



NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH & GAME

# GOLDEN BAY HUNT

Puponga, Farewell Spit, Westhaven Inlet Area

**18-19 JULY**

In response to concerns raised by DoC and landowners of high numbers of Canada geese & Paradise shelduck at Puponga Farm Park and Farewell Spit, Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game are organising a hunt in this area, and on farms in and around Westhaven Inlet. The aim of this hunt is to provide existing Golden Bay hunters as well as other hunters within the Nelson/Marlborough region with some great gamebird hunting opportunities, as well as seeking to reduce the Canada Goose population.

### ***What you need to do:***

1. Fill out the registration form with names of participants, licence numbers and other information required. You can enter as a group or individually.
2. Email the form to: [nelsonmarlborough@fishandgame.org.nz](mailto:nelsonmarlborough@fishandgame.org.nz), by no later than **6 July 2015**.
3. You will be notified as to your hunting area by 9 July. If the hunt is over subscribed, there will be a ballot.

### ***About the hunt:***

The hunt will take place on Farewell Spit, Puponga Farm Park, Kaihoka Lakes, and the Westhaven Inlet area. Hunters can make their own way to their allocated areas on Friday evening to set up for hunting on Saturday morning. However if this is not possible, hunters can reach their hunting destination on Saturday morning in participation for Saturday evening and Sunday.

On Sunday, there is a mid morning high tide, and boats will be deployed off Puponga and in to Westhaven Inlet to move geese that may have settled out to sea. It is our expectation that the geese will head to inland areas once disturbed and hunters should be ready in anticipation of this.

In many places, other gamebird species (Swans, Paradise Ducks, Pukeko, Mallards) may be available to hunt, however this will not be the case everywhere and will be determined by your hunting area. We will inform you of what we know about your site once you have been allocated your hunting area. As with any organised hunt, Fish & Game can organise hunters, but we are not able to organise birds to turn up on demand!

Boats, kayaks, 4WD's and ATVs may be of use for this weekend, but not essential.

### ***Social event on Saturday evening***

On Saturday evening there will be an opportunity to swap stories over a drink and meal at the Collingwood Tavern. Details of this are to be confirmed, but in the meantime, register your interest for this event on the registration form. It will be great to see you there!

Any questions please get in touch with the Fish & Game office.



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GOLDEN BAY HUNT APPLICATION  
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Hunters Name	Address	Phone No	Licence No.
1 <small>Group leader</small>			
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**VEHICLES AVAILABLE (give details: 4WD, ATV/QUAD, BOAT)**

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**EQUIPMENT**

Camping Gear (give details) \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting equipment (layout blinds, decoys etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHAT TIME CAN YOU COMMENCE HUNTING?**

<small>Tick Box</small>	<small>Tick Box</small>
<b>SATURDAY MORNING</b>	<b>SATURDAY AFTERNOON</b>

**WILL YOU BE ATTENDING THE SOCIAL EVENT ON SATURDAY EVENING?**

YES / NO / MAYBE      If so, how many hunters? \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU REQUIRE ACCOMMODATION?      YES / NO / MAYBE**

YES / NO / MAYBE      If so, how many hunters? \_\_\_\_\_

**ANY PREFERENCE FOR HUNTING AREAS** *(Remember these preferences may not be available every time).*