

**1966/174**

**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS  
(WELLINGTON) MODIFICATION NOTICE 1966**

PURSUANT to the Fisheries Act 1908 and the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1951, and, in relation to clause 4 (e) hereof, on the written application of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society, the Minister of Marine hereby gives the following notice.

**NOTICE**

1. This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Wellington) Modification Notice 1966.

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 Wellington 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 (being trout or salmon) taken from any waters other than the Kororau Dam, of which not more than 12 may be trout:

*Size Limit*

- (b) No person shall take or kill in any manner whatever or intentionally have in his possession any trout that does not exceed, in the case of any trout taken from any waters other than the Kororau Dam, in length 9 in.:

\*S.R. 1951/15 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 8: S.R. 1964/196)  
Amendment No. 9: S.R. 1965/170

*Restrictions on Lures and Methods*

- (c) No person over 17 years of age in fishing for acclimatised fish shall use—
- (i) Any gaff:
  - (ii) Any sinker of a greater weight than 1 oz, unless he is fishing for perch in the Tauherenikau River below the Featherston - Martinborough Road bridge, the Ruamahunga River below the Kahutara Road bridge, or in Lake Wairarapa or the lagoons adjacent thereto:
  - (iii) In any river or water specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto any lure or bait other than a lure or bait specified against that river or water in column 2 of that Schedule:
- (d) No person under 17 years of age in fishing for acclimatised fish in any of the waters specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto that are specified for artificial fly only in column 2 of that Schedule shall use any lure or bait other than artificial fly:

*Close Season Exceptions*

- (e) There shall be no close season in the following waters:
- (i) All coastal dune lakes in the Wellington Acclimatisation District (except Guddops Lake):
  - (ii) The Hutt River, downstream from the Akatarawa Road Bridge:
  - (iii) The Hokowhitu lagoon:
  - (iv) Lake Nama Nama:
  - (v) Lake Wairarapa:
  - (vi) The Manawatu River, downstream from the Ngawapurua Bridge:
  - (vii) The Mangaone River:
  - (viii) The Ohau River, downstream from the railway bridge:
  - (ix) The Otaki River, downstream from the railway bridge:
  - (x) The Rangitikei River, downstream from the Utiku Bridge:
  - (xi) The Ruamahunga River, downstream from the Mount Bruce Road Bridge:
  - (xii) The Tauherenikau River, downstream from the main road bridge at Tauherenikau:
  - (xiii) The Turakina River:
  - (xiv) The Waikanae River, downstream from the railway bridge:
  - (xv) The Upper Kororau Dam:
  - (xvi) The Mangahao River, downstream from Marino Reserve Bridge:
  - (xvii) The Mangatainoka River, downstream from the junction with the Makakahi River:
  - (xviii) The Waingawa River, downstream from the main road bridge.

5. The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Wellington) Modification Notice 1965\* is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2
<p>Abbots Creek (down to main highway bridge near Featherston), Akatarawa (down to Francis Brook), Hautapu (down to Ngawaka Bridge), Horokiri (also known as Horokiwi), South Karori, Kaiwharawhara, Kahuterawa, Kiwitea, Kopuaranga, Korokoro, Makara, Makakahi, Makuri (down to township bridge), Mangaone, Mangatainoka (down to the junction with the Makakahi River), Mangawheraki, Ohau, Otaki (down to Forks), Pauatahanui, Porirua (down to first bridge above Porirua Station), Tiritia, Tokomaru, Waikanae (down to railway bridge), Waikawa (down to railway bridge), Wainuiomata, Waipoua, Waitohu, Waiwhetu (down to Eastbourne road bridge)</p>	<p>} Artificial fly only.</p>
<p>All tributary waters in respect of which no other lures are specified in this Schedule and which enter rivers wholly reserved, or portions of rivers reserved, for artificial lures, except the Tiraumea, Mangahao (from lower dam to mouth), and the Pohangina; all lakes, dams, and lagoons other than Lakes Horowhenua, Wairarapa, Arapiti Dam, Kororau Dam, and the lagoons adjacent to Lake Wairarapa</p>	<p>} Artificial fly only.</p>
<p>Akatarawa (from Francis Brook to mouth), Hutt (down to Akatarawa), Makuri (below township bridge), Moawhango, Ohau (below railway bridge), Otaki (from Forks to railway bridge), Pohangina, Waikawa (below railway bridge), Waingawa (down to main north road bridge)</p>	<p>} Artificial fly or artificial minnow only.</p>
<p>Hutt River (between entrances of Akatarawa and Belmont Stream)</p>	<p>} Artificial fly, artificial minnow, or natural minnow only.</p>

## SCHEDULE—continued

Column 1	Column 2
Rangitikei River (above the Mangaohane Bridge to the northern boundary of the Wellington Acclimatisation District) Oroua River (down to the Aorangi Bridge), and Guddops Lake Hautapu River (upstream to Ngakawa Bridge) Manawatu River (down to Fitzherbert Bridge)	} Artificial fly, artificial minnow, or spoon only.

Dated at Wellington this 28th day of September 1966.

W. J. SCOTT, 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 to 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 lawfully takeable, 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 general regulations in the Wellington Acclimatisation District by providing that the bag limit for all waters except the Kororau Dam is to be 20 fish of which not more than 12 may be trout, increasing the size limit for trout taken in any waters other than the Kororau Dam, increasing the size limit in respect of perch, restricting the lures and methods that may be used in certain waters, and dispensing with a close season in certain waters.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Marine Department.