road in the north.
- (2) **Area B (Paradise shelduck and Black swan):** The remainder of the region excluding “Area A”.

**3 Shooting Hours****(1) Paradise shelduck**

5 May to 23 September 2018      6.45am to 6.30pm during the specified season  
 12 January to 3 March 2019      5.00am to 10.00pm during the specified season

- (2) **All other game birds**      6.45am to 6.30pm during the specified season

**4 Decoy Limit**

No limit.

**5 Special Conditions**

- (1) No person shall wilfully leave on the hunting ground the body or a part of the body of any game bird shot in this region.

**6 Closed Game Areas**

<sup>8</sup>Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 27 May 1990, at page 1861

There are three Closed Game Areas in the North Canterbury Region: St Anne's Lagoon, the northern end of the Rakaia Lagoon and the Ahuriri Lagoon.

- (1) **St Anne's Lagoon:** Those parts of St Anne's Lagoon (commonly known as Cheviot Lagoon) situated on part Section 27 Block IV, and part Sections 1 and 4 Block VII Cheviot Survey District together with a strip of land 45.72 metres in width along the margins. On the remainder of this lagoon and land adjoining (being Reserve 3146), shooting is prohibited as it is a reserve pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977.
- (2) **Rakaia Lagoon:** All that area known as the Rakaia River Lagoon, being an area from a line commencing at the confluence of Boat Creek which flows into the lagoon from the northern shore, then north-easterly to the head of the lagoon and including the foreshore in front of the Rakaia Huts Village, then around the lagoon and south-west along the shingle spit opposite Boat Creek, the area being specifically marked by "Closed Game Area" signage.
- (3) **Ahuriri Lagoon:** All that area of land in the Canterbury Land District, situated in Block X Halswell Survey District, in the Counties of Ellesmere and Halswell, containing approximately 249 hectares, being Rural Sections 1167 and 31239, part Rural Section 3319, part Reserve 3598, including Lots 1 and 2, and Lots 4 to 11, Crown and road reserves; commencing at the north-western corner of Rural Section 11167 on the eastern boundary of Burke's Drain and road reserve proceeding in an easterly direction along the northern boundary of Rural Section 11167 and Reserve 3598 to the south-eastern corner of Rural Section 11165; then easterly in a straight line crossing Reserve 3598 to the south-eastern corner of Rural Section 11166; then easterly along the northern boundaries of Reserve 3598 and Rural Section 31239 to the north-eastern corner of Rural Section 31239 at the western side of the Christchurch-Akaroa Highway; then southerly, south-easterly and easterly along the said highway and crossing road reserve, the old course of the Halswell River, and road reserve to the south-east of the road reserve along the south bank of the old course of the Halswell River; then south-westerly along the south side of the said road reserve to the eastern side of the road reserve on the eastern bank of the Halswell Canal; then south-easterly in a straight line across the said road reserve and the Halswell Canal to the southern boundary of Reserve 3598 on the western bank of the said Halswell Canal; then generally westerly along the southern boundary of Reserve 3598 and across Matthews Road and continuing along the southern boundary of Reserve 3598 to the south-eastern side of Davidson's Road; then north-easterly along the south-eastern side of Davidson's Road to the southern bank of the Halswell River.

Approved at Wellington this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

**The Honourable Eugenie Sage**  
**Minister of Conservation**