



**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS
(WEST COAST AND WESTLAND) MODIFICATION
NOTICE 1980**

PURSUANT to section 83 (2) (d) of the Fisheries Act 1908, and to regulation 7 of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

1. Title—This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (West Coast and Westland) Modification Notice 1980.

2. Commencement—This notice shall come into force on the 14th day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

3. Application—This notice shall be in force only within the West Coast and Westland Acclimatisation Districts.

4. Modification of regulations—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 14 acclimatised fish (being trout or salmon) of which no more than 4 may be salmon and no more than 10 may be trout:

Size Limit

- (b) No person shall take or kill in any manner whatever or intentionally have in his possession any trout or salmon that does not exceed—
- (i) In the case of any salmon, 30 cm in length:
 - (ii) In the case of any trout, 25 cm in length:

Open Season Exceptions

- (c) No person shall fish at any time for acclimatised fish in any stream flowing into Lake Wahapo or Lake Mapourika:

*S.R. 1951/15 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 13: S.R. 1976/191)
Amendment No. 14: (*Revoked by S.R. 1976/268*)
Amendment No. 15: S.R. 1976/268
Amendment No. 16: S.R. 1980/110

Close Season Exceptions

(d) There shall be no close season—

(i) In the whole of the following waters:

Lake Brunner except within 30 m of the mouth of any river, stream, or creek flowing into or out of the lake:

Lake Mahinapua:

The Big Waitaha River:

The Big Wanganui River:

The Cook River:

The Fox River:

The Hokitika River downstream from the Kaniere Bridge:

The Karangarua River:

The Waiho River:

The Whataroa River:

(ii) In that part of the following waters downstream from the site of yellow and black posts at the points mentioned:

The Buller River at its confluence with the Inangahua River:

The Grey River at the site of the old Blackball-Ngahere Bridge:

The Karamea River at a point known as "Old Man Rock":

The Little Wanganui River at the West Coast highway bridge:

The Mokihinui River at its confluence with the Welcome Creek:

The Nile River at a point approximately 1 km upstream from the West Coast highway bridge:

The Taramakau River at the William Stewart Bridge.

5. Revocations—The following notices are hereby revoked:

(a) The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (West Coast) Modification Notice 1978*:

(b) The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Westland) Modification Notice 1979†.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of November 1980.

DUNCAN MACINTYRE,
Minister of Fisheries.

*S.R. 1978/135
†S.R. 1979/143

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 trout or salmon that may be taken by 1 person in 1 day computed from midnight to midnight, shall be 50:

(b) The *size limit*, which is the minimum size of fish lawfully takeable, measured from tip of nose to tip of tail shall be 15 cm for trout and salmon. Undersized 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 acclimatised fish. Shellfish (mollusca) and fish roe are illegal. Not more than 2 lures or baits may be used. Artificial flies, which include feathered lures, must have only 1 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 38 cm above:
- (d) The duration of the *open season* for acclimatised fish is from 1 October to 30 April.

This notice modifies the provisions of the general regulations in the West Coast and Westland Acclimatisation Districts by reducing the limit bag, increasing the size limit, restricting the operation of the open season in certain waters, and dispensing with a close season in other waters.

The notice also consolidates the separate notices revoked under clause 5.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.