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THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS (OTAGO) MODIFICATION NOTICE 1963

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

N O T I C E

1. This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Otago) Modification Notice 1963.

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 Otago Acclimatisation 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 20 acclimatised fish, of which—

(i) All may be trout taken from the Teviot River, or Lake Onslow, or the Pomahaka River downstream from the Leithen Bridge, or the Clutha River downstream from the Roxburgh Dam, or the Poolburn Dam, or the Upper Manorburn Dam, or the Mataura River between the falls at Mataura and the Ardlussa Bridge:

(ii) Not more than 10 may be trout taken from any water other than the waters specified in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph:

Size Limit

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

(i) In the case of any trout or salmon taken from the Kahiku Stream, the Teviot River, the Water of Leith, the Waitati Stream, or the Evansdale Stream, or from the tributaries of those streams, or from Lake Onslow, 9 in.:

*S.R. 1951/15

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

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

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

Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1957/178

Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1960/142

Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1962/152

(ii) In the case of any trout or salmon taken from the Mataura River (except between the falls at Mataura and the Ardlussa Bridge) or from the Tomahawk Lagoons, 12 in.:

(iii) In the case of any trout or salmon taken from any water other than those described in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) hereof, 10 in.:

Restrictions on Lures and Methods

(c) No person in fishing for acclimatised fish shall—

(i) With any natural bait, other than natural minnow, use any multiple hook or more than two single hooks:

(ii) Use more than one artificial minnow:

(iii) When trolling, use any artificial minnow having attached thereto any Stewart tackle or use more than one single and two multiple hooks:

(iv) Troll from any mechanically propelled or towed boat, except in Lake Roxburgh between the bend below the confluence of the Manuherikia River (as marked by notice boards) and the boom at the Roxburgh Dam:

(v) In the Mahinerangi Dam during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, use any natural bait:

Indigenous Fish

(d) No person in fishing for eels shall use any hook smaller than size 4/0 (old numbers) or any hook attached by gut or nylon to a line, unless he is fishing in any river within 1 mile of the sea by water from low-tide mark:

Open Season Exceptions

(e) No person shall fish for any acclimatised fish—

(i) 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 the Mataura Bridge, that line being more specifically shown by the sites of white posts marked "Prohibited Fishing Limit" erected on the banks of the river at the terminal points of the line:

(ii) Fish between the Roxburgh Dam and a line joining the sites of posts marked "Fishing prohibited above this point", placed on each side of the Clutha River at the outlet of the spillway from the Roxburgh powerhouse:

(f) No person shall fish for acclimatised fish during the month of October in the Upper Manorburn Dam:

(g) No person shall fish for any acclimatised fish in the Tomahawk Lagoon (No. 2) during the period commencing on the 1st day of October 1963 and ending with the 30th day of April 1966.

5. The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Otago) Modification Notice 1961* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of July 1963.

R. G. GERARD, 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 acclimatised fish 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 6 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 Otago Acclimatisation District by limiting the number of trout that may be taken in certain waters, amending the size limit in certain waters, imposing restrictions on lures and methods that may be used in certain waters, and restricting the operation of the open season in a specified part of the Mataura River and in the Upper Manorburn Dam and prohibiting fishing in the Tomahawk Lagoon (No. 2) for three seasons.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Marine Department.