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Duck And Quail Hunting Australia Victorian Duck Season Submission 2022

Duck and Quail Hunting Australia are privileged to be able to make this submission we strongly recommend a full 12 week duck season in 2022 with a ten bird per day bag limit and a additional two Blue-winged Shoveler.

“The Victorian duck season is prescribed under the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012 to occur every year between the third Saturday in March and ending on the second Monday in June.

-Ten bird per day bag limit, with an additional two Blue-winged Shoveler added back to the bag limit.
Blue-winged Shoveler numbers have also increased over the past 5 years and the reinstatement of a limited number of that species to the bag is highly recommended.

All game species and season lengths in Victoria are legislated, yet the duck season is the only one that undergoes a process of annual submissions and relies on the Ministerial review.

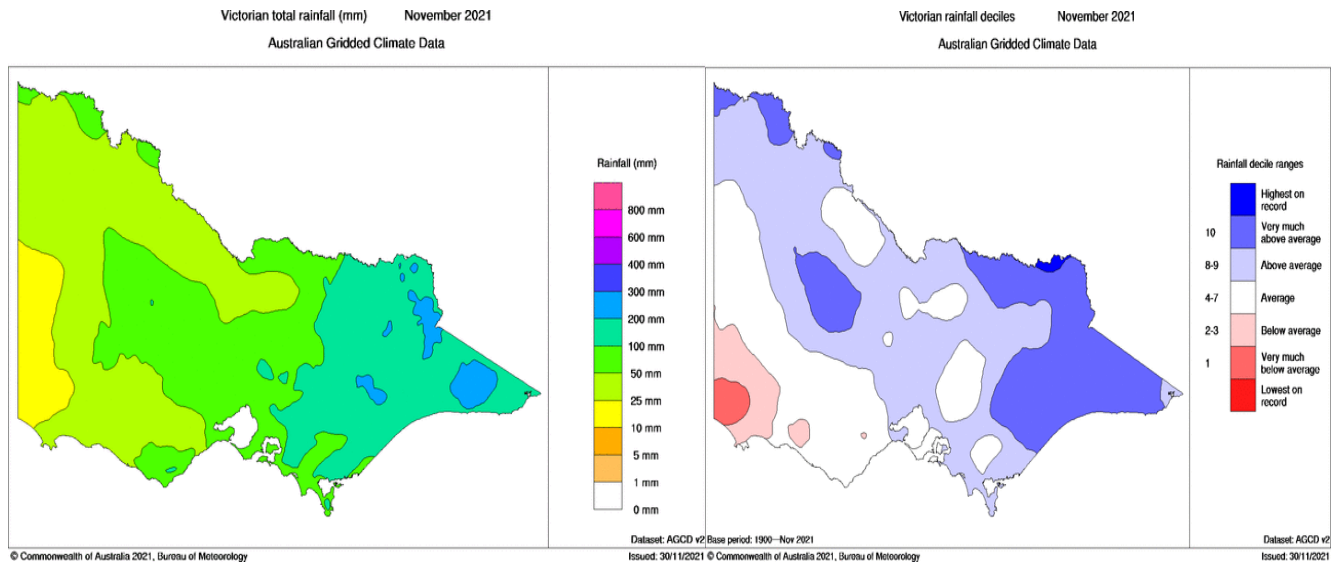
The duck season needs to stay as to what is legislated.

-Hunting in Victoria, including duck and quail hunting, is a legal and legitimate activity carried out by tens of thousands of Victorians each year. It brings hundreds of millions of dollars annually into the Victorian economy.

-Due to Covid-19 restrictions placed on all Victorian hunters and with a highly modified 20/21 duck season, which not much hunting occurred.

Its estimated tens of thousands of birds which would have normally been harvested, did not occur and the duck populations were not impacted. Juvenile birds that would have normally been harvested have survived and will be breeding under the current prime duck breeding conditions. With above average rainfalls throughout the year leading to an increasing duck population.

The BOM has now stated that the State-wide, rainfall was 50% above the November average of 52 mm, the highest since 2011. Most of Eastern and Northern Victoria were wetter than average, while parts of Gippsland, Northeast, Northern Country and Mallee districts were much wetter than average.



-In conclusion, based on Victoria having above average rainfalls and not having a full duck season for the past two years there are no valid reasons for Victorians not to have a full duck season in 2022.

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