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WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE

I, Mary-Anne Thomas, Minister for Agriculture and I, Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, make the following Notice:

Dated 7 March 2022

Dated 3 March 2022

MARY-ANNE THOMAS MP
Minister for Agriculture

LILY D'AMBROSIO MP
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

1. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to prohibit absolutely the taking, destroying or hunting in Victoria of specified indigenous game birds (waterfowl) and otherwise regulate and control the taking, destroying or hunting of indigenous game birds (waterfowl), which would otherwise be permitted during the 2022 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:

2022 modified open season means the open season in 2022 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) as modified by this Notice, being from 8.00 am Wednesday 16 March 2022 to 30 minutes after sunset on Monday 13 June 2022;

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 rhynchos*);
- (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 16 March 2022 and continues to have effect until the end of the 2022 modified open season.

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6. 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 2022 modified open season, anywhere in Victoria.
- (b) The taking, destroying or hunting of the Hardhead (White-eyed Duck) (*Aythya australis*) is prohibited during the 2022 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 from 16 March to 20 March 2022 inclusive:
 - i. 12.00 am until 8.00 am; and
 - ii. From 30 minutes after sunset until 12.00 am.

7. Modification of bag limit

- (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 2022 modified open season.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, paragraph (a) does not apply to the following due to the prohibition on taking, destroying or hunting specified at Clause 6(a) and (b) of this Notice:
 - i. the Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchosotis*); or
 - ii. the Hardhead (White-eyed Duck) (*Aythya australis*).

8. Contravention of Notice

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice.

Penalty: 25 penalty units.

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