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**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS
(ASHBURTON) MODIFICATION NOTICE 1970**

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

NOTICE

1. Title—This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Ashburton) Modification Notice 1970.

2. Commencement—This notice shall come into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

3. Application—This notice shall be in force only within the Ashburton Acclimatisation District.

4. Modification of regulations—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 15 acclimatised fish (being trout or salmon) of which—
- (i) Not more than 4 may be salmon taken from any waters other than Lake Heron:
 - (ii) Not more than 12 may be trout, of which trout not more than 6 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 trout or salmon that does not exceed—
- (i) In the case of any trout taken from any lake, including any tributary of any lake, 12 in. in length:
 - (ii) In the case of any acclimatised fish other than a trout taken as provided in subparagraph (i) hereof, 10 in. in length:

Restrictions on Lures and Methods

- (c) No person in fishing for acclimatised fish shall,—
- (i) With any natural bait, use more than 1 such bait, or more than 3 single hooks or 2 single and 1 triple hook, or any hook larger than size No. 5:

*S.R. 1951/15 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 8: S.R. 1964/196)
Amendment No. 9: S.R. 1965/170
Amendment No. 10: S.R. 1966/203
Amendment No. 11: S.R. 1970/101

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

Provided that a person may fish in the Maori Lakes and Lake Heron from a securely anchored row boat:

(iii) Use any lure or bait other than artificial fly in the Maori Lakes or Lakes Emily, Emma, Roundabout, Spider, Denny, Donn, 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 hook larger than size No. 10 in the Hinds River:

(v) Use any natural bait in Lake Howard (also known as Lake Camp) or in any water lying south of the Ashburton River, except the Rangitata River, the Ashburton River from its source to Coles Cutting approximately $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles 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 and in the Hinds River from the main traffic bridge to Lynford Crossing:

(vi) During the period commencing on the 1st day of January and ending with the 30th day of April, use in the Ashburton River more than 1 artificial fly, lure, or bait, or more than 1 hook (single or multiple), or any single hook of size larger than No. 4 or of a gauge heavier than No. 19 Standard Wire Gauge or with a gap greater than $\frac{5}{16}$ in., or any multiple hook with a gap greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ in.:

(vii) During the period commencing on the 1st day of January and ending with the 30th day of April, use in the Rakaia River or the Rangitata River more than 1 lure or bait when any weight is attached, or more than 1 hook (single or multiple), or any hook with a gap greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ in.:

Open Season Exceptions

(d) No person shall fish—

(i) At any time for acclimatised fish in the tail race 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 tail race 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 period commencing on the 1st day of June and ending with the 30th day of November, for acclimatised fish in Lake Howard (also known as Lake Camp):

(iii) During the months of March and April, for acclimatised fish in the Rakaia River and its tributaries above Lake Coleridge powerhouse, that point being more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks:

Provided that this subparagraph shall not apply to any lakes draining into the Rakaia River above the point specified:

(iv) During the months of March and April, for acclimatised fish in the Rangitata River and its tributaries above the point

approximately 1 mile downstream from Forest Creek, that point being more particularly shown by white posts on the river banks:

(v) During the months of March and April, for acclimatised fish in the Rangitata River from the west end of the Rangitata Gorge downstream to the confluence with Boundary Creek, both points being more particularly marked with white posts on the river banks:

(vi) During the period commencing on the 16th day of April and ending with the 31st day of October, for acclimatised fish in Lake Tripp (also known as Lake Clearwater):

(vii) During the period commencing on the 1st day of October and ending with the Friday preceding the first Saturday in November, for acclimatised fish in any high country lake or tarn:

(viii) During the period commencing on the 1st day of March and ending with the 30th day of April, for quinnat salmon in Lake Heron:

(ix) During the month of April, for salmon in the south branch of the Ashburton River upstream to the confluence with Taylors Stream.

(x) During the month of April, for acclimatised fish in the south branch of the Ashburton River downstream to the confluence with Taylors Stream, or in Boyers Stream.

5. Revocation—The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Ashburton) Modification Notice 1969* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 3rd day of November 1970.

ALLAN McCREADY, Minister of Marine.

*S.R. 1969/138

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 1 person in 1 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 2 lures or baits may be used. Artificial flies, which include feathered lures, must have only 1 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 Ashburton Acclimatisation District by reducing the limit bag to 15, of which not more than 6 may be salmon taken from any waters other than Lake Heron and not more than 12 may be trout, of which trout not more than 6 may be taken in any lake or in any tributary of any lake, increasing the size limit to 12 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.

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