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**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS (SOUTH  
CANTERBURY AND WAITAKI VALLEY) MODIFICATION  
NOTICE 1978**

PURSUANT to section 83 (1) (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 (South Canterbury and Waitaki Valley) Modification Notice 1978.

**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:

*Size Limit*

- (b) No person shall take or kill in any manner whatever or intentionally have in his possession any acclimatised fish (being trout or salmon) that does not exceed 25 cm:

*Restrictions on Lures and Methods*

- (c) No person in fishing for acclimatised fish shall—
- (i) Use any crustacea or huhu grub except in that part of the Waihao River which lies between the Main North Road bridge and the sea:
  - (ii) Use with a natural minnow more than one lure or bait or any single or multiple hook with a gap larger than 9 mm:
  - (iii) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in the Tengawai River or its tributaries; in the Ohape River or its

\*S.R. 1951/15 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 13: S.R. 1976/191)  
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Amendment No. 15: S.R. 1976/268

tributaries; in the Hakataramea River or its tributaries; in the Maerewhenua River or its tributaries; 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 m of the mouth of the Dobson River or within 200 m of the outlet of the lake or within 200 m of any person fishing from the shore of the lake:

(vii) Fish from a moving or unmoored boat in the Waitaki Valley Acclimatisation District, in any man-made lakes, including Lakes Benmore, Aviemore and Waitaki, within 200 m of the mouth of any river entering any of those lakes or within 200 m of any person fishing from the shore of any of those lakes:

(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 m of the shore of Lake Alexandrina:

(x) Use in the Opihi River upstream from a designated line between Milford Reserve and Smith's property (both ends of the line so designated being more particularly marked by poles on the river banks)—

(1) More than one lure or bait, except when fishing with artificial fly; or

(2) More than one 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:

(xi) 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 Smith'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, that is, 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 one 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 one 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:

(xii) In the South Canterbury Acclimatisation District use any wire trace or metal line, except when trolling in Lake Benmore:

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

*Open Season Extensions*

(d) There shall be an open season in the Rangitata River downstream from the bridge on the Main North Road from the first Saturday after Queen's Birthday Weekend to the 31st day of August in the same year (both dates inclusive):

(e) There shall be an open season in Lakes Tekapo, Aviemore and Benmore from the 1st day of May to the 31st day of August in the same year (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 Alexandra, 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) east of the bridge where it enters Lake Aviemore, or in the Ahuriri River or its tributaries, or in the Otematata River or its tributaries, or in the Ohau River or 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 shown by white posts on the river banks:

(iv) During the month 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 months of February, March and April, for acclimatised fish in Larch Stream:

(vi) During the period commencing on the 1st day of October and ending with the Friday preceding the first Saturday in December, for acclimatised fish in the Ahuriri River upstream from its confluence with Longslip Stream:

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

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

(ix) At any time, for acclimatised fish in the Awakino Stream or 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 1975\* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of May 1978.

J. B. BOLGER,

In the place of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

\*S.R. 1975/161

#### 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 one person in one 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 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 38 cm above:
- (d) The duration of the *open season* for acclimatised fish is from October 1 to April 30.

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, 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 in certain waters, 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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