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Duck Season the Right Decision: Victoria

The International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH) have supported the Victorian Government's declaration of a duck season for 2009.

"It is positive to see the Victorian Government following international trends and wisdom," said WiSH Chair Dr Samara McPhedran.

"The IUCN (World Conservation Union) endorse sustainable wildlife use, enacted through practices such as waterfowl harvesting, as a powerful conservation tool."

"Sustainable wildlife use ensures the long-term wellbeing of species and ecosystems, and has been shown to be widely supported by the public."

"It appears the Government have also become aware of the importance of duck season to rural and regional communities, particularly in these tough economic times. In Victoria alone, hunters contribute at least \$40 million per year to local communities and economies."

Fact sheet:

<http://www.ic-wish.org/WiSH%20Fact%20Sheet%20Hunting%20Conservation%20Economy.pdf>

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