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THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS (MARLBOROUGH AND NELSON) MODIFICATION NOTICE 1955

PURSUANT to the Fisheries Act 1908 and the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951, the Minister of Marine hereby gives notice as follows.

NOTICE

1. This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Marlborough and Nelson) Modification Notice 1955.

2. This notice shall come into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

3. This notice shall be in force only within the Marlborough and Nelson Acclimatization Districts.

4. The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951* are hereby modified as follows:

Limit Bag

- (a) No person shall on any one day take or kill more than ten acclimatized fish:

Size Limit

- (b) No person shall take or kill in any manner whatever or intentionally have in his possession any acclimatized fish that does not exceed—

(i) In the case of any trout taken from the Maitai River, 10 in.:

(ii) In the case of any acclimatized fish taken from any water other than the Maitai River, 12 in.:

Restrictions on Lures and Methods

- (c) No person in fishing for acclimatized fish shall—

(i) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in the Maitai River, Riwaka River, Happy Valley River, Motupiko River, the Opawa River from its source to the Grove Road Bridge, the Okaramio Stream from its source to Farnell's Bridge, the Wakamarina River from its source to the Main Road Bridge, the Timms Creek from its source to the Main Road Bridge, the Top Valley Stream from its source to the Main Road Bridge, the Rai River from its source to the Main Road Bridge, or in any tributary of any such river or stream or, as the case may be, of the part thereof specified in this subparagraph:

*S.R. 1951/15.

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1951/200.

Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1952/185.

(ii) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly or artificial bait in the Waihopai River from its source to the Waihopai Bridge or in any tributary of that part of the Waihopai River:

(iii) Tow or troll any lure from a mechanically propelled or mechanically drawn boat in that part of Lake Rotoroa lying south of a straight line drawn from a point half a mile west of the mouth of the D'Urville River to a point one mile east of the Sabine River; or in that part of Lake Rotoroa lying north of a straight line drawn from a point on the west shore of the lake approximately one and a half miles distant from the Gowan River to a point on the opposite shore approximately two miles east from the Gowan River, those points being indicated by white posts near the shore of the lake.

5. The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Nelson) Modification Notice 1952* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of September 1955.

JOHN McALPINE,
Minister of Marine.

*S.R. 1952/190.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

[This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.]

Except as varied by Modification Notices of local application, the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951 provide, *inter alia*, that:

- (a) The *limit bag*, which is the maximum number of acclimatized fish to be taken by one person in one day computed from midnight to midnight, shall be twenty;
- (b) The *size limit*, which is the minimum size of fish lawfully takeable, measured from tip of nose to tip of tail, shall be 9 in. for trout and salmon. Under-sized fish must be released unharmed and are not reckoned in the limit bag;
- (c) Only artificial or natural fly, insect, worm, crustacea, or fish are lawful lures or baits for acclimatized fish. Shellfish (mollusca) and fish roe are illegal. Not more than two lures or baits may be used. Artificial flies, which include feathered lures, must have only one hook. In waters restricted to fly, no weight or loaded lure is permitted. Any weight must be affixed above any lure or bait and, with artificial minnow (which includes spoon), at least 15 in. above;
- (d) The duration of the *open season* for acclimatized fish is from 1 October to 30 April.

This notice modifies the provisions of the general regulations in the Marlborough and Nelson Acclimatization Districts by reducing the number of acclimatized fish in a limit bag to ten, by increasing the size limit to 12 in. except in the Maitai River where it is increased to 10 in., and by imposing restrictions on lures and methods in specified waters.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Marine Department.