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OPEN SEASON FOR GAME
IN
FISH AND GAME REGIONS

NORTH ISLAND
AND
SOUTH ISLAND

Government Notice

Wildlife Act 1953
Wildlife Regulations 1955
The New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp Regulations 1993

Open Season for Game in Fish and Game Regions

The Minister of Conservation declares an open season for game in the Fish and Game Regions, subject to the conditions specified in the First and Second Schedule 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 must¹ be affixed to every licence to hunt or kill game. The following form of the 2003 New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp is approved².



The 2003 New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp has a face value of ten dollars (\$10.00). A fee of two dollars (\$2.00) only is payable³ in respect of every game bird habitat stamp supplied in respect of a licence to hunt or kill game.

FIRST SCHEDULE

No person shall have in that person's possession 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 4 May 2003, when a person may have in possession twice the number of game birds specified as the daily bag limit for Saturday 3 May 2003.

A person may have in that person's possession more game than specified above, 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 Regions in which the game was taken; and
- (e) The date on which the game was taken

¹Section 19A(1) Wildlife Act 1953

²Sections 19A(2)(a)(i) and 19A(2)(a)(ii) of the Wildlife Act 1953

³Section 72(3A)(e) Wildlife Act 1953

Waiver of Restrictions on Baiting, and Methods of Taking Game Baiting for Waterfowl

Persons⁴ may hunt or kill game of the family Anatidae (waterfowl) during the open season for game in all Fish and Game Regions where food has been cast, thrown, placed or planted, either during the current open season for game, the thirty (30) days immediately prior to the season or any other time during the year.

Magazine Shotguns – unpinned magazine shotguns can be used in all regions

Persons⁵ may hunt or kill game birds, as specified, in all Fish and Game Regions with any unpinned magazine shotgun of a calibre 12 gauge or less, which includes magazine extensions.

Use of Lead Shot Prohibited

The use of lead shot for the hunting of game with guns of a calibre 12 gauge over the following wetlands is prohibited, but non-toxic alternative shot may be used including steel. (NB: At this stage of the transition, hunters may continue to use lead shot in guns of a calibre less than 12 gauge due the difficulty in obtaining non-toxic shot for smaller calibre guns. No decisions have been made yet on whether this exemption will be approved for future years.)

Northland

No areas

Auckland Waikato

No areas

Eastern

Awaiti Wildlife Management Reserve

Awakaponga Wildlife Management Reserve

Bregmans Wildlife Management Reserve

Kapenga Swamp

Lake Orotu Wildlife Management Reserve

Lower Kaituna Wildlife Management Reserve

Maungawhio Lagoon Wildlife Management Reserve

Ngapouri Wildlife Management Reserve

Orini Wildlife Management Reserve

Tamurenui Wildlife Management Reserve

Thornton Lagoon Wildlife Management Reserve

Tutaeinanga Wildlife Management Reserve

Waikite Wildlife Management Reserve

Hawkes Bay

Ahuriri Conservation Area

Taranaki

Corliss Island

Lake Kohata

Lake Wairitoa

Tom Watt farm wetlands

⁴Section 17 Wildlife Act 1953

⁵Section 18(1)(c)(iii) Wildlife Act 1953

Wellington

Lake Koitiata Conservation Area

Lake Omanu

Lake Wairarapa

Lake Wairarapa wetlands (JK Donald Reserve, Pounui Lagoon, Ruamahanga Cut-off, Turners Lagoon)

Moutoa Conservation Area (Manawatu River)

Otaki River Mouth

Pukepuke Conservation Area

Nelson Marlborough

Top Valley Wildlife Management Reserve

Wairau Bar Wetland

North Canterbury

Brooklands Lagoon

Coopers Lagoon

Lake Ellesmere

Lake Forsyth

The tidal lagoon of the Ashley River

The tidal lagoon of the Rakaia River

The tidal lagoon of the Waimakariri River

West Coast

No areas

Central South Island

(Raukapuka Area)

All Day Bay Lagoon

Lake Denny

Lake Roundabout

Devils Bridge Wetland

Opihi Lagoon

Orakipaoa Creek Conservation Area

Pareora River Conservation Area

Waihao Box Wildlife Management Reserve

Wainono Lagoon Conservation Area

Wainono Wetlands Reserve

(Twizel Area)

Ben Avon Wetland

Ben Omar Wetland

Lake Emma

German Creek Wildlife Management Reserve

Otago

Clutha River downstream of the Clydevale Bridge

Lake Dunstan in the Bendigo Wildlife Management Reserve

Lake Tuakitoto

Lake Waihola

Lake Waipori

Southland

Aparima River below Riverton-Otautau Road bridge and Jacobs River Estuary

Awarua Bay east of Tiwai Road

Dawson City Wetland

Lagoon Creek Wetland

Mataura River, Titiroa Stream and Toetoes Harbour below Gorge Road highway

Oreti River and New River Estuary below Dunns Road & Stead Street bridges

Pourakino River below Centre Road bridge

Camouflaged Rowboats

Persons⁶ may hunt or kill game within the following Fish and Game Regions, from unmoored camouflaged rowboats, subject to the conditions specified below.

Fish and Game Regions of:

Northland

Nelson/Marlborough

Otago

Southland

Taranaki

West Coast

Eastern – excluding 3 and 4 May 2003

Wellington – excluding 3 and 4 May 2003

Central South Island – excluding 3 and 4 May 2003

North Canterbury – excluding 3 to 11 May 2003

Hawkes Bay – excluding 3 to 11 May 2003

Pegging Day

1. A person, following purchase of a 2003/2004 Whole Season game bird hunting licence, can reclaim the stand claimed during the 2002 Game Season at any time prior to 10.00 a.m. on 6 April 2003 in all Fish and Game Regions.
2. Otherwise unclaimed stands can only be claimed any time after 10.00 a.m. on 6 April 2003 in all Fish and Game Regions.
3. Stands are claimed by completing and attaching to the stand, or a stake or board at the stand site, the claim tag provided with the licence.
4. The stand claim tag must be affixed to a board or identifying label having plainly marked thereon the claimant's name and the number of the licence.
5. The licence holder claiming a stand must be present in person at the stand when marking up such.
6. NB: In the Auckland Waikato Region, only holders of 2003/2004 Whole Season Adult Game Bird Licences can claim hunting stands.
7. No one can claim more than one stand.

⁶Section 18(1)(f)(vi) Wildlife Act 1953

8. A stand cannot be claimed closer than 90 metres to a stand already claimed by another person without that person's consent.
9. 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.

Conditions

1. These approvals shall not derogate from the principal conditions specified for each Fish and Game Region under the Second Schedule, which shall apply.
2. These approvals will expire at the end of the open season for game specified under the Second Schedule for each Fish and Game Region.

SECOND SCHEDULE**NORTHLAND FISH AND GAME REGION****Game That May Be Hunted or Killed—Duration of the 2003/2004 Season**

Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit
Grey Duck and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	20
Mallard Duck and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	20
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	3
<i>Grey, Mallard and Shoveler Duck: a maximum total bag not exceeding 20 birds for all species including hybrids combined and no more than the individual bag limit for each species.</i>		
Paradise Shelduck	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	20
	28 February to 29 February 2004 incl.	20
Black Swan	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	10
Canada Geese	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	5
Pukeko	3 May to 24 August 2003 incl.	12
Californian and Brown Quail	3 May to 24 August 2003 incl.	20
Cock Pheasant – Area A	3 May to 10 August 2003 incl.	3
Cock Pheasant – Rest of region	3 May to 10 August 2003 incl.	5

Definition of Area A: The following description refers to Area A

All lands north of a line running east/west north of the Whangape Harbour, then along the main ridgeline of the Maungataniwha Range and out to and including all lands north of Whangaroa Harbour.

Shooting Hours

6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. except that for the hunting of Paradise Shelduck on 28 and 29 February 2004, shooting hours will be from 6.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Decoy Limit

No limit.

Special Conditions

1. No person shall wilfully leave on the hunting ground any game bird(s) shot or parts of any game bird(s) shot.
2. Camouflaged Rowboats: Persons may hunt or kill game from an unmoored camouflaged rowboat.
3. During 28 and 29 February 2004, Special Paradise Shelduck Season, there shall be no hunting on or around any urban sewage oxidation ponds.

AUCKLAND/WAIKATO FISH AND GAME REGION⁷

Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2003/2004 Season, except that no duck may be hunted on Great Barrier Island

Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit
Grey Duck and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	10
Mallard Duck and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	10
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	3
<i>Grey, Mallard and Shoveler Duck, a maximum total bag not exceeding 10 birds for all species and their hybrids combined and no more than the individual bag limit for each species.</i>		
Paradise Shelduck	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	10
Pukeko	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	10
Black Swan (except that no Black Swan may be hunted or killed on the Waikato Hydro Lakes; Karapiro, Arapuni and Waipapa)	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	1
Black Swan in the region north of Auckland Harbour Bridge	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	5
Black Swan on Lake Whangape only	31 May to 2 June 2003 incl.	3
Canada Goose	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl. 9 July to 19 July 2003 incl.	6 6
Californian Quail	3 May to 10 August 2003 incl.	10
Virginian (Bobwhite) Quail	3 May to 10 August 2003 incl.	No limit
Cock Pheasant	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	3

Shooting Hours

Shooting hours are 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. except that Canada geese may be hunted or killed 24 hours per day for the 24 hour Moonlight Canada Goose Season; 6.30 a.m. 9 June 2003 to 11.30 p.m. 19 June 2003 and 6.30 a.m. 9 July 2003 to 11.30 p.m. 19 July 2003 inclusive.

Decoy Limit

No limit, except on Lake Waikare – a total decoy limit of 50 decoys per stand and no decoys to be placed within 50 metres of those placed by another hunter.

Special Conditions

1. From 3 May 2003 to 29 June 2003 inclusive, no person may use or cause to be used for the hunting or killing of game on Lake Waikare, any drifting or temporarily moored floating stand or any stand, hide or maimai which is permanently fixed to the lake bed except within 180 metres of the outer margin of the lake or the shoreline of Motu Nuia Island (Grape Island).

⁷Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861 as amended by *Gazette*, No. 129, of 29 August 1991, at page 2786

2. No person may use or cause to be used for the hunting or killing of game on Lake Ngaroto any fixed stand, pontoon, hide or maimai except within 85 metres of the margin of the lake.
3. No person may use or cause to be used for the hunting or killing of game on Lake Rotokauri any fixed stand, pontoon, hide or maimai on any open water of the lake.
4. No person may wilfully leave on the hunting ground any game bird(s) shot or parts of any game bird(s) shot.
5. No person may herd or drive waterfowl for the purpose of hunting or killing them.
6. No person may shoot game from any unmoored boat on the Waikato River north of the boat ramp at the confluence of the Mangawara Stream and the Waikato River at Taupiri on any of the first three days or the second weekend of the open season.
7. No person may possess a firearm in or on any unmoored vessel, except a rowboat, unless the firearm is dismantled or secured in a case, gunslip or other secure compartment, except when in use to retrieve wounded game.

It is now required that on public land the last tagged owner remove any maimai not tagged up for two years from the date of the last mark-up.

Closed Game Areas

All previous reference to closed game areas in the Auckland/Waikato Region are revoked. Closed game areas are:

1. All that area of the Waikato River below Mean High Water Spring Tide from the Tasman Sea inland to an imaginary line commencing from a marker at the exit of the Fisherman's Road drain on the north-western side of the river in Block VII, Maioro S.D., bearing 126 degrees true to a marker on the south-eastern side of the river.
2. The lagoon at Okoroire Park, Matamata-Tauranga Road, Okoroire and a strip of land 20 metres in width surrounding the lagoon.
3. The Kaitoke Creek, Great Barrier Island, and its tributaries and an area 100 metres in width on either bank from the main road bridge over the Kaitoke Creek upstream to the southern boundary of Allotment 185, Aotea Parish, and the eastern boundary of the State Forest Reserve, the Awana Stream and an area 100 metres in width on either bank from its confluence with the sea at low-water mark to the point where the main tributary flowing across Allotment 178, Aotea Parish, meets the Awana Stream; the Saltwater Creek and an area 100 metres in width on either bank from its confluence with the sea at Oruawhara Bay to a point where the south-east boundary of Allotment N.W. 74, Aotea Parish, crosses the creek.
4. All D.P. 23519, being part Maungatapu Block, Blocks II and VI, Maungakawa S.D., being 15 hectares, the property of A.C. Allen, Riverdale, Piako, Morrinsville.
5. The township of Te Aroha.
6. All that area lying to the east of the Southern Motorway and known as Pahurehure Inlet.
7. 129 hectares, being part of the Manukau Harbour known as Waimahia Creek (excluding the oxidation pond).

8. Plan D.P. S. 81922 of Lots 1-6, subdivision of Pt. Lot 7, D.P. 9441 and Pt. Section 19, Block II, Whitianga S.D., 53.3353 hectares. Property of Mr. Andrew Hill.
9. Western Arm (part) Lake Whangape. All that area within (lakeward) a boundary created by straight lines between white posts and more specifically: In straight lines commencing from the white post numbered "1" to be found on the edge approximately 350 metres to the west of Herbert Road road end; south for approximately 600 metres along the shoreline to the white post numbered "2"; directly across the bay west to the spit and the white post numbered "3" located there; south for approximately 500 metres along the shore to the white post numbered "4"; inland in a south-easterly direction for approximately 150 metres to the white post numbered "5"; inland in a sou-south-westerly direction for approximately 600 metres to the white post numbered "6"; towards the lake shore in a northerly direction to the white post numbered "7"; directly across the inlet in a north-west direction to the white post numbered "8"; northwards along the shore for approximately 1400 metres to the white post numbered "9"; across the western arm in a north-easterly direction to the white post numbered "10"; south for approximately 400 metres along the shore to the white post numbered "11"; directly across the inlet to the white post numbered "1".

EASTERN FISH AND GAME REGION⁸

Game That May be Hunted or Killed	Area	Duration of 2003/2004 Season
Grey Duck, Mallard Duck and any hybrids of those species, and Shoveler Duck	All areas	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.
Paradise Shelduck	Area A1	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.
	Area A2	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.
	That part of B1, which lies south of the true right bank of the Uawa River, Tolaga Bay	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.
	That part of B1, which lies north of the true right bank of the Uawa River, Tolaga Bay	3 May to 13 July 2003 incl.
	Area B2	3 May to 29 June 2003
Pukeko	All areas	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.
Black Swan	Area A1	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.
	Area A2	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.
	Area B1	No season
	Area B2	3 May to 15 June 2003 incl.
Canada Goose	All areas	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl. 14 to 15 February 2004
Californian Quail	All areas	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.
Brown Quail	All areas	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.
Virginian (Bobwhite) Quail	All areas	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.
Cock Pheasant	All areas including Registered Game Preserves	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.
Red legged partridge	Registered Game Preserves	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.
Species	Area	Bag Limit
Mallard Duck, Grey Duck and any hybrids of those species and Shoveler Duck	All areas	An aggregate bag of 7 Mallard, Grey and Shoveler Duck, except that within the aggregate bag, a limit of 2 hen Mallard, 2 Grey and 3 Shoveler shall apply.
Paradise Shelduck	Area A1	6
	Area A2	6
	That part of B1, which lies south of the true right bank of the Uawa River, Tolaga Bay	4
	That part of B1, which lies north of the true right bank of the Uawa River, Tolaga Bay	10
	Area B2	6
Pukeko	All areas	10

⁸Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861

Black Swan	Area A1	No limit
	Area A2	2
	Area B2	4
Canada Goose	All areas	No limit
Californian Quail	Areas A1, A2	No limit
	B1, B2	5
Brown Quail	All areas	5
Virginian (Bobwhite) Quail	All areas	No limit
Cock Pheasant	All areas, excluding Registered	
	Game Preserves	5
Pheasants, both sexes	Registered Game Preserves	No limit
Red legged partridge	Registered Game Preserves	No limit

Definition of Areas

The following descriptions refer to Local Authority Boundaries described on the Infomap 242B-2 Department of Survey and Land Information for the Eastern Region Fish and Game Council Region.

Area A1: Tauranga District, Western Bay of Plenty District, that part of the South Waikato District within the Eastern Fish and Game region and east of State Highway No. 1, Rotorua District, Kawerau District, Whakatane District and Opotiki District.

Area A2: Those parts of the South Waikato District west of State Highway No. 1 within the Eastern Fish and Game region, Taupo District and Ruapehu District, which lie within the Eastern Fish and Game Region.

Area B1: Gisborne District.

Area B2: That part of Wairoa District within the Eastern Fish and Game Region.

Shooting Hours

6.15 a.m. to 6.15 p.m., except that in Areas A1 and A2 from the day following the close of the Mallard season to 16 February 2004 Canada Goose may be hunted or killed 24 hours per day.

Decoy Limit

No limit.

Maimais

1. No maimai shall impede the use of navigable channels in the Tauranga Harbour, Ohiwa Harbour, Waihi Estuary, Lake Aniwhenua and Lake Taupo.
2. Maimais erected in the Waihi Estuary, Lake Aniwhenua, Ohiwa Harbour, Stump and Waihi bays of Lake Taupo must be dismantled and removed within two weeks of the close of the season (*i.e.* by 12 September 2003).

Registered Game Preserves (Pheasant)

- Titoki Hereford Stud:** The property situated along a 4 kilometre road frontage, at the top of Tikitere Hill from above Hell's Gate to opposite Moose Lodge entrance. Bounded by Fletcher Challenge Tikitere Forest and Okataina Scenic Reserve.
- Benner's Brothers Farm:** Located 8 kilometres up the Bush Road from Pongokawa. Bounded by Pongakawa River and Rotoehu Forest and Bush Road.

- (iii) **Equine Farm:** Located approximately 6 kilometres in a north-west direction from Lake Rotoehu with Rotoehu Road and Fletcher Challenge's Rotoehu Forest on the main boundaries. Property is made up of 283 hectares being entirely enclosed within deer fence.
- (iv) **Treetops:** Located Kearoa Road, Horohoro, being some 470 hectares with frontage to Great West Road, and bounded by the Horohoro Bluffs, the extremities of the property being enclosed within deer fencing.

Minimum Release Period

Game preserves must release birds at least one month prior to any shooting.

Closed Game Areas

Waewaetutuki: All that area within 90 metres of the boundary of Waewaetutuki 8B Block, situated in Block 1, Waihi South Survey District and comprising all of certificate of title 3D/627.

HAWKE'S BAY FISH AND GAME REGION⁹

Game That May be Hunted or Killed	Duration of 2003/2004 Season	Bag Limit
Grey Duck and Mallard Duck and any hybrids of those species.	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	Aggregate 10*
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	5
Paradise Shelduck	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	4
Pukeko	3 May to 10 August 2003 incl.	10
Black Swan	3 May to 29 June 2003 incl.	3
Canada Goose ¹⁰	3 May to 10 August 2003 incl.	3
Californian Quail	3 May to 10 August 2003 incl.	10
Brown Quail	Closed season	0
Virginian (Bobwhite) Quail	3 May to 10 August 2003 incl.	No limit
Cock Pheasant – all areas excluding registered game preserves	3 May to 10 August 2003 incl.	2
Pheasants, both sexes, registered game preserves only.	3 May to 10 August 2003 incl.	No limit

* Aggregate – Mallard Duck and Grey Duck and any hybrids of them, a maximum total bag not exceeding 10 birds for both species and hybrids combined, except that within the aggregate bag, a limit of 3 hen Mallard Duck and 3 Grey Duck shall apply.

Shooting Hours

6.15 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Decoy Limit

No limit.

Closed Game Areas

There are no closed game areas in Hawkes Bay.

Registered Game preserves

1. Tim and Maree Kittos' property, 303 Gwavas Road, Tikokino. This is 3.3 kilometres west along Gwavas Road, its boundaries the Pan Pac Gwavas Forest and neighbouring properties. These properties are Chas Chestermans', George Williams' and Mike Rittson-Thomas (Totara Hill's.)
2. Poronui Station; 16 500 acres at the end of Taharua Road, 20 kilometres east of the Napier-Taupo Road. Bordered at the east by Wharetoto 5B Trust land, to the south by the Mohaka River and East Taupo Lands Trust land, and the west by the Kaimanawa Forest Park.

⁹Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861

¹⁰Canada Goose hunting is restricted to the following areas:

1. Within 40 kilometre radius of Porangahau but within that radius not more than 20 kilometres from the East Coast
2. From Kuripapango north of the Napier Taihape Road and west of the Ngaruroro River

TARANAKI FISH AND GAME REGION¹¹**Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2003/2004 Season**

Species	Season Length (dates inclusive)	Daily Bag	Area
Mallard Duck/Grey Duck and any hybrids of those species	3 May to 29 June 2003	Aggregate 10*	All areas
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 29 June 2003	3	All areas
Paradise Shelduck	3 May to 29 June 2003	10	All areas
Black Swan	10 May to 29 June 2003	1	All areas
Pukeko	3 May to 29 June 2003	10	All areas
Canada Goose	3 May to 17 August 2003	10	All areas
Californian Quail	3 May to 10 August 2003	5	All areas
Cock Pheasant	3 May to 10 August 2003	2	All areas
Brown Quail	Closed season	0	All areas

* Aggregate – Mallard Duck and Grey Duck and any hybrids of them, a maximum total bag not exceeding 10 birds for both species and hybrids combined.

Special Paradise Shelduck and Canada Goose Season:

Areas B and C only: 28 February – 7 March 2004 inclusive. 6.30 am to 7.30 pm. Daily Bag Limits: Paradise Shelduck 10, Canada Goose 10.

Hours of Shooting

6.30 a.m. to 6.15 p.m.

Decoy Limit

No limit.

Pond Feeding

Permitted.

Definition of Areas

Area A: That area within the following boundary commencing at Waiaruhe Road. Then by that road, Owihakura Road, Whangaehu Valley Road and Fields Track to Kakatahi. Then by straight lines to Pipiriki and Tawhata. Then by Tawhata Road to the boundary. Then by the generally eastern boundary of the region to Waiaruhe Road.

Area B: That area within the following boundary commencing at Waiaruhe Road. Then by that road, Owihakura Road, Whangaehu Valley Road and Fields Track to Kakatahi. Then by straight lines to Pipiriki and Makakaho Junction down the eastern bank of the Waitotara River to the sea. Then by the sea coast and generally eastern boundary of the region to Waiaruhe Road.

Area C: The balance of the region contained by the westerly boundaries of Area A and B and the sea coast between the Mokau and Waitotara river mouths.

¹¹Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861

Closed Game Areas

1. New Plymouth District Council (Mangamahoe Forest)
 - a) Allotment 1 on D.P. 4414, part Sections 12 and 13, Hua and Waiwakaiho, containing 29.0900 hectares and being the whole of the land comprised by the certificate of title, Volume 108, folio 170.
 - b) Allotment 2 on D.P. 4414, part Sections 12 and 13, Hua and Waiwakaiho, containing 19.6600 hectares and being the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 236, folio 96.
 - c) Allotment 3 on D.P. 4414, part Sections 13 and 116, Hua and Waiwakaiho, containing 13.0533 hectares and being the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 108, folio 172.
 - d) Part Allotment 4 on D.P. 4414, parts of Sections 53, 54, 55 and 161, Hua and Waiwakaiho, containing 83.7194 hectares and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 108, folio 173.
 - e) All that land shown on D.P. 5316, being part Allotment 3 on D.P. 4885, part Section 4 Hua and Waiwakaiho, containing 8.7918 hectares and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 129, folio 80.
 - f) Allotment 1 on D.P. 5297, part Allotment 4 on D.P. 4414, parts Sections 53, 54 and 161, Hua and Waiwakaiho, containing 6.7961 hectares and being part of the land comprised in certificate of title, Volume 108, folio 173.
2. The property of Mr. R. C. Kennedy, Tahora, comprising the land in Block VI, Pouata S.D.
3. That portion of the Wanganui River including all tidal lands as defined in the Harbours Act 1950 from a line commencing at the centre of the junction of Kaimatira Road and Riverbank Road on the left bank of the river, thence extending directly across the river to the eastern boundary of Wanganui City on the right bank of the river to a line commencing at the mouth of the Awarua Stream on the left bank of the river, thence extending directly across the river to the southern corner of Lot 3 D.P. 13660 on the right bank of the river, excluding the area commonly known as Corliss Island.

WELLINGTON FISH AND GAME REGION¹²**Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2003/2004 Season**

Species	Season Length (dates inclusive)	Daily Bag	Area
Grey Duck and Mallard Duck and any hybrids of those species.	3 May to 29 June 2003	Aggregate 10*	All areas
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 29 June 2003	5	Area C
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 29 June 2003	2	Areas A,B
Paradise Shelduck	3 May to 29 June 2003	10	All areas
Pukeko	3 May to 29 June 2003	5	All areas
Black Swan	3 May to 11 May	3	Area C
	24 May to 20 July	4	Area C
	3 May to 11 May	1	Area B
	31 May to 29 June	3	Area B
Canada Goose	3 May to 20 July	15	Areas A&C
	31 May to 2 June	2	Area B1
Canada Goose Special Summer Season	31 January to 21 March 2004	20	Areas A&C
Canada Goose Special Summer Season	14 to 29 February 2004	0 #	Area B
Californian Quail	3 May to 10 August 2003	5	All areas
Cock Pheasant	3 May to 10 August 2003	2	All areas
Brown Quail	Closed season		All areas

* Aggregate – Mallard Duck and Grey Duck and any hybrids of them, a maximum total bag not exceeding 10 birds for both species and hybrids combined.

Bag limit to be decided subject to trend counts.

Definition of Areas

Area A: Wairarapa/Bush. East of main Ruahine and Tararua/Rimutaka ranges, apart from Area C.

Area B: Rangitikei/Northern Manawatu. West of main Ruahine and Tararua/Rimutaka ranges.

Area B1: West of State Highways No. 1 and No. 3 from Wellington to the Wellington Fish and Game Council region's boundary between Bulls and Turakina.

Area C: South Wairarapa. East of the Rimutaka Range and south of the following boundary: From the summit of the Rimutaka Hill Road east along State Highway No. 2 to Featherston, east along State Highway No. 53 to the junction with Kahutara Road, and the Martinborough–Lake Ferry Road to Lake Ferry.

Hours of Shooting

6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Canada Goose may be hunted or killed 24 hours per day during the specified open season.

¹²Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861

Decoy Limit

No limit.

Special Conditions

Summer 2004 Canada Goose Special Seasons – Hunting Registration: All hunters participating in any special summer 2004 Canada Goose seasons must register with the Wellington Fish and Game Council prior to hunting.

NELSON MARLBOROUGH REGION¹³**Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2003/2004 Season**

Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit
Grey Duck and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	7
Mallard Duck and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	15
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	2
<i>Grey, Mallard and Shoveler Duck aggregate limit; a maximum total bag not exceeding 15 birds, except that within the aggregate bag, a limit of 7 Grey Duck and 2 Shoveler Duck must apply.</i>		
Paradise Shelduck	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	10
Pukeko (Except East Coast / Kaikoura Area)	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	10
Pukeko	(Extended season: Pheasant area only)	
	28 July to 26 October 2003	10
	3 January to 29 February 2004	10
Pukeko	(East Coast/Kaikoura area)	
	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	2
Black Swan	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	10
Canada Goose	(Except Wairau Lagoons)	
	3 May to 10 November 2003 incl.	No limit
	1 February to 25 April 2004 incl.	No limit
Canada Goose	(Wairau Lagoons only)	
	3 May to 21 September 2003 incl.	No limit
	1 February to 25 April 2004 incl.	No limit
Californian Quail	(Except Motueka and Waimea River Bermland)	
	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	10
Californian Quail	(Motueka and Waimea River Bermland only)	
	31 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	10
Cock Pheasant	(Pheasant Area only)	
	31 May to 2 June 2003 incl.	1
	28 June to 29 June 2003 incl.	1
	26 July to 27 July 2003 incl.	1
Chukar	Closed season	Nil

Definition of Areas**Wairau Lagoons**

That area defined as all open waters, islands and the peninsula between Chandlers Lagoon and Big Lagoon, south of the Wairau River mouth, including Te Aropipi Channel and south to the White Bluffs.

¹³ Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 24 May 1990, at page 1861

Pheasant Area

The area west of the Bryant Range, north of State Highway No. 63 from St Arnaud to Kawatiri Junction and east of the Hope and Arthur Ranges.

Motueka River Bermland

The area adjacent to the Motueka River downstream of the Alexandra Bluff Bridge within the boundaries of State Highway No. 61 and Old Wharf Road to the east and the Motueka River West Bank Road, Umukuri Road and Lodder Lane in the west.

Waimea River Bermland

That area known as the Waimea Bermland contained within the stopbanks (or a 200 metre strip from both riverbanks where stopbanks are not present) of the Waimea and Wairoa Rivers up to the junction of the Lee River and the Wai-iti River up to State Highway No. 6 (Wai-iti Bridge).

East Coast/Kaikoura Area

The area to the east of the Awatere Valley/Molesworth Road and the Redwood Pass Road.

Shooting Hours

6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. during May, then 6.45 a.m. to 6.15 p.m. until 27 July 2003. Canada Goose may be hunted or killed 24 hours per day after 27 July 2003.

Decoy Limit

No limit.

Special Conditions

1. All permanent hunting stands/maimais used for the purposes of hunting of game on the Wairau Lagoons must be situated above the mean high water level.
2. Moored camouflaged boats are permitted for hunting or killing game in the Wairau Lagoons, but shall not be within 200 metres of any other hunting stand.

Farmers who hunt their own property are allowed under section 19 of the Wildlife Act to do so without having to purchase a licence. This probably means you will not receive a current copy of the regional newsletter and national magazine. Contact the Nelson Fish and Game Office to place your address on the mailing list.

NORTH CANTERBURY FISH AND GAME REGION¹⁴**Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2003/2004 Season**

Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit
Grey Duck and any hybrid of that species.	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	5
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	2
Mallard Duck and any hybrid of that species.	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	25
Grey, Mallard, and Shoveler Duck aggregate bag (a maximum total bag not exceeding 25 birds for all those species including hybrids combined and no more than the individual bag limit for each species)		25
Paradise Shelduck (Area A)	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	5
Paradise Shelduck (Area B)	3 May to 21 September 2003 incl. 31 January to 28 March 2004 incl.	20 20
Pukeko	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	2
Black Swan (Area A)	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	5
Black Swan (Area B)	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	2
Canada Goose (Area A)	3 May to 21 September 2003 incl. 31 January to 28 March 2004 incl.	No limit No limit
Canada Goose (Area B)	3 May to 23 November 2003 incl. 31 January to 25 April 2004 incl.	No limit No limit
Californian Quail	3 May to 24 August 2003 incl.	10
Cock Pheasant	8 June 2003 (one day only)	1
Chukar	Closed season	Nil

Definition of Areas

Area A (Paradise Duck, Black Swan and Canada Geese): That area east of State Highway No. 1 from Rakaia River in the south to Woodend Beach Road in the north.

Area B (Paradise Duck, Black Swan and Canada Geese): The remainder of the region excluding “Area A”.

Shooting Hours

- (a) Canada Geese
 - i. 3 May to 31 May 2003 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 - ii. 1 June 2003 to 25 April 2004 24 hours per day during the specified season
- (b) Paradise Ducks
 - i. 3 May to 21 September 2003 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. during the specified season
 - ii. 31 January to 28 March 2003 5.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. during the specified season
- (c) All other game birds 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. during the specified season

¹⁴Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861

Decoy Limit

Duck decoys:

- (a) 3 May to 11 May 2003, no person or persons sharing a stand shall use more than 30 duck decoys. No duck decoys shall be placed within 50 metres of those placed by another hunter.
- (b) Rest of duck hunting season: No limit.

Goose, Black Swan and other species: No limit.

WEST COAST FISH AND GAME REGION¹⁵**Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2003/2004 Season**

Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit
Grey Duck/Mallard Duck and any hybrids of those species	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	Aggregate bag 20 *
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	2
Paradise Shelduck	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl. 13 March to 21 March 2004 incl. subject to public notification	20 To be advised
Pukeko	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	20
Black Swan	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	2
Canada Goose	3 May 2003 to 28 March 2004 incl.	No limit

* Aggregate – Mallard Duck and Grey Duck and any hybrids of them, a maximum total bag not exceeding 20 birds for both species and hybrids combined.

Shooting Hours

6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. except that Canada Geese may be hunted or killed 24 hours per day during the specified open season.

Decoy Limit

No limit.

¹⁵Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND FISH AND GAME REGION¹⁶**Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2003/2004 Season**

Species	Season	Daily Bag
Grey Duck and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	5
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	2
Mallard Duck and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	50
<i>Grey Duck, Mallard Duck and Shoveler Duck: a maximum total aggregate bag not exceeding 50 birds for all those species including hybrids combined, except that within the aggregate bag a limit of 5 Grey Duck and 2 Shoveler Duck must apply.</i>		
Paradise Shelduck		
East of State Highway No. 1	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	15
West of State Highway No. 1	3 May to 28 September 2003 incl.	15
West of State Highway No. 1	7 February to 28 March 2004 incl.	15
Pukeko	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	10
Black Swan	3 May to 2 June 2003 incl.	5
Canada Goose		
Area A	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	No limit
Area B and C	3 May to 30 November 2003 incl.	No limit
Area C	7 February to 11 April 2004 incl.	No limit
Californian Quail	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	10
Chukar	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	10
Cock Pheasant – all areas excluding Dorset Downs game preserve	1 June to 31 August 2003 incl.	4
Pheasant, both sexes – Dorset Downs game preserve only	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	No limit
Red legged partridge – All areas excluding Dorset Downs game preserve	Closed season	0
Red legged partridge – Dorset Downs game preserve	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	No limit

Definition of Areas

Area A: All that part of the region encompassing Lake Wainono and Wainono Reserve and bounded to the north by Hook Beach Road, the west by State Highway No. 1, the south by Poingdestres Road and the east by the Pacific Ocean.

Area B: That part of the bed of the Waitaki River between Lake Waitaki Dam and the sea.

Area C: That part of the region not included in Area A and Area B.

Dorset Downs Game Preserve: That fenced area of Dorset Downs Station at Maungati near Timaru, marked with signposts reading Dorset Downs Game Preserve.

¹⁶Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861 as amended by *Gazette*, No. 129, of 29 August 1991, at page 2786

Shooting Hours

6.45 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., except that during the period 1 June 2003 to 11 April 2004 incl. Canada Goose may be hunted or killed 24 hours per day during the specified open season.

Decoy Limit

Lake Wainono and the Wainono Reserve: From opening day to the second Sunday after opening day; no person or persons sharing a stand shall use more than 25 decoys. No decoys to be placed within 50 metres of those placed by the occupant(s) of another stand. Rest of season: No limit.

Special Conditions

No person shall wilfully leave on the hunting ground the bodies or parts of bodies of Black Swans or other game shot in this region.

OTAGO FISH AND GAME REGION¹⁷**Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2003/2004 Season**

Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit
Grey Duck and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	5
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	5
Mallard and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	20
Paradise Shelduck		
Area A	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	10
Area B and D	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	15
	Summer season	
Areas B and C	28 February to 7 March 2004 incl.	10
Pukeko		
Area A	Closed season	0
Area B and D	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	2
Black Swan		
Area A	Closed season	0
Area B and D	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	5
Canada Goose	3 May 2003 to 30 March 2004 incl.	No limit
Californian Quail	31 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	10
Pheasant		
Otago Region except Bendigo Hunting Preserve:	31 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	5
Bendigo Hunting Preserve only:	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	10
Red-legged Partridge		
Bendigo Hunting Preserve only:	3 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	4
Chukar	Closed season	0

Definition of Areas

Area A: The Clutha River catchment upstream from the Clyde Dam.

Area B: The Clutha River catchment downstream from the Clyde Dam; the Taieri River catchment (Area D excluded) and all the coastal catchments between Shag Point and The Brothers Point on the east coast of the South Island.

Area C (Paradise Duck Summer Season): That area of Lake Wakatipu catchment to the north of Pig Island and commonly known as the head of Lake Wakatipu.

Area D: The Taieri River catchment upstream of the Paerau Weir, excluding the Loganburn Reservoir and its tributaries.

Bendigo Hunting Preserve (Pheasant): Bendigo Hunting Preserve is defined as that fenced area of Bendigo station property at Bendigo, near Lake Dunstan, Central Otago, marked with signposts reading “Bendigo Hunting Preserve”.

¹⁷Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861

Shooting Hours

7.00 a.m. to 6.45 p.m. Area A, 7.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Areas B and D, except that during the period 28 July 2003 to 30 March 2004 inclusive, Canada Goose may be hunted or killed 24 hours per day during the specified open season. Paradise Shelduck may be hunted during daylight hours only, during the Paradise Duck Summer Season.

Decoy Limit

No limit.

Closed Game Areas

Ashley Downs, Near Clinton, South Otago

Tomahawk Lagoon, Dunedin

Kawarau River outlet, Frankton

Special Conditions

1. No person shall use or cause to be used on any water within the region for the hunting or killing of game, any fixed stand, pontoon, hide, loo or maimai, except within a distance of 10 metres from the water margin in non-tidal waters, or from the low water mark in tidal waters, or from the outside edge of the raupo growth where raupo abounds, without the prior consent of the Otago Fish and Game Council.
2. No person may leave on the hunting ground the bodies or parts of bodies of Black Swan or other game shot in the Otago Fish and Game Region.
3. Shooting from a boat is prohibited on the Clutha River on the opening weekend only.
4. Canada Geese can be hunted during the closed season if an authorisation is obtained from the Otago Fish and Game Council.

SOUTHLAND FISH AND GAME REGION¹⁷**Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2003/2004 Season**

Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit
Grey Duck and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	1
Shoveler Duck	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	2
Mallard Duck and any hybrid of that species	3 May to 4 May 2003 incl.	25
Mallard Duck and any hybrid of that species	5 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	15
Paradise Shelduck	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	6
Pukeko	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	2
Black Swan	3 May to 27 July 2003 incl.	1
Canada Goose	3 May 2003 to 28 March 2004 incl.	No limit
Californian Quail	31 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	5
Cock Pheasant	31 May to 31 August 2003 incl.	5
Chukar	Closed season	Nil

Shooting Hours

7.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. or any period within these hours except that during the period 28 July 2003 to 28 March 2004 inclusive, Canada Goose may be hunted or killed 24 hours per day during the specified open season.

Decoy Limit

No limit.

Special Conditions

Shooting from boats is prohibited during the month of May 2003 on the Maitai, Aparima, Oreti, Waiau and Waimatuku Rivers and their navigable tributaries.

Approved at Wellington this 25th day of February 2003.

Hon Chris Carter
Minister of Conservation

¹⁷Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861