

Serial Number **1953/140**

**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS (WESTLAND)
MODIFICATION NOTICE 1953**

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

NOTICE

1. This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Westland) Modification Notice 1953.
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 Westland Acclimatization District.
4. 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 twenty acclimatized fish, of which—
- (i) Not more than three may be salmon:
 - (ii) Not more than ten may be trout taken from any waters other than the Taramakau River:

Size Limit

- (b) 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 salmon, 12 in. in length:
 - (ii) In the case of any perch, 6 in. in length:

Open Season Exceptions

- (c) No person shall fish at any time for acclimatized fish—
- (i) In any stream flowing into Lake Wahapo or Lake Mapourika:
 - (ii) In the stream flowing from Lake Wahapo into the Okarito River:
 - (iii) In the Okarito River from the point where it flows out of Lake Mapourika to a point within half a mile of the Okarito Lagoon.

Dated at Wellington, this 14th day of October 1953.

W. S. GOOSMAN,
Minister of Marine.

* Statutory Regulations 1951, Serial number 1951/15, page 23.
Amendment No. 1: Statutory Regulations 1951, Serial number 1951/200, page 670.
Amendment No. 2: Statutory Regulations 1952, Serial number 1952/185, page 888.

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. Shellfish (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 Westland Acclimatization District by reducing the number of salmon and trout in a limit bag to three of salmon and ten of trout, by modifying the size limit in respect of salmon and perch, and restricting the operation of the open season in certain waters, as specified in this notice.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Marine Department.