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WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE NO. 1/2023

I, Sonya Kilkenny, Minister for Outdoor Recreation and I, Ingrid Stitt, Minister for Environment and I, Gayle Tierney, Minister for Agriculture, make the following Notice:

Dated 14 March 2023

Dated 9 March 2023

Dated 10 March 2023

SONYA KILKENNY MP
Minister for Outdoor Recreation

INGRID STITT MP
Minister for Environment

GAYLE TIERNEY MP
Minister for Agriculture

1. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to –

- (a) prohibit absolutely the taking, destroying or hunting in Victoria of specified indigenous game birds (waterfowl), and
- (b) otherwise regulate and control the taking, destroying or hunting of specified indigenous game birds (waterfowl);

which would otherwise be permitted during the 2023 open season.

2. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 86 of the **Wildlife Act 1975**.

3. Notice prevails

Under section 86(3) of the **Wildlife Act 1975** this Notice prevails over any inconsistent regulation made under the **Wildlife Act 1975** or any licence, permit or other authority to take, destroy or hunt any particular kind of taxon of wildlife issued under the **Wildlife Act 1975**.

4. Definitions

In this Notice:

2023 modified open season means the open season in 2023 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) as modified by clause 6 of this Notice;

default bag limit for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) means the maximum number of indigenous game birds (waterfowl) that a person may take or destroy on any day during an open season as prescribed by regulation 30 and items 8 to 15 of Schedule 4 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012;

indigenous game bird (waterfowl) means any of the following, being the kinds or taxa of game set out in Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012:

- (a) Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*);
- (b) Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchotis*);
- (c) Chestnut Teal (*Anas castanea*);
- (d) Grey Teal (*Anas gracilis*);
- (e) Hardhead (White-eyed Duck) (*Aythya australis*);
- (f) Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck) (*Tadorna tadornoides*);
- (g) Pink-eared Duck (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*); and
- (h) Australian Wood Duck (Maned Duck) (*Chenonetta jubata*).

5. Commencement and period Notice has effect

This Notice takes effect from 12.00 am on 18 March 2023 and continues to have effect until 11.59 pm on 12 June 2023.

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6. Modification of 2023 open season

The open season prescribed in Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012 in relation to indigenous game bird (waterfowl) is modified in relation to the 2023 open season to be from 8.00 am Wednesday 26 April 2023 to 30 minutes after sunset on Tuesday 30 May 2023.

7. Prohibition on hunting of specified indigenous game birds (waterfowl)

- (a) The taking, destroying or hunting of the Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchosotis*) is prohibited during the 2023 modified open season, anywhere in Victoria.
- (b) The taking, destroying or hunting of the Hardhead (White-eyed Duck) (*Aythya australis*) is prohibited during the 2023 modified open season, anywhere in Victoria.
- (c) The taking, destroying or hunting of any indigenous game bird (waterfowl) from anywhere in Victoria is prohibited during the following times on each day of the 2023 modified open season:
 - i. 12.00 am until 8.00 am; and
 - ii. from 30 minutes after sunset until 12.00 am.

8. Modification of default bag limit for indigenous game birds (waterfowl)

- (a) The default bag limit for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) is modified to a maximum of four indigenous game birds (waterfowl), on any day during the 2023 modified open season.
- (b) Clause 7 prevails over this clause to the extent of any inconsistency.

9. Contravention of Notice

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice. Penalty: 25 penalty units.

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