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Waterfowl Hunting Season coming to a close

The waterfowl hunting season will end on December 30 and hunters are warned that Rangers will continue to patrol during the Christmas period so adhere to permit conditions.

Northern Territory Government Parks and Wildlife Service Compliance Officer, Peter Phillips, said the public has been relatively well behaved and happy with hunting season this year.

“Two infringement notices of \$330 were given out throughout the season – one for failing to produce a permit when requested by a conservation officer and one for a hunter using lead shots, which can pollute waterways and make geese ill if they ingest it,” Mr Phillips said.

“Permit conditions stipulate that a) wildlife may only be taken for human consumption and b) the permit holder must not sell, barter, dispose of, or exchange dead animals nor capture and keep any live animals.

“Hunters have a bag limit of 7 geese per person per day and 7 ducks per day and at no time are they allowed more than 21 of each in their possession away from their normal place of residence.

Parks and Wildlife Services’ Wildlife Management Officers set the hunting season to run from 3 September to 30 December 2007 based on careful research and monitoring of waterfowl populations.

“It is important people abide by permit conditions to ensure waterfowl hunting can continue well into the future,” Mr Phillips said.

Permits apply to Harrison Dam Conservation Reserve, Howard Springs Hunting Reserve, Lambells Lagoon Conservation Reserve and Shoal Bay Coastal Reserve; hunting is not permitted on Djukbinj National Park, formerly known as Marrakai Conservation Reserve.

People are reminded to return their permits at the end of the season as per permit conditions.

Ends

Media Note – for more information contact Peter Phillip’s on 0401 115 702.

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