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*Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976*

## **Declaration for Lawful Killing of Species of Protected Wildlife: Waterfowl, 2023 to 2024**

I, Lauren Jane Moss, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security:

- (a) under section 45(1) of the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976* (the **Act**) and with reference to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act 1978*, revoke the declaration made by the instrument entitled "Declaration for Lawful Killing of Species of Protected Wildlife: Waterfowl, 2022 to 2023" dated 28 July 2022 and notified in *Gazette* No. G32 of 10 August 2022; and
- (b) under section 45(1) of the Act and with reference to section 45(2) of the Act, declare that it is lawful to kill animals of each species of protected wildlife specified in the Schedule, Part A or B, subject to the conditions specified in the Schedule, Part C.

L. J. MOSS  
Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security

Dated 28 August 2023

## Schedule

### Part A

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>	Magpie Goose

### Part B

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Pacific Black Duck
<i>Anas gracilis</i>	Grey Teal
<i>Aythya australis</i>	Hardhead Duck (also known as White-eyed Duck)
<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	Maned Duck (also known as Wood Duck)
<i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i>	Wandering Whistling Duck (also known as Water Whistle Duck)
<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>	Plumed Whistling Duck (also known as Grass Whistle Duck)
<i>Malacorhynchus membranaceus</i>	Pink-eared Duck

### Part C

- 1 An animal of a species of protected wildlife specified in Part A or B (the **designated species**) that is within an area of land that is not private land, may be killed by a person only during the period from 20 September 2023 to 8 January 2024 and between the following times:
- (a) 6:00 am to 7:00 pm on each day in the period commencing on 20 September 2023 and ending on 31 October 2023;
  - (b) 5:50 am to 7:15 pm on each day in November 2023;
  - (c) 5:50 am to 7:30 pm on each day in the period commencing on 1 December 2023 and ending on 8 January 2024.

- 2 An animal of a designated species that is within an area of land that is private land, may be killed by a person:
  - (a) if the person is not the owner of the land – with the prior permission of the owner of the land; and
  - (b) during the period from the day this notice is published in the *Gazette* to 8 January 2024 and between the following times:
    - (i) 6:30 am to 7:00 pm on each day in the period commencing on the day this notice is published in the *Gazette* and ending on 31 August 2023;
    - (ii) 6:00 am to 7:00 pm on each day in September 2023 and October 2023;
    - (iii) 5:50 am to 7:15 pm on each day in November 2023;
    - (iv) 5:50 am to 7:30 pm on each day in the period commencing on 1 December 2023 and ending on 8 January 2024.
- 3 The area within which an animal of a designated species may be killed is the whole of the Territory except for the following areas:
  - (a) a park, reserve, sanctuary or wilderness zone;
  - (b) any area where, under a law in force in the Territory, the discharging of a firearm, as defined in section 3(1) of the *Firearms Act 1997*, is prohibited.
- 4 An animal of a designated species may be killed only with the following type of equipment:
  - (a) a shotgun of not more than size 10 gauge and not less than size 20 gauge;
  - (b) if the animal is of a species of protected wildlife specified in Part A:
    - (i) shot cartridges containing non-toxic shot; and

- (ii) if the shot is steel – shot not smaller than size No. 2 and not larger than size BBB; and
    - (iii) if the shot is other than steel – shot not smaller than No. 4 and not larger than size BBB;
  - (c) if the animal is of a species of protected wildlife specified in Part B:
    - (i) shot cartridges containing non-toxic shot; and
    - (ii) if the shot is steel – shot not smaller than size No. 6 and not larger than size BB; and
    - (iii) if the shot is other than steel – shot not smaller than No. 6 and not larger than size No. 1;
  - (d) a bow (excluding a crossbow) and arrow.
- 5 The maximum number of animals a person may kill each day is:
- (a) 7 animals of the species of protected wildlife specified in Part A; and
  - (b) 10 animals in total of one or more of the species of protected wildlife specified in Part B.

*Example for condition 5(b)*

*The maximum number of animals of a species of protected wildlife specified in Part B that a person may kill each day could comprise:*

- (a) 10 Pacific Black Ducks; or
  - (b) 4 Pacific Black Ducks, 3 Grey Teals and 3 Hardhead Ducks.
- 6 The maximum number of dead animals or parts of dead animals a person may have in the person's possession or under the person's control is:
- (a) if the person is at the person's place of residence – unlimited; or
  - (b) if the person is not at the person's place of residence:
    - (i) 21 dead animals or parts of dead animals of the species specified in Part A; and

- (ii) 30 dead animals or parts of dead animals in total of one or more species of protected wildlife specified in Part B.

*Example for condition 6(b)(ii)*

*The maximum number of dead animals or parts of dead animals of a species of protected wildlife specified in Part B that a person may have in the person's possession or under the person's control, if the person is not at the person's place of residence, could comprise:*

- (a) 30 Pacific Black Ducks; or
- (b) 10 Pacific Black Ducks, 10 Grey Teals and 10 Hardhead Ducks.

- 7 A person may only kill an animal of a designated species if the person:
  - (a) has been granted a permit to do so; or
  - (b) is the nominee under a permit that has been granted to another person to do so.
- 8 A person must not do any of the following:
  - (a) use shot cartridges containing toxic shot to kill an animal of a designated species;
  - (b) kill an animal of a designated species for commercial purposes;
  - (c) kill an animal of a designated species except for the purpose of human consumption;
  - (d) kill an animal of a designated species unless the animal is fully fledged.

*Example for condition 8(a)*

*A shot cartridge containing toxic shot could be the following:*

- (a) lead shot;
- (b) coated lead shot;
- (c) zinc shot.

*Note for condition 8(b)*

*The term commercial purpose is defined in section 9(1) of the Act.*

- 9 A person:
  - (a) must take reasonable steps to retrieve the animals that the person has killed; and

- (b) may use decoys; and
  - (c) may use retriever dogs to locate or flush the animals or retrieve dead animals.
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