

Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

FISHERIES CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884."

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Fisheries Conservation Act Amendment Act, 1903"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

Short Title.

2. In addition to the several matters for which regulations may be made under the principal Act, the Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations—

Additional power to make regulations.

(a.) Prescribing for the issue of uniform licenses,—available throughout New Zealand, to fish for trout and perch at the following rates for the whole season—

Licenses for men, available throughout New Zealand, one pound for the whole season, five shillings for one month, or two shillings and sixpence for one week; and available throughout a provincial district, ten shillings;

Licenses for women, and boys attending school or under the age of sixteen years, ten five shillings for the whole season, three shillings for one month, or one shilling and sixpence for one week, available throughout a provincial district:

(b.) Regulating the export of trout:

(c.) Preventing the pollution of streams in which trout or salmon exist or have been liberated, either by casting, or allowing to flow into, or placing near the bank or margin of any such stream any sawdust or sawmill refuse, lime, sheep-dip, flax-mill refuse, or any other matter or liquid noxious, poisonous, or injurious to fish: *Provided that the depositing of débris from any mining claim shall not be held to be pollution under this Act.*

3. Any fisheries officer appointed under the principal Act shall have and may exercise within the district for which he is appointed all the powers conferred upon an officer appointed under "The Salmon and Trout Act, 1867," and the provisions of sections six, seven, and eight of that Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to any such officer.

Powers of fisheries officers.