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**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS
(SOUTHLAND) MODIFICATION NOTICE 1956**

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

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N O T I C E

1. This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Southland) Modification Notice 1956.

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 Acclimatisation District.

4. The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951* are hereby modified as follows:

Limit Bag

(a) No person shall in any one day take or kill more than twenty trout from the Oreti River between the bridge on the main Invercargill-Riverton Road and Rocky Point (approximately one mile from Mossburn on the main Mossburn - Te Anau Road), including any tributaries of that part of that river (the limits of the said water being more specifically shown by notice boards):

(b) No person shall in any one day take or kill more than twenty acclimatised fish, of which—

(i) Not more than six may be Atlantic salmon:

(ii) Not more than six may be trout taken from the Wairaki River, including any tributary of that river:

(iii) 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 Oreti River above Rocky Point (approximately one mile from Mossburn on the main Mossburn - Te Anau Road):

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

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1955/177

(iv) Not more than ten may be salmon or trout taken from any other waters, other than that part of the Oreti River as specified in paragraph (a) of this clause:

Size Limit

(c) No person shall take or kill in any manner whatever or intentionally have in his possession any acclimatised fish that does not exceed—

(i) In the case of any Atlantic salmon, 15 in.:

(ii) In the case of any trout taken from the Oreti River between the bridge on the main Invercargill–Riverton Road and Rocky Point (approximately one mile from Mossburn on the main Mossburn–Te Anau Road), including any tributaries of that part of that river (the limits of the said waters being more specifically shown by notice boards), 9 in.:

(iii) In the case of any trout taken from any other waters, 12 in.:

(iv) In the case of any perch, 6 in.:

Restrictions on Lures and Methods

(d) No person in fishing for acclimatised fish in Lake Thomas shall fish from any boat:

Open Season Exceptions

(e) No person shall fish for any acclimatised 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 1955* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 13th day of September 1956.

JOHN McALPINE,
Minister of Marine.

*S.R. 1955/163

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 twenty:

(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 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 acclimatised 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 acclimatised fish is from 1 October to 30 April.

This notice modifies the provisions of the general regulations in the Southland Acclimatisation District by limiting the number of salmon or trout that may be taken in specified waters, increasing the size limit in certain waters, 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.