

**1975/168**

**THE FRESHWATER FISHERIES REGULATIONS (WESTLAND)  
MODIFICATION NOTICE 1975**

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

**NOTICE**

**1. Title**—This notice may be cited as the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Westland) Modification Notice 1975.

**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 Westland 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 14 acclimatised fish (being trout or salmon) of which no more than 4 may be salmon and no more than 10 may be trout:

*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 salmon, 30 cm in length:
  - (ii) In the case of any trout, 22 cm in length:

*Open Season Exceptions*

- (c) No person shall fish at any time for acclimatised fish in any stream flowing into Lake Wahapo or Lake Mapourika:

\*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. 1966/208  
Amendment No. 11: S.R. 1970/101  
Amendment No. 12: S.R. 1973/230

*Open Season Extensions*

- (d) There shall be an open season for perch from the 1st day of October to the 30th day of April in the year next following (both dates inclusive) and from the 1st day of June to the 30th day of September in the same year (both dates inclusive) at Lake Mahinapua:
- (e) There shall be an open season from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of May in the year next following (both dates inclusive) and from the 1st day of September to the 30th day of September in the same year (both dates inclusive) in the following waters:

The Big Wanganui River:  
The Big Waitaha River:  
The Cook River:  
The Fox River:  
The Hokitika River downstream from the Kanieri Bridge:  
The Karangarua River:  
The Waiho River:  
The Whataroa River.

**5. Revocation**—The Freshwater Fisheries Regulations (Westland) Modification Notice 1968\* is hereby revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of June 1975.

COLIN MOYLE,  
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

\*S.R. 1968/190

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**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 trout or salmon that may 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 15 cm 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 38 cm 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 Westland Acclimatisation District by reducing the number of salmon and trout in a limit bag to 4 of salmon and 10 of trout, by modifying the size limit, restricting the operation of the open season in certain waters, as specified in this notice, extending the duration of the open season for perch in Lake Mahinapua, and extending the open season for acclimatised fish on certain rivers.

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