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**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS (SOUTH
CANTERBURY AND WAITAKI VALLEY) MODIFICATION
NOTICE 1975**

PURSUANT to the Fisheries Act 1908 and 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 (South Canterbury and Waitaki Valley) Modification Notice 1975.

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

3. Application—This notice shall be in force only within the South Canterbury and Waitaki Valley 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 not more than 4 may be salmon and not more than 10 may be trout, of which acclimatised fish not more than 4 may be taken from Lakes Alexandrina and McGregor, including their tributaries:

Size Limit

- (b) No person shall take or kill in any manner whatever or intentionally have in his possession any acclimatised fish that does not exceed—
- (i) In the case of any trout or salmon taken from Lakes Alexandrina and McGregor, including their tributaries, 30 cm:
 - (ii) In the case of any trout or salmon taken from any water other than those described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, 25 cm:

*S.R. 1951/15 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 8: S.R. 1964/196)
 Amendment No. 9: S.R. 1965/170
 Amendment No. 10: S.R. 1966/208
 Amendment No. 11: S.R. 1970/101
 Amendment No. 12: S.R. 1973/230

Restrictions on Lures and Methods

(c) No person in fishing for acclimatised fish shall—

(i) Use any crustacea or huhu grub:

Provided that this subparagraph shall not apply with respect to that part of the Waihao River which lies between the Main North Road bridge and the sea:

(ii) Use more than 1 lure or bait with natural minnow, or use any single or multiple hook with a gap larger than 9 mm with a natural minnow:

(iii) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in the Tengawai River or its tributaries; in the Ohape River or its tributaries; in the Hakataramea River or its tributaries; in the Maerewhenua River or its tributaries; in Lake McGregor or its tributaries or outlet stream; in Deep Stream, a tributary of the Waitaki River; or in any small high-country tarn:

(iv) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly, artificial minnow, or spoon in Lake Middleton or its tributaries, or in the Ahuriri River or its tributaries, or in the Otematata River or its tributaries:

(v) Fish from any unmoored boat in Lake McGregor or Lake Middleton:

(vi) Fish from a moving or unmoored boat in Lake Ohau within 200 metres of the mouth of the Dobson River or within 200 metres of the outlet of the lake or within 200 metres of any angler fishing from the shore of the lake:

(vii) Fish from a moving or unmoored boat in Lake Benmore within 200 metres of the mouth of any river entering the lake, or within 200 metres of any other angler fishing from the shore of the lake:

(viii) Tow or troll any lure from any mechanically propelled or mechanically drawn boat in Lake McGregor:

(ix) Fish from any unmoored boat within 100 metres of the shore of Lake Alexandrina:

(x) Fish from any unmoored boat in Lakes Aviemore and Waitaki within 200 metres of the mouth of any river entering either of those lakes or within 200 metres of any person fishing from their shore:

(xi) During the period commencing on the 1st day of January and ending with the 30th day of April, use in the Pareora River, the Orari River, or their tributaries more than 1 artificial fly, lure, or bait, or more than 1 hook (single or multiple), or any single hook of wire with a diameter larger than 1 mm, or with a gap greater than 9 mm, or any multiple hook with a gap greater than 13 mm:

(xii) During the period commencing on the 1st day of October and ending with the 31st day of December, use in the Opihi River downstream from a designated line between Milford Reserve and Connolly's property, both ends of the line so designated being more particularly marked by poles on the river banks, and during the period commencing on the 1st day of October and ending on the 30th day of

April, in the Opihi River upstream from the point so marked,—

- (1) More than 1 lure or bait, except when fishing with artificial fly; or
- (2) More than 1 hook-unit (single or multiple), except when fishing with natural bait; or
- (3) Any hook of wire with a diameter larger than 1 mm, or with a gap greater than 9 mm; or
- (4) Any artificial minnow, if the lure, including any weight of any substance attached or used in conjunction with such a lure to facilitate its casting or sinking, weighs more than 28 g:

(xiii) During the period commencing on the 1st day of January and ending with the 30th day of April, use in the Opihi River downstream from a designated line between Milford Reserve and Connolly's property, both ends of the line so designated being more particularly marked by poles on the river banks,—

- (1) Any lure or bait that does not fall in one of the following categories: artificial fly, natural bait, or artificial minnow (that artificial minnow being a spinner, wobbler, finnie, spoon, or other such type made solely of metal which in effect spins and wobbles when fished); or
- (2) With any lure, not being natural bait, more than 1 hook-unit (single or multiple) or any hook with a gap greater than 13 mm or any hook which is rigidly attached to any lure or bait; or
- (3) More than 1 lure or bait, except when using artificial fly; or
- (4) Any trace or cast of a greater length than 1 m, except when fishing with artificial fly or natural bait; or
- (5) Any lure or bait (including any weight of any substance attached or used in conjunction with such a lure to facilitate its casting or sinking) that weighs more than 57 g, except when fishing directly into the sea; or
- (6) Fish by any method other than casting from and retrieving on a reel, except when using artificial fly or natural bait:

(xiv) Use any wire trace or metal line, except when trolling in Lake Benmore:

(xv) During the period commencing on the 1st day of January and ending with the 30th day of April, use in the Rangitata River more than 1 lure or bait when any weight is attached, or more than 1 hook (single or multiple), or any hook with a gap greater than 13 mm:

- (d) No person in fishing for salmon in any waters other than those specified in subparagraphs (xi) to (xv) of this paragraph shall use more than 1 lure or bait when any weight is attached or use any hook (single or multiple) which has a gap greater than 13 mm:

Open Season Extension

- (e) There shall be an open season in Lake Aviemore and Lake Benmore from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of August in the year next following (both dates inclusive):

Open Season Exceptions

- (f) No person shall fish—

(i) During the period commencing on the 1st day of October and ending with the Friday preceding the first Saturday in November, for acclimatised fish in Lake Alexandrina, Lake McGregor, Lake Murray, Lake Ohau, or Lake Middleton, or in any small high-country tarn, or in the tributaries of the said lakes and tarns, or in Deep Stream, a tributary of the Waitaki River, or in the Ahuriri River and its tributaries, or in the Otematata River and its tributaries, or in the Ohau River and its tributaries:

(ii) During the months of March and April, for acclimatised fish in Lynn Creek or its tributaries, or in the Rangitata River or its tributaries above the point approximately 1.6 km downstream from Forest Creek, that point being more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks:

(iii) During the months of March and April, for acclimatised fish in the Rangitata River from west end of the Rangitata Gorge downstream to its confluence with Boundary Creek, both points being more particularly marked with white posts on the river banks:

(iv) During the period commencing on the 15th day of April and ending with the 30th day of April, for salmon in the Waitaki River between the Waitaki Hydro Dam and a line running beneath and parallel to the power lines across the river south-west of Bortons, or in any tributary of that part of the Waitaki River:

(v) During the month of April, for salmon in the Waitaki River and its tributaries between the Waitaki Hydro Dam and a line running in a south-westerly direction across the Waitaki River from approximately 460 metres below the mouth of the Hakataramea River to a notice board on the south bank of the Waitaki River as indicated by notice boards marked "Salmon Fishing Limit":

(vi) At any time, for acclimatised fish in the outlet creek between Lake Alexandrina and Lake McGregor:

(vii) At any time, for acclimatised fish in the boat harbour, or from either side of the mole at the boat harbour, at Sailors' Cutting, Lake Benmore:

(viii) At any time, for acclimatised fish within the boat harbour at Haldon Station, Lake Benmore, as designated by a white post on the mole and on the bank opposite:

(ix) At any time, for acclimatised fish in the Awakino Stream:

(x) At any time, for acclimatised fish in any boat harbour in Lake Aviemore or from either side of any mole at any boat harbour in Lake Aviemore:

(xi) At any time, for acclimatised fish from the south bank of Lake Waitaki between the notice at the east end of the spawning race and the Aviemore Dam.

5. Revocation—The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (South Canterbury and Waitaki Valley) Modification Notice 1970* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of June 1975.

COLIN MOYLE,

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

*S.R. 1970/223

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 that may lawfully be taken, 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 South Canterbury and Waitaki Valley Acclimatisation Districts, by reducing the bag limit to 14 trout and salmon, of which not more than 4 may be salmon and not more than 10 may be trout, of which acclimatised fish not more than 4 may be taken from certain specified waters, by modifying the size limit, by imposing restrictions on lures and methods of fishing in waters specified in this notice, by extending the duration of the open season until 31 August in Lakes Aviemore and Benmore, and by restricting the operation of the open season in certain waters.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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This notice is administered in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.