



**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS  
(WEST COAST) MODIFICATION NOTICE 1978**

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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.

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**NOTICE**

**1. Title**—This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (West Coast) 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 West Coast Acclimatisation District (including the Grey, Buller, Karamea, and Mokihinui Rivers, where it shall apply except as modified by the Fisheries Experimental Waters (Grey, Buller, Karamea, and Mokihinui Rivers) Regulations 1975\*).

**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 10 acclimatised fish (being trout or salmon):

*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 28 cm in length:

*Open Season Extension*

- (c) There shall be an open season from the 1st day of July to the 31st day of August in the same year (both dates inclusive), from the mouth to the first road bridge on the main West Coast highway in the Grey, Buller, Karamea, and Mokihinui Rivers:

\*S.R. 1975/151

†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

*Close Season Exception*

- (d) There shall be no close season in Lake Brunner except within 30 m of the mouth of any river, stream, or creek flowing into the lake.

**5. Revocation**—The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (West Coast) 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. 1975/167

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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 to be 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 1 October to 30 April.

This notice modifies the provisions of the general regulations in the West Coast Acclimatisation district by reducing the limit bag of trout and salmon to 10, by raising the size limit to 28 cm, and by extending the open season for certain specified waters.

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Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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