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Aerial and On-Ground Waterfowl Hunting Patrol

Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sports, Parks and Wildlife Service staff undertook an aerial and on-ground patrol over Shoal Bay Coastal Reserve and Howard Springs Hunting Reserve on Sunday, 16 November 2008.

Parks and Wildlife Service Ranger Peter Phillips said the aerial patrol was in addition to regular vehicle patrols.

“Using a helicopter to patrol the areas we dropped in on several groups of hunters to ensure all hunters had a valid waterfowl hunting permit and were complying with permit conditions,” Mr Phillips said.

Conditions include ensuring hunting is restricted to species listed on the permit, not exceeding bag limits of seven ducks and seven geese, and ensuring hunters were using steel shot ammunition, as lead shot is prohibited in Parks and Wildlife hunting areas.

“We were really pleased with the outcome of the patrol and can report all hunters were well behaved and cooperative,” Mr Phillips said.

“We spoke to a total of 25 hunters across the two reserves and the only incident reported was an instance of off-road driving.”

The waterfowl hunting season opened on 3 September and will run through to Sunday, 28 December 2008.

The Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service hunting reserves include Shoal Bay Coastal Reserve, Howard Springs Hunting Reserve, Lambells Lagoon and Harrison Dam Hunting Reserve.

For further information go to www.nt.gov.au/waterfowl or call permits on 8999 4795

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Image - Parks and Wildlife Service Rangers Louise Kean and Bob Moore check ammunition of waterfowl hunter Nondas Fermanis at Howard Springs Hunting Reserve.

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