



CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND REGION

Game Bird Hunter Values Survey

*A survey of the values and opinions of gamebird hunters who hunt
in the Central South Island region*

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Summary

The 2025 hunter values survey has provided staff and Council with the current values and preferences of the Central South Island Fish & Game Region's game bird hunters. The information collected is important when Council is advocating for hunters, undertaking regulation reviews and for resource prioritisation. The key findings from the survey are:

- Eighty eight percent of hunters utilise private land for hunting game birds
- Fifty one percent of hunters used dogs for retrieving their game
- Mallard was the most valued game bird species for hunters, followed by paradise shelduck.
- Canada geese were the third most valued species for hunters, despite not being a game bird.
- The top five reasons for hunting game birds were as a source of food, the social aspect, enjoyment, family time, and tradition.
- The majority of hunters (62%) supported both the current summer and extended hunting seasons.
- The majority of hunters (58%) preferred the current 50-bird bag limit for mallard.
- A proposed change to a 25-bird mallard daily bag limit was not supported by the majority of hunters.

Introduction

Game bird hunting is a popular activity in the Central South Island (CSI) Fish & Game Region with hunters spending an estimated 39,585 hours in the field for the 2024 season. In 2024 the CSI Region was the third most hunted region in the South Island, behind Otago and Southland regions. Within the South Island, the CSI Region accounted for the highest harvest of paradise shelduck and the second highest harvest for mallard in 2024 (M. Garrick & H. Sanders Garrick, 2024).

The varied geography of the region offers a diverse range of hunting opportunities from high country tarns and rivers to coastal estuaries and lagoons; however, most hunting takes place on the vast expanse of the Canterbury plains and foothills. Over the past 15 years rapid

development of irrigation storage ponds has changed the hunting landscape and resulted in more hunters taking advantage of the opportunities they provide.

The CSI Region has a three-month main waterfowl season running from the first Saturday in May to the last Sunday in July for all waterfowl species with an additional two weekends in early February for paradise shelduck and mallard. Daily bag limits for the main season are liberal for both shelduck and mallard of 25 and 50, respectively.

This survey seeks to understand hunter's value of the summer season, and their support of the 50-mallard bag limit. In 2003, a survey was undertaken to assess game bird hunters desire for a summer season for mallard duck. The survey found that the majority of hunters (69%) would like to make use of a summer season and on that basis The Central South Island Fish and Game Council (hereafter "Council") introduced the two-weekend summer season in February 2005 (M.Webb, 2003). Current mallard population monitoring shows a stable trend since 2006 (M. Garrick, H. Sanders Garrick & H Stevens 2025). This suggests that the 50-bird mallard bag limit does not impact the sustainability of the mallard population and previous Councils have voted to maintain the 50-bird limit on that basis

Currently, Council has no justification based on population sustainability or quantified hunter opinion to warrant a change to the 50-bird bag limit or the summer season. Therefore, justifications for bag limit or seasons change, based on the bag limit preferences and values of game bird hunters, could be used to justify and support a review of the mallard bag limit and summer season. Staff proposed a hunter values survey be completed alongside the National Game Bird Harvest Survey (NGHS) for the 2025 season whereby the preferences and values of a random selection of CSI game bird licence holders (hereafter referred to as "hunters") would be captured.

The hunter values survey's primary focus was to quantify hunters bag limit preferences, proportionate use of public and private land, species preferences, and motivations to hunt. The information within this report advances Councils understanding of our hunters and allows their views to be considered in our advocacy, management and resourcing decisions, including regulation reviews and any future justifications to the Minister for proposed regulation changes.

Survey Method

The survey was undertaken during the 2025 game bird season between May and August alongside the NGHS. The NGHS is a randomised telephone survey that calls hunters over the three-month game bird season to collect harvest and effort information. The survey is undertaken over seven periods at fortnightly intervals. Due to the high volume of harvest data on the opening weekend (period 1) this period was largely avoided meaning the remaining six survey periods were used to complete the survey.

Hunters eligible for the survey were adults holding a whole season CSI Region game bird licence who hunt within the CSI region. Those ineligible for survey were junior licence holders, day licence holders and adult whole season hunters who do not hunt within the CSI region.

Questions were designed to quantify hunters bag limit preferences, value of seasons, species preferences and motivations (see Appendix 1). To avoid survey fatigue, the overall survey was designed to be completed in approximately 5 minutes.

It is important to note that this survey does not include the values of landowners who use the landowner/occupier right to hunt game birds on their own properties and therefore don't hold a game bird licence.

Survey Results

Survey Response

CSI Region had a total of 2,169 adult whole season licence holders in the 2025 game season with 2,033 of these having a phone number recorded on the database.

A total of 393 calls were completed. Values and opinions were successfully recorded for 343 hunters or 17% of all adult whole season licence holders who hunt the CSI Region. Values survey data was not recorded for 12% of hunters surveyed including 8% (34 hunters) who do not hunt within the CSI region and 4% (16 hunters) who hunted within the region but did not wish to participate. Reasons for not participating in the survey were not always gathered but some recorded a lack of time for the survey as a factor.

Hunting Area

Land tenure

Question: Do you hunt game birds on public land, private land or a mixture of both?

The most utilised land type for hunting was private land incorporating 88% of hunters. Forty-eight percent of hunters reported solely hunting on private land while 40% hunt a mixture of private and public land. Fifty-two percent of hunters utilise public land for hunting with 12% solely hunting on public land (fig 1).

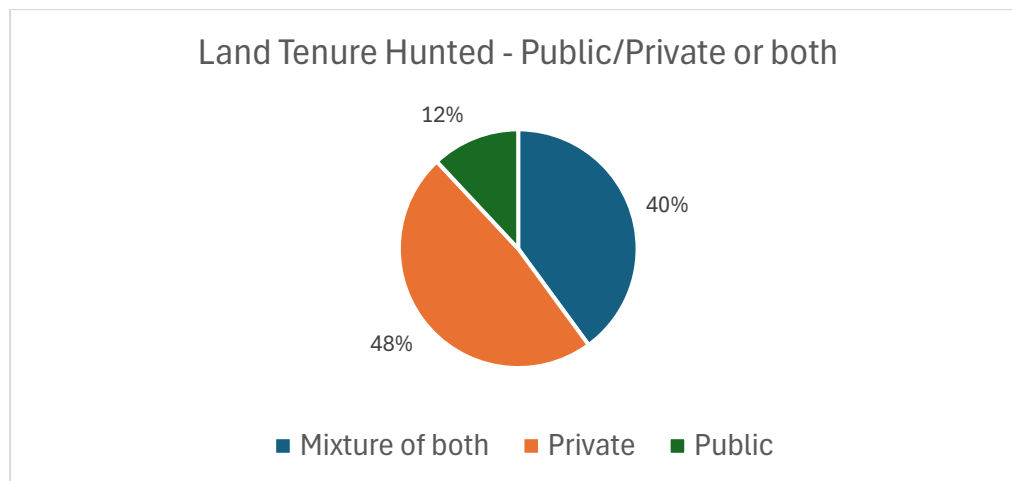


Figure 1: The proportion of game bird hunters that hunt private land, public land or a mixture of both

Favoured habitat

Question: What is your most favoured waterfowl habitat to hunt or your favourite place to hunt?

The most popular waterfowl hunting habitat for hunters (54%) was recorded as ponds (Table 1). Nearly a quarter (24%) of hunters favoured riverbed hunting and 5% of hunters preferred hunting irrigation ponds while 2% of hunters had no preference on where they hunted their waterfowl.

Table 1: Game bird hunters favoured waterfowl habitat.

| Favoured habitat | % of hunters |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Pond | 54 |
| River | 24 |
| Irrigation pond | 5 |
| Lake | 4 |
| Lagoon | 2 |
| Natural Pond | 2 |
| Creeks | 1 |
| Wetlands | 1 |
| Estuary | 1 |
| Paddock | 1 |
| Swamp | 1 |
| High country | 1 |
| Stubble paddock | 1 |
| Other (forestry, hills, native) | 1 |
| No preference | 2 |
| | 100 |

Use of dogs

Question: Do you usually hunt with a dog for retrieving game even if it's not your own?

Just over half (51%) of hunters' hunt with a dog for retrieving their game.

Motivations

Question: "What are two motivations why you go game bird hunting?" If confused, hunters were asked "so why do you go game bird hunting?"

All hunters surveyed provided at least one motivation for game bird hunting with 95% providing a second motivation. Hunters provided a wide range of motivations. Where motivations were of a similar theme they were combined into one category for data analysis.

The most popular motivation for hunting game birds was as a source of food for the table (24%) closely followed by the social aspect of game bird hunting (18%) which included comradery, getting out with mates and socialising (Table 2). General enjoyment, family time and hunting as a tradition rounded out the top five motivators for hunters to go game bird hunting.

Table 2: Game bird hunter motivations.

| Motivations | % of motivations reported |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Food for table | 24 |
| Social aspect | 18 |
| Enjoyment | 15 |
| Family time | 9 |
| Tradition | 7 |
| Working dog | 6 |
| Outdoor activity | 4 |
| Control bird numbers | 4 |
| Sport | 3 |
| Scenery/nature | 2 |
| Mental health | 1 |
| Challenge | 1 |
| Hunting | 1 |
| Exercise | 1 |
| Excitement | 1 |
| Hobby | 1 |
| Time out | 1 |
| Other (calling/decoying birds, firearm use, passion, easy access, lots of ducks, hunting guide) | 2 |
| | 100 |

Favourite Game Species

Question: List your top game bird species to hunt? What would be your number 2? What about number 3?

All hunters surveyed provided their favourite game bird species to hunt, 314 provided their second most favoured and just over half (176) provided their third most favoured. All game bird species available in CSI region were represented in their choices.

The favourite game species for hunters to hunt was mallard with the second being paradise shelduck and the third being Canada geese (Fig 2).

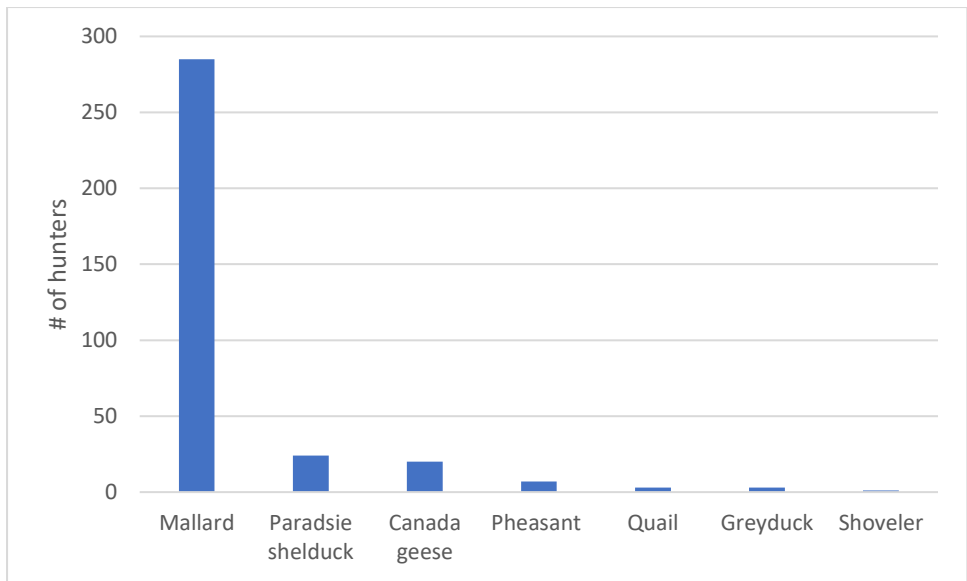


Figure 2: Hunters favourite game bird species to hunt

Accumulating all three responses, nearly all hunters (99%) chose mallard within their top three favourite birds to hunt, 70% of hunters chose paradise shelduck and 36% of hunters chose Canada geese. The remainder of game bird species were chosen by less than 10% of hunters (Fig 3).

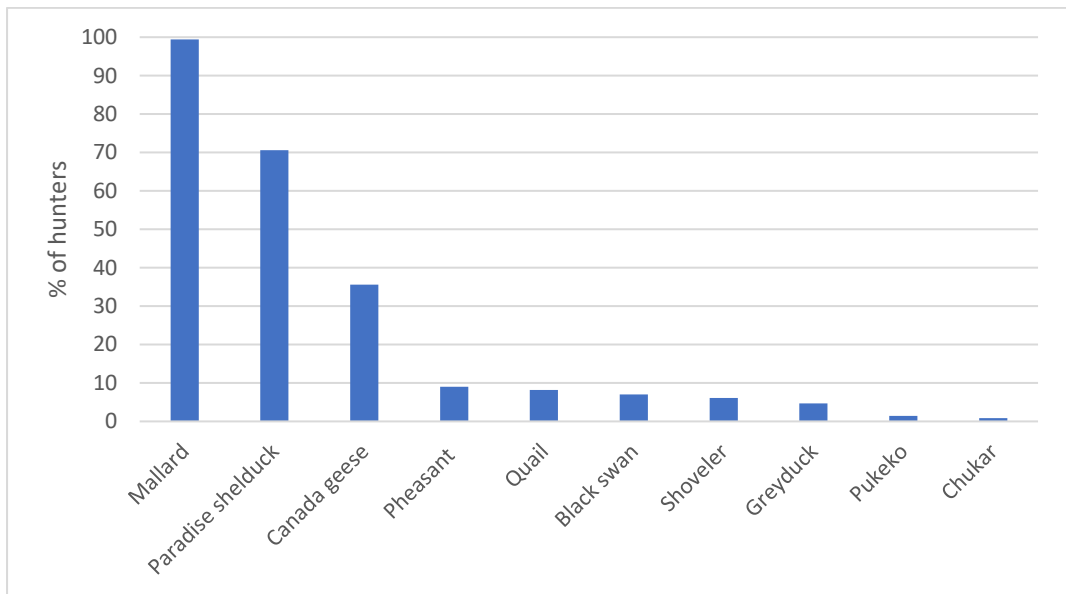


Figure 3: Accumulated responses of 1st, 2nd and 3rd favoured birds to hunt for hunters

Preferred Bag Limits

Preferred Mallard Limit

Question: If you had the choice what would your preferred bag limit be for mallards in the CSI Region?

Hunters had a wide range of bag limit preferences for mallard ranging from 2 birds to unlimited. The most common preferred bag limit by hunters was 50 birds with 58% of hunters choosing this bag, the second most favoured bag limit was 25 birds (12% of hunters). Most hunters (59% of hunters) preferred to have a bag limit of 50 birds or greater (Fig 4) with less than a third of hunters (31% of hunters) opting for a bag limit of 25 birds or less. Four percent of hunters did not provide an opinion on their preferred bag limit for mallards (Fig 4).

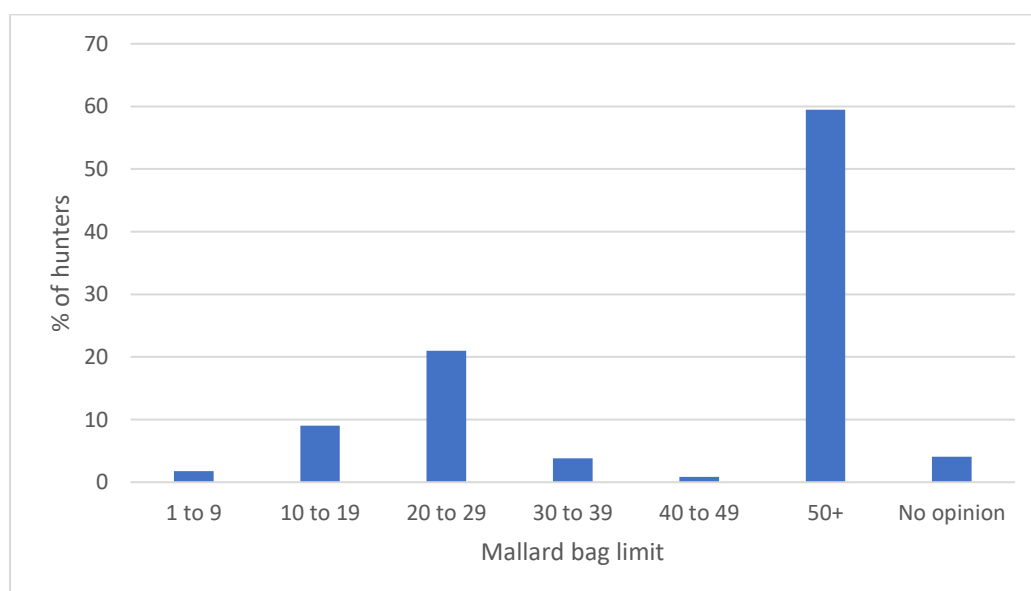


Figure 4: Hunters preferred bag limit for mallard

Preferred Paradise Shelduck Limit

Question: If you had the choice what would your preferred bag limit be for paradise shelduck in the CSI Region?

Hunters had a wide range of bag limit preferences for paradise shelduck ranging from 2 birds to unlimited. The most common preferred bag limit was 25 birds (42% of hunters) with proportions of hunters wanting more or less than 25 birds similar at around a quarter of hunters. Twenty percent of hunters want a limit of 50 or more birds. Six percent of hunters did not have an opinion on the paradise shelduck bag limit.

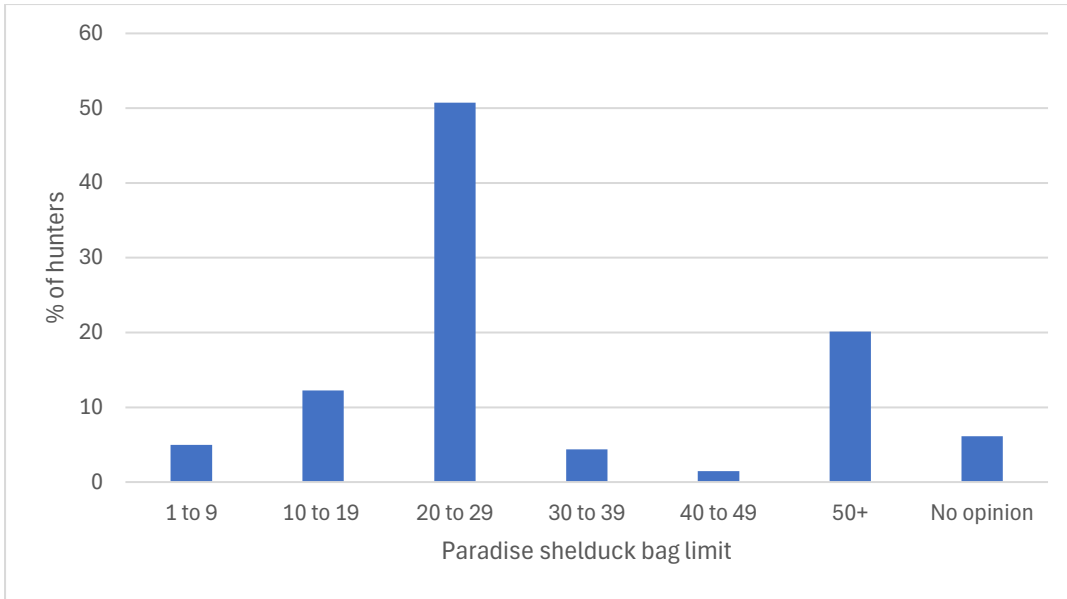


Figure 5: Hunters preferred bag limit for paradise shelduck

Value of Special Seasons

Value of Summer Season

Question: Do you value the opportunity to hunt game birds during the summer season (first two weekends in Feb)?

The majority of hunters (62%) value the opportunity provided by the current summer season (first 2 weekends in February), nearly a fifth (19% of hunters) don't value the opportunity and the same number are neutral on the value of the season to them (Fig 6).

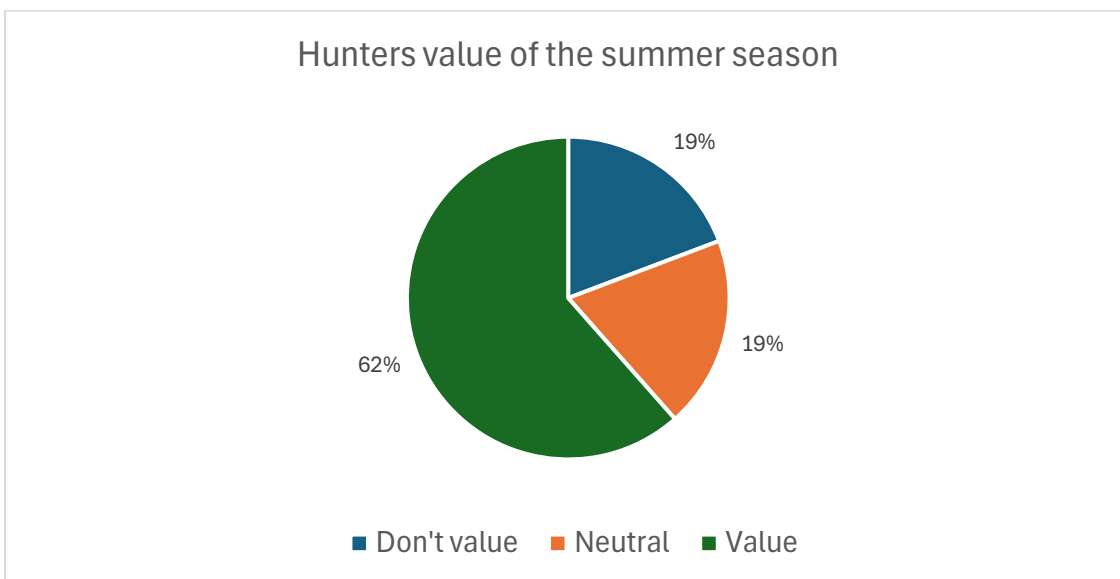


Figure 6: Hunters value of the summer season

Value of Paradise Shelduck Extended Season

Question: Do you value the opportunity to hunt paradise shelduck during the extended season (August and September)?

The majority of hunters (62%) value the opportunity provided by the extended Paradise shelduck season, just over a fifth (21% of hunters) are neutral and 17% don't value the opportunity (Fig 7).

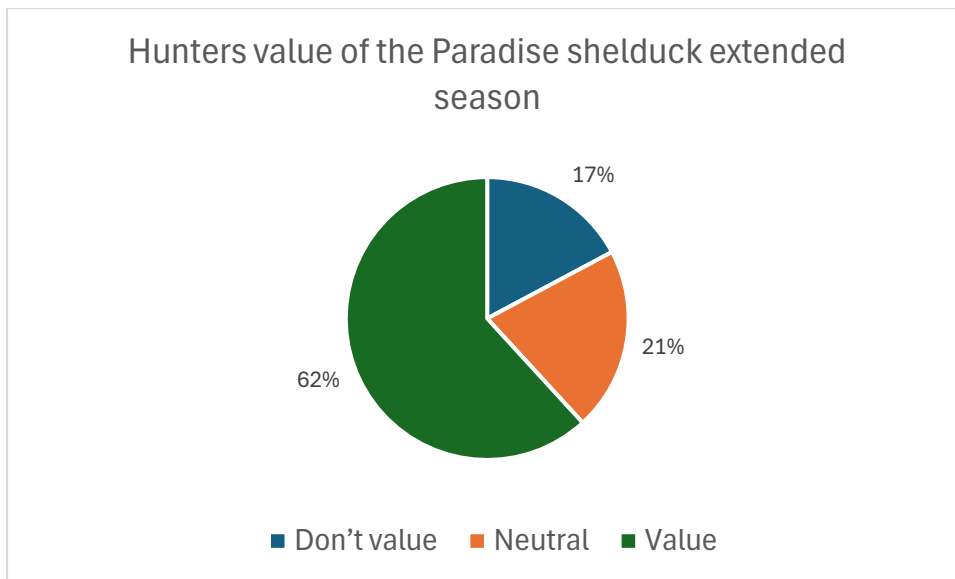


Figure 7: Hunters value of the extended Paradise shelduck season (August and September)

Proposed Change in Mallard Bag Limit

Question: If proposed, would you support a change to a 25-bird daily bag limit for mallard (current limit 50)?

The majority of hunters (53%) did not support a change to the proposed 25-bird bag limit for mallard. Forty seven percent supported the proposed change, 27% opposed and the remainder neither supported nor opposed (Fig 8). Twenty seven percent of hunters who earlier chose a preferred bag limit of equal to 50 mallards or greater also supported the proposed change to a 25-bird daily limit.

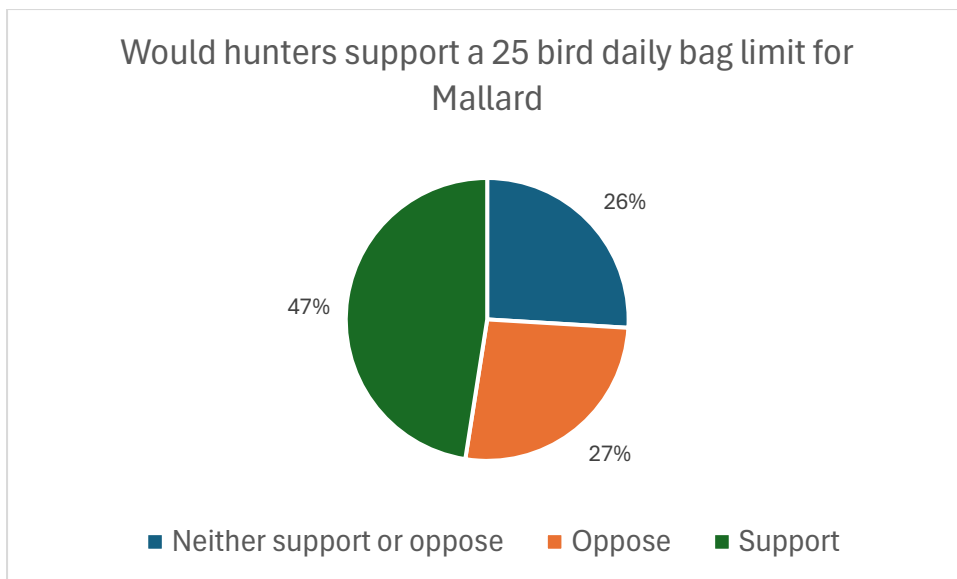


Figure 8: Hunters level of support for a 25-bird daily bag limit for mallard

Increasing Hunter's Satisfaction

Question: Is there anything CSI Fish & Game could do to make your game bird hunting more satisfying?

A total of 200 hunters provided a response when asked if there was anything CSI Fish & Game could do to improve their satisfaction, and the remainder (143) made no comment (see Appendix 2).

The most common response was that there was nothing Fish & Game could do to improve satisfaction, things were all good from their point of view or that they appreciated the phone calls/survey. The most common theme of actions we could take outside of that was around licence price. Generally, this was making licences cheaper, consider opening weekend licences or combined fish and hunting licences at a discounted rate.

Other comments that made the top five included bringing back lead shot, a bag limit for grey teal and more information on hunting locations/public areas.

Discussion

The 2025 hunter values survey has provided staff and Council with the current values and preferences of CSI Region's game bird hunters. The information collected is important to guide Council's advocacy for hunters, to support regulation reviews, and for resource prioritisation.

Hunting Area, Species Preferences and Motivations

The survey identified that 88% of hunters utilised private land for their hunting in the CSI Region, and nearly half 48% solely hunt on private land. This result highlights the need for Council to maintain and where possible improve access to private land for our hunters, the regions many irrigation storage ponds may provide an opportunity for this. In addition, projects that support and promote wetland creation on private property may improve conditions for our hunters given their utilisation of private land.

Over half (52%) of hunters utilise public land for their game bird hunting. Therefore, improving and protecting access to our public lands is also important for our game bird hunters. In addition, dog access is also critical given that over half of hunters utilise them for retrieving their game. Having this information is valuable when there are proposals to remove access to public lands or restrict dog access, such as the recent proposals at the Ashburton River mouth area.

Unfortunately, the survey was unable to pick up the type of ponds (natural, irrigation, man-made, quarry etc...) hunted, unless it was offered by the hunter, and it's possible that the 54% recorded as ponds could easily be allocated to other categories such as irrigation ponds. Should a similar survey be undertaken in future it is recommended that hunters are asked specifically about the pond type to better capture this information. Despite this, nearly a quarter of hunters preferred hunting rivers which suggests that advocacy by Fish & Game in this space is important.

It's little surprise that mallard were the most preferred game bird species for hunters given they make up the bulk of harvest, closely followed by shelduck. Despite its removal as a listed game bird in 2011, Canada geese feature as the third most preferred bird to hunt. This result suggests while they are not a game bird, our hunters still value Canada geese and where possible we should consider including information on where and how to hunt them in conjunction with game birds in our hunter communications.

The top five reasons for hunting game birds were as a source of food, the social aspect, enjoyment, family time, and tradition. These results are not dissimilar to Southland Fish & Game's findings in a similar survey that listed spending time with friends and family, challenge, food gathering, tradition and working with dogs as key motivators (C. Stewart & E. Garrick 2017). This highlights the need for Council and staff to keep these motivations front of mind when making management and regulation decisions that could impact on them and when advocating and highlighting the cultural benefits of game bird hunting.

Value of Special Seasons

Most hunters (62%) valued both the current summer and extended seasons as provided by CSI Fish & Game. This result shows there is moderate value-based justification to maintain these seasons for the benefit of hunters, and for the summer season there has been little change in hunter opinion since the 2003 survey.

Preferred Bag Limits

Given there are currently no population sustainability concerns for mallard it was suggested that if hunters wanted a change in the daily bag limit that value-based opinion could be used as a justification to the Minister for a change in bag limit. Hunters preferred bag limit for mallards showed that the majority (58%) want to have a 50-bird bag limit suggesting there is little value-based justification for change. Similarly for paradise shelduck, hunters most preferred bag limit was 25 birds, again showing little value-based justification for change.

Proposed 25-Mallard Limit

The majority of hunters did not support a change to the proposed 25-bird bag limit for mallard, aligning with Council's current position and showing little value-based justification for change. Nevertheless, an appreciable number of hunters (47%) would support the change if it was made. Some hunters responded to this question in contradiction to their preferred bag limit. For example, 27% (57) of hunters who wanted a 50+ bag limit (59% of hunters) contradicted themselves by also supporting a change to a 25-bird limit, 25 birds less than their preferred bag limit. This can possibly be explained by hunters only weakly preferring a particular bag limit and when faced with a 'yes / 'no' question on a specified bag limit preferring to choose change over status quo.

Improving Hunter Satisfaction

While many hunters provided no comment or positive responses to what Fish & Game could do to improve their satisfaction there were some suggestions that could be acted on at either a National or Regional level. Some suggestions are achievable if Council wishes to prioritise them such as better bird ID photos in the regulation's booklet, providing more information on hunting areas/public lands and reviewing parking at Wainono. Other suggestions are more difficult or possibly unachievable such as bringing back lead shot, getting grey teal on the licence and reducing licence price.

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Thank you to the hunters that took time to contribute to the survey, gathering your views is valued by the CSI Region Council and Staff. I would also like to thank Nicola Dellaway for accommodating and coordinating the survey and all the callers for their extra effort in recording this information.

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Appendices

Appendix 1

Hunter Values Survey

We are undertaking a short hunter values survey of people who hunt game birds in the Central South Island Region, would you be happy to answer a few questions, it should only take a few minutes of your time. **Do you hunt game birds in the CSI Region? Yes/No. (If No discontinue survey and record on survey sheet)**

Questions

The following questions relate to a typical hunting season, if it's your first season answer these in relation to this season's activity.

1. Do you hunt game birds on public land, private land or a mixture of both?

Public / Private / mixture of both (circle one)

2. What is your most favoured waterfowl habitat to hunt or your favourite place to hunt? (Riverbeds, farm ponds, irrigation ponds, coastal lagoons, lakes, paddocks etc...)
3. Do you usually hunt with a dog for retrieving game even if it's not your own? **Yes / No** (circle one)
4. What are two motivations why you go game bird hunting, so why do you go game bird hunting?

List 1. _____ **2.** _____

5. List your top game bird species to hunt? What would be your number 2? What about number 3?

List

1. _____ **2.** _____ **3.** _____

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6. If you had the choice what would your preferred bag limit be for **mallards** in the CSI region (state number)? **Number:** _____

7. If you had the choice what would your preferred bag limit be for **paradise shelduck** in the CSI region (state number)? **Number:** _____

8. Do you value the opportunity to hunt game birds during the summer season (first two weekends in Feb)? **Value / don't value / neutral** (circle one)

9. Do you value the opportunity to hunt **paradise shelduck** during the extended season (August and September)? **Value / don't value / neutral** (circle one)

10. If proposed, would you support a change to a 25 bird daily bag limit for **mallard**? **Support / Oppose / neither support or oppose** (circle one)

11. Is there anything CSI Fish & Game could do to make your game bird hunting more satisfying

Appendix 2

| Anything Fish & Game can do to improve your satisfaction? | Count of response |
|--|--------------------------|
| Access to irrigation ponds not enough scare ducks off ponds if not shot | 1 |
| Access to ponds as I'm an older hunter now | 1 |
| All good | 22 |
| All good doing a good job | 1 |
| All good doing a good job appreciate the phone calls through the season | 1 |
| All good thanks for your efforts | 1 |
| All good, licence price | 1 |
| All pretty good I'm happy | 1 |
| Ban steel shot, depends on area eg ponds | 1 |
| Be good to have cheaper licence | 1 |
| Better information on public areas to hunt | 1 |
| Bring back lead shot | 2 |
| Bring back teal onto the list 1 per day limit helps if you accidentally hit one. | 1 |
| Bring down price of licence | 1 |
| Can rangers start ranging later in day to limit disturbance | 1 |
| Change the stands at the Māori Lake they are in the wrong spot | 1 |
| Cheaper licence | 3 |
| Cheaper licence would be good | 1 |
| Combined licence for fishing and hunting considered | 1 |
| Cost of licence getting high | 1 |
| Cost of licence getting too high | 1 |
| Count the ducks, breed more pheasants, move birds on opening day see heaps sitting on irrigation ponds, nothing for licence money | 1 |
| Damn good job | 1 |
| Day licence for opening weekend only go for one morning and reach limit so can't go arvo \$116 for three hours. Hard to get into sport hard to find info | 1 |
| Decrease licence fee | 1 |
| Doing a good job | 1 |
| Doing pretty well | 1 |
| Don't do anything for duckshooters at the moment | 1 |
| Don't dump birds better messaging people should be prosecuted | 1 |
| Don't like steel shot | 1 |
| Don't see why we should pay to hunt a pest | 1 |
| Drop the licence price | 1 |
| Drop the price for licence | 1 |
| Drop the price of licence for opening weekend | 1 |
| Drop the price of licence only shoot opening weekend | 1 |
| Enhance habitat | 1 |
| Expensive to buy a licence | 1 |
| Extend the season for another two months so can hunt five months instead of three | 1 |
| Extra parking at Wainono Lagoon | 1 |

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| Farmers complain about numbers but then wont let them on to hunt | 1 |
| first year more information on where to go | 1 |
| Frustrated at number of ducks sitting on RSII and other irrigation ponds | 1 |
| Frustrated at too much water around this season | 1 |
| Gamebirds have done very well with intensive farming, not happy with NC or Southland stop being anti farmer | 1 |
| Generally happy | 1 |
| Get more shooter onto irrigation ponds to keep birds moving | 1 |
| Had a tagging issue on opening and couldn't find a number to ring on opening morning where someone could come and help | 1 |
| Happy going pretty good | 1 |
| Happy very supportive of CSI think you do a great job | 1 |
| Happy with how things are | 1 |
| Happy with how things are being run | 1 |
| Happy with it | 1 |
| Happy with what we do enjoyed the survey | 1 |
| Happy with what you do | 1 |
| Hardly go hunting during season only been hunting 3 or so seasons happy with F&G | 1 |
| Have a combined fishing and hunting licence at a discounted rate for those who do both | 1 |
| Have a window where hunting can start early when there are high numbers | 1 |
| Have two openings, have first and then close for a fortnight to get birds to move around | 1 |
| I would like to see some tagged birds | 1 |
| Improve access to irrigation ponds | 1 |
| Increase black swan limit | 1 |
| Increase swan limit McKenzie, have meetings with hunters before setting bag limits and rules, swans are bad on paddocks and numbers are high | 1 |
| Keep monitoring numbers season is too long, ducks hassled through season so hens don't have enough time to put condition on shut off at the end of June. Thaks for the survey nice to have opportunity to share views | 1 |
| Keep out of politics | 1 |
| Leave it at 50 please doing a really good job | 1 |
| Less lobby groups need to be under one umbrella | 1 |
| Let me use lead | 1 |
| Licence could be cheaper | 1 |
| Licence fees | 1 |
| Licence fees to go towards enhancing the sport | 1 |
| Licence price too high have opening weekend licence only | 1 |
| Licence prices getting too dear | 1 |
| licence too high prefer lead | 1 |
| Like that limit is currently 50 NC should do the same as I shoot on boundary | 1 |
| Like to see shorter term licence for opening | 1 |
| Limit should depend on areas | 1 |
| Look after hunters don't get too political no egos | 1 |
| Look at putting teal back on the licence | 1 |

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| Look at where the aerial parry counts are undertaken, could increase summer season bag limit by 5 to 10 birds these are the birds causing problems on crops. | 1 |
| Lower the price of licence | 1 |
| Make licence cheaper | 1 |
| Make licence cheaper consider a joint hunt and fish licence | 1 |
| Make paradise limit 50 | 1 |
| Managing it well all ok 50 birds is a lot so less may give me more opportunity to get some | 1 |
| More access to wetland habitat make information more easily accessible | 1 |
| More awareness of public lands who we can get in touch with and contact for hunting | 1 |
| More foggy mornings LOL Think CSI is doing a really good job | 1 |
| More pheasants and quail/ pest destruction | 1 |
| More than happy thanks | 1 |
| Move birds around early season | 1 |
| Never see them but it doesn't worry me | 1 |
| Nice to have someone to go with as I go out by myself | 1 |
| No | 10 |
| No all good | 2 |
| no all good doing a great job | 1 |
| No all good stay at higher limit | 1 |
| No all good thanks | 1 |
| No can't think of anything | 1 |
| No happy | 2 |
| No happy | 1 |
| no happy as it is | 1 |
| No happy generally | 1 |
| No happy with everything | 1 |
| No not really | 6 |
| No only new to it | 1 |
| No pretty good really | 1 |
| no pretty satisfied | 1 |
| No rangers to go out on opening weekend had rangers visit in 2024 and they disturbed a mob of ducks so don't them around opening weekend | 1 |
| No really happy | 1 |
| No we have to sort that out ourselves | 1 |
| No you guys are awesome | 1 |
| not really | 3 |
| nothing | 1 |
| Nothing comes to mind | 1 |
| Nothing I can think of | 1 |
| Number of wounded ducks very hard to kill now lead shot gone | 1 |
| Open up teal for opening day and closing day 5 daily limit, close season for spoonies for two years | 1 |
| opening weekend licence | 1 |
| opening weekend licence for \$90 | 1 |
| Preferred combined regulation book;;et and price of licence is too high | 1 |

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| pretty good job | 1 |
| pretty happy with how things are | 1 |
| Put better apps on phone so you know where there is a better chance of shooting | 1 |
| Put Canada geese back on licence as people out take pot shots at them and they are real spooky | 1 |
| Put one teal on licence and increase swan limit | 1 |
| Put teal on the licence | 1 |
| Ranger came once on opening day info was good | 1 |
| Reduce bag to 25 concerned at numbers at Wainono | 1 |
| Reduce licence price | 1 |
| Review price of licences too expensive, want weekend licence for a realistic value lot of money to control a pest | 1 |
| Satisfied with the way things are | 1 |
| Scare ducks off irrigation ponds please, leave at 50 plenty of mallards causing crop predation | 1 |
| Separate licence for quail and ducks | 1 |
| Shelduck season longer, rest is all good | 1 |
| Some bag limits too low wouldn't buy a licence for less than 50 birds | 1 |
| Someone telling Meridian of the values of river levels under their control for opening weekend at least | 1 |
| Sort out infighting with Southland we're all in this together | 1 |
| Sort weather out for when I go hunting LOL happy with how things are tracking | 1 |
| Stop the weather being so sunny on opening day LOL | 1 |
| Struggle with steel shot wounding 10 times more ducks | 1 |
| Support shooters to find areas a lot of hunters don't have somewhere to go | 1 |
| Swans problem should be allowed to shoot more | 1 |
| Take 60 years off my age | 1 |
| Take shovelers of licence so they can pair up | 1 |
| Teal consider limit of 2 for them give shoveler a rest | 1 |
| Teal even if small bag limit as have to be careful when hunting mallard | 1 |
| Too many regulations now too PC | 1 |
| Too many teal birds around | 1 |
| Too many young birds shot in summer season | 1 |
| True photo of birds in game reg book for new hunters to ID birds like scaup. Parking area at Wainono | 1 |
| unsure of anything | 1 |
| Very happy | 2 |
| Why are teal not on the licence up lakes area | 1 |
| Why the hell we have to have Fish and Game | 1 |
| Would like an opening weekend licence and go back to lead | 1 |
| Would like to not have to buy a licence that we pay for | 1 |
| Would need a good reason to drop numbers as they do lots of damage, thanks for the opportunity to give views | 1 |