



THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS (NORTH CANTERBURY) MODIFICATION NOTICE 1955

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

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NOTICE

1. This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (North Canterbury) 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 North Canterbury Acclimatization District.
4. In this notice the term "high country waters" means—
 - (a) The following lakes and their tributaries—namely Lakes Coleridge, Evelyn, Georgina, Grasmere, Hawdon, Henrietta, Ida, Katrine, Letitia, Lillian, Mason, Marymere, Catherine (also known as Monk), Pearson, Red Hill, Rubicon, Sarah, Selfe, Sheppard, Sumner, and Taylor:
 - (b) All other lakes and tarns situated in the high country and their tributaries, excepting Lakes Lyndon and Marion:
 - (c) All waters from the outlets of Lakes Sumner, Taylor, and Sheppard to the junction of the Sisters Stream and the North Branch of the Hurunui River:
 - (d) All waters from the outlet of Lake Hawdon to the junction of Slovens Creek and Broken River:
 - (e) All waters from the outlet of Lake Pearson to the junction of Winding Creek and Broken River:
 - (f) All waters from the outlets of Lakes Grasmere and Sarah to the junction of the Cass and Waimakariri Rivers:
 - (g) The canal between Lake Katrine and Lake Sumner.
5. The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951* are hereby modified as follows:

*S.R. 1951/15.

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

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

Limit Bag

- (a) No person shall in any one day take or kill more than twenty trout from Lake Lyndon:
- (b) No person shall in any one day take more than twenty acclimatized fish, of which—
- (i) Not more than ten may be quinnat salmon taken from Lake Coleridge:
 - (ii) Not more than six may be quinnat salmon taken from other waters:
 - (iii) Not more than eight may be trout taken from high country waters:
 - (iv) Not more than ten may be trout taken from any waters (other than Lake Lyndon or any high country waters):

Size Limit

- (c) 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 Lake Lyndon, 10 in.:
 - (ii) In the case of any trout or salmon taken from any high country water, 12 in.:
 - (iii) In the case of any trout or salmon taken elsewhere than from Lake Lyndon or from any high country water, 10 in.:

Restrictions on Lures and Methods

- (d) No person in fishing for acclimatized fish shall—
- (i) Use any crustacea:
Provided that it shall be lawful to fish with fresh shrimp in the waters of the Waimakariri River system below the bridge behind the Belfast Hotel and below the confluence of the Main Drain, the Ohoka Stream, and the Eyre River:
 - (ii) Use any hook (other than a single hook) with worm as bait:
 - (iii) Use a single hook larger than size No. 6 (old numbers) with worm as bait, except in the Waimakariri River, in which river a single hook not larger than size No. 2 (old numbers) may be used:
 - (iv) Use more than one lure or bait with natural minnow in the Rakaia River, or use any single or multiple hook larger than size No. 5 (old numbers) with a natural minnow in that river:
 - (v) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in the Ashley River above the main north line railway bridge or in any tributary of that river which joins it above that point:
 - (vi) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly or artificial minnow in the Selwyn River above the point at the Selwyn Huts where the road from Springton South meets the Selwyn River, or in any tributary of that river which joins it above that point, or in the Main Drain from its junction with the North Branch of the Waimakariri River to the bridge on the Swannanoa Road:

(vii) Use any natural bait in Lake Lyndon or in any high country waters:

(viii) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in Lake Lyndon or in any high country waters other than in Lakes Coleridge, Sumner, or Taylor and the waters from the outlets of Lakes Sheppard, Sumner, and Taylor to the junction of the Sisters Stream and the North Branch of the Hurunui River:

(ix) Fish from any boat in Lake Lyndon or in any high country waters other than Lakes Coleridge and Sumner, or fish from any boat in Lake Coleridge within 100 yards of any part of the shore:

(x) Use in the Avon River above Swanns Road bridge or in any tributary of that river which joins it above that point or in the Heathcote River above the Opawa Road bridge or in any tributary of that river which joins it above that point, any lure or bait other than a single hook only which hook shall not exceed size No. 6 (old numbers):

Open Season Exceptions

(e) No person shall fish—

(i) At any time for acclimatized fish in Taylor's Drain from its source to its junction with the Wairarapa Stream, or in the Avon River from the bridge on the east side of the United Club Tennis Courts, Hagley Park, to the Colombo Street bridge:

(ii) During the months of October and November for acclimatized fish in Lake Lyndon:

(iii) During the month of October for acclimatized fish in any high country waters:

(iv) During the month of April for acclimatized fish in the Rakaia River and its tributaries other than any lakes above the Lake Coleridge power house, that point being more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks:

Faunistic Reserve

(f) Lake Marion and tributaries of Lake Marion are hereby declared a faunistic reserve, and the special provisions of regulation 98 of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951 shall apply to those waters accordingly.

5. The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (North Canterbury) Modification Notice 1954* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of September 1955.

JOHN McALPINE,
Minister of Marine.

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. 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 acclimatized fish. Shell-fish (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 North Canterbury Acclimatization District by limiting the number of salmon or trout that may be taken in specified waters, increasing the size limit in certain waters, restricting the lures and methods of fishing that may be used in certain waters, and restricting the operation of the open season in certain waters.

The notice also declares Lake Marion and its tributaries to be a faunistic reserve where the provisions of regulation 98 of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951 shall apply.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Marine Department.