

**1955/57**

## THE CHATHAM ISLANDS (WILDLIFE) NOTICE 1955

PURSUANT to section 6 of the Wildlife Act 1953, the Minister of Internal Affairs hereby gives the following notice.

### NOTICE

1. (1) This notice may be cited as the Chatham Islands (Wildlife) Notice 1955.

(2) This notice shall come into force on the 1st day of May 1955.

(3) This notice applies only to that group of islands known as the Chatham Islands Group.

2. In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Grey duck” means grey duck and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck:

“Mallard duck” means mallard duck and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck.

“Motuhinahina Island” means the land described in the First Schedule to this notice.

“Resident” means any person whose sole or principal place of residence is in the Chatham Islands Group.

“Wharekauri Estate” means the land described in the Second Schedule to this notice.

Expressions defined in the Wildlife Act 1953 have the meanings so defined.

3. (1) Grey duck, mallard duck, and pukeko may be taken or killed or had in possession in the Chatham Islands, except in the areas described in paragraph (a) of subclause (2) of this clause, during the period 1 May to 31 July (both days inclusive) of any year and subject to the further conditions set out in subclause (2) of this clause:

Provided that where injury or damage to any land or to any property on any land has arisen owing to the presence on the land of pukeko, the occupier, or any person with his authority, is hereby authorized to hunt or kill pukeko on that land at any time.

(2) In respect to this clause the following conditions are hereby imposed:

- (a) The areas known as the Wharekauri Estate and the Motuhinahina Island are hereby excepted from the operation of this clause:
- (b) No person shall export from the Chatham Islands any grey duck, mallard duck, or pukeko which has been taken in the Chatham Islands:
- (c) No person shall take grey duck, mallard duck, or pukeko in any way other than by use of a shot gun or erect any trap, net, snare, or other device for the purpose:
- (d) No person shall use live birds as decoys:
- (e) No person shall use artificial decoys at any time unless they are anchored securely, nor place any such artificial decoys within 100 yards of the nearest of any other artificial decoys set out by another person:
- (f) No person shall use more than ten artificial decoys at any one time:
- (g) No person shall cast, throw, or place, or cause or permit to be cast, thrown, or placed, or assist in casting, throwing or placing, in or near the margin of any water (including any river, stream, lake, lagoon, pond, estuary, swamp, or other water, whether natural or artificially constructed) any corn, wheat, barley, maize, or other grain, or any products of grain, or any peas or any other food, with the intention of attracting any grey duck, mallard duck, or pukeko for the purpose of hunting or killing the same.

(3) No person shall take or have in his possession the nests or eggs of any grey duck, mallard duck, or pukeko.

4. (1) Black swan may be hunted or killed and held in possession at any time in any year by any resident, and their eggs may be taken and had in possession at any time in any year by any resident:

Provided that no person shall hunt or kill or have in possession any black swan in the areas known as the Wharekauri Estate and the Motuhinahina Island during the period 1 May to 31 July (both days inclusive) in any year.

5. (1) Weka may be hunted or killed or had in possession at any time in any year by any resident:

Provided that—

- (a) No person shall hunt or kill or have in possession any weka in the areas known as the Wharekauri Estate and the Motuhinahina Island during the period 1 May to 31 July (both days inclusive) in any year:
- (b) No person shall export any weka from the Chatham Islands.

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## SCHEDULES

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### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### DESCRIPTION OF MOTUHIHINA ISLAND

ALL that area of land situated in the Te Whanga Lagoon, Chatham Islands, and known as Motuhinahina Island.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

## DESCRIPTION OF WHAREKAURI ESTATE

ALL that area in the Chatham Islands, situated in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 9,026 acres 1 rood 31 perches, more or less, being Wharekauri Block, Subdivisions 1K and 1L 1, Section B, 1K and 1L 1, Section A, 1F, and 1B, and also Kekerione Block, Subdivision 1A B, and bounded as follows: commencing at the westernmost corner of Subdivisions 1K and 1L 1, Section B, Wharekauri Block, and proceeding in a northerly and easterly direction generally along the high-water mark of the South Pacific Ocean to the north-western corner of Subdivision 1A 2, Wharekauri Block; thence in a southerly direction by the western boundary of the said Subdivision 1A 2 and the high-water mark of Te Whanga Lagoon to its intersection with the north-western boundary of Subdivision 1L, Kekerione Block; thence in a south-westerly direction by the north-western boundaries of Subdivisions 1L and 1C 2, Kekerione Block, to the south-eastern corner of Subdivision 1N, Wharekauri Block; thence towards the north and north-west generally by the boundaries of the said Subdivision 1N and the right bank of the Tiroriori Creek to its intersection with the high-water mark of the South Pacific Ocean; thence in a northerly and north-easterly direction generally by the said high-water mark and the Punakokowai Creek to its intersection with a public road at the south-easternmost corner of Subdivision 1M, Wharekauri Block; and thence in a north-westerly direction by the said public road and the south-western boundary of Subdivision 1K and 1L 1, Section B, Wharekauri Block, to the westernmost corner of the last-mentioned subdivision, the place of commencement: excluding from out the above described area all public roads.

Dated at Wellington this 20th day of April 1955.

S. W. SMITH,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Internal Affairs.