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THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS (SOUTHLAND) MODIFICATION NOTICE 1955

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 (Southland) 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 Southland 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 ten may be salmon or trout:
 - (ii) Not more than six may be Atlantic salmon:
 - (iii) Not more than six may be trout taken from the Wairaki River, including any tributary of that river:
 - (iv) Not more than four may be trout taken from one or more of the following waters, including any tributaries of those waters:
 - Lake Thomas.
 - North Lake Mavora (also known as Big Lake Mavora).
 - South Lake Mavora (also known as Little Lake Mavora).
 - The Maroroa River above the main Mossburn-Manapouri Road.
 - The Whitestone River above the main Mossburn-Manapouri Road.
 - The Oreti River above Rocky Point (approximately one mile from Mossburn on the main Mossburn - Te Anau Road).

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 Atlantic salmon, 15 in.:
 - (ii) In the case of any trout, 12 in.:
 - (iii) In the case of any perch, 6 in.

*S.R. 1951/15.

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

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

Restrictions on Lures and Methods

- (c) No person in fishing for acclimatized fish in Lake Thomas shall fish from any boat:

Open Season Exceptions

- (d) No person shall fish for any acclimatized fish in the waters of the Mataura River between a straight line drawn across the river from a point on the east bank in line with the northern boundary of Eden Street in the Borough of Mataura, and a straight line drawn across the river from a point on the east bank in line with the northern boundary of Doctors Road in the borough; the limits of the said waters being more specifically shown by white posts marked "Prohibited fishing limit" and erected on the banks of the river at the terminal points of the lines hereinbefore described.

5. The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Southland) Modification Notice 1952* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of September 1955.

JOHN McALPINE,
Minister of Marine.

*S.R. 1952/189.

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 Southland Acclimatization District by reducing the number of salmon and trout in a limit bag to ten, of salmon to six, and in the case of specified waters, the number of trout to four, by increasing size limits with respect to trout and salmon, imposing restrictions on lures and methods, 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.