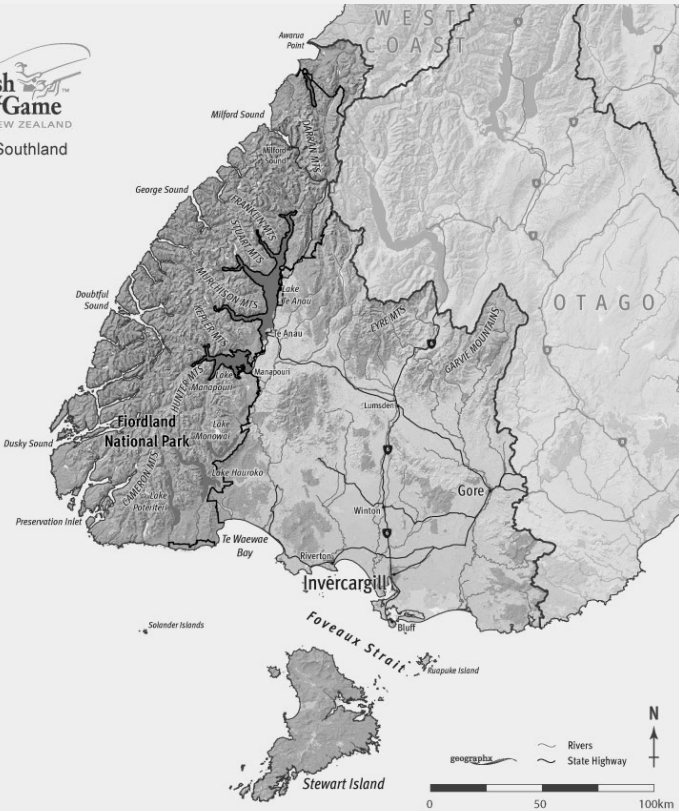


SOUTHLAND - Fish & Game Region¹³

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1 Game That May Be Hunted or Killed - Duration of 2024/2025 Season

<i>Species</i>	<i>Season Duration (dates inclusive)</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>
Grey/mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	4 May and 5 May 2024	20
	6 May to 21 Jul 2024	10
NZ shoveler duck	4 May to 21 Jul 2024	1 drake
Paradise shelduck	4 May and 5 May 2024	10
	6 May to 21 Jul 2024	6
Pūkeko	Closed season	0
Black swan	4 May to 21 Jul 2024	5
California quail	1 June to 25 Aug 2024	5
Cock pheasant	1 June to 25 Aug 2024	5
Chukar	Closed season	0

2 Shooting Hours

7.00am to 6.30pm.

3 Decoy Limit

No limit.

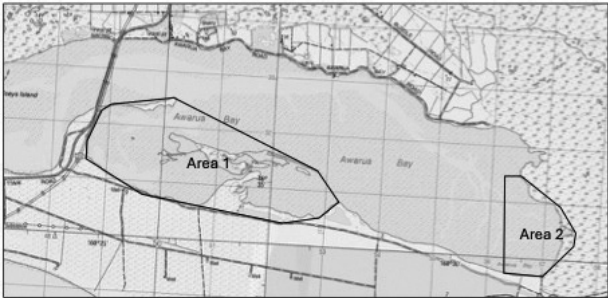
4 Special Conditions

- 4.1** Shooting from boats is prohibited during all of May 2024 on the Mataura, Aparima, Oreti, Waiau and Waimatuku rivers and their navigable tributaries.
- 4.2** Shooting from unmoored boats is prohibited below the Dunn's Road bridge on the Oreti River.
- 4.3** In the Southland Fish and Game Region no person shall in or on a public place, or in or on private land without the consent of its occupier, deposit or leave any litter (including any shotgun cartridge case and/or any body or part of any body of shot game).
- 4.4** No hen shoveler ducks may be taken.

5 Closed Game Areas

The following closed game areas are closed to hunting:

- (1) Area 1 and Area 2 shown on the diagram below.



HUNTING IN SOUTHLAND

Mallard Duck

The Southland region provides some of the best mallard duck hunting in New Zealand. Much of the hunting is carried out on private wetlands although public water bodies, estuaries in particular, provide good hunting opportunities during the opening weekend and on rough weather days.

Paradise Shelduck

Although widespread across the province, northern Southland provides the best paradise shelduck hunting in the region. Paradise shelduck provide hunting opportunities throughout the season and they are generally a lot easier to hunt than mallards. Once a mob is found they can be chased off, and then decoys put out, suitable camouflage arranged, and the birds shot when they return (see our YouTube channel for a how-to).

Other Species

Shoveler duck and black swan provide limited hunting experiences and are taken incidentally to the more common species. Black swan numbers are healthy, so hunters are encouraged to harvest a swan or five if the opportunity presents. Hunting of pukeko is no longer permitted in Southland. Canada geese remain abundant although they are no longer classified as a game bird, they remain valued by hunters.

WETLAND CREATION

Southland Fish and Game staff are actively involved in surveying sites for the construction of wetlands on private land. Demand