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**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS (ASHBURTON)
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 (Ashburton) 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 Ashburton 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 fifteen acclimatized fish, of which—

(i) Not more than six may be salmon taken from any waters other than Lake Heron:

(ii) Not more than twelve may be trout, of which trout not more than eight may be taken from any lake or lakes, including any tributaries of lakes:

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 trout taken from any lake, including any tributary of any lake, 14 in. in length:

(ii) In the case of any acclimatized fish other than a trout taken as provided in subparagraph (i) hereof, 10 in. in length:

*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 shall,—

(i) With any natural bait, use more than one such bait, or more than three hooks, whether single or multiple, or any hook larger than size No. 5 (old numbers):

(ii) Troll from any boat or launch, or fish in any lake from any boat or launch:

(iii) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in the Maori Lakes or Lakes Emily, Emma, Spider, or Tripp (also known as Clearwater), or in the Hinds River, or in the tributaries of any such lake or of the Hinds River:

(iv) Use any natural bait in Lake Howard or in any water lying south of the Ashburton River, except the Rangitata River, or in the Ashburton River from its source to Coles Cutting approximately one mile and three-quarters from its mouth:

Provided that primary school pupils may fish with natural bait in the Ashburton River between the bridge on the Main South Road and Coles Cutting:

Open Season Exceptions

(d) No person shall fish—

(i) At any time for acclimatized fish in the tailrace from the Highbank Power Station or in the stream or side channel in the flood bed of the Rakaia River by which the waters from the said tailrace enter the first main branch of the Rakaia River, the stream or side channel being indicated at its upper and lower ends by railway iron posts painted white:

(ii) During the month of October for acclimatized fish in Lake Howard:

(iii) Between the 1st day of December and the 30th day of April in the next succeeding year for acclimatized fish in Lake Howard, except between the hours of 5 a.m. and 11 p.m.:

(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:

(v) During the month of April for quinnat salmon in the Rangitata River above the intake of the Rangitata Diversion Race or in any tributary of the Rangitata River which joins it above that intake.

5. The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Ashburton) Modification Notice 1953* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 3rd day of October 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. 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 Ashburton Acclimatization District by reducing the limit bag to fifteen, of which not more than six may be salmon taken from any waters other than Lake Heron and not more than twelve may be trout, of which trout not more than eight may be taken in any lake or in any tributary of any lake, increasing the size limit to 14 in. in the case of trout taken in any lake or in any tributary of any lake, and 10 in. in other cases, imposing restrictions on lures and methods of fishing in the waters specified in the notice, and excluding from the operation of the open season the waters specified in the notice.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Marine Department.