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2019 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DUCK AND QUAIL SEASONS ANNOUNCED

South Australian hunting seasons in tune with natural cycles

The Conservation and Hunting Alliance of South Australia (CHASA) applauds the Minister for Environment for his timely announcement of duck and quail seasons in 2019.

The pre-new year announcement will enable hunters to plan and prepare their hunting trips for next year. Retailers too will have the time to stock hunting supplies to support the season. The economies in regional communities will benefit significantly, especially on the River Murray, Lower lakes and South-east regions where most hunting occurs.

The Duck and Quail seasons will commence in late summer/early autumn 2019 and have the support of South Australian hunting organisations who have worked closely with the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) to survey waterfowl numbers during the spring breeding period and assess the recent duck and quail harvest during the 2018 hunting season.

At a recent December meeting of CHASA, DEW and other stakeholders involved in setting a sustainable hunting season in 2019, hunters recommended a traditional February opening for duck season and a reduced bag limit of 8 ducks per day (down from 12 birds per day 2018) because of drying wetlands and lower breeding levels in eastern Australia during spring.

“The announcement respects the restrictions advocated by hunters”, said CHASA Chairman, Tony Sharley, however, the lateness of the opening requires justification as it does not provide any obvious environmental benefit, and it coincides with the Victorian duck season opening day which will reduce the number of Victorian hunters who purchase a hunting permit in SA. Hence the full tourism benefit of hunting will not be received by South Australian regional communities and the revenue lost by reduced hunting permits will not be available for conservation work.

CHASA recognises the enormous mental health benefits by keeping hunters connected to nature, which has resulted in thousands of hectares of wetlands being conserved in South Australia over the past 60 years.

The benefits of sustainable hunting in South Australia include:

- Keeping people connected to nature
- Creating environmental advocates
- Obtaining free range healthy food
- Ongoing environmental restoration

Duck Season – 16 March to 30th June 2019

Quail Season – 16th February to 31st August 2019

Season Conditions and Restrictions can be obtained in the SA Government Gazette No. 20

Tony Sharley, CHAIRMAN

MEMBER/AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS

South Australian Field and Game Association (SAFGA),
Sporting Shooters Association of Australia – Hunting and Conservation Branch,
Hellenic Shooting Sports Association of SA, Australian Deer Association – SA Branch,
Working Gun Dogs of SA, Quail Tomorrow, Barmera Moorook Field and Game, Loxton Branch of SAFGA