

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives.
26th October, 1903.

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. The open season for trout-fishing throughout the colony shall begin on the first day of October and extend to the thirtieth day of April, both days inclusive, in each year: Provided that upon the written application of any duly registered acclimatisation society it shall be lawful for the Governor by notification to further restrict such season in any particular district or portion thereof, but within the respective dates or period aforesaid. Open season for trout-fishing.

3. 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 to fish for trout and perch at the following rates for the whole season—

Licenses for men, available throughout New Zealand, one pound;

Licenses for women, and boys attending school or under the age of sixteen years, five shillings, available throughout New Zealand;

Half-season licenses, single-river licenses, day licenses, and licenses to fish for perch only, available only in any acclimatisation district, at such sums as may be prescribed by the Governor in Council:

(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 *debris* from any mining claim shall not be held to be pollution under this Act. 5

Powers of fisheries officers.

4. 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. 10