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**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS (NORTH
CANTERBURY) MODIFICATION NOTICE 1969**

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

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NOTICE

1. Title—This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (North Canterbury) Modification Notice 1969.

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 North Canterbury Acclimatisation District.

4. “High country waters” defined—In this notice the term “high country waters” means—

(a) The following rivers—

(i) The Rakaia River above the white posts at the Lake Coleridge powerhouse:

(ii) The Waimakariri River above the white posts at Woodstock:

(iii) The Ashley River above the Gorge Bridge:

(iv) The Hurunui River above its junction with the South Branch:

(v) The Waiau River above the junction of that river with the Hope River:

(vi) The Clarence River above the New Zealand Electricity Department bridge approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below Lake Tennyson:

(b) All tributaries entering those rivers above the points specified in paragraph (a) of this clause:

(c) All lakes situated to the west of a line joining all those points.

5. Modification of regulations—The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951* are hereby modified as follows:

*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

Limit Bag

- (a) No person shall on any one day take or kill more than 16 acclimatised fish (being trout or salmon), of which—
- (i) Not more than 6 may be quinnat salmon taken from Lake Coleridge:
 - (ii) Not more than 4 may be quinnat salmon taken from other waters:
 - (iii) Not more than 6 may be trout taken from high country waters:
 - (iv) Not more than 10 may be trout taken from any waters (other than any high country waters):

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 in length—
- (i) In the case of any trout or salmon taken from any high country water, except Lake Tennyson and the Clarence River between Lake Tennyson and the New Zealand Electricity Department bridge approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below that lake, 12 in.:
 - (ii) In the case of any trout or salmon taken elsewhere than from any high country water, except Lake Tennyson and the Clarence River between Lake Tennyson and the New Zealand Electricity Department bridge approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below that lake, or from Lake Lyndon by any person of 17 years of age or over and not attending school full time, 10 in.:

Restrictions on Lures and Methods

- (c) No person in fishing for acclimatised 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, the Eyre River, and the Styx River below the Marshlands Road bridge:
 - (ii) Use any hook (other than a single hook) with worm as bait:
 - (iii) 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:
 - (iv) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in—
- (1) The Ashley River above the No. 10 Groyne at Fernside or any tributary of that river which joins it above that point; or

- (2) Any high country waters, other than Lakes Coleridge, Sumner, Taylor, and Pearson, 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, Lake Tennyson, and the Clarence River between Lake Tennyson and the New Zealand Electricity Department bridge approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below that lake; or
- (3) Lake Pearson, except as provided in subclause (5) of subparagraph (v) of this paragraph; or
- (4) The Selwyn River above the Ellesmere traffic bridge or any tributary of that river which joins it above that **point; or**
- (5) Harts Creek above the first traffic bridge above the mouth; or
- (6) The Doyleston Drain; or
- (7) The Irwell River above the first bridge above Lake Ellesmere; or
- (8) The Halswell River above the Tai Tapu bridge; or
- (9) The Styx River above the Marshland Road traffic bridge; or
- (10) The Main Drain; or
- (11) The Ohoka River; or
- (12) The Southbrook River; or
- (13) The Cam River above the Tuahiwi Road bridge; or
- (14) The Cust River; or
- (15) The Waipara River; or
- (16) The Hororata River; or
- (17) The Waimakariri River above Hamilton's Hut approximately one-third of a mile above Woodstock or any tributary of that part of that river:
 - (v) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly or artificial minnow in—
 - (1) The Selwyn River between the point at the Selwyn Huts where the road from Springston South meets the Selwyn River and the Ellesmere traffic bridge, or in any tributary of that river which joins it between those points; or
 - (2) The Ashley River below the No. 10 Groyne at Fernside or in any tributary of that river which joins it below that point; or
 - (3) 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; or

- (4) Lake Tennyson or the Clarence River between Lake Tennyson and the New Zealand Electricity Department bridge, approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below that lake; or
- (5) Lake Pearson south of the narrows, as indicated by a notice at that point:
- (vi) 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 Lakes Coleridge and Sumner within 200 yards of any person fishing from the shore:
- (vii) 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 on other than a single hook only:
- (d) No person, in fishing for salmon in any waters during the period commencing on the 1st day of January in any year and ending with the 30th day of April in that year, shall use more than 1 lure or bait when any weight is attached or any hook (single or multiple) has a gap greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch:

Open Season Exceptions

- (e) No person shall fish—

(i) At any time for acclimatised fish in Taylor's Drain from its source to its junction with the Wairarapa Stream, or in the Avon River from the Armagh Street bridge to the Barbadoes Street bridge:

(ii) During the period commencing on the 1st day of October in any year and ending with the first Friday of November in that year for acclimatised fish in any high country waters:

(iii) During the months of March and April for acclimatised fish in the Rakaia River and its tributaries above the Lake Coleridge powerhouse, that point being more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks:

Provided that this subparagraph shall not apply to any lakes draining into the Rakaia River above the point specified:

- (iv) During the months of March and April for salmon in—
- (1) The Clarence River above the New Zealand Electricity Department bridge approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below Lake Tennyson, or any tributary of that part of that river:
 - (2) The Hurunui River above the junction of the South Branch with that river, or any tributary of that part of that river:
 - (3) The Waiau River above the junction of that river with the Hope River, or any tributary of that part of the Waiau River:
 - (4) The Waimakariri River above Hamilton's Hut approximately one-third of a mile above Woodstock, or any tributary of that part of that river:

- (5) During the period commencing on the 28th day of February in any year and ending with the first Friday of November in that year for acclimatised fish in streams flowing into Lake Coleridge:

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.

6. Revocation—The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (North Canterbury) Modification Notice 1968* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 1st day of September 1969.

W. J. SCOTT, Minister of Marine.

*S.R. 1968/191

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 acclimatised fish 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 6 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 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 fixed 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 acclimatised fish is from 1 October to 30 April.

This notice modifies the provisions of the general regulations in the North Canterbury Acclimatisation 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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This notice is administered in the Marine Department.